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County sets local preference

by Patty Brant
Caloosa Belle

At their April 24 regular meeting, the board of Hendry County Commissioners clarified the local preference, setting it at 10.4999 percent.

The board unanimously passed a motion stating that if a local bidder is within 10.4999 percent of a non-local low bidder, the local bidder will have the opportunity to match the low bid.

Public hearings

Hendry County Associate Planner Sarah Catala presented public hearings.

- She presented LPA recommendations for a PUD amendment on Riverbend Drive. The amendment seeks to reduce a proposed development from 24 to eight residential lots that will share one driveway connection to Riverbend Drive.

The area is bordered by Glades County wooded areas, the Caloosahatchee River and, on the east, by low density residential rural estates. Horses and cows will be

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Link in the chain of nature on Earth Day

LaBelle is well known for its impressive concentration of oak trees at Barron Park, the green heart of the city. On April 25 community members dedicated to continuing LaBelle's well deserved reputation as the City of Oaks into the future, gathered for the ceremonial planting of an oak on the east side of the park. Mayor Paul Puletti said it was a fitting place because the city expects to lose some trees on the west side of the park when the new bridge is built. The tree came from the Florida Department of Forestry and was planted by the Hendry-LaBelle Rec Department and City of LaBelle. Pictured from left: Scott Cooper, Ron Stephens, Karen Roach, Mayor Paul Puletti, Rec Director Ramiro Rodriguez, Nell Broom, Teri Lazar. That's Craig Brooks behind the tree.

McLean runs for Glades appraiser

My name is Robin Knight McLean and I am asking for your support in running for the Office of Property Appraiser in Glades County.

My husband, Brian, and I live in Muse in the Jacks Branch area where we have been together for 16 years. My family moved to South Florida 80 years ago settling first in the Clewiston area before branching out to surrounding communities. At school age my family moved to Indian-town where I was educated from Kindergarten through 7th grade. Before the 8th grade we moved

to the Pacific Northwest where I graduated from a large high school in Corvallis, Oregon. My first career was in law enforcement as a cadet deputy and I married a local police officer. We started a family and changed career paths to the Oil and Gas Industry that was booming in Farmington, New Mexico. My life took another path 18 years later when both children left for college and I moved back to Florida and married Brian McLean.

I love my life in the swamp and

See Candidate — Page 2 Robin McLean



VA fetes local volunteers

Longtime resident Millard Wagnon is well known for his dedication to veterans and their welfare. As a Navy veteran himself, he is an active member of American Legion Post 130, VFW 10100 and is a staunch supporter of DAV Chapter 144 as well as of LaBelle Kiwanis.

One of his many volunteer activities is providing free transportation for veterans to their VA appointments. On April 2, at the VA Volunteer Awards and Recognition Luncheon at Lexington Country Club Fort Myers honored VA volunteers from around the area. Once again, Millard was at the forefront, along with other volunteer drivers representing Hendry, DeSoto, Collier, Charlotte and Highlands counties.

VA staffers offered their sincere respect and appreciation to those volunteers who serve the VA clinics in Fort Myers, Naples and Port Charlotte in so many ways.

The local VA is the recipient of services from over 100 local volunteers, ensuring area veterans of much more than could be provided without their aid, especially in this time of budget cutbacks.

According to Volunteer Services Specialist Jean Fishler of the Southern Clinics, "Volunteers are critical in helping us deliver quality care to our veteran patients."

Millard's 6,250 hours of volunteer service transporting patients from Hendry County to appointments at Fort Myers and other clinics for the American Legion was the highest honor awarded at this year's luncheon.

"The VA Volunteer Program

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feel blessed to have neighbors who also like the privacy that rural living provides. Brian raised his two girls in the swamp and both Julie and Laura have stayed in the area. Julie McGirt teaches math at LaBelle Middle School. Laura Phillips is an accountant for Liquid Plant in Immokalee and also my Campaign Treasurer. Their husbands, Jeff and Charlie respectively, are also Volunteer Firemen for LaBelle Fire Department. Brian and I are active members in the Alva United Methodist Church.

My promise to you will be to focus on emerging technologies and provide a quality product to the Citizens of Glades County. I'm not talking about only assessing property. The picture is bigger than that. Larry Luckey has done his job estimating the market value of property and appraising for tax collection.

My vision is much larger. The property appraiser should be the platform to build and network other department data which can be provided to inside and outside customers. Plainly stated, have a kick butt Web site developed with GIS tools that will display aerials and parcel addressing with correct street names. One address and one address only! This basic product can then be provided to other Web mapping services

such as MapQuest, Bing Maps, Google and also Car Navigation Systems such as TomTom and OnStar. Talk about putting Glades County on the map.... wow!

Now take this idea and start building layers on this map such as Parcel Land Use, Future Land Use, Building Permits, Recreational Area, Wet Lands and Utility Structures and on and on and on. You now have a product that can be used by real estate appraisers, title companies, insurance companies, water management and interested investors. Do you get the big picture? It's no longer about just assigning a value to a parcel for collecting taxes, which will continue, but will be used as a tool for many, many agencies and private businesses.

I remember years ago trying to refinance my home. It took so long because the assigned real estate appraiser would have to drive to Moore Haven and look up records and he wasn't going to be in the area for several weeks. I couldn't wrap my head around why it would take so long until it was explained that the comparables he needed could not be obtained from any networked database.

Understand that I found this hard to accept. I was a licensed Real Estate Agent years ago in what I thought was a remote area of the Rocky Mountains but compared to Glades County we were light years ahead in networking our Real Estate information.

For the last 8.5 years, I have worked as E9-1-1 Coordinator for Hendry County. I

have worked very hard to build an excellent network with the Hendry County Property Appraiser's Office. Phill Pelletier and his staff have relied on me to provide them with addressing and street names. This partnership has resulted in a fantastic product for the public on so many levels. Phill understands that if we tried to do this without working together we would have two different products that would be inferior. His office provides the parcel shape files and I provide the street and addressing. Go to his Web site: www.hendryprop.com and look at his GIS Map.

The 911 map that is used to locate 911 callers is one of the products of this collaboration. Sheriff Steve Whidden, Police Chief Don Gutshall and the Seminole Police Department use this map for displaying caller location. This same map is also used by the Building Permit and Zoning Department; it's also used by the Engineering Department which issues driveway permits. The database is used by the Elections Department to verify voter registration. And the map and data are used by the Post Masters to determine if a mailing address or physical address is valid. Are you getting the picture? The data just doesn't belong to one department. We have broken down so many bar-

riers and have provided a good product to be shared.

This is why I want to be the next Property Appraiser for Glades County. I want to break down barriers and build a network. I have the skills, knowledge and just like the Verizon commercial... a lot of skilled technicians standing behind me wanting to help build a network a product that Glades County can be proud of. Understand that this will be a process, it will not all be done in the first year. It will require budgeting for software, programming and consulting. There is always a start up cost when you change or update technology but you take it one step at a time and don't reinvent the wheel. Instead build on what you have. Go with what you know, buy only what you need. It's not a huge expense and it's not rocket science. But it will take a commitment and I'm willing to take on that commitment.

I only have two weeks to get my petitions signed. I am asking for support in getting my name on the ballot. My husband and I will be in the communities asking for your signature. Just give me chance to make a big difference and put Glades County on the map. Email me at swamprobin@msn.com if you want to sign a petition or donate to the campaign.

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permitted.

- Buhlmann Groves was seeking to amend the existing PUD to allow citrus trees for the expansion of an existing adjacent grove situated between the river and CR 78. The grove has been there since 1970s. The request was approved.

- The board approved amendments to buffering standards for the Airglades Planned Industrial District. The required landscaped open space was reduced from 20 percent to ten percent, providing more flexibility for businesses.

Florida Rural Legal Services

The commissioners heard a rundown of Florida Rural Legal Services (FRLS) activity in Hendry County by Donald Isaac. At a previous meeting the board questioned

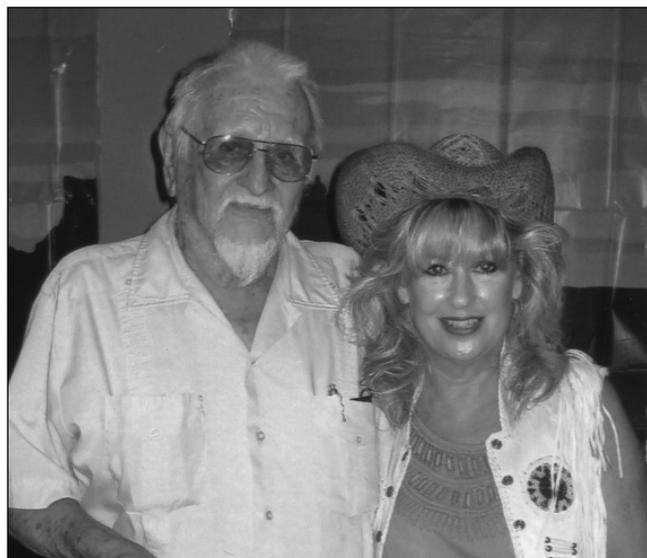
a request by FRLS for some \$20,000 in annual funding. The board wanted to know how much FRLS does in Hendry County. Mr. Isaac told them the money is from "pass through" funds. FRLS has no permanent office here but staff comes to Hendry County as needed. Mr. Isaac brought information that FRLS handled 177 in cases in 2011 in Hendry. He said his office only serves about 20 percent of the need here at this time.

Director of Grants and Special Projects Janet Papinaw brought forward an application for ad valorem tax rebates for All Juice and Beverages LLC.

Staff is working to revamp the application process, creating a more streamlined approach. A vote on the changes is set for May 8. All Juice and Beverage plans to bring 13 new jobs to the county.

Volunteers

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Submitted photo

Millard Wagnon receives his award from Jeannie Fisler, Voluntary Service Specialist Southern clinic.

has certainly benefited over the years, along with our patients, with Millard's continued assistance," Ms. Fisler added. Nationally, the VA Voluntary Service (VAVS) Program is one of the largest volunteer programs in the federal government, thanks to volunteers like Millard. In 2011, their efforts provided a combined total of over \$354 million in time and gifts, including over 27,221,727 miles compiled by volunteer drivers.

The VAVS within the VA health care system has assisted direct patient care and support activities since 1946, offering many opportunities for volunteers at the local level.

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Conservation center stage for city commission

by **Patty Brant**
Caloosa Belle

At their April 12 meeting, LaBelle city commissioners proclaimed April Water Conservation Month. Phil Flood of the South Florida Water Management District was on hand to accept the proclamation. He noted the city's storm water and drainage activity and its use of automatic meter readers, which he said save money as well as some 1.5 million gallons of water per year.

He also provided a quick update on the SFWMD governing board, which cites a seasonal blue algae increase in the river and other area waters. He said the bloom is minimal at this time but the board is monitoring it. He said there are three small patches around LaBelle at this time. These algal blooms can cause an ecological problem, he said and may be caused by heat, water clarity, nutrients and a slow water flow.

Tree board

The commission also passed a resolution setting up a Tree Board in support of the Tree City USA membership. The board and the city's membership in the program are intended to provide health well-managed urban forests by protecting trees. They will also provide cleaner air, shadier streets and aesthetic beauty.

Fire report

LaBelle Fire Chief Ray Pittman reported



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant
South Florida Water Management's Phil Flood, left, accepts the City of LaBelle proclamation designating April as Water Conservation Month. It happened at the April 12 city commission meeting.

that his department answered 78 calls for service in March and the severe dry conditions that led to an 80-acre fire Easter Sunday. He said his department is now equipped with new 800 megahertz radios for all vehicles as well as four portables, all received through the county, which has a grant for \$400,000 to provide the rest of the portables needed for all county departments.

He said former EMT Amy Perez is now serving as the LFD's volunteer secretary and that there is now a full

roster of 23 firefighters on the department.

Water treatment plant

Applied Technology Management's Tim Taylor reported that bidding interest is high for the city's new reverse osmosis water treatment plant. Deadline for bids was April 30. It is hoped the bid can be awarded at the city's May meeting, but a special meeting may be necessary if there are any snags in the process.

Pain clinics

Bianca Ross, Program Coordinator, Drug Free Hendry County for the Hendry/Glades Health Department, appeared to bring the board's attention to recent legislation on pain clinics known as "pill mills."

Ms. Ross, City Planner Shellie Johnson and City Attorney Jimmy Luckey will collaborate to work on an appropriate city ordinance to regulate them.

Crash results in minor injuries

A two-vehicle crash resulted in minor injuries April 27. The accident took place on SR 29 south of Church Road about 8:14 a.m.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol, Jose Alfredo Cisneros Jr., 19, of Moore Haven was traveling southbound on SR 29S in a 1999 Chevy Malibu. Uriel Mendoza Rodriguez, 48, of Immokalee was northbound in a 2007 Ford F350. Mr. Cisneros crossed the center line and Mr. Rodriguez swerved to avoid a collision. The left front of the Cisneros vehicle struck the left side of the Rodriguez vehicle in the northbound lane.

After the collision, the right rear tire of the Rodriguez vehicle blew out and the driver lost control. The vehicle began rotating clockwise in both lanes. Both vehicles came to a final rest on the east grassy shoulder of the roadway. Both drivers were transported to LeHigh Regional Medical Center with minor injuries. Both had been wearing seatbelts and alcohol was not a factor in the crash. Mr. Cisneros was cited for failure to drive in a single lane.

Arrest Reports

LaBelle

Kevin Leon Summerall, 36, was arrested April 30 and charged with larceny grand theft \$300-\$5,000, criminal mischief over \$1,000 and burglary of an unoccupied structure unarmed. D. White was arresting officer.

Salvador Lopez, 23, was arrested April 29 and charged with battery. Sgt. M. Favara was arresting officer.

Steven Bradley Maldonado, 33, was arrested April 27 and charged with a nonmoving traffic violation third or subsequent.

Kyle Dana Desormeau, 18, was arrested April 25 and charged with grand theft \$300-\$5,000. He is accused of stealing 14 prom tickets, valued at \$40 each, from a teacher's desk. T. Marshall was arresting officer.

Alton Lavon Jackson, 18, was arrested April 25 and charged with possession of cocaine with intent to sell, manufacture, deliver etc., schedule II. M. Thomas was arresting officer.

Ronald Terry Revels, 35, was arrested April 25 and charged with domestic battery by strangulation. J. Conyers was arresting officer.

Regina Kay Powers, 35, was arrested April 24 and charged on a warrant with grand theft \$300-\$5,000, counterfeit bank bill, check or draft note and passing forged/ altered bank bill, check or draft note. G. Elver was arresting officer.

Carl Baker, 27, was arrested April 24 and charged with assault with a deadly weapon no intent to kill, use/display of a firearm during a felony and committing a first degree misdemeanor wearing a mask or hood. In addition, Jameeka Latoya Stephens, 21, was arrested and charged with attempted robbery

with a firearm, accessory after the fact of a first degree felony and aggravated assault with a weapon accessory after the fact no intent to kill. The two were arrested after Long and another man allegedly walked into the convenience store at 3109 SR 29S and demanded money. They left when the clerk refused, in a dark colored vehicle traveling north on SR 29. to Greentree Apartments. There they were seen to turn off the vehicle's lights. When deputies arrived all three occupants fled, the report states, and deputies found black clothing believed to be part of the attempted robbery. They also found three cell phones, a small handgun and three ID's. The third person had not been arrested as of press time.

Clewiston

Gary Uland Abraham, 38, was arrested April 30 and charged with flee/eluding law enforcement with lights and siren active and resisting an officer without violence. J. Garrett was arresting officer.

Billy Joe Vasquez, 14, was arrested April 28 and charged with assault with intent to commit a felony and aggravated battery knew or should have known victim was pregnant. J. Perez was arresting officer.

Graciela Calderon, 27, was arrested April

27 and charged with a nonmoving traffic violation driving with a suspended license habitual offender. J. Taylor was arresting officer.

Omar Smith, 22, was arrested April 25 and charged with robbery with a firearm. W. Hainley was arresting officer.

Sylvanis Brice Jr., 20, was arrested April 26 and charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon. He allegedly shot victim Terrance Wright in the abdomen. According to the sheriff's report, the victim was found lying face down at 1048 Harlem Academy. Deputies followed a white Dodge Magnum leaving the area. It was stopped at US 27 and SR 80 and Brice was arrested by L Beckford. The victim was transported to the hospital by helicopter.

Jean Myson Alcuis, 31, was arrested April 24 and charged with carrying a concealed weapon firearm. CPD Officer J. Pilon was arresting officer.

Daniel Lee Long Jr., 37, was arrested April 24 and charged with assault on a person 65 years of age or over, throwing a missile into a dwelling, vehicle, building or aircraft and resisting an officer with violence. J. Perez was arresting officer.



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Career Corner

by Matt Kindermann

For the past two weeks we have been discussing free and low cost career interest assessments designed to increase your awareness of potential opportunities for career advancement and career satisfaction. We suggested writing an Interest Inventory and relating your unique interests to available jobs. Other options include the on-line assessment found at www.mynextmove.org which is designed to suggest possible careers that match your personality, and the on-line assessment at www.careerinfonet.org which is designed to relate your current skills to different job possibilities.



Matthew Kindermann

First, after logging in as an individual user on www.employflorida.com, find the link for "Labor Market Services" under the "Services for Individuals" box on the left side of the screen. Inside the Labor Market Services folder there is an option for "Occupational Profile." The user can insert different occupation titles which will search for similar occupations, as well as providing a list of all the available jobs for those occupations in the area along with a wage distribution table. For instance, by typing "cashier" inside the Occupational Profile search, you would receive a list of all the cashier jobs within 50 miles of LaBelle, and a list of similar jobs like Cage Cashier and Retail Sales.

Next, find www.personalitypage.com and click on the question mark for the personality assessment. This is a Myers-Briggs questionnaire, the same type that most psychiatrists charge big money for, and might shock you with its accuracy. If you are a college student, many educational institutions will offer a similar Myers-Briggs test for free or at a reduced rate in the Career Development Office. From the website, this assessment will cost you \$5.00 and it will take an individual with average computer and reading skills about 45 minutes to complete. At the end of the assessment you can download or print a comprehensive report that explains your personality strengths and weaknesses, along with your ideal career paths.

For best results concerning a personality assessment, always pick the answer that corresponds most with what you like to do, rather than what you want to do. If the question asks if you would like to build kitchens, do not mark the "strongly agree" bubble if you have been doing kitchens for years but hate it. Also do not mark the strongly agree button if you read into the question and attribute building kitchens with working independently. Do not read into the questions!

Southwest Florida Works is the regional state workforce board for Hendry, Glades, Charlotte, Lee and Collier counties. For job search assistance or employer support, speak with an employment representative nearest you by going to www.swflworks.org and click on "Locations."

2012 Legislative Recap

by Denise Grimsley

In this year's legislative session, we tackled a number of issues important to Florida's Heartland. Unlike the U.S. Congress which meets year-round, the Florida Legislature meets annually in a 60-day session. This year, we had two constitutional responsibilities: approval of a balanced budget and apportioning new legislative and congressional districts. We did both.

Balanced Budget.

The \$70 billion budget we approved was done in the face of a sixth straight year of shrinking tax revenues. Also unlike the U.S. Congress, Florida's constitution requires that we spend no more than we take in. We resolved not to deal with this shortfall with tax increases, and we stayed true to our word. We avoided steep cuts to hospitals, nursing homes and drug and mental health treatment programs. Where state jobs were eliminated, we attempted to do so through unfilled positions and attrition. We were able to increase K-12 education funding by \$1 billion, as well as funding for the developmentally disabled. I said at the outset of the budget process that it would have to be a budget based on needs, not wants. We know some will cry foul by our attempt to balance the budget without tax increases. But we have prioritized our spending in order to deliver a government Floridians can afford.

Job Creation and Tax Relief.

Our main priority was getting Floridians back to work by constructing a healthy business environment for our communities with over \$223 million in economic incentive programs to attract new businesses and

promote job growth. We eased the unemployment tax burden that often hits small businesses the hardest, as well as incentives to support job creation in manufacturing. We also authorized the family-friendly Back-To-School sales tax holiday for August 3-5, 2012, for clothes and books less than \$75 and school supplies less than \$15.

Public Safety.

We approved a host of child abuse protections including improvements to the abuse hotline, penalties for failure to report a missing child and fines for colleges that fail to report child abuse (in response to the Penn State scandal). We also increased law enforcement tools for combating human trafficking which is becoming more prevalent, even in Florida.

PIP Insurance.

We also approved major Personal Injury Protection (PIP) insurance reform. If you're like most Florida drivers, you've seen your PIP premium skyrocketing. Staged accidents and the shady clinics treating so-called victims are driving costs for the rest of us through the roof. The new law ensures drivers injured in an accident are receiving the health treatment they need and helps to crack down on automobile fraud schemes.

Smaller Government.

I am a firm believer that just because the Legislature meets, we don't need to spend each waking hour creating more laws. In that vein, we approved legislation eliminating over 270 agency rules and regulations. We also passed 50 bills repealing outdated or unneeded laws. In particular, we repealed the burdensome septic tank inspection mandate that would have forced many Heartland homeowners to shell-out hundreds, if not thousands of dollars to comply.

This was my final session as your representative in the House. I appreciate the trust you have placed in me over the past eight years. Reducing the size and scope of government is never finished, nor is the task of efficiently doing what government must, at its basic, accomplish. My door continues to be open as we, together, seek to create a government of, by and for the people.

(State Representative Denise Grimsley is a Republican serving House District 77 (Glades, Hendry, Highlands, and Collier counties).)

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Letters to the Editor

To All our Friends and Colleagues:

We here at The Talkin' Monkeys Project wish to thank all who have taken the time and effort to help us achieve our goal of establishing an educational primate sanctuary worthy of note, here in Hendry County.

It has been a long hard struggle, full of strenuous work, meticulous planning and the proverbial and literal blood, sweat and tears.

On Tuesday, March 27, the Board of County Commissioners granted us the ability to plan for the future by ratifying the original Zoning Determination and granting us a Special Exception naming our sanctuary as an educational facility in Hendry County.

This will also allow us the opportunity to transfer our sanctuary to an institution of higher learning in the future as an Outpost Noninvasive Research Facility.

Throughout the last ten years, we have worked diligently to create a sanctuary worthy of the concept. We hoped to create a

place which would be a sanctuary of peace and tranquility for our primates, but also a place for meditation and reflection for the humans who come here.

We believe we have achieved an oasis of calm and unique education for the future.

The last few years have been extremely stressful under the assault and continued harassment of one particular party who moved into our area well after we had established our facility.

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You can limit your exposure to rabies

by Pat Dobbins

Some wild animals can look very cute and if an animal is sick or injured, your first instinct might be to try to help it.

Please avoid contact with any wild or stray animals to protect you and your family from the risk of rabies exposure.

In our area, raccoons, bats and foxes are the animals most frequently diagnosed with rabies.

Other animals that are at high risk for rabies can include skunks, otters, bobcats and let's not forget the stray or unvaccinated cats, dogs and ferrets.



Pat Dobbins

In prior years, Hendry and Glades counties have received reports of rabid animals.

"Rabies can be a potentially fatal disease. It is important not to handle wild animals, be aware of unusual acting animals and keep pets vaccinated against rabies," said Brian Prowant, Environmental Health Director of the Hendry and Glades Counties Health Departments.

It's important to remember that you can get exposed to rabies in several ways, not just from an animal bite.

Rabies is transmitted through exposure to the saliva and nervous tissue from a rabid animal through a bite, scratch or contact with mucous membranes such as the eyes, nose, or mouth.

Hendry and Glades County Health Departments work with Animal Control in the cities of LaBelle, Clewiston and Moore Haven in responding to incidents of animal bites.

When deemed medically necessary, suspected animals are quarantined and can be tested for rabies through the Department of Health state laboratory.

The following are steps you can take to protect yourself and your loved ones against rabies:

- Keep rabies vaccinations up to date for all pets.

- Spay or neuter your pets to help reduce the number of unwanted pets that may not be properly cared for or regularly vaccinated.

- Do not handle, feed or unintentionally attract wild animals with open garbage cans or litter.

- Teach children never to handle unfamiliar animals, wild or domestic, even if they appear friendly and never adopt wild animals or bring them into your home.

- Prevent bats from entering living quarters or occupied spaces in homes, churches, schools and other similar areas, where they might come in contact with people and pets.

- Call your local animal control agency to remove any stray animals from your neighborhood.

Animals that are acting unusual or that seem sickly should be reported to Animal Control for handling.

Anyone who is bitten or scratched by wild animals or strays should report the incident to their health care provider, as well as Animal Control and the local health department.

Please contact the Hendry or Glades County Health Departments:

LaBelle (863) 674-4047 ext.152, Clewiston (863) 902-4224 ext. 504, and Moore Haven (863) 946-0707 ext. 200

Please keep your pets under direct supervision so they do not come in contact with wild animals.

If your pet is bitten by a wild animal, seek veterinary assistance for the animal immediately and contact Animal Control: City of LaBelle (863) 674-338, City of Clewiston (863) 983-1457, Moore Haven (863) 946-6000.



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Senseless destruction

The Rotary Club of LaBelle has long taken a keen interest in the laBelle Nature park on Fraser Ave., helping to keep the grounds clean and overgrown areas in check. The group also installed a number of very comfortable benches throughout the park for the pleasure of all who come to enjoy the park. Recently, this senseless act of destruction greeted park goers. Everyone has a responsibility to help keep public properties in good shape for the entire community. Please report such occurrences when you find them.

Democrats to caucus this Saturday

Saturday, May 5, Hendry County Democrats will vote on delegates to attend the 2012 Florida Democratic Convention to be held in Tampa June 1 - 3. Joe Thomas, chair of the Hendry County Democratic Committee, said voters living in Congressional District 16 will vote at LaBelle City Hall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and those living in Congressional District 23 will vote at a special Democratic Caucus Booth at Harlem's Brown Sugar Festival also from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Hendry County's elected delegates will select the Congressional District delegates to the 2012 Democratic National Convention to be held in Charleston, SC in early September.

Candidates for the two 16th Congressional District delegate slots are Allison Benton Davis of Felda and Joe Thomas of LaBelle.

Janet Taylor and Rupert Mighty from Clewiston are running for the two 23rd Congressional District seats. This is the first time Florida Democrats will caucus in their home counties for Congressional District delegates who will then select delegates to the Democratic National Convention; this makes it easier for Hendry County Democrats to actually have a voice in electing delegates.

Voters should bring a state issued photo ID with them to their respective caucus sites and, if available, the card issued by the Hendry County Elections Office showing their regular voting precinct as well as congressional district, county commission and school board district numbers.

Letters

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We greatly appreciate the support we have been given by our neighbors, our friends and our community at large during these trying times.

The Talkin' Monkeys Project has become an accepted educational facility in Hendry County and will remain for many years to come.

The students and volunteers who have traveled to Hendry County from all over the globe will continue to enhance our lives. This could not have been achieved without your help and support.

Thank you for all of your efforts on our behalf.

Sincerely,
Thomas and Deborah Misotti

Pioneer Plantation

Warm thank you

We would like to thank the members of Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church and Christ Central LaBelle and the community for your support in Eddie's battle with cancer.

God has truly blessed us through you. We appreciate all the gifts and the love you have shown us.

It was such a blessing to see the two churches come together and celebrate. We pray for God to bless each of you.

Eddie and Becky Mason

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Church Briefs

National Day of Prayer

The Fourth Annual National Day of Prayer May 3, 2012, is being observed today at Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church, 310 Campbell St. The sanctuary will be open from 3-7 p.m. Communion will be offered at 3:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. The theme for 2012 is "One Nation Under God" inspired by Psalm 33:12 "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord." Volunteers from the community are welcome.

El Faro Church Celebrating Cinco de Mayo

Inviting the whole community of LaBelle to come out and spend time with us on this day. We will have different types of foods and activities for the whole family. This event will be hosted at the El Faro Church grounds at 431 Bryan Avenue, LaBelle, starting at 11 a.m. Everything is free!

Iglesia El Faro Celebrando Cinco de Mayo

Invitando a toda la comunidad de LaBelle a compartir con nosotros en este dia. Tendremos comidas y diferente actividades para la familia entera. Este evento se llevara acabo en la 431 Bryan Avenue en LaBelle.

Comenzando a las 11 am. !Todo es gratis!

Life Ministries

Woman's Conference

We are excited to announce the upcoming free Woman's Conference at Life Ministries Church on Friday, May 11, at 7 p.m. and Saturday, May 12, beginning at 9 a.m. Speakers for the conference are Jennifer McKesey and Pastor Asia Rodriguez. Lunch is available for \$5 a person. Church Location is 725 West Hickpoochee Avenue/AKA Highway 80 West, LaBelle, Florida 33935. Phone number is 863-675-8855. Theme: Psalms 3:3 "But You, O Lord, are a shield for me, My glory and the One who lifts up my head."

Launching new Assembly

Living Waters Fellowship welcomes you to the Divine Connection and launching of their newest Assembly. Meetings are Sunday nights at 1816 N. SR 29 Suite B, 6 p.m. An evening of praise and worship. Holy Ghost preaching, healing and deliverance with Senior Pastors Robert and Michelle Akers and Associate Pastors Edward and Faustina Ekwa. For further information contact Senior Pastors Robert and Michelle Akers at 239-826-3006 or 239-728-2118 or email Livingwaters-fellowship8@gmail.com.

Benefit for Bill Sanders

Long time local resident, Bill Sanders, is traveling to Houston this week to pursue treatment for his recent diagnosis of stage 4 cancer. Friends and family have come together to plan a benefit to help facilitate quick treatment since Bill is self-employed and without insurance coverage at this time. Plans include a pulled pork barbecue dinner at the LaBelle Soccer Park on Jaycee Lions Drive on Saturday, May 12, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.



There will be other activities as well, including live music, silent auction, cake walk, bounce house and games for kids. In addition to the dinners that may be purchased in advance, there will be hot dogs,

desserts, swamp cabbage and scones available for purchase on the day of the event. Anyone wishing to purchase tickets, help with the event or make a donation may contact Brian Sanders (863-234-8278) Brandi Sanders (239-322-8622) or Sandra Taylor (863-673-2467). Please come out and support the Sanders family on May 12.

Also, Louis and Micah Mims are donating a grill for the benefit of Bill Sanders. Raffle tickets are \$10. Tickets will be sold until Memorial Day.

For more information please call (239-872-5405) or (863-342-8169) or to make a donation. You can also see a Sanders family member.

Protect yourself and others from whooping cough

by Pat Dobbins

The Hendry and Glades County Health Departments advises parents, childcare workers and healthcare providers to make sure that children are properly immunized against Pertussis, which is a respiratory disease commonly called "whooping cough." The Department of Health (DOH) and the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) experts also advise new parents, grandparents and relatives to get fully immunized before being around an infant.

Since January 1, 2012, DOH has identified 112 confirmed and probable cases of Pertussis, (with at least one case in twenty-two of Florida counties). These counties include: Alachua (3 cases), Broward (2 cases), Citrus (1 case), Clay (1 case), Collier (4 cases), Miami-Dade (15 cases), Duval (2 cases), Escambia (1 case), Gulf (1 case), Hillsborough (35 cases), Lee (13 cases), Leon (1 case), Martin (1 case), Monroe (4 cases), Nassau (3 cases), Orange (3 cases), Osceola (3 cases), Palm Beach (7 cases), Pasco (5 cases), Polk (5 cases), Seminole (1 case) and Volusia (1 case). The occurrences in Florida are consistent with the rise in cases seen across the United States. Recently, outbreaks have

occurred in Montana, North Carolina, Texas, Wisconsin, and Washington State.

Family members are most often the transmission source of pertussis to infants. A typical case of Pertussis starts with a cough, runny nose, sneezing and a low-grade fever. After 1-2 weeks, the coughing becomes more severe. Rapid coughing fits can occur that often end with a whooping sound. Pertussis is spread when infected individuals cough or sneeze while in close contact with others. Pertussis is most dangerous for infants and children, and it is usually a milder disease in adolescents and adults. Pertussis can be treated with antibiotics.

How can Pertussis be prevented?

- Children 6 years of age and younger are routinely vaccinated against tetanus, diphtheria and Pertussis. Ask your healthcare provider if your children have received all of the Pertussis shots needed for their age.

- Age-appropriate immunization with a vaccine against Pertussis is required in Florida for attendance in licensed child care centers and schools through seventh grade.

Vaccination of children attending child cares and schools helps to protect both the children who receive the vaccine, and the children surrounding them.

Hurricane Supply Kit

8 Week Shopping Guide

Time to be gathering your hurricane supplies. Here's your list for next week:

Week 2 - Grocery Store

One vegetable group item per family member
One fruit group item per family member
One comfort food item per family member

One bottle unscented bleach
One medicine dropper
One package of paper cups
One meat group item per family member

Other supplies

Quick start charcoal, Sterno or propane for grill or camp stove
Pliers
Safety glasses or goggles

Obituaries

Mattie J. Jones (nee Brown), 88

LABELLE — Mattie J. Jones (nee Brown) resident of LaBelle Florida, formerly Norwood, Ohio, passed away on April 30, 2012.

She was the beloved wife of the late Clarence A. Jones for 50 years, devoted mother of John (Betty) C. Jones of LaBelle, Florida and the late Clarence R. (Bud) Jones of Clewiston, Florida, loving grandmother of Elizabeth (Shawn) Mason of Lebanon, Ohio, Janemarie (John) Jones-Clark of Knoxville, Tennessee, Susan J. (Kenneth) Hennika of Norwood, Ohio, and Paula J. (Brian) Jones of Port St. Lucie, Florida.

She is also survived by ten great-grandchildren.

A celebration of her life will be held at First Baptist Church of LaBelle, Florida on Friday May 4, 2012, at 12 noon. The family will receive condolences from 10:00 a.m. until time of service. Private interment will be at Corinth Cemetery at Corbin, Kentucky at the Convenience of the family. At her request in lieu of flowers she has requested all memorials to be forwarded to

Fidelis Sunday School Class Scholarship Fund, @First Baptist Church of LaBelle, 330 N. Main St. LaBelle, FL 33935.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.

Terry Miller, 56

LABELLE — Terry Miller, died Sunday, April 29, 2012, at Hope Healthcare Services of Lehigh, from liver cancer.

Terry grew up in Marathon, Fla. and graduated from Marathon High School. He moved to LaBelle, Fla. in 2000. He spent his life career as a carpenter.

Terry is survived by his sister, Fawn Gilbert; brother-in-law, Jeff Gilbert; nephew, Aaron Gilbert; and step-brothers, Dan Townsend and Bee Townsend.

Memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Saturday, May 5, 2012, at Healing Waters Church in LaBelle, Florida.

Arrangements handled by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.

Do you have a Preschool age child?

If your child turns 4 years old on or before September 1, your child is eligible for VPK (Voluntary Prekindergarten).

Community Coordinated Care for Children (4C) in Labelle, Clewiston and Immokalee is open for VPK registration.

Please call the location nearest to you to find out more about signing your child up for VPK. Bring your child's birth certificate and proof of Florida residency (such as an electric bill) to one of the 4C offices located near you.



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COES March Students of the Month

Left are the younger students: Row 1: Frankie Espinoza-Matias, Emily Escobedo, Kate Llanes, Diego Soto, Niyet Hernandez, Danilo Avila, Gisela Espinosa, D'Anthony Lewis, Edward Munoz Row 2: Rene Puente, Karla Gil, Alvin Hargrove, Makayla Solis, Trevion Triblett, Jose Cantu, Cristian Reyes Row 3: Amy Garcia, Xavier Torres, Federick Bernanrd, Maria Guerrero, Elizabeth Espinoza, Priscila Ramirez, Bryan Ramirez, Manuel Aguas

On the right are the older students; Row 1: Miqueas Perez-Ramos, Jacob Howard, Joel Cadena, Ivette Paniagua, Angel Rodriguez, Maria Coto, Roberto Coria Row 2: Veronica Perez, Luis Perez, Joseph DeJesus, Travis Gayle, Gaspar Reyes, Cody Warren Row 3: Antonio Ramos, Jason Rodriguez, Agustin Resendiz, Ashley Fletcher
NOT PICTURED: Aliza Rodriguez

School Briefs

Come to the book fair

LaBelle Middle School is having a Book Fair the week of April 30-May 5. The fair will be in the library every day from 7:25 a.m.-3 p.m. today, Thursday, May 3, the fair will be opened in the early evening, from 4-6:30 p.m. Then, we would invite you to come see the play "Dogbrains" written and directed by our local Firehouse Community Theatre.

See you at the Book Fair!

Attention homeschoolers

"H.E.R.E." Home Educators Reaching for Excellence Educator's monthly encouragement meeting will be Tuesday, May 8, 5:30-8:30 p.m. at The Bridge Street Coffee & Tea Co., 23 Ft. Thompson Ave., LaBelle.

Project Graduation

Project Graduation is offering a chance to win a two-night, mid-week getaway at "Tween Waters Inn, Captiva. Tickets are just a \$1 donation. The drawing will be June 2 at the high school. All proceeds will go toward

this year's Project Graduation night for LHS graduating seniors. Contact Ken Pickles at LHS 863-674-4120 or Julia Howard at (863) 673-3819.

COE McTeacher's Night

Country Oaks Elementary School will be participating in McTeacher's Night at the LaBelle McDonald's, Thursday, May 17, 4 p.m.-8 p.m. Teachers and staff will be there ready to help McDonald's employees and to visit with students and parents. It is sure to be a lot of fun with great food. A portion of the sales goes to Country Oaks, so please come and support your school. We hope to see you there!

Register for VPK at COES

Hendry County Schools is offering a free VPK summer program again this year. If you have a child that will be entering Kindergarten in August and will be 5 years old by September 1, 2012, he/she is eligible to attend a VPK program. Children must be residents of Florida to be eligible, but they may go to any

school at the completion of VPK. The program at COES is an excellent way to prepare your child for regular school routines.

The program runs from June 11 until August 2 from 7:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. each day. Breakfast and lunch are provided at no cost. Please call Richard Talada at 674-4140 for information or stop by Country Oaks on one of the following days from 5-7 p.m. to register. Open registration will begin from 5-7 p.m. at Country Oaks Elementary School April 26, May 10 and May 17. You may also come by during regular school hours to register for the summer VPK program as well. Students will work on learning the alphabet, numbers, computer skills, gross and fine motor skills during the course of the summer.

Students participate in art activities and music activities as well. We look forward to working with your child this summer.

Register for summer classes at Edison

Make the most of your summer by earning college credit. Registration for Summer 2012 classes at Edison State College is ongoing. Register as soon as possible because classes fill up quickly. For more information about Summer registration visit www.edison.edu/academics/schedule.

To receive additional information about programs of study, campus locations and other information visit edison.edu/request-info.

Want to drive a school bus?

If you are interested in driving a school bus for the Hendry County School Board please call 863-674-4115 during the hours of 7:30-4.

It's not too early - think Toys for Tots

Joseph Hosick, Executive Director of Hendry-Glades Behavioral Health Center, has announced that the center has been named the official coordinator for the 2012 Marine's Toys for Tots campaign for Hendry County. Realizing that Hendry County did not have a designated representative for last Christmas. The board received word on April 12 from the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation that their application had been approved. Toy collection and related fund-raising efforts for

Christmas 2012 are scheduled to begin in earnest by September.

All persons and organizations interested in making donations of cash or toys, volunteering their time or including toy collection as part of their upcoming events, or otherwise participating in the planning for this annual fund-raising effort to benefit the area's children, are urged to contact Mr. Hosick at 983-1423.

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Cowgirls fall to Verot

by Jo Coombs

In an intense softball game on Friday night, the LaBelle Cowgirls lost to Bishop Verot 2-0.

As visitors, LaBelle came to bat first. In the first inning, both teams had two players hit long fly balls that were caught for outs, and bunts that were put out on first base.

Top of the second and with 2 outs, Abbie O'Ferrell hit a single, but was stranded on base.

In the bottom of the second, LaBelle walked the first batter. This was the only walk given up by LaBelle in the game. After two outs, Bishop Verot hit a single bringing the first batter in for a run. This hitter was left on base after LaBelle struck out the next batter for the third out. The score was 1-0 in favor of Bishop Verot.

Top of the fourth and with 2 outs, Rachael Reinbott hit a single, but was stranded on base.

Top of the fifth, Abbie O'Ferrell was the first player at bat. She hit a single to

left field, but no one was able to bring her home.

In the bottom of the sixth, Bishop Verot hit a single. Before being put out at second base, another player hit a single which brought in their second run. This made the score 2-0 in Bishop Verot's favor.

With two outs in the top of the seventh, Abbie O'Ferrell hit a stand-up double, and was left stranded on base at the end of the game.

Behind the pitching of Gennifer Raulerson, each of the Cowgirls displayed their defensive prowess. Whether it was catching a fly ball or throwing someone out, each one did their job and did it very well. Even the catcher wasn't left out as one of the pop-ups came her way and Elanee Marroquin caught it for the out. The defense that the Cowgirls displayed could not have been better. Hopefully, all of these team mates, except Seniors, will return next year for another exciting season of Cowgirl fast-pitch softball.



Submitted photo/JoAnne Taylor

Cowgirls pose before the big Verot game.

Caleb Rimes invited to All-American Combine

After being named MVP at a regional combine in Naples on April 14, Caleb Rimes was invited to the U.S. Army All-American Combine for underclassmen in January 2013. Caleb is a two year starter for the Cowboys who has played Fullback, Linebacker, Defensive Tackle, Defensive End and Offensive Tackle. Caleb also wrestled this year for LHS and most recently represented LHS at the 1A State Power Lifting finals. Congratulations Caleb and Go Cowboys!

Important upcoming dates for the LaBelle Football Team

May 4: Spring Practice first day in pads

May 5: Scrimmage 8 a.m.

May 11: Red and White Game and Bar-B-Q dinner. (Dinner starts at 4 p.m. The Cowboys take the field at 6 p.m.)

May 23: Spring Game Palmetto Ridge at LaBelle (Kick off at 7 p.m.)

May 25-26: Football Watermelon Sale

May 29: Summer lifting and conditioning starts

June 18-21 LHS Football Camp (For students grades K-9)

July 16-19: Fellowship of Christian Athletes Team Camp at Ave Maria University

If you have any questions or would like to support the Cowboys please contact Coach Odaffer at 863-674-4120.

Six wrestlers finish at state

Head Coach Maurice McClain, Sr. is proud of how his Cowboys finished off the 2011-2012 weightlifting season! Six Cowboys represented LaBelle High School



Christian Escobedo

at state finals in Kissimmee, on Friday, April 20.

Christian Escobedo, senior captain, brought home a state medal with a 5th place finish. He also broke the school record for the 139 weight class with a 480 pound bench and clean total.

The other five Cowboys may not have finished top 6 to bring home a medal, but they still finished at a honorable level to have represented LaBelle High School!

119 weight class: Brandon Miners 13th place 345 pound total

129 weight class: Ellis Johnson 10th place 400 pound total

154 weight class: Jesus Castillejo, senior captain, 14th place 485 pound total

219 weight class: Pedro Lopez-Rodriguez 15th place 540 pound total

Unlimited weight class: Joshua Caleb Rimes 9th place, 630 pound total

Coach McClain hopes the hard work and

success the weightlifting team showed this year will build an even better team for the 2013 season.

Coach McClain and the weightlifting team will also like to thank these businesses and individuals for sponsorship and "extras" done for the weightlifting team this season: Quality One Auto Care, Big Smiles Daycare, Mobley Plant world LLC, Seminole Tribe of Florida, Ragin' Graphics, Mr. and Mrs. Rimes, and Mrs. Miners.

Sports Shorts

Longhorns plan fundraiser

LaBelle Longhorns will be having their famous pulled pork dinner on Friday, May 11, at the Barron Park from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Dinner will include pulled pork along with potato salad and baked beans with a roll for \$8 a plate.

Sign up every Saturday in May - early sign ups by May 31 \$20 off.

Football \$85; after May 31 \$05.

Cheerleading \$100; after May 31 \$120.

Practice starts August 1, 6 p.m. Davis-Pratt Park.

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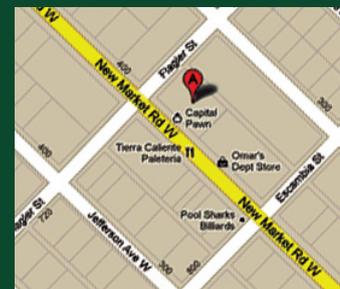
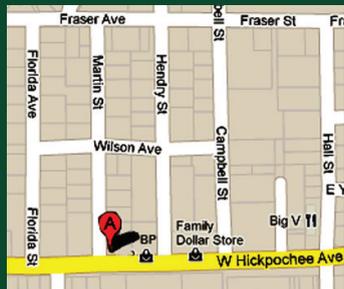
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Community Briefs

Benefit planned

The First Baptist Church of LaBelle is hosting a benefit barbecue lunch on May 19 from noon-3 p.m. for Lori Soud Morton to help with medical expenses during her recovery from a serious automobile accident. The lunch tickets are \$8 and can be purchased at the LaBelle First Baptist Church or by calling 863-673-1508 or 863-234-3480. Please come out and show our support as a community. Your donation and support is greatly appreciated.

Give blood May 10

The Community Blood Drive will be Thursday, May 10, from noon till 6 p.m. at American Legion Post 130, SR 80W. All blood donors will receive a voucher for a free movie ticket or a T-shirt. Blood collected at this drive will be donated to Patricia Mace.

You may make an appointment to donate at 222.fbcdonor.org and use Account #M2Q3. Don't forget to bring photo ID.

Muse activities

May 12, Country Jam Session and Pot Luck Dinner at 6: p.m.

May 17, Regular Monthly meeting held the third Thursday of every month 7 p.m.

May 26, Country Jam Session and pot luck dinner at 6 p.m.

All of the events are open to the public and will be held at the Muse Community Center Bldg. on Loblolly Bay Road (Hwy. 720). Come out for a fun evening and meeting your neighbors. For further information call 863-674-0467.

Cancer patient

Local long time resident Bill Sanders has been diagnosed with cancer and need support with treatments. There will be a benefit dinner including pulled pork sandwich, cole slaw, baked beans and tea all for \$8 per plate. This will take place at The Soccer Field on Jaycee-Lions Drive May 12 from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Tickets available at The LaBelle Chamber office and LaBelle Middle School. Please remember this family in your prayers.

ACT offers counseling and related services

Abuse Counseling and Treatment, Inc. is a non-profit agency serving victims of sexual assault and domestic violence in Hendry, Glades and Lee Counties. ACT offers individual and group counseling, safe emergency shelter, 24-hour hotline and forensic examinations for survivors of rape. For more information please call 239-939-3112 or 1-888-956-7273.

LaBelle Garden Club Celebrates 30 Years

The LaBelle Garden Club invites everyone to a special celebration Memorial Day, May 28, in honor of its 30th anniversary. Share in food, fun and fellowship, plus lots of sharing and reminiscing about the years gone by. More details to follow. Contact Charter

Member Irene Doub at 863-675-0374 for more information. If you are a past member or officer call with your ideas to help in the planning of this celebration.

Spinning demonstration

The LaBelle Heritage Museum will be the location of a demonstration of the art of the spinning wheel by Pat Johnson. Look for Pat-on-the-Porch Saturday, March 12, from 1-4 p.m.

Register for Special Needs Shelter

Special Needs Shelters are facilities of last refuge for those persons with health and medical conditions. The Hendry County Special Needs Shelter located at West Glades School, in Muse, has auxiliary power and is capable of providing a safer refuge for individuals, and their caregivers, who require health oversight. It is strongly suggested that you pursue primary evacuation plans with family, friends, neighbors, church organizations, etc. Speak with your physician and family about your transportation and sheltering needs. If you require hospitalization, have your physician execute the necessary pre-admission procedures well in advance of a known, pending disaster such as a hurricane. Again, talk to your family, friends, and neighbors about providing you with evacuation transportation. If you live in a mobile home park or an area with an established homeowners association, inquire about your association's disaster plan. Also, if you have special needs that do not require medical sheltering, speak with your Minister, or affiliate religious association, or civic organization to see what types of evacuation sponsorship programs are available. Please keep in mind that pets are not allowed.

If you need to attend the West Glades School PSN Shelter, you are required to register before you arrive at the shelter each year, and you are required to bring a caregiver with you into the shelter. Registration forms for Hendry County residents can be obtained from the Hendry County Health Department and the Hendry County Emergency Management Office. Once your completed registration is received and reviewed, you will receive notification as to whether you qualify for the Special Needs Shelter or not. Should it be determined that your needs do not meet the Special Needs Shelter criteria, you will be notified of other shelters that are available in your area in which you can seek refuge.

For more information, or if you would like to have a registration form mailed to you, please contact Kelly Dyess at the Hendry County Emergency Management office at (863) 674-5401.

Quit smoking

A free Quit Smoking Now Class is opening at Hendry Regional Medical Center, 524 West Sagamore Avenue, Clewiston, Wednesdays. There will be six sessions May 2, 9, 16, 23, 30

June 6 at noon; again Wednesdays May 23, 30, June 6, 13, 20, 27 at 5:30 p.m.

Free nicotine replacement therapy (Gum,

Patches and Lozenges) for those eligible.

To register or for more information call 877-819-2357.

Quit Smoking Now is a statewide tobacco cessation program, sponsored by the Florida AHEC Network. This program consists of six 1-hour sessions, once a week, that help local tobacco users obtain the knowledge, support and tools needed to quit for life: Session A:

Tobacco: Friend or Foe? Session B: Managing addiction; Session C: Let's Quit Now!; Session D: Develop a Plan for Life - Without Tobacco; Session E: Relapse Prevention; Session F: Congratulations, Now Wtlay the Course!

Lincoln-Reagan Day Dinner

The Hendry County Republican Party invites you to the 2012 Lincoln-Reagan Day Dinner at the Clewiston Country Club Monday May 14. Reception 6 p.m. Dinner 7 p.m. Cost \$50 per reservation

Keynote Speaker: The Honorable Jeff Atwater, Chief Financial Officer State of Florida. Seating is limited and reservations are first come, first served. Checks should be made payable to:

Hendry County Republican Party and mailed P.O. Box 1142 LaBelle, Florida 33975-1142.

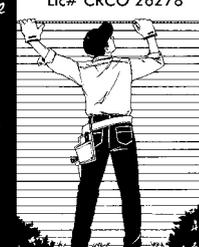
This is our annual fundraising event to benefit the Hendry County Republican Party. Whether or not you are able to attend, please consider contributing financially to our local Republican Party today! Under Florida law, individuals and businesses can contribute any amount they desire. Be advised that political contributions are not tax deductible.

Animal Rescue in need

Animal Rescue of LaBelle at 721 Busar Ave in North LaBelle (by the Handy on 78) is in need of a washer. For more info call them at 612-0228 or 342-2076.

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- Intermediate knowledge of .NET, ASP, C++, VB.NET, VB script, JAVA script, HTML and SQL Server.
- Graphic design experience a plus.
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1. FORD F-450 SUPER DUTY - BOOM TRUCK
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4. VAN H - BUS - 1989

Items may be seen prior to the auction by contacting the Public Works Director Mr. Ed Kerr at telephone number 561-261-6576 or 561-996-6751.

Bid should include item, bidders name, address, telephone number and bid amount.

All bids will be accepted by the Office of the City Clerk at 335 S.W. 2nd Avenue, South Bay, Florida 33493 and marked surplus bid 2012 by 12:00 noon on May 11, 2012.

All items will be sold as is and no refunds will be granted.
415452 CN/CB 4/26;5/3,10,17/2012

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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The following adjustments by fund will be considered:

Adopted Ad Valorem Revenues:	General Fund
Adjustment:	\$12,464,719
VAB Reduction	-291,000
Amended Ad Valorem Revenues:	\$12,173,719
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Adjustment:	
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Hendry County Board of County Commissioners
Tristan Chapman, Chairman

416271 CN/CB 5/3/2012

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2492	2008	1074433-03000210090	Muhammad Hassan Haniff, Trustee

Lot 9, Block 21, Woodland Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 1 and 2, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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Dated this 18th day of April, 2012.
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2036	2008	1264432-A0001170000	Roberto Cruz

The South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 26, 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 914, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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2038	2008	1264432-A0001290100	Wendy & Andy Meilo

The North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 26, 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 954, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2016	2008	1264432-A0000440100	G.A.M.E Investments, Inc.

The East one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 26, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the South 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 1012, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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2553	2008	1314433-A0002680000	Jacqueline I. Garcia

The South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5925, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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1841	2008	1244432-A0000080100	G.A.M.E Investments, Inc.

The South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 24, 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 5403, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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Hendry County, Florida

415644 CN/CB 4/26;5/3,10,17/2012

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2317	2008	1364432-A0001150100	Sifira Pateur

The South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 36, 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 4768, 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 Fifth Thursday** in the month of **May, 2012**, which is the **3**

Public Notice

REQUEST FOR BIDS
CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD IMPROVEMENTS,
CR 833 FROM BIG CYPRESS INDIAN RESERVATION
TO FOUR MILES NORTH, CLEWISTON, FL
BID # 2012-05
OPENING DATE AND TIME: May 10, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.

Sealed Bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, "Construction of Road Improvements, CR 833 from Big Cypress Indian Reservation to Four Miles North". In order to be considered...

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

Bidders are encouraged to attend the Pre-Bid Conference on Tuesday, April 24, 2012, at 10:00 a.m. at the Engineering Department, 99 E. Cowboy Way, LaBelle, Florida 33935.

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

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

Tristan Chapman, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
414361 CN/CB 4/12,19,26;5/3/2012

Public Notice

1.0 INVITATION TO BID
Bid No. 2012-01
Central County Water Control District
Request for Bids
Striping and Marking 37.1+/- Miles of Roadway
Bids Due: 10:00 A.M., Tuesday, May 22, 2012

Bids are requested for Striping and Marking 37.1+/- miles of paved roads in Central County Water Control District, "the District", Montura Subdivision, Clewiston, Florida. Official bid specifications and questions for this project may be obtained by contacting Rock Aboujaoudé, P.E., of Rock Enterprises, Inc. at (863) 612-0011 or the District's office at (863) 983-5797.

Sealed bids will be received by hand delivery or by mail. Bid envelopes must be sealed and clearly marked:

"SEALED BID FOR STRIPING AND MARKING
37.1 MILES OF ROADWAY, Bid No. 2012-01"

and delivered to:
Central County Water Control District
Administrative Office
475 South Cabbage Palm Street
Clewiston, Florida 33440
Tel: (863) 983-5797

Bids will be accepted until 10:00 AM, Tuesday, May 22, 2012, and shall be publicly opened promptly thereafter at approximately 10:05 A.M. at the District's administrative office at the above address. Bids received after 10:00 AM will be rejected and returned to the bidder unopened.

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, May 17, 2012, for the following Proposals:

- E1J88 - Drainage Improvements, Curb and Gutter, Pavement Replacement and Signing and
Pavement Marking in Manatee County - Budget Estimate: \$212,736.00.
E1L40-R0 - Thermoplastic Striping Markings and Retro-Reflective Pavement Marker Replacement in Charlotte, Collier & Lee Counties - Budget Estimate: \$250,000.00.
E1L41-R0 - ADA Mat Replacement in Charlotte & Lee Counties - Budget Estimate: \$30,000.00.
E1L42 - Traffic Signal Mast Arm Repair or Replacement in Polk, Desoto, Sarasota, Manatee, Hardee, Highlands & Okeechobee Counties - Budget Estimate: \$206,600.00.
E1L43 - Traffic Signal Mast Arm Repair or Replacement in Lee, Hendry, Collier, Charlotte & Glades Counties - Budget Estimate: \$206,600.00.
E1L44-R0 - Storm Water Pond Cleaning in Polk County - Budget Estimate: \$100,000.00.
E1L45 - South Skyway Seawall Joint Sealing in Manatee County - Budget Estimate: \$140,000.00.
E1L46-R0 - Fertilizing in Glades & Hendry Counties - Budget Estimate: \$80,000.00.
E1L47 - Desilting Concrete Box Culvert and Clean/Reshape Ditch in Highlands County - Budget Estimate: \$13,243.00.
E1L48-R0 - Mowing, Litter Removal and Edging and Sweeping of Primary Roadways and Storm
Water Ponds in Lee County - Budget Estimate: \$400,000.00.
E1L49-R0 - Long Line Paint Striping in Charlotte, Lee, Collier, Glades & Hendry Counties - Budget Estimate: \$549,370.00.
E1L50-R0 - Miscellaneous Asphalt Repairs Countywide in Polk County - Budget Estimate: \$813,816.00.
E1L51-R0 - Guardrail, Handrail and Fence Repair in Desoto & Hardee Counties - Budget Estimate: \$100,000.00.
E1L52-R0 - Providing Maintenance of Traffic in Charlotte, Lee, Collier, Glades, & Hendry Counties - Budget Estimate: \$115,018.00.
E1L53-R0 - Roadside Ditch Cleaning in Glades & Hendry Counties - Budget Estimate: \$90,000.00.
E1L54-R0 - Herbicide Strip, Hand & Aquatic Application in Desoto & Hardee Counties - Budget Estimate: \$50,000.00.
E1L55-R0 - Miscellaneous Concrete and Sidewalk Repairs in Polk County - Budget Estimate: \$149,000.00.
E1L57-R0 - Shoulder Repair and Sodding in Glades & Hendry Counties - Budget Estimate: \$150,000.00.

Complete letting advertisement information for this project is available on our website at http://www.dot.state.fl.us/contractsadministration/district1/ or by calling (863) 519-2559.
415643 CN/CB 4/26;5/3/2012

Immunize infants against preventable diseases

by Pat Dobbins

Last month, April 21-28, was recognized as National Infant Immunization Week. It is an annual observance to highlight the importance of protecting infants from vaccine-preventable diseases and celebrate the achievements of immunization programs in promoting healthy communities.

Public Notice

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Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 1985, 2008, 1254432-A0002360000, Sergio Lledo

The South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5025, 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.

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Dated this 18th day of April, 2012. Barbara S. Butler, Clerk of Circuit Court, Hendry County, Florida

415650 CN 4/26;5/3,10,17/2012

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The North one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 26, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for a drainage canal of the North 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 1052, 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.

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415653 CN 4/26;5/3,10,17/2012

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The North one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 24, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for a drainage canal of the North 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5367, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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415649 CN 4/26;5/3,10,17/2012

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Table with 4 columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 2299, 2008, 1364432-A0000530000, Rafael Perez

The North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 36, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 40 feet thereof. A/K/A Tract 4916, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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The North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 27, 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 862, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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415684 CN 4/26;5/3,10,17/2012

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The East one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 27, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the South 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 756, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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415648 CN 4/26;5/3,10,17/2012

dren from potentially deadly infectious diseases. Babies need many immunizations before two years of age to protect against serious childhood diseases like polio, measles, whooping cough and diphtheria. The Centers for Disease Control (CDC) offers the following tips for parents and caregivers:

- Take babies to the health department, a family doctor or a clinic for their recommended shots. Immunizations start at birth and continue throughout the first two years of a child's life.
• At each visit, discuss immunizations with a or health care provider. Ask if the baby is up-to-date on shots.
• Keep the immunization record in a safe place and bring it to every doctor's visit.
• Ask the doctor when to return for the baby's next shots. Make an appointment and write it down.

For more information about the importance of infant immunization, visit http://www.cdc.gov/vaccines

You may also visit the Department of Health Web site at www.immunizeflorida.org or call the Hendry and Glades County Health Departments for more information. Labelle 863-674-4041, Clewiston 863-983-1408, Moore Haven 863-946-0707.

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA

Case No: 12-DR-003072
Judge: Carlin, John S.J.

Martha Patricia Herrera-Cabrero
Petitioner
and
Juan Ramon Esteban Pedroza-Vera
Respondent

NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE WITH CHILDREN

TO: Juan Ramon Esteban Pedroza-Vera
560 Wood Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33936

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action for dissolution of Marriage with Children has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Martha Patricia Herrera-Cabrero, whose address is 60 Jim Kulczy Dr. #206, LaBelle, FL 33935 on or before 3-27-12, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at P.O. Box 310, Ft. Myers, FL 33902 before service on Petitioner's or immediately thereafter. If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.

You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915). Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings. DATED: Feb. 16, 2012

CHARLIE GREEN
Clerk of the Circuit Court
By: M. Nixon
Deputy Clerk

415565 CN 4/26;5/3,10,17/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: TIMS TOWING & RECOVERY gives notice of foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 05/18/2012, 10:00 am at 74 S. INDUSTRIAL LOOP, LABELLE, FL 33935, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. TIMS TOWING & RECOVERY reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

2002 PONDEROSA INDUSTRIES
4D4PB1622C031907
416253 CN 5/3/2012

Public Notice

INVITATION TO BID

Cardinal Contractors, Inc. is seeking bid proposals and quotes from registered Small Business Enterprise (SBE) and Women Business Enterprise (WBE) subcontractors and suppliers for the City of Labelle Membrane Water Treatment Plant located at 481 Highway 80 West, LaBelle, FL 33935 which bids Thursday, May 10, 2012 at 2:00 pm. Plans and specifications may be viewed at Cardinal Contractors, Inc., 10405 Technology Terrace Lakewood Ranch, FL 34211 or call (941) 377- 8555 for username & password. Please fax your quote to (941) 377-8542 or email to estimating@cardinalnco.com along with documentation of your S/WBE certification. Please contact us for additional information regarding available scopes of work or supply. 416055 CB 5/3/2012

Public Notice

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

05/18/2012 @ 8:00AM
1906 LINC VINS
1LNLM82W1TY628202
415849 CN 5/3/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The School Board of Hendry County will be accepting sealed bids until May 15, 2012 for Bid #12-0005, 2012 Dodge Grand Caravan SXT or equivalent. Specifications will be available at the board's finance office at 111 Curry Street in LaBelle. Call (863) 674 4100 to have the specs faxed or mailed.

Hendry County School Board
Sally Berg, Chairman
416239 CN/CB 5/3/2012

Public Notice

NOTICE: AUCTION on Friday, MAY 11, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at 1225 N.W. Avenue L, Belle Glade, Florida.

• Property of CALVINA EDWARDS - MATTRESS AND BOX SPRING, SOFA AND LOVESEAT, BEDROOM SUITE, DINETTE TABLE AND CHAIRS, MISCELLANEOUS. 416033 SUN 5/3,10/2012

Community Briefs

GOP women to celebrate anniversary

The Caloosa Federated Republican women will celebrate the 62nd Anniversary of the 101 professional/Republican women who met on December 11, 1949, at the Clewiston Inn to initiate a State wide Republican Women's organization; thus the Florida Federation of Republican Women March 1950. The event will be at the historic Clewiston Inn in Clewiston; room/suite reservations 1-800-749-4466

Friday, May 18, 6 p.m. Meet and Greet Sugar and Spice Room. Candidates for Hendry County, State and National are invited. Cocktails and hors d' oeuvres. Senate Candidate Colonel Mike McCalister, guest speaker. Eric Golub Republican Comedian/speaker

Saturday, May 19, 8:30 a.m. Prayer Breakfast invocation by FFRW Chaplain Patti Warner 11 a.m. Champagne welcome Patio Room 2nd Floor; 1:15 p.m. lunch Eric Golub keynote Speaker

Tickets \$80 per person. lunch only \$50 per person. Contact Marianne with questions: ladymarianne@comcast.net 863-673-5917

Legion fish fry

Come to the American Legion Post 130 Fish Fry every Friday night 5-7 p.m. The post is located at 699 SR 80W.

VFW news

Bingo is open to the public every Sunday at 2 p.m.

Best Charcoal Grilled Hamburgers in town every Saturday from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. for \$3. Serving stops promptly at 1:30 p.m. Please come early.

Welcome combat veterans

VFW Post 10100 will pay the initial membership fees and the annual dues for any armed forces personnel recently discharged from overseas combat duty or currently serving in harm's way. For information, please call 863-675-8008.

AMVETS

An AMVETS Post has been established LaBelle. Post 2012 is the first and only AMVETS Post in Hendry County. Any armed forces veterans honorably discharged since WWII are eligible for membership in the AMVETS. For more information call 863-675-8008 or 239-246-3094. Come into VFW Post 10100 for an AMVET application and a monthly calendar of events.

For information on any of these VFW activities, please call: 863-675-8008. The post is located on SR 29S by the rodeo grounds.

Sit! Stay! Heel!

Caloosa Humane Society offers Dog Training Classes!! The four-week program has classes on Mondays from 5-6 p.m. for 125. We will offer basic obedience skills like sit, stay, heel, no jumping, etc. You and your dog can join the class at any time. Proof of rabies (dogs over 4 months) and DHPPC vaccination are required to be in the pro-

gram. But don't worry, if you don't already have the necessary vaccinations we do offer them at the shelter and can be done prior to the class for only \$20 for both. 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 as space is limited. In addition to the fact that you will have a very well-behaved dog that all your friends and neighbors will envy, a portion of the proceeds will go to the wonderful dogs (and cats too) at Caloosa Humane Society.

Help equine rescue

Florida Equine Rescue will host a free trail ride for Horses4Heroes on May 19 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. This will be primarily for military people and their families but everyone is invited. They are planning a BBQ, and hope to get a band together for the event. This will also be their open house. They are located at 6584 County Road 78, LaBelle, just the Methodist Camp toward LaBelle. Please contact Elaine Lewis, Michael Walsh or Heather Walsh of Florida Equine Rescue at 863-612-0010 or 863-234-2923 or you can find them on Facebook. Florida Equine Rescue currently has 21 rescue horses, and a new mini horse coming in. They are a non-profit and rely on their work and side jobs to help take care of the horses. They Rescue, Rehab and Rehome and have taken horses from both Hendry County and Glades County Ag Depts. With access to over 100 acres of pasture, they could help so many more horses, but they can't do it alone any help is greatly appreciated.

Spay, neuter, save lives

Caloosa Humane Society offers low-cost spay/neuter services and vaccination clinics to the community. While an appointment for spay/neuter services is necessary, the vaccination clinics are on a walk-in basis from 10am - 2pm on the same days as spay/neuter.

Upcoming spay/neuter and vaccination clinic dates are: May 11, 18, 22, and 25. Please call and schedule your appointment today! For more information call 863.675.0997 or visit our website at www.caloosahumanesociety.org

Please be a part of the solution and spay or neuter your pet!

Trail association subchapter to meet

Become a charter member of the Florida Trail Association, Fisheating Creek Subchapter which meets the second Tuesday each month from September to April. To join go to <http://www.floridatrail.org/>. The group meets at The Glades County Historical Society's Westergaard House, 270 Avenue L, Moore Haven. Public welcome. For information contact: Betty Loomis 863-946-3560 or Margaret England 863-674-0695.

SBDC here to help

The Small Business Development Center

at Florida Gulf Coast University is present in Hendry and Glades Counties and in Immokalee. One-on-one consultation is available to all existing and potential small business.

In addition, SBDC offers a variety

of workshops and seminars to help the business community. Call Janice at 239-860-8592 to set up an appointment to discuss your ideas and needs.

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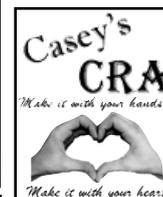
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Gamma Zetas install officers

The Hendry County Gamma Zeta Chapter of Delta Kappa Gamma International met on April 16 in the Green Room at LaBelle Middle School. Twenty members attended the meeting and social time.

Members received impressive updates from the recent Scholarship Game Day Party and heard reports from the District VI Delta Kappa Gamma event held in Arcadia.

Gamma Zeta President Megan Greenleaf and member Cindy Greenlee represented the chapter at the District VI meeting. President Greenleaf was honored and accepted an "Increased Membership Award" for the Chapter.

The Game Day Event was held on Saturday, April 21, 2012 and earned \$2,200 for scholarships designated for local HS graduates who plan to enroll in college with a major in the field of Education. Others who qualify for the scholarships are previous DKG Scholarship Winners. Four scholarships will be presented to the recipients in May.

The program for the meeting was the Installation of Officers for the upcoming 2012-2014 Biennium. New officers include President - Megan Greenleaf, 1st Vice-President - Robin Blake, 2nd Vice-President - Stella

Luckey, Corresponding Secretary - Kelle Collins and the Recording Secretary - Cathy Kirby. Joy Bridwell serves the Gamma Zeta Chapter as appointed Treasurer.

The newly installed Gamma Zeta Officers and Committee Chairs will meet over the summer to plan activities for the next year. Members are encouraged to consider attending the DKG International Convention in NYC in July and the Mu State Fall Meeting in September, 2012.

The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International promotes gamma and personal growth of women educators and excellence in education.



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Back Row - Stella Luckey, Robin Blake, Megan Greenleaf, Barbara Mundy, Joy Bridwell Front Row - Kathy Kirby, Flora Talada, Robyn Colding, Robin Jones.

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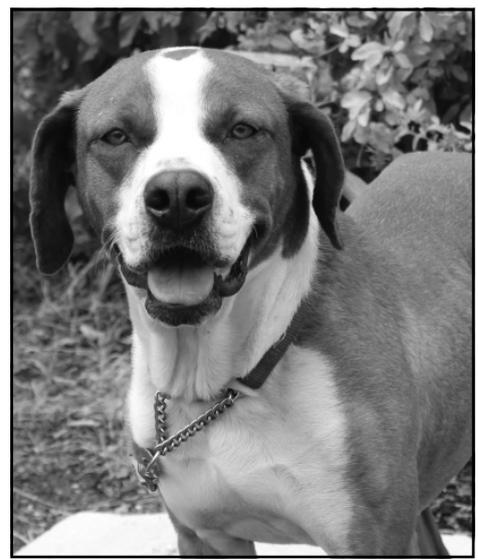
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Ties that bind the Risher family for over 50 years

by **Cynthia Mott**

Dorothy Hill Risher was born on her family's Fort Denaud homestead in 1916, seven

years before Hendry County pulled on its boots, broke from Lee County and claimed its own borders.



The three Risher children married one year apart: Wally to Gina Mendez in 1960, Deanie to Frank Cardimen in 1961, and Nancy to Elmer Mott in 1962.

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In 1937, Dorothy Hill married Wallace Risher, from South Carolina. The couple produced three children: Wally, Deanie, and Nancy. The Risher children grew up in LaBelle's Belmont neighborhood, one street over from their mother's childhood home. Wallace and Dorothy were married 55 years, parting only when he died.

The three Risher children married one year apart: Wally to Gina Mendez in 1960, Deanie to Frank Cardimen in 1961, and Nancy to Elmer Mott in 1962. In this age of fifty-percent divorce rates, a remarkable thing happened — all three Risher-sibling marriages have now passed the half-century mark.

Collectively, her children's marriages have given Dorothy grandchildren through great-great grandchildren, for a whopping total of thirty-plus offspring. Dorothy turned 95 last fall, so continues to see and enjoy the results of her own commitment.

What is the secret to all this marital longevity which, incidentally, was not passed on to every member of the succeeding generation? What wisdom is amassed in 150 collective years of marriage? Answers differ.

Nancy said, "Our parents stayed married, but they always told us if we were unhappy in a marriage to get out of it, because life is short. I think you need to respect your spouse, and to need them. We've been very blessed. Plus, a lot of it is just pure luck."

"Not so!" said her husband, Elmer. "What it all boils down to is love, real love. With it

you can make it through anything, and without it you just can't."

Gina and Wally agree: "You have to share the same basic values — love and the commitment to stay married."

Deanie said, "The secret is love. Plus, a great sense of humor and dancing in the kitchen for fifty years! Adoration and a little patience on both sides helps too."

However, Deanie's husband, Frank, may have come the closest to real truth. He said, "The secret to the three Risher kids staying married fifty years is simple — they all married saints!"



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