

# Caloosa Belle

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## Airglades sale to commence

by **Patty Brant**  
Caloosa Belle

At their June 28 meeting the Hendry County commissioners agreed to allow County Attorney Mark Lapp to negotiate the sale of Airglades Airport with a one time lump sum payment going to the county.

Existing tenants will continue their leases as they have while new tenants will come under the new agreement.

It could take as much as five years to close the sale, Mr. Lapp told the board. In the meantime the county will continue to manage part of the airport.

## Shovel ready

County Engineer Shane Parker reported that he has 25 projects that would be eligible for federal funding if it should become available. These shovel-ready projects include drainage, roads and sidewalk improvements.

The board directed Mr. Parker to line up similar projects after the county lost possible funding by not having appropriate projects ready.

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**Longtime Hendry County Commissioner Janet Taylor congratulates Commissioner Al Perry on becoming certified through the Florida Association of Counties. The voluntary program provides information and skills necessary to serve the county's people.**

## Perry earns designation

ORANGE, FL – The Florida Association of Counties (FAC) presented Hendry County Commissioner Al Perry with the Certified County Commissioner (CCC) designation following his completion of a comprehensive study program developed by the association. Commissioner Perry received the designation with more than 30 other county commissioners during an awards ceremony held at the FAC Annual Conference in Orange County.

CCC certification is not a requirement to serve as a county commissioner in Florida. However, county commissioners may voluntarily enroll in the program and complete a series of courses totaling 42 hours. The coursework is designed to provide information and enhance skills relevant to a com-

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## Pam Brown wants to represent District 80

The well being of any area is inextricably linked to government, from local to national. The state is a vital part of this chain and for Hendry and northeastern Collier counties including Immokalee and Golden Gate Estates. That means having a local champion in Tallahassee.

Born and raised in Immokalee, Pam Brown has been a member of this community all her adult life, an activist who isn't afraid to speak her mind.

Pam is running for representative of Florida House District 80 with No Party Affiliation (NPA). Redistricting has taken the old Florida House District 77 and reformulated it into District 80. As a lifelong area resident and member of an Immokalee pioneer family, she feels she has a strong connection to this area, with an understanding of the folks who have built this area.

She has served on the Immokalee Water &

Sewer District board for 14 years; on the Lake Trafford Task Force; Collier County Museum Board and Immokalee Chamber of Commerce. Currently she serves as chairman of the Immokalee Fire Board and of the Collier Fire Service Steering Committee. She is also a co-founder and serving president of the Immokalee Area Civic Association.

She says she's ready to start helping her area neighbors at the state level and looks forward to making a difference in three areas she designates as ACE: Agriculture, Commerce and Education.

Bringing a "fresh set of eyes" to the table, is one of her strong points, she feels.

The daughter of Percy Brown - community leader, farmer and rancher - she fervently believes in keeping District 80 entrenched in agriculture while at the same time leveraging our traditional lifeline to additional jobs in commerce.

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**District 80 Representative candidate Pam Brown**

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## Staying Green

The City of LaBelle planted a live oak in Barron Park July 3 to ensure the continued beauty of the park. Pictured from left: Richard Gallegos and Bill Nelso from the city crew, Finance Director Ron Zimmerly, Commissioner Dave Lyons, Supt. of Public Works Mike Boyle, Commissioner Hilda Zimmerly, Supervisor Terry Woods, Planner Shellie Johnson, Forester Heather Ferrand and Senior Forester Clark Ryals. LaBelle now qualifies for Tree City USA program.

## Brown

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Of course, she realizes that this entire area is in need of the infrastructure that can create and serve a robust economy - good four-lane roads are at the top of that list.

She wants to study options for the proposed Heartland Express - what would it bring to this area?

To her mind, this area's constituents sorely need a representative that treasures their past, understands their present and will work for the future.

Pam feels education is a "key component" in our collective future but the system is in serious need of attention. At present, she feels, only our educators are being held liable for providing a quality education to our children. She takes issue with the fact that our schools' effectiveness is being evaluated solely on the basis of state assessment tests.

The big powerhouses of Tallahassee do not intimidate this local lady. With local roots that go back to the 1880s, taking on the tough fight is in her blood.

Her grandfather, Bill Brown, set up the first trading post doing business with the Seminoles at Big Cypress - Brown's Boat Landing, she said. After that, he opened a store in Immokalee.

Recently she learned that her grandmother's family founded a town called Jernigan - a place we now know as Orlando.

In Collier County she has championed a different perspective on several difficult issues to the board of county commissioners.

She prides herself on an open mind,

making sure she does her homework and then looks at an issue from all angles before she makes up her mind where she stands.

"First do the research," she said, "then get to work."

Rural Collier and Hendry need a voice in Tallahassee and Pam hopes to become the individual District 80 constituents can rally around.

Pam studied at USF and Georgia Southern. With 28 years experience in small business - running her own insurance agency for 15 years as well as 13 with her own catering and canning business, she feels she has the background to help structure a sound local economy.

She said she would see her duty as a representative of the people of District 80 - not of herself or special interests. She said she believes in keeping locals apprised of the issues that affect them and welcomes constituents to contact her with new perspectives and issues.



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# Land Grant System honors 150 years of public service

One year, four months and 17 days before Abraham Lincoln addressed a war-weary crowd at the dedication of a cemetery in Gettysburg, the President signed legislation that made an immediate and everlasting impact on the way people experience their lives. The Morrill Act established the land-grant university system and essentially initiated what could be defined as "The Education Revolution" that thrives to this day.

July 2, 2012, was the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Morrill Act, which created the land grant university system, of which the University of Florida is a part. This public investment in higher education has made a significant difference in the quality of life for Floridians. Not only did it allow for the education of those who previously had little access to higher learning, but it created a system in which university faculty and researchers share their knowledge and discoveries with the public for the betterment of Florida's communities and economy.

When President Abraham Lincoln signed the Morrill Act in July 1862, he demonstrated remarkable foresight, particularly considering the country was in the midst of the Civil War. Lincoln realized the importance of

higher education and made Representative Justin Morrill's dream a reality.

The passage of the Morrill Act in 1862 provided thousands of Americans access to knowledge and a teaching environment they most likely never would have experienced. That cause was furthered by the Second Morrill Act in 1890, which provided funding to institutions for black students.

A century and a half later, America's 74 land-grant universities continue to connect students with the finest faculty and resources the country has to offer. The University of Florida is proud to be a leading member of that group. UF offers more than 100 undergraduate degrees and more than 200 graduate degrees. Our accessibility can also be measured in our affordability. 2012 marks the seventh year in a row that the University of Florida was named the second-best value in public colleges in the U.S. by Kiplinger's Personal Finance.

One of only six universities in the country with colleges of law, medicine, agriculture and veterinary medicine on one central campus, as well as undergraduate and graduate degrees available via distance and online learning, the University of Florida exemplifies the vision of the Morrill Act. UF is also one of only 17 universities in the country to share the distinction of land-grant, sea-grant and space-grant status.

Throughout its history as a land-grant university, UF has achieved a great number of successes while fulfilling our mission to teach, research and provide service. The quality of our education has produced multiple Nobel Prize winners, as well as U.S. senators, U.S. representatives, state governors, U.S. ambassadors, college presidents and countless leaders of major companies and institutions, from MTV to the United States Marine Corps.

Research has resulted in breakthrough products that have changed the playing field. In one case, quite literally: Gatorade®.

Further evidence is the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS), which has earned the No. 1 ranking in Agricultural R&D from the National Science Foundation. With nearly

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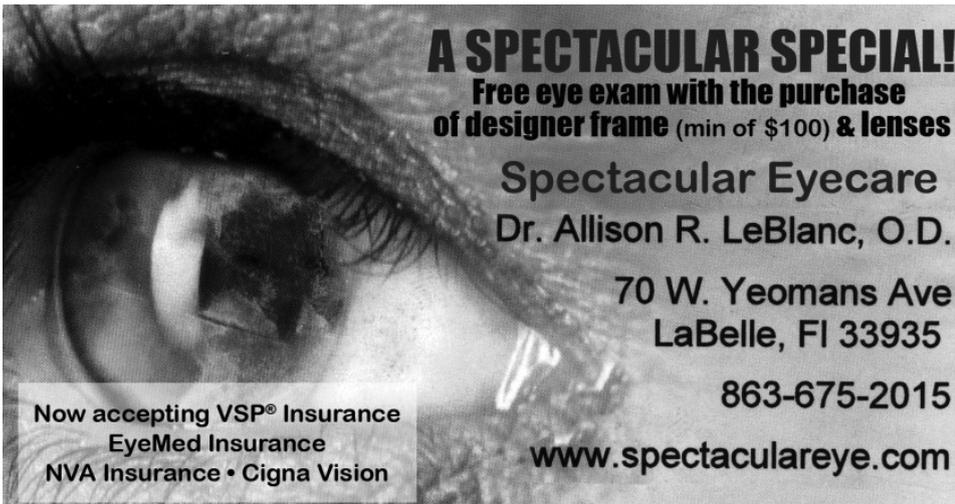
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missioner's duties and responsibilities as an elected official.

"This certification allows our citizen electorate to become experts in county government improving their communities," said FAC Executive Director Chris Holley. "The 329 graduates of this program is a testament to the importance of this curriculum to Florida's public servants and our counties."

The CCC program coursework covers a variety of topics, such as county government roles and responsibilities, county government structure and authority, financial management, ethics and sunshine law, negotiation skills, economic development and effective communication. Completion of all coursework averages 12 to 18 months. The University of Florida/IFAS Extension sponsors this program.



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# FDOC teaming up with Crime Stoppers!

Lake Mary, Fla.--The Florida Department of Corrections, in conjunction with the Florida Association of Crime Stoppers, the State Attorney General and Florida Department of Law Enforcement, is making it easier for inmates, probationers and DC employees to anonymously provide important information to law enforcement to help solve crimes.

As the state's leading advocate for anonymous crime reporting programs, FACS has developed methods to facilitate crime reporting while maintaining caller anonymity.

"There are hundreds of unsolved cases in Florida. With this partnership with Crime Stoppers, the State Attorney General's office and FDLE, we are hoping to close as many of those cases as possible," said DC Secretary Ken Tucker. "There are victims in many of these unsolved crimes who are still waiting for justice. We want to help them by solving these cases."

The Department of Corrections intends to take advantage of Crime Stopper expertise by providing:

- An anonymous tip-line for the Department's inmate population to report information.
- Training on the program for inmates when they first enter the prison system.
- Informational posters on bulletin boards in inmate housing units and in com-

munity corrections offices.

• The images and names of Florida's five most wanted fugitives and five most wanted absconders, (people on probation who have run away) will also be advertised on billboards and other media.

• A single web address will give more details about this important initiative to get information to investigators, while protecting the identity of those who provide that information. That address is: [www.floridawanted.org](http://www.floridawanted.org)

To learn more about the work of the Florida Association of Crime Stoppers visit their homepage at <http://www.floridacrimestoppers.com/pages/home>

## 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. 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.

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

## Bookkeeper charged with felonies

Charges of grand theft over \$100,000 and fraud, scheme to defraud over \$50,000 were lodged against Bonnie Denning, 39. A former LaBelle resident by the Lee County Sheriff's Office last week.

Denning is accused of embezzling over \$800,000 in her capacity as bookkeeper for Easy Picker Golf Products of Lehigh.

She reportedly admitted taking the money when confronted by the business owners.

## Arrest Reports

### LaBelle

Giraldo Martinez, 49, was arrested July 2 and charged with trafficking in cocaine 28 grams-150 kg cocaine or mixture.

### Clewiston

Cheyenne Bobbie Billie, 35, was arrested July 1 and charged with a nonmoving traffic violation driving with a suspended license habitual offender, possession of methamphetamine schedule 1, possession of marijuana with intent to sell, etc., schedule 1, possession of drug equipment and VOP: felony. M. Thomas was arresting officer.

Gabriel Arenas Ceja, 19, was arrested June 29 and charged with possession of cocaine. M. Thomas was arresting officer.

# Fallen Heroes Benefit will be July 21

The 5th Annual Fallen Heroes Benefit will be held on July 21, in LaBelle.

Each year this benefit has been a joint community project co-sponsored by the members of the American Legion Post 130, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10100, Disabled American Veterans Chapter 144 and the Fraternal Order of the Moose Lodge 2398.

The event will start with a remembrance ceremony at 9:30 a.m. at the LaBelle Veteran's Memorial Park, located at the intersection of Hwy. 80 and SR 29 in the heart of LaBelle.

The day's events will continue at the American Legion Post 130, Hwy 80, across from the Shell gas station.

One of the focal points will be honoring and remembering Marine Staff Sgt. Christopher D. Strickland and Chief Warrant Officer Robert Hammett Jr., two local men killed in action 2008, in whose honor this very special benefit was started.

There will also be a brick laying ceremony with the help of local Boy Scouts and local veterans.

Again this year, the benefit will feature a great smoked pork steak dinner accompanied by potato salad, coleslaw, baked beans and a brownie, all for only a \$7 donation.

Some of the other activities will include a 50/50, with donated prizes drawn throughout the day.

A dessert raffle and great entertainment starting around noon will round off the day.

The pork steak dinner will start immediately following the ceremonies at the American Legion Post 130, LaBelle.

Future improvements to the park include a commemorative plaque that explains how the park was started and how the benefit brought a community together in one of its saddest moments.

The LaBelle Veterans Park Committee would like to thank the many people that have helped build this special place, a place to remember and honor those who have sacrificed so much, and those who continue to work so hard for the freedom that is so uniquely American.

It is hoped this can continue to be a community project that will carry on through the years.

Anyone needing information on the benefit should call 863-675-8300.

Tickets are available in advance at the American Legion 130, VFW 10100 and the Moose Lodge 2398.

## Ft. Denaud Bridge repairs

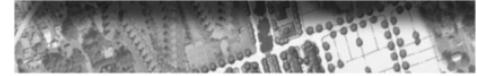
Hendry County Road & Bridge reports that the County has contracted with Seacoast, Inc. to repair the Ft. Denaud Bridge.

The bridge will be closed to vehicular traffic for the next 9-weeks in order to make the necessary repairs.

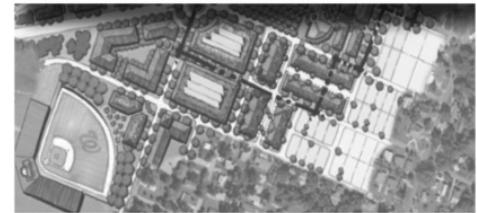
At the same time, repairs are being made to the LaBelle Bridge and Bridge Street., making movement throughout LaBelle very difficult.

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## Career Corner

### Job Fairs

by **Matt Kindermann**

Now is time to start planning for the fall employment drive that begins around August in conjunction with the school year, and the tourism and farming industry seasons. Job fairs can be found advertised in newspapers, local business magazines and at the social service agencies. One source for non-collegiate job fairs is [www.southwestfloridaemployment.com/fair](http://www.southwestfloridaemployment.com/fair). Most colleges in the area organize at least one job fair each year and post upcoming employment events on their Web sites under the student services section. The intention of the colleges is to help their alumni find jobs, although, these events are generally still open to the public.

To prepare for a job fair, try to get a list of employers that will be on-site and tailor some of your resumes for those you really want to see. Ensure you have ample copies of your resume, dress in business professional, and expect to spend a lot of time waiting in lines. Polish your 45 second elevator speech and smile at everyone. Your only goal at a job fair is to secure a follow-up interview. So, don't go overboard by



**Matt Kindermann**

trying to land a job with every recruiter because they'll notice you at the next booth over telling the next guy how much you want to work there.

Make an appointment with a Career Development Representative at your local workforce office for no-fee, one-on-one review of your resume prior to the event. If you feel you are capable of developing your own resume, try to stay away from the templates on the word processing software. Everyone uses those and you want your resume to look unique.

Microsoft Office is now available for under \$12 for government and non-profit employees. To get a one-time discounted download of Office 2010, go to [www.microsoft.com](http://www.microsoft.com) and enter your work e-mail address. If Microsoft determines your work e-mail address to fall under a government or non-profit entity, it will send you a program code to use in purchasing the discounted software. Ensure the computer you download the software to is one that you will use for a while as this software usually costs around \$100 and cannot be transferred from one computer to another.

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](http://www.swflworks.org) and click on "Locations."

## Speak Out

### Post office woes

Besides not having a stamp vending machine, the Post Office has been neglecting the potholes at the entrance to the parking area on the west side now for countless years. Are they getting the right contractor for the money we spend with the Post Office? Why, after all these years of them collecting the fees from the public won't they just repave the parking lot? I have an alternative solution.

Everyone that has had front end damage i.e. sliced tires, damaged tie-rods, struts and front end alignment on their vehicles get all their bills together and take them to the Caloosa Belle for them to save. Then in about a month any attorney can go collect this information and file a class action lawsuit! Perhaps this will get the Post Office's attention!

### Political signs

You see them on the sides of the road, in yards, pastures, even billboards. These are political candidate signs. But one area that is decisively lacking in signs is Port LaBelle on the Hendry County side.

This is due to the fact that approximately a week ago the candidates were informed that there was a complaint that they should be removed from the yards of those who own and rent in the area. Because of this,

most of the signs were removed and explanations given to those who were supporting the candidates. Even though this is the case, not all the signs were removed as per the email sent out by the Homeowner's Association for Port LaBelle.

If one were to drive through the E. Sunflower Circle area they would see one sign still standing in the yard of a homeowner. It is not that it is unfair to the candidates that complied as they were asked to comply, but instead it is the fact that one candidate did not comply at all to the request to remove all political signs that had been sent out. Was it that there is a conspiracy within the Homeowner's Association to support a particular candidate and using their powers to this extent, or is it just an oversight and the candidate did not remove their signs. Or is it that the candidate believes that they are above the others.

No matter the reasoning behind the lack of removing the sign, this cannot be allowed. If one will keep their signs up, then the rest should be allowed to return the signs to those that have supported the candidates. It needs to be said that no-one candidate should be above the others. I will not name names but if this is not taken care of then perhaps it is time to start other means to get fair results for the candidates that complied with what was requested of them.

## Thank You

### Great adventure

After returning from our sailing tour we are left with many memories of the Caribbean, its incredible people and fellow sailors. Some of our best memories are of the people who were helped by the clothing, band instruments and school supplies donated by great folks here in LaBelle. We are so pleased with your generosity.

We're headed off again, this time on a

land journey to the Western states and Canada. We will be returning to LaBelle later, then off again on a sailing trip in the fall.

Again, we appreciate the donations folks made. Know they made a difference in the lives of a lot of people in very difficult circumstances.

**John and Kathy Potts**  
S/V Hana Hou  
Sitka, Alaska

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## Land Grant

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300 different crops produced throughout the state, Florida -- the nation's leader in that category -- faces a more diverse set of challenges. UF/IFAS has risen to the occasion and embarked on research initiatives to meet those challenges.

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For a century and a half, in thousands of ways, big and small, the University of Florida has helped make Florida a great place to live, work and play through its core mission

of teaching, research, and outreach, and it has played a vital role in helping the United States produce the safest and most plentiful food supply on earth.

As we move into a period of continued budget cuts and expectations to do more with less, please help spread the word about UF/IFAS Extension, 4-H, the services we provide, and the great people that work at UF.

To read more about the Morrill Act and the land grant mission, visit <http://landgrant.ufl.edu/>

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# LaBelle High School Counselor Corner

LHS Guidance Counselors, Rhonda and Beth, would like to express their thanks to all parents and students for another successful school year and hope that everyone is having a relaxing and safe summer.

The beginning of the school year, August 20, 2012, is right around the corner and important school activities have already been scheduled.

Please mark your calendars for the upcoming events that support a successful start to the school year.

July 30, 2012 - LHS Guidance Counselors return from summer vacation

August 8, 9, 15, and 16 - Class of 2013, Senior Portraits (8 a.m.-3 p.m. LHS Auditorium)

August 14 - Class of 2016, freshmen and parent Information Night (5:45 p.m.-6:45 p.m. LHS Auditorium). Students will receive class schedules after the presentation.

August 14 - Class of 2013, Senior Information Night (7-8 p.m. LHS Auditorium) seniors will receive academic histories, senior calendars and other information essential to senior success.

August 17 Cowboy Day - Class of 2016 (8-11 a.m.), Classes of 2013, 2014 and 2015 (1-2:30 p.m.).

Students will receive class schedules and student I.Ds.

Underclassman portraits in the LHS Auditorium from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. There will be a very important presentation for parents and the Classes of 2014 & 2015 students from 12-1 p.m. LHS Auditorium.

August 17 - Deadline to register for the September 8, 2012 ACT. Go to [www.ACT.org](http://www.ACT.org) to register.

August 20 - First Day of School!

Mrs. Rhonda Kosh is the Guidance Counselor for all students with last names beginning with A through K. Mrs. Beth Lutkenhaus is the Guidance Counselor for all students with last names beginning with L through Z. Ms. Lisa Hegley is LHS Registrar for all students.

For questions or concerns, please email Beth Lutkenhaus (L-Z) at [lutkenhausb@hendr.k12.fl.us](mailto:lutkenhausb@hendr.k12.fl.us) and Rhonda Kosh (A-K) at [koshr@hendry.k12.fl.us](mailto:koshr@hendry.k12.fl.us).

The Rewards of Staying in School \$83,144 Average annual earnings of workers age 18 and older with an advanced degree.

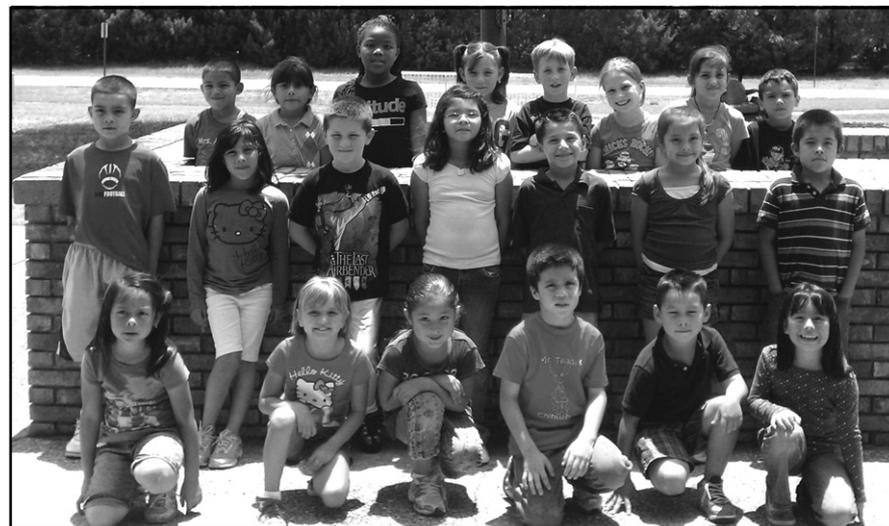
This compares with \$58,613 a year for those with bachelor's degrees, \$31,283 for those with a high school diploma only and \$21,023 for those without a high school diploma". - US Census Bureau



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## COES May Citizens of the Month

Row 1: Lamarco McDougle, Jose Reyes, Xavier Adams, Jasmine Solis, Vivian Castro-Gomez, Melody Pegueros, Agustin Garcia, Alexis Briones Row 2: Austin Bell, Genesis Ventura, Eric Bedolla, Alexis Rivera, Celeste Perez, Adrian Mendez Row 3: Jocelyn Dzuong, Brandon Stanford, Jason Imsdahl, Michelle Pardo, Ben Molina.



Row 1: Mia Pegueros, Emily Bridges, Elvira Alvarado, Fernando Reyes, Logan Rojas, Paula Ricardez, Row 2: Kruz Jimenez, Wyatt Timm, Vanessa Andrade, Davian Guzman, Nahali Delgado, Daniel Luviano Row 3: Juan Diaz, Sara Coronado, Razharia Croskey, Stephanie Lopez, Daniel Skinner, Terry Horton, Steisy Arrietta, Dean Concepcion Students not pictured: Mia Villanueva, Juan Sarmina-Flores, Ezequiel Moreno, Bryce Herrera

## School Briefs

### Pick up UES FCAT scores

Parents of UES fifth grade students may pick up their FCAT scores at LaBelle Middle School.

### Register at WGS for K-8

West Glades School is now registering students for the 2012-2013 school year. If you have a child in Kindergarten through 8th grade that will be attending West Glades this next school year and did not attend this past year, please come in and register them as soon as possible. The school office will be open Monday thru Thursday from 7:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Supply lists and school calendars for this coming year available at the office.

### Free summer meals

Free meals available for all children 18 and younger when school is out. No application or registration required. Call 211 to find a meal site near you.

### Comidas gratis para niños este verano!

Comidas gratis para todos los niños y jóvenes de 1 a 18 años cuando la escuela están cerrar durante el verano. Sin aplicación o registro. Llame al 211 para localizar un sitio cerca de usted.

### Cowboy Closet looking for electronics

The Cowboy Closet, our student-driven thrift store at LaBelle High School, would

love to take your electronics from you. We could use computers, and other useful items that you are upgrading or replacing.

Our students are looking forward to refurbishing them, and getting them in homes that want them. We all win! A tax-deductible receipt will be given if requested. Contact Kevin Lutkenhaus at 863-674-4120 or email the Cowboy Closet at [cowboycloset@hendry.k12.fl.us](mailto:cowboycloset@hendry.k12.fl.us) for more information. We also can be followed on Twitter at @cowboy-closet, and Facebook. Like us, and help us.

### Pioneer scholarship

The Pioneer Plantation Homeowner's Association is offering a scholarship to help with college, technical or trade school. The graduating senior must be a permanent resident of the Pioneer community. For more information please contact Fred or Pat Bosley at (863) 983-9544.

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## Church Briefs

### Feeding children

Local churches are banding together to eliminate hunger for local children, many of whom only get a decent meal at school. Operation: Backpack will begin this fall, sending a backpack full of edible items home with needy children on Fridays. They will return the backpack on Monday. The churches will be partnering with local charities to multiply the effect of donations. The program will run during the school term for 40 weeks. Make checks payable to FBC-Operation: Backpack and donate at the office of First Baptist Church of LaBelle, 330 N. Main Street. Team signups for food distribution are available.

### Gospel singing

The Full Gospel Tabernacle of LaBelle invites you to join them for a night of Gos-

pel singing Saturday, July 14. The William Barfield Family of Lake Placid will bring the message of Jesus Christ in song at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome. For more information, call 239-834-4913. The church is located at 1048 Thigpen Road.

### Sonrise National Park VBS

Kids, K-5 through 6th grade will enjoy Sonrise National Park VBS at Life Ministries Church July 9-14, Monday-Friday 6-9 p.m. Closing program and picnic will be Saturday 10 a.m.-1 p.m. .

### Christian Men to meet

The July Gathering of Christian Men will be held July 16 at First Christian Church of LaBelle, on Ford Avenue. The LaBelle Revival Center is hosting the meeting which will

begin at 7 p.m. for dinner and a program. All men of LaBelle and surrounding area are invited to join them or dinner and a program. For information or directions call either Mark White at 239-707-6137 or Randy Way at 863-885-1099.

### Escuela Biblica de Verano

Ya llevo el verano y como todos los años tendremos la Escuela Bíblica de Verano para los niños Pre-escolares hasta la Secundaria los días 25 de junio al 6 de julio en la Iglesia El Faro, 431 Bryan Avenue, LaBelle. Comenzaremos a la 9:00 a.m. y terminaremos a las 12:30 p.m.

Las aplicaciones para cada niño o niña

estaran en la Iglesia por favor de registrar su niño o niña. Si necesita mas información favor de llamarnos al 863-843-0264.

### Mission: Heaven Bound VBS

Central Church of Christ announces Vacation Bible School, Monday through Wednesday, July 16 -18, from 9:30-11:30 a.m. The theme, MISSION: Heaven Bound, will be presented by a visiting team from Jacksonburg, Alabama. There will be classes for all ages.

In addition the Alabama team will hold a Gospel meeting in the evenings, Sunday at 6: p.m. and Monday through Wednesday at 7 p.m.

## Summer: Time to exercise good lightning safety habits

by Pat Dobbins

Millions of lightning flashes happen each year and lightning can claim one or two victims at a time. Lightning strikes usually does not usually cause mass destruction of property, so it may not be considered as a "high-risk" to some people, HOWEVER, lightning has killed over almost 100 people in the last few years!

Did you know that lightning can strike as far as 10 miles from the area where it's raining?

That's about the same distance that you can hear thunder. So if you can hear the thunder, that means you are within striking distance!

Most lightning deaths or injuries happen in the summer. School is out for summer,



Patricia Dobbins

so take time now to educate your family on lightning safety! "When lightning roars – go indoors!"

There are some indoor dangers to remember as well. Stay off of corded phones and computers during lightning.

If a person is struck by lightning, please call 911 and get medical care immediately. Heart irregularities, cardiac arrest, nerve damage and burns are common when someone gets struck by lightning.

However, with proper treatment, including CPR if necessary, most victims survive a lightning strike.

You are in no danger helping a lightning victim. The charge will not affect you.

Please stay safe this summer and remember: "When Lightning Roars, Go Indoors!"

## Obituaries

### Carrie Hampton Lockmiller, 54

LABELLE — Carrie Hampton Lockmiller, passed away June 28, 2012, in Brandon, Miss. Carrie was a long time resident of LaBelle.

She is survived by her son, Joshua Lockmiller; numerous nieces; nephews; her favorite cousin, Bo Hanson; her beloved cat, Taz; and three brothers.

### Stanley C. Wegscheid, 81

LABELLE — Stanley C. Wegscheid, passed away June 28, 2012 in LaBelle.

He was born May 25, 1931, in Waverly, Minn., to the late Edmund F. and the late Anna (Vorderbruggen) Wegscheid.

He served in the Army from Nov 1950 to Nov 1953. He was an active member of Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church, VFW Post 10100, LaBelle Moose Lodge, and American Legion Post 130. He was a past member of the 20th Judicial Nominating Commission, SW Florida Regional Planning Council, Port LaBelle Community Development District, Board of Directors 1st Federal Savings & Loan, Vice Chairman Swamp Cabbage Festival, LaBelle Lions Club Past President, Kiwanis, Hendry Co Volunteer Emergency Responder in the 60's, LaBelle City Commissioner, Chairman City of LaBelle Variance Board and Swamp Cabbage Festival Grand Marshall.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia (Jones) Wegscheid; one son, Scott (Susan) Wegscheid; one daughter, Wendy (Wesley) O'Ferrell; five brothers, Harlan (Joann) Wegscheid, Virgil (Virginia) Wegscheid, Edmund (Betty) Wegscheid, Marcel (Ella) Wegscheid, Darril (Mary) Wegscheid; and three sisters, Cordelia Lewandoski, Sharon Dominik (Dennis Williams), Kaleene (Thomas) Willard; step sons, Jesse (Leslie) Hamric and Joey (Stephanie) Schafer; twelve grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Monday, July 2, 2012 at Our Lady Queen Of Heaven Catholic Church, LaBelle. The Father Chester Domaszewicz officiated.

Interment was in Fort Denaud Cemetery, LaBelle. Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.

### W. Harold Reecer, 82

LABELLE — After many years of enduring the ramifications of Lewy Body dementia, Harold is

finally at rest departing this life Saturday, June 23, 2012.

After leaving Elkhart, Indiana, and marrying Linda Montgomery of Cincinnati in 1972, they started their live together in Port LaBelle, Florida. Once in LaBelle he immediately became involved with service organizations in both Lee



and Hendry Counties, assuming leadership roles in most. Those affiliations included Habitat for Humanity, ECHO, Sunshine, Lee Co. Master Gardeners, Port LaBelle Garden Club, Laurel Oaks Property Owners Association, Barron Water Management Board, Port LaBelle Utility Advisory Committee and served many years as the Junior Warden at the Church of the Good Shepherd being honored as Junior Warden Emeritus by The Rt. Rev. Dabney Smith, Bishop of the diocese. Harold also served his country with pride in the Air Force during the Korean conflict. He was a member of the LaBelle American Legion Post 130. He was able to retire or resign with dignity from his many organizations before having to be cared for these last four years in a nursing care facility in Ft. Myers.

In addition to his wife Linda, other remaining relatives include one brother in Ft. Wayne; a daughter; five sons; their mother; plus many grandchildren; and great-grandchildren, all still in the Elkhart area. Per his wishes, there will be no viewing. Family and friends will be at the church one hour before the service.

A Celebration of Life Eucharist will be held at Good Shepherd Episcopal Church Thursday, July 12 at 2 p.m. with committal immediately following. The Very Rev. Alan H. Kelmereit will officiate. If desired, contributions to the Memorial Fund of the church in his name would be appreciated. Church of the Good Shepherd is located at 1098 Collingswood Parkway, LaBelle, FL 33935. We would like to thank the many care givers from Hope Hospice and Evans Health Care for their kindness and dedicated care during his prolonged illness.



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## Community Briefs

### GOP sheriff candidates to debate

July 24 will be the date of CFRW's meeting at the Port LaBelle Inn, 6 p.m. There will be a debate of the Republican Sheriff candidates.

### Opal Hancock to turn 93

Opal Hancock is celebrating her 93rd birthday (June 30) on July 15 at John Boy auditorium at 6:30-9 p.m. You are all invited to celebrate this important birthday with Opal! Cassie Cracker Caterin' will serve hearty hors d'oeuvres and beverages; sweet and un-sweet tea, water and coffee. Opal will be so happy to see all of her friends, neighbors and family.

### Blood drive planned

American Legion Post 130 will have a community blood drive Thursday, July 12, from noon-6 p.m. at the post home on Hwy. 80@. All donors will receive their choice of a T-shirt or movie ticket.

### Soap making class

The museum's first soap making class was such a success that they have scheduled another class for Saturday, July 21, starting at 9'clock at LaBelle Heritage Museum, 360 North Bridge Street. Once again our "jill of many trades and mistress of most" Pat Newell Johnson will be sharing her knowledge of soap making with a group of eight eager and attentive students. The cost of the class is \$10 for which you will receive not only written information on soap making and the benefit of Pat's class but also your very own bar of cured designer soap.

Please call the museum at 863-674-0034 and leave a message if you want to take the class. There may be another soap making class toward the end of August.

### Cowboy Closet open July 7

The Cowboy Closet will be open on Saturday, July 7, from 8 a.m.-noon. The closet is located at 4050 Cowboy Way, on the campus of LaBelle High School. Turn at the red sign! Great bargains include electronics, dishwasher and more.

### Mini Health Fairs- July 2012

These health fairs are Free and open to the public doing free blood pressure, weight, pulse and oxygen checks.

For more information please call Tabitha Yebba with Ace Homecare Outreach program at 863-233-1305

Aqua Isles-Thursday, July 12, at 9 a.m. 900 Aqua Isles Blvd., Ace HH #299991018.

LaBelle Commons- Thursday July 12, at 10 a.m. 284 Bryan Ave., Ace HH License #299991018.

Hope Connections LaBelle-Friday July 20, 11 a.m. Cowboy Way, Ace HH #: 299991018. Open to the Public.

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group-Thursday, July 12, 1 p.m. at Oakbrook of LaBelle, 250 Broward Ave. Ace HH License #299991018.

Clewiston Senior Center, Monday, July 16, 2012 at 11:30 a.m. Next to The John

Boy Auditorium, Clewiston. Ace HH License #299991018.

Hope Connections Moore Haven, Monday July 23, at 11:30 a.m. 691 US 27 NW Moore Haven. Ace HH License #299991018.

Collingswood Apartments, Thursday July 12, 8 am. 4001 Collingswood Parkway LaBelle. Ace HH License #299991018.

Harlem Gardens Apartments, July 16, 10:00 am. Clewiston Ace HH License #299991018.

### Candidates in Felda

Felda will hold a Meet and Greet Candidates Forum Friday, August 6, at the Felda Community Center at 6:30 p.m., sponsored by the Felda Community Civic Association. Refreshments provided. Candidates are invited to come out and speak to the citizens of Felda.

### Widows to meet

The Widows Support Group will meet at Don's Steakhouse July 19 at 11:30 a.m. All widows welcome.

### Horse found

The Hendry County Sheriff's Office Agricultural Crimes Unit has captured a horse from running loose off the roadways in the Montura area of Hendry County. If you have lost a horse, please contact the Ag Unit at 863-805-5000 or 863-674-5600.

### Muse activities for July

July 14, Country Jam Session and Pot Luck Dinner at 6 p.m.

July 19, MEET AND GREET THE CANDIDATES! All of the candidates that will be on the November ballot will be invited to speak and answer questions. There will be a social hour with refreshments immediately following the speeches. The event will begin at 7 p.m.

July 28, Country Jam Session and pot luck dinner at 6 p.m.

All events are open to the public. All 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.

### Book signing coming up

Patty Brant will have a book signing event at the LaBelle Heritage Museum Tuesday, July 10, from 5-7 p.m. Copies of her first book, a mystery called Bitter Secrets, will be available.

### Volunteer for Toys for Tots

Hendry-Glades Behavioral Health Center is the coordinator for The Marine Toys for Tots campaign in Hendry County this year. We would like to ensure that each child in need receives a toy. To accomplish our goal, we are currently looking for volunteers and support. The types of assistance needed include, event sponsoring, distribution, sorting, delivery, collection box locations, window poster locations, storage, toy donations and cash donations. Also, if you would

like to start lists of children in need please contact us and we will get the appropriate paperwork to you. If you, your agency or group can help in any way, please contact, Lydia Rivera at Hendry-Glades Behavioral Health, 863-674-4050 or Joseph Hosick, 863-983-1423. Thank you for your consideration as this is a wonderful opportunity to serve the children of our community.

### Please spay/neuter

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 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on the same days as spay/neuter.

Upcoming spay/neuter and vaccination clinic dates are: July 3, 6, 13, 17, 20, 27. Please call and schedule your appointment today! For more information call 863-675-0997 or visit our web site at [www.caloosahumanesociety.org](http://www.caloosahumanesociety.org).

### Be a school bus driver

Hendry County Schools is having a Bus Driver Training Class from July 23-August 3 at the LaBelle Bus Compound. Please contact Jeannie Lynch at 674-4115 by July 16 if you are interested.

### Free technology series planned

A free Technology Summer Series & Business Networking program is planned for the Bridge Street Coffee & Tea Co., 23 Fort Thompson Ave., 6:30-7:30 p.m.

July 31: Data Backup & Disaster Recovery. August 28: Social Media & Email Marketing. RSVP Maria at 863-342-8251 or email at [maria@simplifiedtech.biz](mailto:maria@simplifiedtech.biz).

### Help Animal Rescue help needy critters

Items are needed for donation for a yard sale fund raiser for the Animal rescue of LaBelle to take place July 21 at the Animal Rescue of LaBelle on SR 29 on Bridge Street. Please have items clean and usable. Please call Chrissy at 863-675-3300 to arrange a drop off or pick up.

### Apply now for Leadership sessions

Leadership Hendry and Glades Counties is accepting applications for our Class of 2011 from anyone interested in learning about our communities and want to participate in an informative program that is fun. Once you have been officially accepted you will be invoiced. Space is limited, so please return your application soon! Contact Susan Jordan at (863) 612-4914 with questions.

### SHINE volunteers

SHINE, a Department of Elder Affairs and Senior Choices of SWFL partnership located in Sarasota, DeSoto, Glades, Hendry, Charlotte, Lee and Collier counties, is always looking for more volunteers. If anyone needs assistance or is looking for a great volunteer opportunity please call 866-413-5337.

Medicare Part D open enrollment dates are now October 15-December 7. That is a very important time period, for seniors to choose their Medicare Part D, prescription plans.

### Kids! Learn to swim

Red Cross Certified Instructor, Flora Zimnerly, is offering swimming lessons for children ages 10 months and older. Contact Assistant Instructor, Angela Maddox for more information at 863-234-6073.

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## LHS wrestlers follow their dreams

Joe DiPofi and AJ Ayala attended the J Robinson Intensive Wrestling camp the week of June 17-21 at North Georgia College and University in Dahlonega, GA. There were two-times NCAA Champions and other state champions as coaches, along with J Robinson, who is the head coach of wrestling at the University of Minnesota. The five-day intensive camp focused on technique and other aspects of wrestling and skill development. They had three practices a day, along with motivational and goal setting, nutrition and academic break out sessions. AJ is a sophomore at LaBelle High School and Joseph is a Junior at LaBelle High School. Both are members of the LaBelle High School Wrestling Team. The head coach for LHS wrestling is Armando Ayala.

## Sports Shorts

### Pop Warner information

Speed Camp: July 16-20. Open to all kids ages 5-15 at Davis-Pratt Park from 5:30-7 p.m.

Sports Physicals by Dr. Caignet available July 16 5-7 p.m. \$10 cash at Davis-Pratt Park.

Sign ups during Speed Camp

Football \$105; Cheerleading \$120.

Anyone interested in coaching football this season is asked to contact Jose Zavala at 673-1188.

Sign ups also during the summer at Winn Dixie on Saturdays from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Pop Warner football practice begins August 1 at 6 p.m.

### Football camp planned

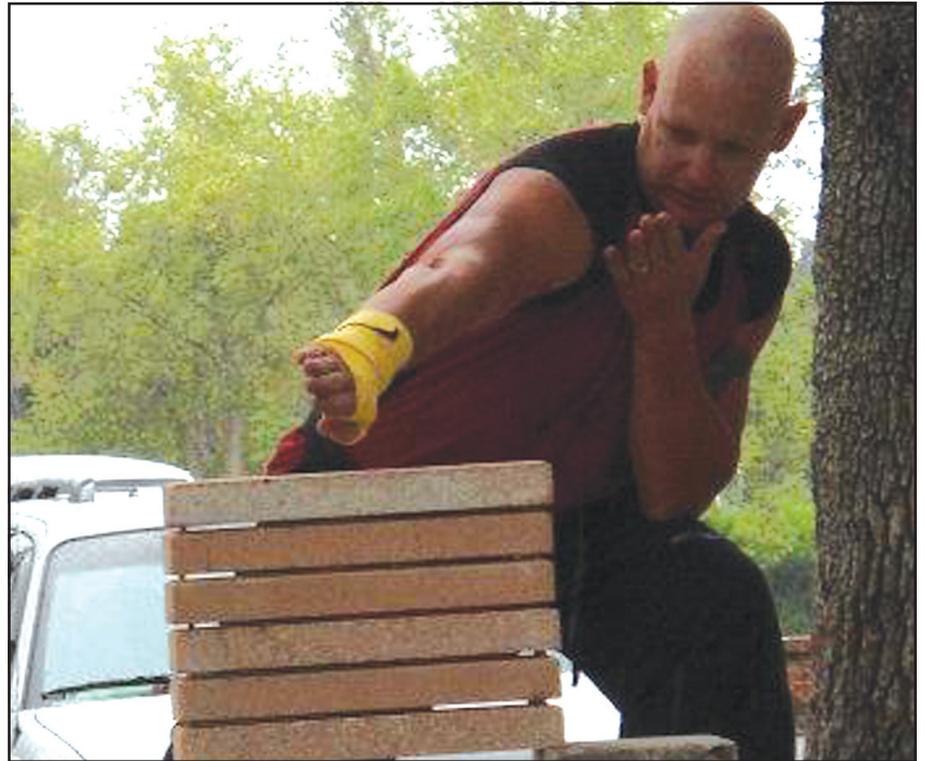
A 'Muck Area' Christian Football Camp will be held July 28 at the Moore Haven Junior/Senior High School Field for Grades 7-12. Cost is \$10. The camp will feature former and current pro and college players, along with high school coaches. Recruiters from various colleges are also expected to attend. To reserve a spot or for more information call Rod at 561-809-8300 or email rfelt10@aol.com.



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## Pet of the Weke

Meow is a beautiful girl...come visit with her and let her shower you with love. Meow is about two years old and does well with all the cats in the community cat room. Meow's adoption donation is \$50 and you can take her home with the following additions covered: Spayed, Rabies (4 months of age), FVRCP vaccine, Heartworm/Feline Leukemia Test/FIV Test, Fecal Test, Deworming, Flea and Tick Prevention, and a Microchip. Anyone interested in Meow 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 website at [www.caloosahumanesociety.org](http://www.caloosahumanesociety.org) and on at [www.facebook.com/calooosa](http://www.facebook.com/calooosa) for more information.



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## Thanks for the support

Integrity Martial Arts would like to thank everyone who came out to our fund raiser on Saturday, June 23, at Barron Park. We had a great time with everyone and some awesome giveaways. Like to also say "Great job" to Robb Brooks and Megan Padgett for singing for us! Our student Chris did a great job on his kama form and breaking his boards. Mr. Rutter broke all six bricks with his ridge hand! It was a hard break, but he made it look easy! Thank you again to our great community for your help and support!

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## Auxiliary

Pictured, front row from left: Sgt. at Arms Janet Schall, Nancy White executive committee, President Phyllis Moody, Diane Davis and Pudge Lehman executive committee. Back row: Treasurer Carol Hoffman, Chaplain Lorie White, Historian Nikki Hull. Secretary Julie Jeffords and 1st Vice President Sharon Levinthal. 2th Vice President Linda Teasley is not pictured.

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Pictured from left: Sgt. at Arms Richard Kohutek, Chaplain Matt White, Finance and Membership Chairman Randy White and Commander Bob Mims. Not Pictured: 1st Vice Steve White and 2nd Vice Craig Bartoshuk.

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2559	2008	1314433-A0002980000	Gislaine Joseph & Lue Jaques Eyssallene

The South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest 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 West 30 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for a drainage canal of the South 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5754, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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Dated this **6th** day of **June, 2012**.

Barbara S. Butler  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2880	2008	1234334-01000000101	Rigoberto Guillermo Hernandez, Maria Elena Hernandez and Amera Mortgage Corporation

A parcel of land in fractional Section 23, Township 43 South, Range 34 East, Hendry County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Section 23; thence South 58 degrees 29'06" East a distance of 67.89 feet; thence North 89 degrees 29'24" East a distance of 560.16 feet; thence South 10 degrees 42'36" East along the Westerly right-of-way line of a county road a distance of 329.92 feet to the point-of-beginning; thence continue a distance of 71.22 feet; thence North 58 degrees 29'06" West a distance of 128.53 feet; thence North 88 degrees 20'17" East a distance of 96.37 feet to the point-of-beginning. Also known as part of Lot 19, Hookers Subdivision, unrecorded.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
968	2009	1224331-010000F0040	Raul Martinez and Katia Caballero

The Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 22, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the North 30.00 feet thereof. Also known as Lot 4, Block F, Pioneer Plantation, an unrecorded subdivision.

And

The Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 22, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the South 30.00 feet thereof. Also known as Lot 5, Block F, Pioneer Plantation, an unrecorded subdivision.

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Community Briefs

Muse kids invited to Ortona Recreation Program

Ortona Community Association invites children from the Muse area to enroll in the Ortona's kids summer recreation program. The program runs from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday through Thursday, ending August 9. Ortona's recreation program has been ex-

panded to match the summer food service program sponsored by the Glades County School District. Meals will be prepared at the Moore Haven school and delivered to eight sites throughout the county, including Ortona. The meals are free of charge to all Glades County children 18 years and younger. Lunch hour will be 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday.

Public Notice

**NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO A WRIT OF EXECUTION heretofore issued out of the County Court, Hendry County, Florida, Case number: 95-268DR on November 30th, 2011 in the matter of Zenoria T. McKinney, as petitioner and Shep Harris, as respondent, I Steve Whidden, as Sheriff of Hendry County, Florida, have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the respondent, to-wit:

**Lot 28, Block "K", HARLEN ADDITION TO CLEWISTON, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 79, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida, including the 1986 Fleetwood 1152 Mobile Home, Vin No.: 1FL5PLAG25101902, and Title No.: 43345287. Also known as 1011 Della Tobias Avenue, Clewiston, Florida 33440.**

and on July 19th, 2012, at 11:00am, or as soon thereafter as circumstances permit, I will, at the Hendry County Sheriff's Office, located at 101 S. Bridge Street LaBelle, Florida offer the above described property for sale at public outcry and sell the same, subject to ALL prior liens, if any, to the highest and best bidder for CASH IN HAND, plus Florida State Sales Tax, if applicable, the proceeds to be applied as far as may be to the payment of costs and satisfaction of the above described execution.

IN accordance with American with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall contact the individual or agency sending notice not later than seven days prior to the proceeding at the address given on notice. Telephone (904) 257-6097; 1-9-800-955-87671 (+TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (V), via Florida Relay Service.

Steve Whidden as Sheriff  
 Hendry County, Florida  
 By: Lt. Andy Lewis  
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1046	2009	1274331-010000Q0160	Ralph B. Seymour & Gail Seymour

The Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 27, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Lot 16, Block Q, Pioneer Plantation, an unrecorded subdivision.

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1045	2009	1274331-010000Q0150	Ralph B. Seymour & Gail Seymour

The Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 27, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Lot 15, Block Q, Pioneer Plantation, an unrecorded subdivision.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1055	2009	1284331-A0000260000	Ketty Cherubin

The Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 28, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30.00 feet thereof. Also known as Lot 363, Pioneer Plantation, an unrecorded subdivision.

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2507	2008	1314433-A0000310000	Eileen J. Otano

The North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast 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 6028, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2540	2008	1314433-A0001830000	Alejandro Fernandez Cabrera

The North one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for a drainage canal of the North 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5724, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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To enroll you children in the full recreation program contact children's coordinator Amanda Billings 863-234-4288 or Fran Way 883-675-7880.

4-H Camp Cloverleaf

Hendry County 4-H will be camping at Camp Cloverleaf in Lake Placid, July 16-20. The camp is open to youth ages 8-13, as of September 1. The cost of camp is \$195, includes snacks, meals and lodging. Registration deadline is July 9. For more information contact the 4-H office at 674-4092 or 983-1598.

Kiwanis meeting change

The Kiwanis Club in LaBelle meets each third Tuesday of the month at the Kiwanis Thrift Store. It meets regularly meets on Tuesday evenings at 5:30 p.m. at Beef O'Brady's on Hwy 80. We have regular guest speakers from the community who give interesting, educational and valuable information about what's going on in our community.

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.

Legion fish fry and Sunday breakfast

Join the American Legion for its fish fry the first Friday of each month, 5-7 p.m. Check out breakfast the first Sunday every month, 699 SR 80W.

Public Notice

**REQUEST FOR BIDS**  
**FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE REPAVING OF**  
**APPROXIMATELY 3 MILES OF CR 835, FROM 5.7 MILES SOUTH OF US 27 TO 2.7 MILES SOUTH OF US 27, CLEWISTON, FL**  
**FN 429938-1**  
**BID No. 2012-23**  
**OPENING DATE AND TIME JULY 23, 2012 at 2:00 p.m.**

Sealed Bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida for construction services in connection with the repaving of approximately 3 miles of CR 835, from 5.7 miles south of US 27 to 2.7 miles south of US 27, Clewiston, Florida. 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 July 23, 2012, at 2:00 p.m., at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

A copy of the Instructions and Bid Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Department, located at 640 S. Main 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, July 3, 2012, at 10:00 a.m.** at the Engineering Department, 99A 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.

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## Public Notice

## Public Notice

## Notice of Intended Agency Action

The South Florida Water Management District gives notice of its intent to issue permits to United States Sugar Corporation, 111 Ponce De Leon Ave., Clewiston, FL 33440 for USSC 6415 ABCD located in S15/T46S/R34E, Hendry County, Florida, East of County Road 835 and West of Blumberg Road. Permit # 26-00688-W issued on June 25, 2012 (application 120518-10) (which permit was previously issued to Hendry Turf but expired) authorizes the "new" use of surface water from the SFWMD canal (L-24) for agricultural irrigation of 150 acres of sugar cane using a flood/seepage irrigation system with an annual allocation of 172.57 million gallons from the SFWMD L-24 Canal via an adjacent canal along the Blumberg Road, which allocation is within the Base Case. Permit # 26-00025-S issued on June 11, 2012 (application 120518-9) authorizes the transfer of the operation of a surface water management system serving 100 acres of agricultural lands by 1 - 3,000 GPM pump discharging into the L-24 Canal via the Manley Ditch, 5.75 miles west of the L-24.

The Staff Reports and other documentation setting forth the staff recommendation regarding the permits, issued above including limiting conditions to provide reasonable assurances that the project meets SFWMD statutes and rules and that for Permit 26-00688-W, the project is reasonable-beneficial, does not interfere with any presently existing legal use of water and is consistent with the public interest can be obtained by contacting the Regulatory Records Management Section, during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, FL 33406, Regulatory Division, by telephone at 561-682-6911, by e-mail at [permits@sfwmd.gov](mailto:permits@sfwmd.gov), or by accessing the Staff Report directly from the District's website [www.sfwmd.gov](http://www.sfwmd.gov), using the Application/Permit Search on the ePermitting page. The District's proposed agency action as set forth in the Staff Reports shall become final unless a timely petition for an administrative hearing is filed under Sections 120.569 and 120.57 of the Florida Statutes before the deadline for filing a petition.

As required by Sections 120.569(1), and 120.60(3), Fla. Stat., following is notice of the opportunities which may be available for administrative hearing or judicial review when the substantial interests of a party are determined by an agency. Please note that this Notice of Rights is not intended to provide legal advice. Not all the legal proceedings detailed below may be an applicable or appropriate remedy. You may wish to consult your attorney regarding your legal rights. A person whose substantial interests are or may be affected by South Florida Water Management District's (SFWMD or District) action has the right to request an administrative hearing on that action pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57, Fla. Stat. Persons seeking a hearing on a District decision which does or may determine their substantial interests shall file a petition for hearing with the District Clerk within 21 days of receipt of written notice of the decision, unless one of the following shorter time periods apply: 1) within 14 days of the notice of consolidated intent to grant or deny concurrently reviewed applications for environmental resource permits and use of sovereign submerged lands pursuant to Section 373.427, Fla. Stat., or 2) within 14 days of service of an Administrative Order pursuant to Subsection 373.119(1), Fla. Stat. "Receipt of written notice of agency decision" means receipt of either written notice through mail, or electronic mail, or posting that the District has or intends to take final agency action, or publication of notice that the District has or intends to take final agency action. Any person who receives written notice of a SFWMD decision and fails to file a written request for hearing within the timeframe described above waives the right to request a hearing on that decision.

## Filing Instructions

The petition must be filed with the Office of the Clerk of the SFWMD. Filings by the District Clerk may be made by mail, hand-delivery or facsimile. Filings by e-mail will not be accepted. Any person wishing to receive a clerked copy with the date and time stamped must provide an additional copy. A petition for administrative hearing is deemed filed upon receipt during normal business hours by the District Clerk at SFWMD headquarters in West Palm Beach, Florida. Any document received by the Office of the SFWMD Clerk after 5:00 p.m. shall be filed as of 8:00 a.m. on the next regular business day. Additional filing instructions are as follows:

- Filings by mail must be addressed to the Office of the SFWMD Clerk, P.O. Box 24680, West Palm Beach, Florida 33416.
- Filings by hand-delivery must be delivered to the Office of the SFWMD Clerk. Delivery of a petition to the SFWMD's security desk does not constitute filing. To ensure proper filing, it will be necessary to request the SFWMD's security officer to contact the Clerk's office. An employee of the SFWMD's Clerk's office will receive and file the petition.
- Filings by facsimile must be transmitted to the SFWMD Clerk's Office at (561) 682-6010. Pursuant to Subsections 28-106.104(7), (8) and (9), Fla. Admin. Code, a party who files a document by facsimile represents that the original physically signed document will be retained by that party for the duration of that proceeding and of any subsequent appeal or subsequent proceeding in that cause. Any party who elects to file any document by facsimile shall be responsible for any delay, disruption, or interruption of the electronic signals and accepts the full risk that the document may not be properly filed with the clerk as a result. The filing date for a document filed by facsimile shall be the date the SFWMD Clerk receives the complete document.

## Initiation of an Administrative Hearing

Pursuant to Rules 28-106.201 and 28-106.301, Fla. Admin. Code, initiation of an administrative hearing shall be made by written petition to the SFWMD in legible form and on 8 and 1/2 by 11 inch white paper. All petitions shall contain:

1. Identification of the action being contested, including the permit number, application number, District file number or any other SFWMD identification number, if known.
2. The name, address and telephone number of the petitioner and petitioner's representative, if any.
3. An explanation of how the petitioner's substantial interests will be affected by the agency determination.
4. A statement of when and how the petitioner received notice of the SFWMD's decision.
5. A statement of all disputed issues of material fact. If there are none, the petition must so indicate.
6. A concise statement of the ultimate facts alleged, including the specific facts the petitioner contends warrant reversal or modification of the SFWMD's proposed action.
7. A statement of the specific rules or statutes the petitioner contends requires reversal or modification of the SFWMD's proposed action.
8. If disputed issues of material fact exist, the statement must also include an explanation of how the alleged facts relate to the specific rules or statutes.
9. A statement of the relief sought by the petitioner, stating precisely the action the petitioner wishes the SFWMD to take with respect to the SFWMD's proposed action.

A person may file a request for an extension of time for filing a petition. The SFWMD may, for good cause, grant the request. Requests for extension of time must be filed with the SFWMD prior to the deadline for filing a petition for hearing. Such requests for extension shall contain a certificate that the moving party has consulted with all other parties concerning the extension and that the SFWMD and any other parties agree to or oppose the extension. A timely request for extension of time shall toll the running of the time period for filing a petition until the request is acted upon.

If the District takes action with substantially different impacts on water resources from the notice of intended agency decision, the persons who may be substantially affected shall have an additional point of entry pursuant to Rule 28-106-111, Fla. Admin. Code, unless otherwise provided by law.

## Mediation

The procedures for pursuing mediation are set forth in Section 120.573, Fla. Stat., and Rules 28-106.111 and 28-106.401-405, Fla. Admin. Code. The SFWMD is not proposing mediation for this agency action under Section 120.573, Fla. Stat., at this time.

## Right To Seek Judicial Review

Pursuant to Sections 120.60(3) and 120.68, Fla. Stat., a party who is adversely affected by final SFWMD action may request a judicial review of the SFWMD's final decision by filing a notice of appeal pursuant to Florida Rule of Appellate Procedure 9.110 in the Fourth District Court of Appeal or in the appellate district where a party resides and filing a second copy of the notice with the SFWMD Clerk within 30 days of rendering of the final SFWMD action. 421149 CGS 7/5/2012

# Hands Up to make a difference

by Patty Brant  
Caloosa Belle

It seems the difficult times never stop. Every time one thing goes right, something else goes wrong.

The same holds true for individuals, families, businesses and nonprofits.

For three years Jay Lawrence has been keeping his charity, Hands Up, afloat as best

he can using the limited resources available - resources that are being stretched further almost daily.

Part of the Hands Up charity is the Stingray football team. Although the deal for the Stingrays to play at Immokalee High School stadium fell through, the football dream in Immokalee never dies and that door has not closed completely, Jay said.

Proceeds from the team go toward Hands



Jay Lawrence

Up, along with other donations.

The group provides equipment and supplies not covered by insurance, Medicare or Medicaid, for disabled individuals who cannot afford these necessities. Often, they are the means by which they can live a fulfilling life.

When requests for help are received through the group's Web site, Hands Up volunteers comb through them, looking for the most dire needs.

The 501 c 3 group services Southwest Florida including Collier, Hendry, Glades and Lee counties.

Himself wheelchair-bound since a traffic accident in 1996, Jay is not one to give up on a dream. When he got his prognosis after his crash - he'd never walk again - he raised his right arm to indicate that he wasn't going to take the doctor's decision.

In 2007, he said he took a part time sales position with the Florida Stingrays in Fort Myers. After only four months he was promoted to VP of Operations.

Today he has an active and fulfilling life with the Storm, Hands Up, a wife and daughter. That wheelchair doesn't seem to slow him down at all.

He is bringing that same energy and can-do attitude that he applied to his physical setbacks to his charity.

Jay knows first hand what having a prosthesis or a wheelchair means to those in need. He understands how hard it is to get these things into the hands of the people who need them. Often they don't have any idea where to go.

The charity is personal for Jay. In fact, he said he has a "garage full of stuff" - equipment that can be just exactly what someone needs to be able to live their life more comfortably; to do what they need to do on a daily basis. His dream is to expand nationally and allow others to start their own chapter. He believes this will be a great opportunity for other disabled people, and especially wants to include disabled veterans.

Jay is using his experience with the football world and his work in the private sector to help support his real passion, Hands Up and the work it does for the disabled.

To learn more about Hands Up, go to <http://www.handsupcharity.org/>

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Additionally, for a homeowner who is recovering from unemployment/underemployment, up to \$25,000 is available as a one-time payment to reinstate a delinquent first mortgage.

HHF assistance is paid directly to the loan servicer/lender for those homeowners deemed eligible to participate in the program.

Okeechobee Non-Profit Housing Inc, is an approved HHF Advisor Agency.

To find out if you qualify for assistance, please visit the HHF official website at [www.FLHardestHitHelp.org](http://www.FLHardestHitHelp.org) to review eligibility criteria and to apply. Please use Referral Code 85087 when completing your application to ensure you are assigned to Okeechobee Non Profit Housing, Inc. After reviewing HHF program benefits/guidelines and eligibility criteria on the official HHF website, you may contact us for a pre-screening at 863-467-5525 or by fax at 863-467-5513 or send an email to: [elinorsevigny@onphi-housing.org](mailto:elinorsevigny@onphi-housing.org)

For further questions, contact the Hardest-Hit Toll-Free Information line at 1-(877) 863-5244, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. or you may call our office. The HHF Program is scheduled to run for the next four years.

Okeechobee Non Profit Housing is approved to work with families in Okeechobee, Highlands, Hendry, St Lucie, and Indian River counties.

## Community Briefs

### VFW news

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## UES May and June Citizens of the Month

Submitted photo/Rebecca Doud

From left, row 1: Adriel Ramirez, Francisco Paz; row 2: Roel Espinoza, Riley Hudson, Rogelio Ramirez, Camden Rimes; row 3: Tanner Spencer, Johanly DeJesus, Macie Head, Marcianna Mitchell; row 4: Tyler Nisbet, Juliana VanTonder, Margarito Antunez-Luna; row 5: Ricky York, Sofia Perez-Hernandez, Anissa Garcia; row 6: Joana Cruz, Kiara Hernandez, Gabriela Soto. Not pictured: Arik Molina, Abraham Estrada and Alexandra Davis.

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# Caloosa Belle editor publishes mystery

## Plans book signing event for July 10

by **Barbara Oehlbeck**

How many times have most of us heard the statement, "I'm going to write a book?" Alas, mostly this is an empty statement for most people, yet there are exceptions. This is one of them.

"Bitter Secrets" by Patty Brant, editor of the Caloosa Belle, is a just-out book, the result of Patty's determination. While this is Patty's first book, the sequel is well under way.

"Bitter Secrets" tells the fictional tale of Molly Martindale, an orphan who came to the small, very southern town of "Oxbow" in South Central Florida, to live with a great aunt she barely knew.

The loss of her parents and uprooting from her home in western Pennsylvania was wrenching, but before long "Oxbow" became Molly's town.

Ms. Brant's characters are so real the reader all but talks back to them. She deftly paints a realistic picture of Oxbow with its share of good 'n bad and enough mystery to make excitement run high.

With every passing day Molly begins to weave together the story of the lost Parker family, who left Oxbow in 1943 under some very dubious circumstances. Back in 1983, nobody in Oxbow will talk about the family, in fact all traces of their existence have been erased.

Molly's curiosity leads her to Georgia, where it is said the family was bound, and where she struggles to reveal more bits of the whole story.

Molly learned in a hurry that all the pieces of the puzzle didn't fit, but not being the giving-up kind she kept digging.

When fate led her steps to cross with a wheelchair-bound Vietnam veteran doors began to open that she'd never known to exist.

When an old, worn diary - words of a lonely 13-year-old girl gone 40 years - surfaced, Molly could not erase its images from her mind.

Throughout the book Molly moves cautiously from clue to clue guided in part by cold, misty visages that apparently only she is aware of.

With each visitation Molly's terror ramps up, pushing her to find answers to the question she cannot evade. What really happened to the Parker family?

Ms. Brant has been the editor of the Caloosa Belle since 1991.

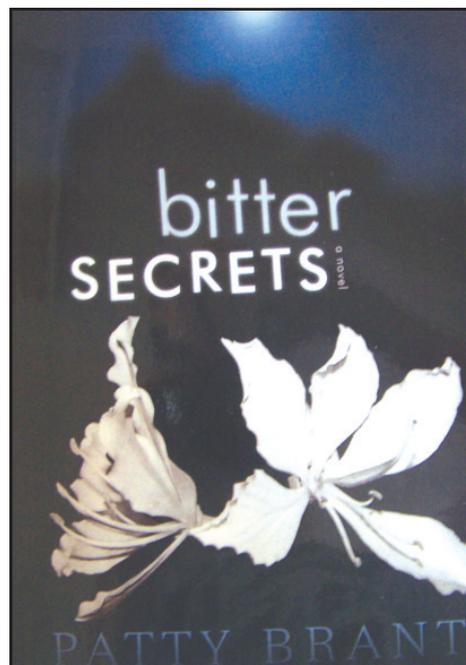
"Bitter Secrets" has earned a spot as iUniverse's Editor's Choice for 2012.

This book is currently available locally at the Caloosa Belle newspaper, where Patty is happy to autograph copies, and at the LaBelle Chamber of Commerce.

It's also available at Barnes & Noble, Books A Million and Amazon.com in paperback, hard back and e-book versions.

A book signing for "Bitter Secrets" will be held Tuesday, July 10, from 5 to 7 p.m. at

the LaBelle Heritage Museum, 360 N. Bridge Street. The public is cordially invited.



# Surf the library . . . catch the reading wave!

"Being Safe with dogs" with the Caloosa Humane Society was enjoyed by all who attended the summer program at the library this past week. Each child was given the opportunity to practice what they learned about approaching dogs, and then they were awarded a certificate of completion.

Next Tuesday, July 10, will be 'Art with Megan'. Bring the kids to the program where they will each get to do a fun art project. Megan Kissinger, the presenter, is an Artist/Illustrator out of Fort Myers. Enjoy some of her original pieces on display at the library and/or visit her web site at [www.megankissinger.com](http://www.megankissinger.com). This will be a very special program you won't want to miss.

- July 10 – Art with Megan
- July 17 – Basic First Aid, Red Cross

- July 24 – Acting is Fun, Firehouse Theater
- July 31 – Growing Local Crops, County Extension
- August 7 – Bike Rodeo, Hendry County Sheriff
- August 14 – Reading with Dr. Kennedy

Thank you to each of our presenters for taking time out of their busy schedules to interact with the children of our community.

Help fill the ocean with sea creatures! Barron Library, Tuesdays at 10:30 a.m. Program sponsored by LaBelle Kiwanis Club.



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