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Lawsuit: More water for river

by Katrina Elsen

The Army Corps of Engineers attempt to balance the many demands on the water in Lake Okeechobee has landed them in court.

On behalf of Florida Wildlife Federation, Conservancy of Southwest Florida and the Environmental Confederation of Southwest Florida, Earthjustice filed lawsuit on July 23 in federal court against the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers claiming the agency is repeatedly violating water protection laws in Southwest Florida's Caloosahatchee River.

A toxic algae outbreak on southwest Florida's Caloosahatchee River in June 2011, turned the water a freakish green, killed fish, and released a nauseating stench for weeks, according to Earthjustice.

The Caloosahatchee—officially designated as a public drinking water source—has been covered with slimy green algae outbreaks eight of the past eleven years, and an outbreak slimed the river just last week, according to Earthjustice. The algae releases a nauseating smell, gives people respira-

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Standing together

With flags flying at half staff in recognition of the Aurora, Colorado, killings, LaBelle stopped to honor its own heroes and all veterans at the annual Hometown Heroes event Saturday, July 21. Beth Church, mother of SSgt. Chris Strickland who was killed defusing a roadside bomb in Afghanistan in 2008, told the crowd that they never wanted to be a Gold Star family, but thanked LaBelle for being a Gold Star City. More photos on Page 16.

Maldonado running for Sheriff

My name is Steven Maldonado and I am running for Sheriff of Hendry County.

I am honored to take this opportunity to express how grateful



Steven Maldonado

I am for those who have been supporting my campaign. As I move forward throughout my campaign and we get closer to the elections, many are interested in finding out what the new sheriff will bring to the table.

A Democrat, Mr. Maldonado said his "plan for the Sheriff's Office will be strong and my message bold. We need to bring Hendry County to today's world of law enforcement by utilizing technology as a way to communicate with the citizens. I will keep focus on the mission of law enforcement and protecting the citizens of Hendry County. I will

not play politics, consume myself worrying about repaying political favors and will not allow interruptions of the mission.

As sheriff, I will bring about a new age and a new vision for Hendry County. Meaning, I will inform you of potential crimes. For example: robberies, home invasions, burglaries, violent gang crimes, drugs or potential hazards in your area to include anything else related to public safety. This is for your protection and awareness and is very important to help keep Hendry County citizens safe. The first line of pro-

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Company expands to Hendry

The Hendry County Economic Development Council is pleased to announce that HenKay Precast, Inc., a Division of S & S Precast, has expanded into Hendry County and has begun operations by leasing a 50,000SF building at the Berry facilities on West SR 80. S & S Precast, Inc., was established in 1993 in Northern Indiana and this plant in Hendry County will make their first permanent expansion into another state to manufacture concrete. They have done several satellite plants in the past.

HenKay Precast is a manufacturer of standard and custom precast concrete products to meet both large and small scale needs. At the Hendry County facility they will begin their operations by manufacturing MSE panels for the Florida Department of Transportation highway projects. They recently were approved by FDOT to perform work in Florida. Their first job, which is one of several jobs already contracted, are the I75/SR80 walls.

Hendry County EDC President Gregg Gillman is pleased to see the Berry facilities put back into production. Sherri Denning with Southern Heritage Real Estate & Investments asked Gillman to meet with her and a Berry representative several months ago to discuss leasing since the campus had not sold over the past 6-7 years. Denning asked the EDC to help HenKay get established in Hendry County beyond the real estate. The EDC worked with County staff to get HenKay established in Hendry

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County. "Putting vacant facilities back into production is a positive step on many fronts; it helps stop the deterioration of the facility sitting vacant, revitalizes it with investment

and it puts people back to work," Gillman added.

HenKay Precast has already created 19 jobs and expects to possibly create addi-

tional jobs by the end of the year. Richard and Susan Shinn are the owners of both the Indiana plant and this new Hendry County operation. Richard has been in concrete

most of his adult life and sees plenty of opportunity to operate out of Hendry County. "While there were many industrial buildings and cities in South Florida to consider, we have found that doing business with Hendry County and the many service providers including Southwest Florida Works, we can get operational in a very reasonable timeframe, get the workforce trained and productive and begin selling product which is all any business can ask for," Shinn stated about his new venture in Hendry County.

Emily Bates, Chairwoman of the Hendry County EDC, sees this as a momentum creator. "HenKay Precast leasing 50,000SF and 30 acres is no small project for us and we appreciate the Shinn's giving us a chance to make their project happen in Hendry County and get some of our unemployed back to work," Bates explained.

Building on the Bates momentum statement, Gillman is prepared to take advantage of the Shinn's investment and job creation in Hendry County and use that as a catalyst for more job creation and private investment. Jobs and private investment drives additional spending on retail and services in Hendry County which means good news for local businesses. "There is no such thing as a slam dunk when it comes to landing a project in today's environment, so you must provide exceptional customer service at every step for the client," Gillman added. "I think we were collectively able to do that for HenKay Precast."

The Hendry County EDC is a public/private not for profit corporation established in 1997 to promote economic development within Hendry County, Florida.

River

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tory problems, causes massive fish kills and harms many wild species.

The Glades, Hendry, and Lee County public health departments have had to issue multiple public health warnings saying that neither people nor animals should come into contact with the water, drink it, or eat the fish.

Lee County's Olga drinking water plant, which draws from the river and is supposed to serve 40,000 people, has had to shut down repeatedly because the water is unfit to drink, even after extensive treatment, the complaint continued.

The suit was filed against the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, claiming the Corps has caused the Caloosahatchee's problems by cutting off the river's water supply. The Corps operates three water control structures which regulate the flow of water from Lake Okeechobee to the Caloosahatchee estuary at the Gulf of Mexico.

"Instead of providing the Caloosahatchee with the flow it needs to stay healthy, the Corps diverts water to irrigate 500,000 acres of sugar cane fields south of Lake Okeechobee. The river is too often left stagnant and polluted," stated an Earthjustice press release issued Monday.

The problems in recent years are a result of decades of man made changes to the natural flow of water, the many demands on Lake Okeechobee's resources and, most recently, lack of rainfall, according to John Campbell, public affairs specialist with the Army Corps of Engineers.

The Corps releases water from Lake Okeechobee into the Caloosahatchee River based on the Lake Okeechobee Regulation Schedule (LORS) which was implemented in 2008. The goal is to manage the lake between a low of 12.5 feet and a high of 15.5 feet. This is considered a safe range for the Herbert Hoover Dike, according to the Corps.

Ironically, the primary problem at the time the current LORS was originally drafted was that storms like Hurricanes Francis and Jeanne and Tropical Storm Fay dumped

so much rain that there was concern about the lake rising past the point that it could endanger the dike. In 2005, extremely heavy rains during the wet season raised lake levels to the point that water managers needed to release large amounts of water down the Caloosahatchee and the St. Lucie Canal for flood control. The release of this water was blamed for damage to the coastal estuaries.

In 2006, "Stop the Muck" protests were held at meetings in Lee County. The "muck" referred to the large releases of nutrient-rich water from Lake Okeechobee.

In 2008, Tropical Storm Fay, considered a "100 year storm" raised the lake level by four feet in a matter of days as water from the Kissimmee River Valley drained south into Lake Okeechobee.

"We had a lot of input to the LORS plans, including input from the Conservancy of Southwest Florida," said Mr. Campbell.

"We have been executing the plan," he added.

He said the plan is a compromise which often draws criticism from many of the interested parties.

"It involves a lot of parties with divergent interests and was the best compromise we could find at the time so that everyone felt their needs were being addressed," Mr. Campbell explained. "If this group wants to bring suit, we'll let that action speak for itself."

Mr. Campbell said the LORS is a complex balancing act and they are aware that not everyone is happy. "All releases we make from the lake into the Caloosahatchee River are in accordance with that document."

Communities all around the lake depend on it as a source of drinking water. Agriculture interests in the Everglades Agricultural Area (EAA) south of the lake depend on the lake to irrigate crops. If the lake level is too high for a long period of time it can be harmful to the fisheries, which need the cycle of highs and lows to create spawning areas. The communities around the lake depend on the fish to bring in tourism. If the

lake is too low, that also hurts tourism because they have difficulty getting their boats in the water.

"There are no easy solutions with so many interests involved," he said.

Any action taken regarding lake level -- up or down -- brings complaints from one group or another. And the amount of water entering the system depends on rainfall, which the Corps cannot control.

"The Corps' refusal to supply enough fresh water from Lake Okeechobee is wrecking the Caloosahatchee," said Earthjustice attorney David Guest. "It's an environmental crisis, and it's also an economic one. Tourists who came to visit Sanibel Island over the Christmas break this year arrived to find stinking green algae and dead fish on the beaches. People have had to endure a nasty stench in downtown Fort Myers. Dead fish have washed up on the beaches in front of condos and hotels in Naples. This can't be good for tourism."

Andrew McElwaine, president of the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, said the water quality is affecting the region's economy—where most jobs are dependent on the tourism industry.

"We are lucky to live in one of the most beautiful places in the country," he said. "But how many tourists will keep coming here when the river is covered with stinking slime? The Corps simply has to do a better job protecting the Caloosahatchee. It is imperative for the Corps to provide adequate flow to keep the river healthy."

Manley Fuller, president of the Florida Wildlife Federation, said the Corps' operations are devastating essential marine and estuarine habitats that support recreational and commercial fishing.

"The polluted water is killing the seagrass nurseries at the estuary where fish and shellfish spawn," Mr. Fuller said. "It's too bad we have to go to court to get the authorities to do their job of protecting this river, but we do what we have to do. It belongs to the public, and we should all be able to enjoy it."

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Hello Hendry County Residents, this is Brenda Hoots your candidate for Supervisor of Election, with a friendly reminder that the **Primary Election** is quickly approaching on **August the 14th.**

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Deputies injured in fracas

At 4:33 a.m. July 21, Deputy R. Shepherd responded to a disturbance call at 60 N. Clark Street.

The complainant described a white male, no shirt, wearing shorts and tennis shoes. He was reportedly throwing rocks at their house and screaming.

Arriving at the scene, Deputy Shepherd saw Jordan Alex Fiore, 17, running toward the patrol car and yelling.

When he got close enough, the deputy could hear what he was yelling, "Shoot me, shoot, me! I want to die." He also made hand gestures like he was shooting himself, according to the officer's report.

After several attempts at calming Fiore, who alternately approached and then ran away, the officer said Fiore again made a gesture like he was shooting himself and said, "I'm the devil." He then advanced toward the officer.

An attempt to tase the young man was not effective and he swung at the officer, then ran into the center lane of SR 80. He then said "It's over . . ." and charged the officer again.

He began to scratch the officers eyes and mouth, then struck the deputy with his fist. He pulled the office's shoulder microphone and duty belt off, the report said.

At that point, the father of the original complainant arrived and assisted by tying

the assailant's legs.

A motorist also stopped to assist with getting Fiore into hand restraints. As Sgt. Elver and Sgt. Woods arrived, Fiore was kicking the side of the patrol car.

Sgt. Elver then tased him again, and the young man stopped resisting long enough to get him into the back seat of the patrol car.

Deputy Shepherd sustained abrasions to the face, right hand and suffered a shoulder injury.

The officer was checked by EMS. Sgt. Elver also sustained kicks to the knee.

Fiore was transported to jail where he was checked by EMS. He was then transported to LeHigh Regional Medical Center where the report indicates he told medical personnel he had taken 2C-E, a hallucinogenic, earlier at a party. The drug's effect is similar to those of other psychedelic phenethylamines, but far more intense and is also known as Europa.

Fiore was charged with battery on a law enforcement officer, firefighter or EMT, etc., aggravated battery on a law enforcement officer, resisting an officer with violence, obstructing police - depriving them of means of protection/communication and disorderly conduct.

Arrest Reports

LaBelle

Richard Eugene Cockram, 48, was arrested July 23 and charged with resisting an officer fleeing - eluding law enforcement with lights and siren, nonmoving traffic violation driving with a suspended license third or subsequent offense, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, possession/use of drug equipment and VOP: felony. R. Maldonado was arresting officer.

Marilu Velasquez, 22, was arrested July 23 and charged with battery touch/strike and grand theft vehicle. McClelland was arresting officer.

Alice Josephine Iglesias, 42, was arrested July 20 and charged with fraud providing false information to pawn items under \$300 and dealing in stolen property. J. Conyers was arresting officer.

Marco Antonio Mendez, 25, was arrested July 18 and charged with burglary of an occupied dwelling unarmed. McClelland was arresting officer.

Clewiston

Three Clewiston men were arrested July 20 in connection with a robbery at Popeye's.

Jaquarious Javez Thicklin, 23, and Walter James Thicklin, 25, are accused of robbery. The complaint said two men with a handgun robbed Popeye's in Clewiston on July 20 then fled to a home on Sagamore Ave. At the residence, officers found a gun, a Seacoast Bank bag and \$1,645 in currency. The two men were arrested for the robbery and for theft \$300-\$5,000. Tommie Lee Thicklin, 37, a Popeye's employee and cousin of the men, was also arrested and charged with larceny \$300-\$5,000.

Antonio Smith, 44, was arrested July 21 and charged with trespass-structure or conveyance, petit larceny third or subsequent offense and resisting a merchant. S. Bozzi was arresting officer.

Eutorgio Matos, 71, was arrested July 21 and charged with grand theft \$300-\$5,000. J. Perez was arresting officer.

Juan Carlos Rico, 28, was arrested July 21 and charged with DUI alcohol or drugs third violation within ten years, nonmoving traffic violation driving with a suspended license first offense, possession of cocaine and smuggling contraband into a detention facility. Sgt. J. Woods was arresting officer.

Bryant Keith Hartley, 25, was arrested July 19 and charged with possession of cocaine. CPD Sgt. J. Spence was arresting officer.



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Glades officers earn recognition

Ssgt. Richard Jones, Deputy Johnson and Deputy Anderson all received lifesaving awards after assisting Kaleb Langdale of Moore Haven, who lost his arm in a recent alligator attack.



Submitted photos

Ssgt. Jones and Deputy Anderson arrived before EMS and helped save the victim from going into cardiac arrest by intubating him. Ssgt. Jones then drove the ambulance to the hospital as the two medics both had to work on the victim. All deputies involved received a letter of commendation and a plaque. Dispatcher Seiler received a letter of commendation for excellence in dispatching under pressure. She was on duty during the alligator attack.

TOP: Ssgt. Richard Jones, and Deputy Anderson are pictured with Sheriff Stuart Whiddon.

BOTTOM: Dispatcher Seiler and Deputy Johnson with Sheriff Whiddon (center).

Help FHP with investigation

Florida Highway Patrol is seeking assistance from anyone who may have information on a traffic crash that occurred July 20 on SR 80 west of Indian Hill Road.

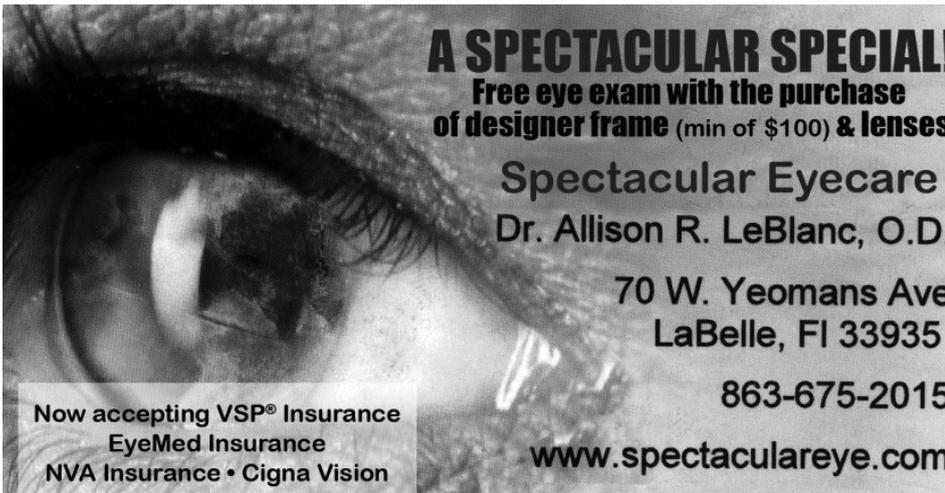
According to the report, at about 6:19 a.m. that day a 2006 Freightliner truck driven by 57-year-old Donald W. Conners of Deland, was traveling eastbound behind an unknown vehicle towing a trailer.

The unknown vehicle crossed the center line into the westbound lane and a third vehicle proceeded to make a right turn onto westbound SR 80 and the unknown vehicle

attempted to reenter the eastbound lane.

Mr. Conners swerved his semi to avoid colliding with the unknown vehicle. However, the right rear of the unknown vehicle struck the left front of the semi. Both came to a controlled stop in the south grassy shoulder of SR 80. The drivers made contact but then the unknown driver immediately returned to the vehicle and fled.

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What's your opinion? Does God want you to be happy?

Which is God more concerned with? His people being happy, or His people being Holy? Honestly, I don't like this idea that happiness is not necessarily guaranteed to

us believers. I don't like thinking that God is more concerned with my holiness than my happiness or more concerned with His glory than my good times.

But when I look at the Word and when I listen to the Holy Spirit, I have never been left with the feeling that my happiness is important. That doesn't mean our happiness is irrelevant to God, but rather less important than we tend to think.

Think with me for a moment on this...

For starters, the word "happiness" in today's culture holds a vastly different meaning than the type of happiness that the Bible describes. As Americans, we are the worst at believing that happiness is and should be a by-product, of well, life... and especially the Christian life.

However, the common understanding of happiness today is based upon external and outside influences. We relate happiness to events, things, places or people. A new job, a new car, a trip to Hawaii or our wonderful spouse. The Lord is not "against" any of this. However, these things can and do bring us some level of happiness, it is not the same type of emotion that the Bible describes.

The Bible more accurately describes people whom are happy are that way, not because of "stuff," or a "I just won the lottery!" circumstances, but because they have encountered the Lord in a way they had never known before.

Psalms 68:3, for instance, says "But may the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; may they be happy and joyful." According to this passage, it is the righteous who are happy. It is those who are rejoicing in the Lord who find gladness.

Or, consider the Apostle Paul. Didn't he write that whole "I'm content in all circumstances" testimony while he was in jail?!

You can call it contentment, joy or whatever you wish. Either way, it is quite different from the limited and circumstantial type of happiness many of us, especially in America, are used to.

Yet, we come back to this question: Does God want us to be happy?

Over the thirty years of ministry I have been privileged to participate in, I've had people describe the ways in which they have found real happiness after knowing God. I have witnessed people who have gone from physically looking ill, depressed and miserable to people having faces that seemed to literally be aglow. And, I have personally experienced powerful encounters with the Lord in my own walk with Him, as well.

The difference is those type of settings is that the "glowing" came for the Lord's presence, or His presence in an unusual way. The "glow" was not a direct result of signing for a new BMW or a 1,700 square foot condo or a yacht. The joy of purchasing a new item and the joy that comes from the presence of the Lord could not be more polarized!

I do believe that God can and does allow us tremendous happiness in knowing and serving Him. I have never known more contentment, joy or fulfillment than in knowing

and loving Christ. But (and it's a big "but")... I do not believe that the Christian life is the guarantee of a happy or easy life. In fact, the opposite might actually be true.

Granted, I have seen people radically transformed into beaming, smiling, joy-filled believers. Yet, I have also witnessed individuals suffer greatly for following Jesus.

Let's not forget Jesus' admonition when He said that one of the results of His coming would lead to the pitting of a mother against daughter, a father against son and brothers against brothers?

Moreover, we must not forget that Jesus did not come to bring peace, but a sword. It is true - He came to bring life. But following Him also requires daily death to one's selfish motives. This is not always happy. It never can be, nor should it be.

Bottom line - here's how I see it. This all comes down to our central issue... What determines where our happiness lies? Are we seeking happiness in the daily, trivial and often uncertain moments of life, or are we seeking the happiness found by being rooted in Christ? Personally, I believe God is much more apt to grant the latter.

Don't get me wrong. I believe God's people should be a happy people. We should be beaming, but beaming for Him and because of Him. Knowing this does not mean following after Christ is always a perfectly happy pursuit. It simply means we can trust that despite the tribulations we will undoubtedly face, we can always trust in Him...and that brings a smile to my face every time.

So... let's hear it. Do you agree or disagree? Do you think God wants us to be happy? Why or why not? What have your own personal experiences with happiness looked like? Fire a reply to me via email at drkrmorgan@gmail.com.

Dr. Les Morgan is pastor of Caloosa Baptist Church, located on Highway 80 directly behind the former Flora & Ella's restaurant in LaBelle.

Letter to the Editor

Fort Denaud Bridge

Most people are now aware that the Ft. Denaud bridge has not been operating. The old bridge was probably the victim of overweight vehicles crossing between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. when a bridge technician is not on duty. Many cross during operating hours but the bridge techs are not law enforcement and have no authority to stop overweight vehicles. An inexpensive remedy might be video surveillance. Bridge techs could review the videos and forward the evidence of offending vehicles to the appropriate authority whether it be the DOT or Sherriff's Dept. This would certainly be less expensive than reoccurring bridge repair that this old bridge might not be able to take much more of. Signage announcing video surveillance would in itself be a deterrent.

Mark Schoenwald,
Part-time Bridge Tech

Career Corner

Ticket to Work

by Matt Kindermann



Matt Kindermann

Ticket to Work is an assistance program designed to help those individuals on Supplemental Security Insurance (SSI) and Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI).

Many times we find that those receiving SSI or SSDI are capable of working, and want to work within their ability, but cannot transfer from a beneficiary status to a self-sufficiency status without a financial hardship caused by losing benefit assistance.

Ticket to Work allows for those SSI and SSDI recipients to continue receiving benefits as they transition to self-sufficiency and independence. The way the program works is that potential employees continue to receive SSI, SSDI and Medicaid or Medicare, while you attempt to work.

There is some fancy math involved with figuring out how long you can keep your benefits while you work, and your local

Disability Navigator Specialist at the workforce office can help you with the paperwork and explain the process.

Essentially, you can keep your benefits while working up to 9 months if you are earning less than \$700 a month.

Different disabilities, like blindness, have different monthly income caps, which makes the \$700 mark a loose reference.

The benefits to Ticket to Work are that SSI and SSDI beneficiaries receive up to 9 months of a trial work period where they seek self-sufficiency while maintaining their benefit status. For 36 months after self-sufficiency is attained, you are still eligible for benefits during any month your income falls below the self-sufficiency level without having to re-apply. Then, if you cannot maintain self-sufficiency for a consecutive five year period because of disability, you may be reinstated without having to file a new disability application.

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School Briefs

Algebra I End of Course exam

Parents and students, please mark your calendars for the upcoming Algebra I End of Course (EOC) Exam scheduled for August 9, 2012. Students need to report to LaBelle High School no later than 8:30 a.m. on the day of the exam. Only students who took the Algebra I EOC at the end of the 2012 school year and did not pass are required to take the exam on August 9.

Algebra I EOC information and results were mailed with the students final report cards at the end of the school 2012 school year.

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.

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- August 14 – Reading with Dr. Kennedy

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Kiwanis Club of LaBelle Welcomes New Members!

Recently, the Kiwanis Club in LaBelle held an installation ceremony to welcome several new members. The club is very excited to have such a great group of folks interested in helping the mission of Kiwanis: Dedicated to changing the world, one child and one community at a time! The Kiwanis Club of LaBelle meets every Tuesdays at Beef O' Brady's on Hwy. 80 at 5:30 p.m., except for the third Tuesday they meet at the Kiwanis Thrift Store. Please attend a meeting to find out what Kiwanis is all about. Kiwanis believes in the development of our young leaders who will become the leaders of our future! The club's main fundraiser is Kiwanis Thrift Store located at 155 South Bridge Street. They sell quality used merchandise at very low prices thanks to the generous donations from the community. All profits go back into our local community! The Kiwanis Thrift Store is located at: 155 S. Bridge Street, LaBelle. Pictured from left: Janeen Elliott, Van Banks, Nell Broom-President of Kiwanis Club of LaBelle, Kevin Drummond and Helen Mead. (Note: New members not pictured: Tony and Candy Alvarez and Paul Puletti.

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.

Get Ready Swamp Buggies a'comin'!

Mike Cox and his Swamp Buggies of Florida are scheduled to be featured on the TV show "How Do They Do It?" for the first time ever tonight, Thursday, July 26, at 10 p.m. on the Discovery Science Channel.

The first repeats on Science Channel in the US will be Friday, July 27, at 1 a.m. East-

ern Time, Saturday, July 28, at 5 a.m. (ET), Thursday, August 2, at 10:30 p.m. (ET), Friday, August 3, at 1:30 a.m. (ET) and Saturday, August 4, at 5:30 a.m. (ET).

It is also scheduled to be shown in the United Kingdom July 31 at 10 p.m. and August 1 at 3 p.m. and 7 p.m.

Obituaries

Edwin Mayer Bosley,

LABELLE — Edwin Mayer Bosley, lived for 73 years as the expression of ever-positive energy, love, caring, and great gratitude for each new "beautiful day". His overwhelming love and gratitude for his family and friends made him call himself the "luckiest man in the world" as he was passing away in a Hope Hospice near his river home in LaBelle, Florida on July 19, 2012.

Ed was a Marine, a Banker, a Real Estate Broker, a Business Owner (Palm-Aire Properties in Pompano Beach, Florida), a golfer, a boater, a traveler, and most recently a Real Estate Associate with Southern Heritage in LaBelle.

He was a person who never felt anything less than "Great"! Most of all, Ed was the most loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend.

Ed is survived by his wife, Linda Losey Bosley; their four children; and six grandchildren, Glenn Curran, Carolyn Walburn, Bonnie Farnell, Kevin Bosley, Colby Walburn, Kelsey Curran, Kyle Curran, Barron Farnell, Alix Walburn, and Quinn Farnell; and Ed's sister, Sharron Nizer; he is also survived by Kelli Allen, Emily Bates, Ali Pool, and Crockett Farnell, who he always loved like family.

A private family gathering is being held. In lieu of flowers, the family would like to suggest contributions in Memory of Ed Bosley be made to: The Sheridan House in Ft. Lauderdale, FL (a Nonprofit Charity serving the needs of children and families) Learn about Sheridan House by visiting: www.sheridanhouse.org/web/about-us/history-mission. Donations can be made through the web site or by mail to: Sheridan House - 1700 S. Flamingo Rd, Davie, FL 33325.

Genevieve F Eden, 90

LABELLE — Genevieve F. Eden, passed away July 21, 2012 in LaBelle.

She was born October 25, 1921, in Auglaize County, Ohio, to the late Earl Rothe and the late Grace Marie (Kerr) Rothe. Genevieve graduated with a BA from Ohio Northern University in 1943. She married James S. Eden Oct. 8, 1943.

She was a resident of LaBelle since 1991 and was a member of Delta Zeta. Genevieve was past president of the Akron Rotary Anns, a member of the Church in Silver Lake, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Key West and the Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd in LaBelle. She

was active in church choir groups for forty years and was also a choir mother.

Survivors include her husband, James S. Eden; sons, James S. (June) Eden Jr., of Ravenna, Ohio and John (Gloria) Eden, of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio; nine grandchildren; twenty-one great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on a date to be announced at Episcopal Church Of The Good Shepherd, LaBelle with Rev. Alan H. Kellmer officiating.

In Lieu of Flowers, memorial donations can be made to Alzheimer's Foundation of America.

Cremation Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.

Robert Byron Williams, 71

LABELLE — Robert Byron Williams, passed away July 17, 2012 in Fort Myers.

He was born September 17, 1940, in Gardner, Fla., to the late John Thomas Williams and Pearl Mae (Bryant) Williams. He served in the Army.

Survivors include daughters, Robin (Shorty) Howard, of LaBelle, and Stacy Williams, of West Palm Beach; son, Jeff (Loretta) Flora, of Ala; sisters, Wanda (Clyde) Sarver, of Leesburg and Shirley (Chuck) Carling, of LaBelle; and seven grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his Son, Mike Flora; brothers and sisters.

Funeral Services were held Sat, July 21, 2012, at Akin-Davis Funeral Home in LaBelle with Pastor Lester Grant and Pastor Brian Gilley officiating. Interment followed at Fort Denaud Cemetery, LaBelle.

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Community Briefs

Riverwatch meeting August 1

There will be a River Watch meeting Wednesday, August 1, at 6:30 p.m. at Beef O'Brady's. Discussion will include South Florida Water Management District's back pumping policy for Lake Okeechobee and supplemental dry season water for the Caloosahatchee Estuary. SFWMD Governing Board member Dan Delisi will be speaker for the dinner meeting. To register, please email Riverwatch@Caloosahatchee.org or call 239-245-9954.

Free eye exams

Spectacular Eyecare will be offering vision screenings for children ages 7-18 from now through September 30. If glasses are needed, they will offer a frame and lenses package at a reduced cost.

Call today for an appointment at 675-2015. Spectacular Eyecare is located at 70 W. Yeomans Ave.

Audition for musical

The Firehouse Community Theatre is auditioning singers for its January 2013 musical production of "Juke Box Jive." This show is based upon an original script and is set in an old soda shoppe that is opening for a reunion of its "regulars." They are looking for all ages, all ethnicities, individuals or groups who can sing and perform music from the 1950s or early 1960s.

All interested candidates should plan on attending the auditions on July 28 at 10 a.m. at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 1098 Collingswood Parkway in LaBelle. Please be prepared to sing a piece of your choice from this era along with "Venus in Blue Jeans." For additional information, please contact the Theatre.

The Firehouse Community Theatre is located at 241 N. Bridge Street in LaBelle and can be reached via email at info@firehousecommunitytheatre.com or (863) 675-3066.

Birchwood plan event

The Communities of Birchwood Parkway are planning a community picnic and fundraiser Saturday, July 28 at 11 a.m.-4 p.m. in Port La Belle, under the oaks at the northwest corner of Birchwood and SR 80

Tickets are \$10 each and will be exchanged on day of the event for "food tickets" for food, drinks, raffle, cake auction, etc. Meet Hendry and Glades county candidates at this event,

Conservationists to meet

The Hendry County Soil and Conservation District board meeting will be July 26, (today) at 1 p.m. in the large conference room of the Dallas B. Townsend Agricultural Building. Meetings are open to the public.

Yard sale to help humane society

The Caloosa Humane Society is holding a giant yard sale on Saturday, July 28, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. We have many new items and furniture! We also need donations of salable

items for our yard sales. All proceeds go directly to benefit the animals at the shelter. Park Avenue behind the LaBelle Auction Co., 390 North Bridge St. For more information call 675-0997. The animals thank you for your continued support.

Animals found

A Shetland pony was found in the area of Everhigh Road, Ledeca, in Hendry County. Horses have also been found in the area of Evans Road. Also, two horses have been recovered from the Montura area. Anyone with information regarding these animals is asked to contact the Ag Division of the Hendry County Sheriff's office at 674-5600.

Help Animal Rescue

Animal Rescue is in need of yard sale stuff so if you are cleaning out your shed, garage or home, please donate for pick up. Call Angel at 863-342-2076 or Diane at 863-234-1509. The yard sale will be July 21 in front of Animal Rescue.

Candidates in Felda

Felda will hold a Meet and Greet Candidates Forum Monday, 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.

GOP ladies cancel meetings

Caloosa Federated Republican Women have cancelled all meetings for July 2012.

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.

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 date July 27. Please call and schedule your appointment today! For more information call 863-675-0997 or visit our web site at www.caloosahumanesociety.org.

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.

Apply now for Leadership sessions

Leadership Hendry and Glades Counties is accepting applications for our Class of 2012 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.

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.

Free technology series

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.

VFW news

Come to VFW Post 10100 and check our inexpensive lunch menu.

VFW Post 10100 has bingo open to the public every Sunday at 2 p.m.

VFW Post 10100 serves the best Charcoal Grilled Hamburgers in town every Saturday from 11 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. \$3 for the burgers and French Fries are only \$1 more. Serving stops promptly at 1:30 p.m. Please come early.

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 expanded 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.

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

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Moore Haven Lock reopened

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. – The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has reopened the Moore Haven Lock to navigation after completing installation of the Manatee Protection System (MPS) July 14.

“Installation of the Manatee Protection System was completed three weeks ahead of schedule, allowing us to reopen the lock on Okeechobee Waterway to navigation,” said Al Bruns, project manager for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Jacksonville District.

Work was initially scheduled to begin May 14, but was postponed twice after taking into consideration the concerns expressed by local business owners, recreational boaters and residents about the lock being closed during the height of boating season and the resulting economic impacts. The work, which began June 11,

was scheduled to take approximately eight weeks to finish, was completed in approximately five weeks.

Installation of the MPS is part of the Manatee Pass Gates project. The primary goal of the project is to safeguard Florida's endangered manatees at water control structures and navigation locks by modifying these structures with a MPS. Using a set of acoustic transmitters and receivers, the MPS detects the West Indian manatee and prevents the gates from closing and harming the protected animal.

Additional information on this and other navigation notices impacting the Okeechobee Waterway can be found at the following website:

<http://www.saj.usace.army.mil/Divisions/Operations/Branches/Navigation/NavNotices.htm>



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant

New Drivers

For some 35 years Langford Ford has supported the LHS six-week driving class by donating the use of two Ford vehicles. There were 70 participants. Pictured kneeling, from left: Homer Garcia, Josh Gutierrez, Sergio Bustamante. Second row: Marlin Olvera, Cassidy Pascher, Abby Arnold, Jack Rivas and Pat Langford. Inside: Blaine Howell and Jake Martinez.

Heading off to LaGrange, Ga.



LaBelle High wishes Braxton good luck in his new challenge at LaGrange. Coach Dave Kelley was there from the start and has helped Braxton along his journey. Braxton plans to major in accounting and minor in music at LaGrange.

On July 10 LaBelle High School's Braxton Ford signed to play basketball with LaGrange College in LaGrange Georgia on Tuesday. The Cowboy point guard averaged 22 points a game over the last two seasons and led the Cowboys in assist and steals. Braxton's parents were in attendance along with other family and friends. Everyone at

Submitted photo

Comment on hunting management plan, environmental assessment

The National Park Service (NPS), in consultation with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), has released a revised draft Hunting Management Plan/ Environmental Assessment for Big Cypress National Preserve. The purpose of the plan is to allow the Preserve superintendent to provide for hunting opportunities in a manner that is in the best interest of the Preserve's resources and the public, while meeting the requirements set forth by the NPS, the Preserve's enabling legislation, the NPS/FWC Cooperative Partnership Agreement, and all federal, state, and local laws and regulations.

Hunting in the Preserve is authorized by Public Law (P.L.) 93-440, which was amended in 1988 by P.L.100-301, which expanded the Preserve by 147,000 acres. These new lands, known as the Addition, were largely acquired by the federal government in 1996, and have not been open to hunting pending completion of an Addition General Management Plan. That plan was completed in 2010, and states that the NPS will develop a Hunting Management Plan and work with FWC to provide hunting access, define hunting seasons, and develop hunting regulations that are consistent with both agencies' policies and goals for the Addition.

Alternatives are:

Alternative 1 - No Action - Apply Current Management to the Addition Under alternative 1 (no action), management of hunting

in the entire Preserve would occur in accordance with the NPS/FWC Cooperative Partnership Agreement.

Alternative 2 - Minimum Management - No Hunting in the Addition Under alternative 2, current hunting management would continue within the original Preserve boundaries, using the guidance outlined in the NPS/FWC Cooperative Partnership Agreement. In the Addition, public hunting would be prohibited.

Alternative 3 (Preferred Alternative) - New Adaptive Management Strategy Under alternative 3, the NPS and FWC, in consultation with FWS, would cooperate to implement an adaptive management strategy to manage hunting in the Preserve in accordance with the NPS/FWC Cooperative Partnership Agreement.

To review and comment on the draft plan, visit <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/bicy>. Follow the appropriate link to Hunting Management Plan/EA.

The agencies will host a public meeting from 5 - 7:30 pm on August 9, 2012, at the Big Cypress Swamp Welcome Center, 33000 Tamiami Trail East, Ochopee. The meeting will provide an opportunity to review the draft alternatives and provide comments and suggestions on changes prior to the creation of a final approved plan. Information will be provided regarding the current status of this effort, and NPS staff will be available to answer questions.

Sports Shorts

LaBelle High School Fall Sports Program

Program ads for our Fall Sports Program are being placed now! Show your support for LHS Athletic's by placing an ad in support for your business or your favorite student athlete. This year we are looking for sponsorship of a one page ad for all of our Fall, Winter, and Spring Sport Seniors.

Senior ads are \$200 for a full page or \$100 for a half page. LaBelle High School also has advertisement on football field or gym this school year.

If you need information or you need to renew please contact Dave Kelley.

Pop Warner information

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

Football \$105; Cheerleading \$120.

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

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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Firehouse Community Center News

Community Events

The Firehouse Community Center is preparing a summer treat - "The Big Bad Musical." The cast includes:

Sydney Grimm will be played by Emily Schwarz with Novie Kohutek as the Fairy Godmother and her brother Corbyn Kohutek as the Big Bad Wolf.

Alexis Burress steps in as the Evil Stepmother with Cameron Davidson as Grandmother Hood. Tilly Shock is the Judge with Daniel Baker playing the Shepherd. Sevyn Shock is the Boy, Madison Pratt is Lil Red.

Taylor McGill is One, Camryn Nash is Two and James Galush is Three. Carlos Crespo is the Woodcutter, Hannah Boone Miss Muffit an Natalie Welky, Joelle Schock and Haley Boone are the Wolfettes.

As the story goes, the Big Bad Wolf is being sued by a storybook of characters who want to get even: Little Red Riding Hood, her Grandmother, the Three Little Pigs, and the Shepherd in charge of the Boy Who Cried Wolf! Even though their attorney, the Fairy Godmother, makes a good case against him, Mr. BB Wolf makes a good case for himself!

Show times are Friday and Saturday August 10 and 11 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, August 12, at 2 p.m. Tickets are on sale now and are \$12 in advance and \$14. These shows sell out quickly; order your tickets early to assure your seating!

Season lineup

Fall opens with "Dial "M" for Murder" by Frederick Knott and directed by Deb Kik. This Alfred Hitchcock thriller revolves around a love triangle and one person is shot. But was it the right person? Show dates are October 26, 27, 28 and Nov. 2, 3, 4, 2012.

Next up will be Nutcracker by Patrick Rainville Doran and Bill Francoeur will be directed by Emily Bates. On Christmas Eve, the mysterious Godfather Drosselmeier presents Marie with an unusual Nutcracker. That night she is awakened by a band of renegade mice, led by the evil Mouse King. Show dates are November 30, Dec. 1, 2 and Dec. 7, 8, 9, 2012.

In January, travel back in time for "Juke Box Jive," directed by Nick Fidanza. This original musical journey will be set in a "hip" soda shoppe and will feature music of the '50s and '60s. Show dates are January 11, 12, 13 and January 18, 19, 20, 2013.

In February, watch for "Steel Magnolias," written by Robert Harling and directed by Joel Hawkins. This poignant but humorous story takes place in Truvy's Hair Salon and revolves around the lives of five women in small town Louisiana. Show dates are February 15, 16, 17 and Feb. 22, 23, 24, 2013.

The final show will be "Nice People Dancing to Good Country Music," by Lee Blessing and directed by Dave Johnson. This very funny play is about the eccentricities of the people living and working at a good-ole-boy bar in Houston, Texas. Show dates are March 16, 16, 17 and March 22, 23, 24, 2013.

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The theater is looking for a few responsible, reliable people to help with lights, sound



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Cast members prepare for an upcoming play.

and stage crew for this coming season. They are working towards building a staff that can rotate between shows. If you are interested in the theater, but may not want to act, this is the perfect volunteer position for you!

Season tickets

Season Ticket Membership letters have been sent! A season ticket assures that you will get to see every show! This year, to mark their 20th anniversary, theater members are putting together a very special playbill and

they would like to include your name in it as a patron. Please make sure to return your season reservation form by September 1, 2012.

The Web site has the season ticket membership letters, along with our line up, seating chart and ticketing policy.

If you would like a Season Ticket Membership letter sent, please the Ticket Hotline at (863) 675-3066 and leave your contact information or check the Web site at www.firehouseculturalcenter.com.

Hendry Regional Welcomes Antonio Vinluan, M.D.

Hendry Regional Medical Center is proud to announce the arrival of Dr. Antonio R. Vinluan, board-certified Internal Medicine physician. Dr. Vinluan completed his medical residency and internship in Brooklyn, New York and, for the past 20 years, has practiced medicine in Staten Island, New York.

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- A continuous supply of notebook paper for the entire school year

- A continuous supply of pencils for the entire school year

- A box of tissues (to be given to the homeroom teacher)

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- index cards

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- paper towels

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Mr. Klinger's Spanish Classes

Recommended:

- flash cards

- English-Spanish Dictionary

All students:

- tissues

- paper towels

- band aids

In addition, please note the supplies labeled "For all 8th Grade Classes" above

Mrs. Schroeder's Classes

- folder with prongs and pockets

- 2 highlighters

Recommended:

- English-Spanish Dictionary

In addition, please note the supplies labeled "For all 8th Grade Classes" above

Mrs. Higginbotham's Classes

- folder with 2 pockets and prongs

- 1 ream of computer/all purpose paper

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Mrs. Anderson's and Mrs. Collins' Classes

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- composition notebook

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Mr. Bell and Mr. Randall's Classes

- 2 inch 3-ring binder

- 100 pages of college rule paper

- pack of colored pencils (12) in a box

- jump drive, 2 gb

- pens (blue or black ink)

- pencils

In addition, please note the supplies labeled "For all 8th Grade Classes" above

Mrs. Chambliss'

and Mr. Feliciano's Math Classes

Required Materials

- notebook

-4-function calculator with a square root key

- graph paper

Optional Materials

- colored pencils

- ruler

- protractor

In addition, please note the supplies labeled "For all 8th Grade Classes" above

Physical Education

- PE Uniform (for maroon PE style shorts and gray T-shirt)

-tennis shoes that tie

In addition, please note the supplies labeled "For all 8th Grade Classes" above

Mr. Blake's and Mrs. Carter's Science Classes

- spiral notebook

- jump drive, 2 gb

In addition, please note the supplies la-

beled "For all 8th Grade Classes" above

Mrs. Carter's AVID Classes

- 1 3-inch binder as previously stated

In addition, please note the supplies la-

beled "For all 8th Grade Classes" above



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant

Networking

Seacoast Bank had an excellent turnout for its monthly networking breakfast July 18. Pictured from left: Maureen Jordan of Seacoast, Margie Stevenson of Permanent Makeup and Skin Rejuvenation, who won the door prize, and Sherrie Easterly, of Caloosa Rejuvenation Center.

NOTICE OF BUDGET HEARING

The Hendry County School District will soon consider a budget for 2012-2013. A public hearing to make a **DECISION** on the budget **AND TAXES** will be held on **July 31, 2012, at 5:30 P.M.** at the **School Board Meeting Room, Hendry County Court House, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida.** For more information please contact the **School Board Finance Department** at **(863) 674-4100.**

Ease the transition from elementary to middle school

As in every transition phase of your child's school life, they leave one school as 'kings & queens' to go to the bottom of the food chain at their new school. Parents, you can be a key factor in helping your child succeed and enjoy this pathway to adulthood.

Developmentally, adolescence is when peers/friends become dominant. As a parent, you need to keep communication lines open - while at the same time respecting a teen's privacy. It is a balancing act and a bit tricky but a worthwhile skill to develop.

Friends: Encourage solid friendships with kids you feel are good influences. Try to stay out of teens' squabbles, they will have them one week and be best friends again the next week.

Campus: Students and parents should explore the campus and find classes before the first day. Encourage your teen to learn about the school and research ways to get involved.

Home: Keep family dinners going: it may be one of the few times you hear what's go-

ing on. Ask questions about what is happening at school. Check your child's agenda! Let your child know, that you will be involved with his/her school life. [Whether they like it or not - get used to it - tell them it's your JOB!]

Academic: Teach your kids to take their studies seriously, stay in contact with their teachers and provide help if needed - set your expectations high - but keep them realistically aligned with their goals.

LaBelle Middle School has realigned part of the structure of the office staff. Although not new, the label of Parent Services has been assigned to the Dean of Students, Bobbie Spratt and the migrant liaison, Amie Plaza. If you need information, a parent teacher conference, or just someone to listen feel free to contact this service.

Middle School is hard for both parents and students! It is very important to stay involved and available not only for your student but for their school. Please remember - this is a partnership!

School Supplies needed for the sixth and seventh grades for 2012-2013

Sixth grade supplies

- 1. 3 inch binder (used in all classes)
- 2. composition books (Science)
- 1. paper folder with prongs (Math)
- 1. box of colored pencils (used in all classes)
- 1 pack of highlighters
- 1. pack sharpener with catcher
- 1. flash drive (Science and other subjects)
- 1. roll of paper towels (collected by Science teacher)
- 1 box of tissues (collected by homeroom teacher)
- 1 box of dry erase markers (collected by math teacher for student use)
- 1 box of #2 pencils (no mechanical pencils allowed)
- 2 spiral notebooks (1 per semester Geography)
- Loose-leaf paper (wide ruled)
- \$5 for backboard (Science)

Mrs. Reed

- 1 green pen for grading
- Gifted -flash drive (can be shared with Science)

Mrs. Higginbotham

- 1 1 gb flash drive (not to be shared with Science)
- 1 folder with pockets and prongs
- 1 ream of copy paper

Physical Education Class

- PE Uniform - \$18 set (T-shirt \$9, shorts \$9) purchase at school
- Athletic shoes that tie
- Optional - Dictionary (for at home use).

No gel pens or permanent markers (Sharpies).

Other pens may be used at teacher discretion.

Paper, pencils, colored pencils will need to be replenished when supplies are low.

Seventh grade supplies

List of required items

- 1 3-inch binder - with clear overlay (pockets on the outside)
- 1 package of highlighters (yellow, pink, green, blue)
- 1 4-function calculator with square root

key (Math)

2 packages of colored pencils (one package goes to Art)

1 USB flashdrive (to be used for research projects)

1 pencil sharpener with shaving catcher

1 notebook paper

1 composition book (Math)

1 70-page spiral notebook (Language Arts)

#2 wooden pencils (no mechanical pencils allowed or Sharpie markers)

Cap erasers or handheld erasers

Wish List Items

- 1 box facial tissues

- 1 package of white copy paper
- 1 roll of paper towels
- 1 package of assorted color construction paper (Science)
- 1 paperback dictionary at home

LaBelle Middle School will provide to every student the following item:

Plastic dividers/agenda planner

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Glades County Health Dept. changes services

by Pat Dobbins

The Glades County Health Department has entered into an agreement with Florida Community Health Centers to assume operations of providing Primary Health Care and Dental Services in Glades County. The effective date of this action is expected to be August 1, 2012.

The Glades County Health Department will continue to offer Birth and Death Certificates, Environmental Health Services, Family Planning, Child & Adult Immunizations, WIC, STD & HIV testing and treatment. Copies of your medical and/or dental records will be available upon request. Florida Community Health Centers will serve clients at the Glades County Health Department building located at 1021 Health Park Drive, Moore Haven. If you have any questions, please let us know.

Thank you for being our client and giving us the opportunity to serve you and your family. We are confident that Florida Community Health Centers will continue to deliver the same excellent quality care and customer service that you received from us.



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- Immaculate 3/3 in city of LaBelle. Two master bedrooms, family room, office, and spacious kitchen. **\$154,900.**
- 5/3 CBS home situated on under an acre. Plenty of living space with

this beautiful home. **\$129,000.**

- Country get-a-way. 4/2 CBS home on 1.86+/- acres outside city of LaBelle. Large kitchen, living room and dining room. Nice polebarn/carport. **\$120,000.**
- 2006 4/2 CBS home located minutes from downtown. 1,953 sq. ft. living area, open plan, spacious rooms. **\$105,000.**
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home and 1 small frame home. **\$60,000.**

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- \$95,000** - Country home on acreage. Fenced property with five stall barn. Located in Glades County.

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HENDRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS NOTICE OF BUDGET WORKSHOP MEETING

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners will hold a workshop on July 31, 2012, beginning at 1:30 p.m., at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida, for the purpose of discussing the 2012-2013 county budgets. The workshop shall continue each day thereafter beginning at 8:30 a.m. each day until adjourned and may be recessed from time to time or continued to another time announced while the Board is in session.

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Tristan Chapman, Chairman

422233 CN/CB 7/26/2012

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PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE GLADES UTILITY AUTHORITY

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Glades Utility Authority ("Authority") is scheduled to be held on **Wednesday, August 1, 2012 from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.** in the City of Belle Glade Commission Chambers, 110 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd., Belle Glade, Florida 33430.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider approval of the regular meeting minutes, consider the approval of payment for certain outstanding GUA obligations, consider the approval of an indemnity agreement for FDOT Utility Permits, consider the adoption of a rate surcharge, consider the proposed 2012 budget, consider the proposed 2013 budget and consider any other business that may come before the Board. The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with Florida law. A copy of the meeting agenda may be obtained at the meeting or, prior to the meeting, by contacting Jocelyn Colón at **561-493-6127**. The meeting, or consideration of any individual agenda items, may be continued to a date and time certain to be announced at the meeting and noticed.

Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting because of a disability or physical impairment should contact Jocelyn Colón at **(561) 493-6127** or jcolon@pbwater.com at least forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting.

If anyone chooses to appeal any decision of the Board with respect to any matter considered at the meeting, such person will need a record of the proceedings and should accordingly ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made that includes the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

Jocelyn Colón, GUA Clerk
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REQUEST FOR BID (RFB) NO. 600000478 G-250S and G-337 PUMP BEARING REPLACEMENT AND G-337 BUILDING MODIFICATIONS, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FL

The Procurement Bureau of the South Florida Water Management District, B-1 Building, 3301 Gun Club Road, West Palm Beach, Florida 33406, will receive sealed bids up to **2:30 p.m.** opening time on **Friday, August 24, 2012 for the G-250S and G-337 PUMP BEARING REPLACEMENT AND G-337 BUILDING MODIFICATIONS, PALM BEACH COUNTY, FL.**

Project Description: This project includes but shall not be limited to; the reconditioning and upgrade of the (3) vertical axial flow sewage pumps of Pump Station G-250S and pumps #1 and #3 of the sewage Pump Station G-337. The contractor shall examine the sites and structures to determine the existing conditions and the work involved in the removal and re-installation of the pumping units including the optimum crane location, crane loading and reach, pump unit rigging, and the required truck to safely transport the pump to the manufacturer's plant for reconditioning. The contractor shall coordinate with the approved manufacturer on the recommended removal of the pumps, their weight, and correct method of transporting the pumps. The reconditioning and upgrade of the (3) vertical axial flow sewage pumps of Pump Station G-250S and pumps #1 and #3 of the sewage Pump Station G-337. The contractor shall examine the sites and structures to determine the existing conditions and the work involved in the removal and re-installation of the pumping units including the optimum crane location, crane loading and reach, pump unit rigging, and the required truck to safely transport the pump to the manufacturer's plant for reconditioning. The contractor shall coordinate with the approved manufacturer on the recommended removal of the pumps, their weight, and correct method of transporting the pumps.

An **OPTIONAL PRE-BID CONFERENCE** will be held on **Monday, August 6, 2012 at 9:00 a.m.**, at the South Florida Water Management District West Palm Beach Field Station, 801 Sansbury Way, Royal Palm Beach, FL 33411. For directions call (561) 791-4100.

All bids must conform to the instructions in the RFB. Interested respondents may obtain a copy of the complete RFB (1) at the above address; (2) by downloading the solicitation from our website at www.sfwmd.gov; (3) by calling (561) 682-2715. The public is invited to attend the bid opening. **Further information on the status of this solicitation can be obtained on our web site - www.sfwmd.gov**

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Hendry/Glades Dems to meet August 2

Ellen Hawk Geake, chair of the Glades County Democrats, and Joe Thomas, chair of the Hendry County Democrats, announced the Democratic Executive Committees of their respective counties will hold a joint dinner meeting at Port LaBelle's Oxbow Grill on Thursday, August 2, with dinner at 6:30 and the meeting starting by 7 o'clock. The August 14 Primary Election will be the major item under discussion along with the continuing Vote By Mail campaign adopted by the Florida Democratic Party, the recently adopted Florida Democratic Party Platform for 2012 and Hendry County's revised precincts.

"divorced" the two counties that had been sharing a US Congressman, a State Representative and a State Senator who represented the denizens of Hendry County's Lake Okeechobee bottom, and Circuit Court Judges and attorneys for many years. The two counties will now share only 20th Judicial Circuit and statewide elected officials. Hendry County Chair Thomas adds he hopes the Democrats in Hendry and Glades County will continue to hold joint meetings at least once every other quarter if not on a quarterly basis since common problems encountered by the two counties will not disappear simply because of no longer sharing the same legislative delegations.

Glades County Chair Geake says this may well be the last regularly scheduled joint meeting of the Glades and Hendry County Democratic Executive Committees since US Congressional and Florida State Legislative redistricting resulting from the 2010 Census effectively

The meeting is open to the public, and all Democratic candidates on the Glades and Hendry County Primary Ballots have been invited to attend. Registered Democrats participate in the discussion but only members of the Glades and Hendry County Democratic Committees

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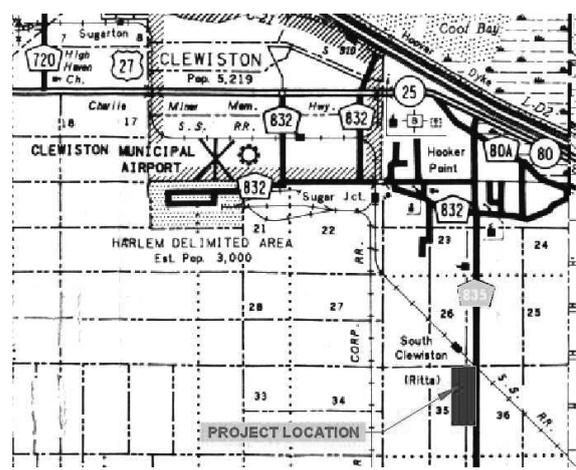
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PRELIMINARY PLAT HENDRY COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that the Local Planning Agency of Hendry County (LPA) will hold a public hearing on August 8, 2012 at 6:00 p.m., at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, La Belle, Florida, to consider the Preliminary Plat Application of Weekley Three Clewiston, LLC (PL11-0002), a subdivision of a portion of Section 35, Township 43 South, Range 34 East. The industrial subdivision is located southeast of the City of Clewiston, along the west side of CR 835, and includes the former Evercane Refinery site.

Copies of the files and information regarding the petition are available for public inspection at the Hendry County Planning and Zoning Department, 640 South Main Street, LaBelle, Florida, and may be viewed Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the matter. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is m-ade, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

- Petition Number:** PL11-0002
- Applicant:** Weekley Three Clewiston, LLC; represented by Johnson-Prewitt and Associates, Inc.
- Location:** 3005 and 3013 CR 835, Clewiston, FL; southeast of the City of Clewiston, along the west side of CR 835 (includes the former Evercane Refinery site)
- Property size:** 239.97 +/- acres
- Request:** The applicant is seeking approval of a preliminary plat for an industrial subdivision.



Orvell Howard, Chair
Hendry County Local Planning Agency

may vote on issues. If you plan on attending this Hendry-Glades Democrats Dinner Meeting, please e-mail joe@HendryDemocrats.com or call (863)612-0413 with the number in your party by Monday, July 30, so he can give the Port LaBelle Inn a headcount.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The Area Housing Commission of Clewiston, LaBelle, and Hendry County will hold the Regular monthly meeting on July 26, 2012 at 5:00 P.M. at The GreenTree South Community Center in LaBelle, Florida, Hendry County. The purpose of the meeting is to conduct the general business and consider any other matter that may be brought before The Housing Commission. Any person or persons wishing to appeal any decision made at such meeting must ensure that a verbatim record is made upon which the appeal is to be based. The meeting will include and business before the "Hendry County Non-Profit Housing, Inc."

Sincerely,
Aida Barnhart,
Executive Director
Area Housing Commission
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

The regular meeting of the Port LaBelle Community Development District Board of Supervisors, originally scheduled for July 26, 2012, has been rescheduled for Thursday, August 2, 2012, at 5:30 P.M. The meeting will be held at the District office, located at 3293 Dellwood Terrace. The purpose of the meeting is to adopt a preliminary budget and conduct routine business which may require action by the Board.

This meeting is open to the public.

Jennifer L. Derleth
Chairman
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Local Planning Agency of Hendry County (LPA) will hold a public hearing on the following petition on **August 8, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.**, at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, Florida. The LPA will determine if the application is consistent with the Hendry County Comprehensive Plan and will review the application for consistency with the Hendry County Land Development Code.

The recommendation of the Local Planning Agency will be made to the Board of County Commissioners for final consideration at a public hearing. This hearing will be held on **August 28, 2012 at 5:05 p.m.** at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, Florida.

Copies of the files and information regarding the petitions are available for public inspection at the Hendry County Planning and Zoning Department, 640 South Main Street, LaBelle, Florida, and may be viewed Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

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Petition Number: RZ12-0004

Applicant: Mr. Mario Acevedo, represented by H.L. Bennett, PE., P.L.S.

Ordinance Title: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, GRANTING A ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARY CHANGE FROM RESIDENTIAL/MEDIUM DENSITY – MOBILE HOME (RG-2M) ZONING DISTRICT TO THE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY, CONFLICT, AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Location: 4795 and 4825 West SR 80, LaBelle, FL

Property size: 4.2 acres +/-

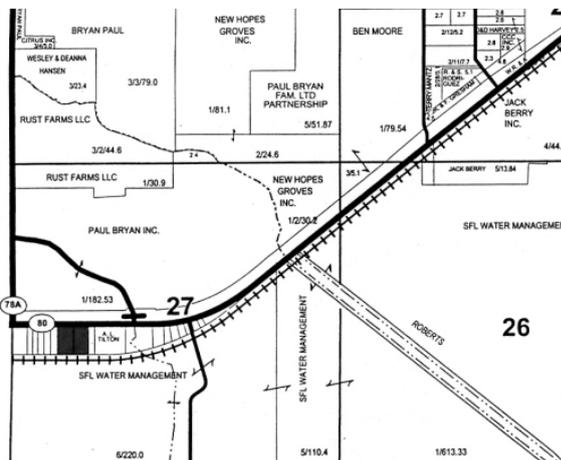
Request: The applicant is requesting a rezone to allow a mixed use development.

Legal description of subject property:

DESCRIPTION: (O.R.B. 716, PG. 649 & O.R.B. 773, PG. 1524)

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Hendry County Local Planning Agency

Tristan Chapman, Chairman
Hendry County Board
of County Commissioners



Submitted photo

Superintendent of Schools Rick Murphy with Governor Rick Scott and Florida Chancellor of Education Pam Stewart at Roland and Marian Martins Marina.

Hendry schools address FCAT

Superintendent Murphy discussed many issues with Governor Scott and Chancellor Stewart, including the superintendent, school board members, administrators, teachers and parents concerns about too much high stakes testing and possible revisions to Floridas FCAT measurement of student achievement.

Superintendent Murphy and School Board Chair Dr. Sally Berg recommended the School Board adopt a Resolution requesting the Governor, State Board of Education, Florida Legislature and Florida Department of Education to reexamine public school accountability systems in the State of Florida, which has since been adopted by the school board.

The Resolution also requested the development of a system based on multiple forms of assessment which does not require extensive standardized testing, more accurately reflects the broad range of student learning capacities and is used to support students and improve schools.

The Resolution calls on the U.S. Congress and U.S. Department of Education to overhaul the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, currently known as the "No Child Left Behind Act," reduce the testing mandates, promote multiple forms of evidence of student learning and school quality in accountability and not mandate any fixed role for the use of student test scores in evaluating educators.

The Hendry County School Board believes that excessive emphasis on standardized testing has caused considerable collateral damage in many schools, including narrowing the curriculum, teaching to the test, reducing the love of learning in students, pushing students out of school, driving excellent teachers out of the profession and undermining school climate. High-stakes testing has negative effects for students from all backgrounds, but in particular for low-income students, English language learners, children of color and those with disabilities.

Computer Corner

Disk Upgrades

Systems require a certain amount of free disk space to operate properly and one of the most common causes for systems running slowly is lack of free disk space. Typically, Windows systems should have at minimum 10-15 percent of the overall disk capacity left as free space. If you've got a 500GB drive, that means that at very least 50GB should be left untouched for the operating system to work properly. With today's huge drives, it should be fairly trivial to maintain at least the minimum recommended of free space. If your drive is starved and you can't free up the recommended 10-15 percent, consider off-loading some of your larger files, like videos or pictures, to an externally attached drive.

Memory (RAM) Upgrades

If your system has always been a bit slower at launching (opening) programs or gets boggy when running more than a few programs at the same time, it may be wise to consider upgrading the memory (RAM) on

the motherboard. If your system can accommodate it, additional RAM can be a fairly inexpensive way to speed up and/or revitalize an aging computer. Increasing RAM in your system may mean simply adding a 'stick' or DIMM of RAM to what is already installed. On some systems, which have all RAM slots full with small capacity DIMMs, removal of what's there in favor of new higher capacity DIMMs is the way to go.

Both disk and RAM upgrades can often be performed at home but as always, if you're at all concerned or don't feel confident working with the hardware of your system, contact a qualified technician.

Next week, Computer Corner will talk about common system maintenance tools to help your system run at its best. Until then, remember - if you have questions, feel free to email computercorner@cprtools.net

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Sheriff

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tection comes from knowledge of potential threats and dangers. I feel that is a communication priority to keep Hendry County properly informed.

One of my many other priorities is to restructure the agency to finally allocate more deputies to patrol our communities. I will hold deputies, supervisors and anyone else within the agency responsible for their assigned areas to ensure that the job gets done."

Another area of interest is spending money that he feels should be concentrated on areas of key concern such as training, equipment, vehicles, salaries that are compatible to other agencies surrounding Hendry County for retention and top quality deputies while improving morale.

"For several years many of you including myself have felt the economic impact that we are experiencing today," he noted. "Families are losing their jobs and some even losing their homes. Struggling and try-

ing just to make ends meet is felt throughout the county."

He said the Sheriff's Office is no exception to economic hardship and should have taken measures to save money and used it to provide adequate police protection. "Unfortunately for the citizens of Hendry County, this did not happen as promised. As I move forward in my quest to become your sheriff, many will stand strong. As sheriff, I will make sure the citizens of Hendry County receive the best police protection in their communities for their families and businesses that this county has been begging for."

"As for the staff of the Sheriff's Office," he said, "I want the men and women who protect our county to be proud of the uniform and to be team players, instilling in them to work with a mind set of making a difference, not just to arrest and harass people but to be problem solvers while assisting the public. Respecting people and having compassion during difficult times is a priority. Deputies and the Sheriff's Office staff will be working for the citizens of Hendry County, not against them. I will employ a staff that understands the true meaning of

"To Protect and Serve." Morale will be high and members of the Sheriff's Office will be excited to come to work and make a difference in this great county. I will frequently remind the members of the Sheriff's Office that they, in fact, work for the citizens of Hendry County and will meet your expectations or they will be dealt with accordingly.

My journey to the office of Sheriff is not just my journey but our journey. You, the people of Hendry County, will make that decision on August 14. The right choice is to vote Maldonado for Sheriff."

Mr. Maldonado said, "Together we will

bring about a new age and a new vision for Hendry County while creating a safer place to live and raise our families. My plan of action includes compassion with a strong, aggressive and right-to-the-point approach. We must do this now because tomorrow will be too late.

For more information or if you have any questions, please email me: steven@maldonado2012.com or call 863-342-8227. I will explain in greater detail what is needed to make the Hendry County Sheriff's Office into the top law enforcement agency in the nation."



Submitted photo/Geri Yoraschek

Many local candidates, from those seeking county commission seats to district judges, took advantage of the opportunity to get their message out to the public at the Rotary Club's Candidate Forum July 19.



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The LaBelle Rotary Club again offered a Candidate Forum as a public service to Hendry voters. The event took place July 19 at LaBelle Civic Center.

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Standing tall

Veterans and appreciative citizens gathered at Veterans Park July 21 for LaBelle's annual Fallen Heroes event, begun in honor of two of LaBelle's sons, Marine SSgt. Chris Strickland, who died in Afghanistan in 2008, and Army CWO Robert Hammett Jr., who died in Iraq. The two died just a day apart. This year several new additions to the park were unveiled, including the Honor and Remember Flag and the new centerpiece, the Bronze Fallen Soldier Statue.



Legionnaire Tony Alvarez, left, speaks quietly with Johnny Hammett of LaBelle, whose son CWO Robert Hammett Jr., died in a bomb blast in Iraq in 2008.

Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant
Members of Boy Scout Troop 9 once again helped LaBelle veterans out by assisting at the Fallen Heroes event July 21. The troop stood at attention during ceremonies and several helped place new memorial bricks.



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant
US Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Matt Kindermann, left, and CWO Edwin Crews raised the new Honor and Remember flag, which will only be raised twice each year - for the annual Fallen Heroes event and Veterans Day.



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- Added ten deputies to the road to better serve the outlying communities such as Montura, Pioneer and Felda.
- Our narcotics arrests have doubled
- Deputies self initiated calls for service have over doubled, deputies are now proactive instead of reactive.
- Our overall crime rate is down.

In my brochure that you either have or will be receiving, you will see all the changes we have made. We have come far but I'm not satisfied yet. Every day we find ways to better our community. Please allow me to continue to be your Sheriff for a second term. Hendry County deserves some stability in the office of Sheriff. I ask for your vote on August 14th.

Thank you,

Steve Whidden
Hendry County Sheriff

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