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## Early voting decision unclear

by Patty Brant  
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In addition to the furious campaigning involved in the Presidential election, controversy over when people can cast their votes is also at the forefront, most dramatically in five South Florida counties: Hendry, Collier, Hillsborough, Hardee and Monroe.

Elections in these five counties have been under federal scrutiny since the 1965 Voter Rights Act, which seeks to protect minority voters from discrimination. No changes in the election process may be made in these counties without the prior approval of the Department of Justice.

The current controversy in this election swirls around the time period for Early Voting.

Early Voting has been allowed for 15 days prior to election days. Florida HB 1355, FS 2011-40 reduced that time frame to ten days prior to an election. The law also ends early voting on the third day

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## Keeping LaBelle's History alive

The City of LaBelle has opened its vaults and donated its many videotaped interviews with those who have left their indelible mark on this town to the LaBelle Heritage Museum. The city completed the video tapings in 2001 as part of a state historical grant to preserve oral histories. The museum will digitize all the tapes and store the originals for safekeeping. Pat Johnson of the museum has volunteered to record all 50-some of the tapes on CDs and also protect them on a computer hard drive. The originals will be stored in a fireproof container. The project will allow future generations to become familiar with early pillars of LaBelle like Irene Doub, the Parsons, Kid Jones and more. They will be available for people to see at the museum. Members of the museum collected the videotapes last week. Pictured from left: Joe Thomas, Jeannie Horlacher, Pat Johnson and Mayor Paul Puletti.

## Hampton runs for tax collector

For the past 28 years Peggy Hampton (Democrat) has served as Hendry County's Tax Collector. On November 6, she hopes voters will allow her to continue that service.

Ms. Hampton first worked for the Tax Collector's office for 4.5 years, then went into banking for 13 years. At that point, previous Tax Collector Mildred Lewis was retiring and Ms. Hampton made a bid for, and was elected to, the office. Ms. Lewis hired her immediately upon her election. For those several months before actually

taking office, Ms. Hampton had the opportunity to learn the office accounting procedures.

She said she stands proudly on her record of service since then.

She said she first ran for the office because, having been employed there for some time, she liked the diversity of the work there. The Tax Collector's Office performs different functions including handling property taxes, tags, titles, occupational licenses - all rolled in with the challenge



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## BOCC questions Korf's leadership

by Patty Brant  
Caloosa Belle

The county commissioners have put County Administrator Judi Kenningt-Korf on notice. Commissioner Al Perry began the discussion at Tuesday night's regular commission meeting, saying the county "lacks leadership" under her direction and moved to terminate her contract. Commissioner Perry said he has spoken with Ms. Kennington-Korf but did not wish to be specific in his criticism at that time.

However, Commissioner Karson Turner, who seconded the motion for discussion, wanted to hold back on any action, saying the timing was not right, with the budget process in mid-stream. He noted that the budget is the prime concern at this time.

Commissioner Janet Taylor noted that these are "critical times" and wanted a "factual discussion" on the issue after October 1.

Commissioner Darrell Harris recalled going through this process with the last several administrators and said each commissioner needs to speak personally with Ms. Kennington-Korf before taking any action.

Although Commissioner Perry said he has a lot of respect for Ms. Kennington-Korf as an individual, he felt putting off her termination was a "big mistake."

The motion to terminate Ms. Kennington-Korf failed, but the question will be raised again in October.

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## Suncoast generosity

The Hendry Public Schools Foundation received a \$17,000 grant from the Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union Foundation. Through the Suncoast for Schools Rewards Check Card, Suncoast Schools FCU members receive rewards points for debit card purchases and in return the credit union donates two cents to the Foundation to fund education-related initiatives in the local community. Pictured from left: Mary Tlachac, Executive Director, Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union Foundation, Susana Serra, Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union LaBelle Service Center Manager, C. Gordon Swaggerty, Deputy Superintendent and Hendry Public Schools Foundation Executive Director.

## Candidate

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of working with the public.

Naturally, the office is very different from when she first began there. The number one change has been the conversion to computerization. Employees used to type up all registrations - there was no internet DMV system then.

Previously, each receipt had to be hand numbered for validation of tax payments. Now, with the internet, payments are posted live online. That, Ms. Hampton feels, is the most beneficial change for property owners - the ability to have their payment validated immediately rather than being posted by hand in huge books.

Internet renewals and the availability of making tax payments online result in fewer walk-in customers, Ms. Hampton said, but each month has its own challenges.

Ms. Hampton said she tries to be mindful of anything she can do to help the community. For instance, when the state decided to close the Driver License office in LaBelle to save money a few years ago, she volunteered the Tax Collector's office to take it over. If the office closed, LaBelle folks would have had to travel to Clewiston or Fort Myers to renew their driver's licenses. When the state decided to close the Clewiston Driver License Office, Ms. Hampton took it under her wing as well. The Tax Collector's Office branches in both LaBelle and Clewiston provide this important convenience for locals and also to many out-of-towners.

These are challenging times, Ms. Hampton said. Like all government officers, the Tax Collector has had to find ways to do more with less. One way has been to cut about five employees from her roster, and doing it the most painless way she can, by attrition - simply not filling a position that comes open. Ms. Hampton currently oversees 18 employees.

Probably the toughest part of her job is having to notify people that they may be losing their property due to nonpayment of taxes. She said she knows the struggle of people to pay for taxes - even vehicle license fees, which have increased dramatically.

She said her office is also taking more installment payments for taxes these days. Hard times have also increased the number of bad checks her office has to deal with.

If reelected, Ms. Hampton said she plans to continue to provide helpful, caring team service. She said her office works well with all involved state agencies - Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (driver's licenses), Freshwater Fish Commission (selling hunt-

ing and fishing licenses) and the Department of Revenue.

She feels her experience in banking helps her do her job as does a good understanding of the complicated taxing structure. She also points to the perfect audits of her office conducted for the board of county commissioners by local independent auditors as evidence of the success of her office. She gives full measure of credit to her "wonderful staff" with their many years of experience.

She also said she has an eye for the community. Once, when the Tax Collector's Office won a contest for the Challenger license plate, the prize was bringing a real astronaut to LaBelle for a luncheon with staff. Ms. Hampton got donations from area businesses and expanded the luncheon to include about 150 students and teachers - an experience they surely would never have had otherwise.

She notes that she and her staff attend continuing education programs. Over the years she has served on committees including the Florida Department of Revenue Association, Game and Freshwater Fish Commission Association and Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Association. She also served as district director for the Florida Tax Collector Association for several years. She and several others in her office have attended an intense school to become certified Florida Tax Collectors.

Ms. Hampton has been a member of the LaBelle Chamber of Commerce for 20 years, serving two years as president. She was on the Hendry/Glades Mental Health board for ten years, and the Salvation Army Advisory Board.

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## Early Vote

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prior to the election, rather than the second day, as it was previously. According to the new law, the polls may be open for early voting from a minimum of six hours to a maximum of eight.

An eight-day, 12-hour per day early voting period would be acceptable to the Federal court. The court's concern is that the five Voter Rights Act counties have the total 96 hours the law allows for early voters.

Supervisors of Elections in Hendry, Collier, Hillsborough and Hardee agreed to the 96-hour compromise. However, in Monroe County the Supervisor of Elections is holding out for a longer period.

In Hendry County, only District 1 has a minority population concentrated enough to indicate immediately after an election how well used Early Voting was. Other districts in Hendry County are more racially mixed, according to the Supervisor of Elections Office so determining those numbers takes longer.

According to the Hendry County Elections Office, it takes some 20 days after an election for staff to pull a voter history and submit it to the state. This history reports data including the age, sex and race of those who cast ballots, so we won't know just how many Hendry County minorities took advantage of Early Voting in the August 14 Primary Election.

A total of 1,477 voters in District 1, which includes Harlem and all the area south of US 27 in Clewiston, cast ballots in the Primary Early Voting process.

Changing the rules mid-election term will be tricky. According to a Supervisor of Elections spokesman, the office is required

to send out all pre-election information in English and Spanish. As with anything that would affect voters, changing Early Voting times would increase the size of all such mailings/postings making the election change harder to accomplish in mid-cycle.

All Hendry's voters guides and even campaign information put out by the candidates would be affected, the spokesman said.

Hendry County is also required to notify the Department of Justice on how the county is informing the public. An attorney would most likely be employed to do the submission to the Department of Justice, including an affidavit of publication from a paper of record.

Early voting takes place at both the LaBelle and Clewiston Supervisor of Elections Offices.

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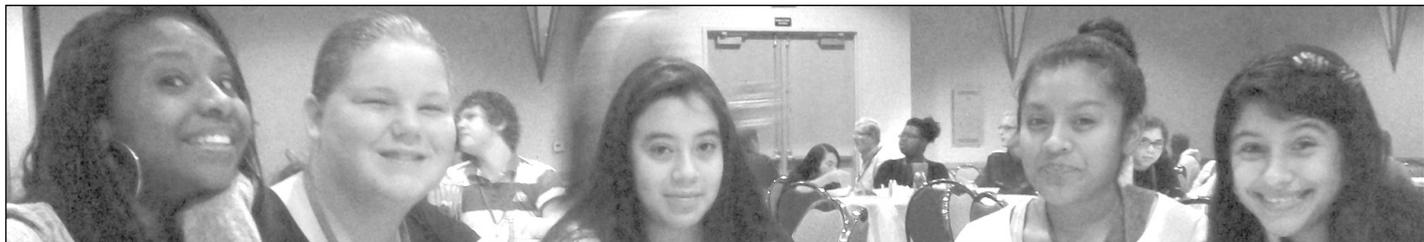
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## SWAT training

Five youth from Hendry and Glades Counties Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) attended the Statewide SWAT Training held in Orlando on July 24-26, 2012. SWAT members representing Glades County and Moore Haven Jr/Sr High School were Blanca Aranda, Monica Leavy, and Elsi Velasquez. Hendry County representatives were Yanelly Ramirez, LaBelle High School, and Savana Beckett, Clewiston Middle School. The training was hosted by the Bureau of Tobacco Free Florida and facilitated by the state SWAT Youth Advocacy Board.



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### SWAT students

Students Working Against Tobacco (SWAT) was established in August 1997 when Florida won a landmark victory against the tobacco industry. SWAT is an anti-tobacco organization that students in middle and high school can join to participate in activities and events that support the vision of a Tobacco Free Florida. SWAT is the youth advocacy organization supported by the Bureau of Tobacco Free Florida. On a local level, SWAT members advocate for policy change that will discourage youth tobacco initiation, reduce exposure to secondhand smoke and promote cessation. The goal of these policies is to change social norms so that tobacco use and advertising by tobacco companies are not accepted as part of our cultural norms.

During the statewide SWAT training, youth focused on the marketing practices of "Big Tobacco" that often appeal to youth (and other disparate populations). SWAT works to educate the community about the marketing practices of Big Tobacco and the benefits of leading tobacco-free lifestyles. All who attended were invigorated and learned skills to carry on with the important anti-tobacco messages to their peers, schools and communities.

Finally, during the statewide SWAT training, elections for the state SWAT Youth Advocacy Board were held. The SWAT Youth Advocacy Board (YAB) is the 12-member executive committee of the SWAT whose members are elected yearly by their peers. The YAB consists of three SWAT members representing each of the four regions in Florida. One of our local Hendry County youth was elected to the SWAT YAB: Savana Beckett, an 8th grade student at Clewiston Middle School who will represent Hendry County and Region 4 over the next 12 months. Join us in Congratulating Savana and all of the youth elected to the 2012-2013 YAB. For more information on Hendry and/or Glades County SWAT please contact Valarie James-674-4041 ext 128 or Doug Freer-946-0707 ext 404.

## Videos showcase entrepreneurs who have started or grown a business

WASHINGTON – Everyone has a story, and now the U.S. Small Business Administration is giving entrepreneurs a new online platform to share their stories and showcase their successful and thriving businesses.

SBA today launched "Small Business Owners Speak," an interactive platform featuring videos by entrepreneurs from across the country who have started or grown a business with the help of the SBA. The videos will be featured at [www.sba.gov/stories](http://www.sba.gov/stories).

"I have the great privilege of meeting small business owners from across the country as I travel every week. But now, thanks to 'Small Business Owners Speak,' you can hear their

stories, too," said SBA Administrator Karen Mills. "This page will highlight the voices of successful small business owners who have started or grown a business thanks to help from the Small Business Administration."

The page features videos submitted during SBA's 2012 National Small Business Week video contest. But to help reach out to more small business owners, SBA has opened "Small Business Owners Speak" to other entrepreneurs interested in submitting a video to be featured at [www.sba.gov/stories](http://www.sba.gov/stories).

More information about the video submission process can be found on the same

page.

The page features a map of the United States that allows users to click on videos by state or by using the drop-down menu and searching for videos by topic, such as capital, counseling, federal contracting or disaster loans.

"Once again, SBA is helping small busi-

ness owners by providing a platform for them to highlight their achievements with SBA's help," said Francisco "Pancho" A. Marrero, SBA South Florida District Director. "I hope every South Florida business owner who has been helped by SBA will submit their story and serve as an inspiration to others."

## Arrest Reports

### LaBelle

Yesenia Moreno, 20, was arrested August 25 and charged with possession of cocaine. R. Maldonado was arresting officer.

Katlin Lamar Briefman, 23, was arrested August 22 and charged with possession of marijuana under 20 grams and possession/use of drug equipment. N. Kirk was arresting officer.

### Clewiston

Edwin Biatoro, 15, was arrested August 23 and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon no intent to kill and criminal mischief third degree felony \$200-\$1,000. CPD Officer J. Rojas was arresting officer.

Elsworth Noel Seales, Jr., 28, was arrested August 25 and charged with a nonmoving traffic violation driving with a suspended license third or subsequent. J. Rojas was arresting officer.

Orestes Borell, 35, was arrested August 22 and charged with simple assault intent, threat to do violence, aggravated battery causing bodily harm or disability and aggravated battery with a deadly weapon. Inv. J. Conyers was arresting officer.

Jose G. Chiquito, 30, was arrested August 24 and charged with hit and run, DUI with property damage, DUI alcohol or drugs

and driving with a license expired over four months. A. Mangels was arresting officer.

Juan Castro Jr., 32, was arrested August 24 and charged with possession of cannabis under 20 grams, possession of xanax (alprazolam) and possession of cocaine. He was arrested by a Seminole Police officer.

Rogelia Villalobos, 37, was arrested and charged with felony battery resulting from bodily harm or disability.

Clarence Lewis, 17, was arrested August 23 and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon no intent to kill, throwing a deadly missile and criminal mischief under \$200. CPD Officer Baker was arresting officer.

Alex Martinez, 33, was arrested August 22 and charged with battery touch or strike and cruelty to a child - abuse without great harm. R. Steed was arresting officer.

Danisha Danilla Naylor, 21, was arrested August 21 and charged with trespass on a structure or conveyance, theft \$300-\$5,000. S. Chamberlain was arresting officer.

Carlos U. Diaz, 30, was arrested August 21 and charged with a nonmoving traffic violation driving with a suspended license third or subsequent offense. M. Thomas was arresting officer.

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## Career Corner

### Labor Day

by Matt Kindermann

Did you know that Congress does not have the Constitutional authority to mandate a national holiday over all citizens? They do, however, have the authority to award federal holidays by law, which allow for the closing of non-essential federal services and the payment of holiday pay for all workers.

Labor Day, like the other federal holidays, are not national holidays. Go ahead and use that for BBQ trivia this weekend!

Let's take this opportunity to discuss some labor definitions. Many employers are under the impression that Workforce Boards can only provide them with unqualified or undesirable labor.

On the contrary, the number of workers covered under the eligibility definition are substantial, and include an array of occupations from unskilled laborer to degreed professional.

Of course, priority of service is geared toward traditionally disadvantaged demographics including Veterans, Youth, Seasonal Farmworkers, Low-Income Households, Offenders and Dislocated Adults.



**Matt Kindermann**

However, the definition of Dislocated Adult is broad and can include: those who have been laid off; eligible for unemployment compensation; are unlikely to return to their primary occupation; affected by any permanent closure of a substantial facility; were self-employed but is unemployed as a result of economic conditions in the community; or is a displaced homemaker.

Most of the Dislocated Adult category consists of highly skilled workers!

If you feel you fit one of the above criteria, you should identify yourself to your local One-Stop Center and inquire about services.

The Workforce Board offers On-The-Job Training and Paid Internship programs where employers receive a semi-qualified individual for up to six months of training, while up to 50 percent of wages are reimbursed.

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**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."**

# Warning! Don't insult the older generation about not being 'green'

by Les Morgan

The Bible teaches its young readers to show honor and respect the older adults. It affirms their life, experience and even their gray hair, calling it a "crown."

Regretfully, our culture usually takes the opposite position, much to its detriment. The older generation are often viewed as "out of touch," "hopelessly old fashion" and "antiques on legs." The shame of such disrespect is two-fold. First, the experience that the previous generation yields is dismissed, which has proven to be tragic throughout history. Second, the generation ahead of the current one usually doesn't take it laying down!

This generation has better be warned! Certainly a young lady can give a testimony to this truth. Read the following and you will see what I mean.

Checking out at the store, the young cashier suggested to the older woman, that she should bring her own grocery bags because plastic bags weren't good for the environment.

The woman apologized and explained, "We didn't have this green thing back in my day."

The young clerk responded, "That's our problem today. Your generation did not care enough to save our environment for future generations."

She was right -- our generation didn't have the green thing in its day.

Back then, we returned milk bottles, soda bottles and beer bottles to the store. The store sent them back to the plant to be washed and sterilized and refilled, so it could use the same bottles over and over. So they really were recycled. But we didn't have the green thing back in our day.

Grocery stores bagged our groceries in brown paper bags, that we reused for numerous things, most memorable besides household garbage bags, was the use of brown paper bags as book covers for our schoolbooks. This was to ensure that public property, (the books provided for our use by the school) was not defaced by our scribbles. Then we were able to personalize our books on the brown paper bags. But too bad we didn't do the green thing back then.

We walked up stairs, because we didn't have an escalator in every store and office building. We walked to the grocery store and didn't climb into a 300-horsepower machine every time we had to go two blocks. But she was right. We didn't have the green thing in our day.

Back then, we washed the baby's diapers because we didn't have the throwaway



**Les Morgan**

kind. We dried clothes on a line, not in an energy-gobbling machine burning up 220 volts -- wind and solar power really did dry our clothes back in our early days.

Kids got hand-me-down clothes from their brothers or sisters, not always brand-new clothing. But that young lady is right; we didn't have the green thing back in our day.

Back then, we had one TV or radio, in the house -- not a TV in every room. And the TV had a small screen the size of a handkerchief, not a screen the size of the state of Montana.

In the kitchen, we blended and stirred by hand because we didn't have electric machines to do everything for us. When we packaged a fragile item to send in the mail, we used wadded up old newspapers to cushion it, not Styrofoam or plastic bubble wrap. Back then, we didn't fire up an engine and burn gasoline just to cut the lawn. We used a push mower that ran on human power. We exercised by working so we didn't need to go to a health club to run on treadmills that operate on electricity. But she's right; we didn't have the green thing back then.

We drank from a fountain when we were thirsty instead of using a cup or a plastic bottle every time we had a drink of water. We refilled writing pens with ink instead of buying a new pen, and we replaced the razor blades in a razor instead of throwing away the whole razor just because the blade got dull. But we didn't have the green thing back then.

Back then, people took the streetcar or a bus and kids rode their bikes to school or walked instead of turning their moms into a 24-hour taxi service. We had one electrical outlet in a room, not an entire bank of sockets to power a dozen appliances. And, we didn't need a computerized gadget to receive a signal beamed from satellites 23,000 miles out in space in order to find the nearest burger joint.

But isn't it sad that the current generation laments how wasteful we old folks were just because we didn't have the green thing back then?

A smart generation will take heed to the instruction of the Biblical counsel -- Honor your father and mother," which is the first commandment with promise -- (Eph 6:1)

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### Chrysalis art show, arts meeting

The Arts of the Inland meeting will be held Tuesday, September 18, at 6 p.m. at the Jamestic Golf Course Crown Room, 350 Homestead Rd.S., Lehigh Acres. Be prepped for a very special evening – seeing member artists' work displayed for the CHRYSALIS Art Show and learn the winners of the Best of Show, first, second and third place. The Best of Show winner will be submitted to the Art Council of Southwest Florida Winners Circle Biennial Exhibit, November 16-December 27, 2012, at the Alliance for the Arts in Fort Myers.

Featured speaker of the evening is Dr. Sandra Fay Mark, President, Art Council of Southwest Florida. She is an accomplished artist, teacher and administrator. The public is invited. For further information: E-mail: artsinland@gmail.com or phone: 239-303-5849. Website: www.artsoftheinland.com.

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### Arts of Inland to meet

Friday, September 7, Arts of the Inland artistic member Diane Carmen will be featured at Fort Myers Art Walk from 6-10 p.m. at Market America (MA), 1412 Dean Street (just off First Street downtown). Don't miss

her collection of beautiful artwork. Stop by, say hello and support your fellow artist Diane Carmen!

For further information, contact LaVon Koenig, President, Arts of the Inland. Phone: 608-235-5721 E-mail: artsinland@gmail.com Website: www.artsoftheinland.com\

### Widows to meet

The Widows Support Group will meet at Contrera's Mexican Restaurant September 20 at 11:30 a.m. All widows welcome.

### Deadline for McDonalds and school supplies

McDonald's school supply drive ends August 31 in Clewiston and LaBelle. Everyone that brings in three packages of school supplies to McDonald's during the above dates will receive a coupon for a free Small Fry. This is our way from the Nisbet Family to say thank you for helping our community and to better our future leaders in their education. Here's a list of school supplies that some of the schools are asking for: crayons, glue, highlighters, colored pencils, glue sticks, expo markers, markers, rulers, composition books, copying paper, notebook paper, Kleenex, folders, pencils, baby wipes, erasers, scissors, paper towels, Band Aids, index cards, Spanish dictionary, pens, three ring binder and spiral notebooks.

### Come to Zumba

Zumba Fitness is offered Mondays and Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. at RCMA, 555 W. Cowboy Way. Instructor Ivonne Orengo, \$5; Aqua Zumba \$8 Saturdays at 11 a.m. Port LaBelle pool, 1563 Oxbow Drive. Instructor Jessenia Glarza. For information: Email: zumbawithjessenia@hotmail.com or check the Web Site: <http://www.jesseniagarlarza.com>. Se habla Espanol.

### Help with school supplies

The LaBelle United Way House, 133 N. Bridge Street is collecting school supplies for kids in need. If you would like to donate please drop off any of the following items:

scissors, wide ruled paper, erasers, crayons, pencils, composition books, spiral notebooks, highlighters, pocket folders with clasps or glue.

### Free eye exams

Spectacular Eyecare will be offering vision screenings for children ages 7-18 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### 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.

### Lost critters

During the week of August 20-24, the

Hendry County Sheriff's Office recovered three horses that were unsecured and running loose on the roadways in Montura.

If you have lost a horse, please contact the Ag Unit at 863-805-5000 or 863-674-5600.

### 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.

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### Animal care in Clewiston

Animal Care Society, Inc. a No-Kill organization DBA Clewiston Critter Care Animal Clinic at 901 W. Ventura Ave. in Clewiston with an online Pharmacy: [clewistoncritter-care.org](http://clewistoncritter-care.org).

The facility offers low-cost spay and neuter services, vaccination services, nail trimming, health and nutritional advice and services as well as saving adoptable pets from high-kill shelters that we offer for adoption to the public.

Dog adoptions are \$50-\$300 and will be posted on each pets webpage. The adoption includes: Spay/Neuter (Completed before leaving our care), Up to date vaccinations, deworming for intestinal parasites, treatment for external parasites, heartworm test. For an additional \$25 you can receive: a nationally registered Microchip and 30 to 45 days of health insurance.

We will be filing for Not-for-Profit 501 (3) C status and we intend on funding this organization by writing grants, fund-raising, maintaining a membership with yearly dues, Web site donation opportunities, sponsorship opportunities and pet boarding among other things.

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Through Trees for America, everyone is encouraged to plant trees for the benefit of the environment and quality-of-life. With one million members, the Arbor Day Foundation is the nation's largest nonprofit organization dedicated to planting trees.

"Those who plant live oak trees will enjoy shade and splendor for years and years to come," said John Rosenow, founder and chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "These trees will also add to the proud heritage of Florida's 160 Tree City USA communities. For the last 36 years, Tree City USA

has supported effective urban forest management across Florida, and planting these trees will enhance the state's tree-planting tradition."

The trees will be shipped postpaid at the right time for planting between October 15 and December 10. The 6- to 12-inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge. Planting instructions are enclosed with each shipment of trees.

New members of the Arbor Day Foundation will also receive The Tree Book, which includes information about tree planting and care.

To receive ten free live oak trees, send a \$10 membership contribution to Ten Live Oaks, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, by September 29, 2012, or join online at [arborday.org](http://arborday.org)/september.

## School Briefs

### UES open house coming up

Uptegrove Elementary School will hold an open house Tuesday, Sept. 11, 5:30-7 p.m. with a spaghetti dinner that day from 5-7 p.m. Adults and children. Everyone is invited to come out and see the school, classrooms, meet the teachers and have a great dinner. There will be a book fair in the library from 5:30-7 p.m.

### Spaghetti dinner

Get ready to have a great time at LaBelle Elementary School. The LaBelle Rotary Club will be sponsoring an All You Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner on Thursday, September 13. It will be held from 5-7 p.m. in the LaBelle Elementary Cafeteria. All tickets cost \$5. On this special night, there will be a Book Fair in the Library from 5-7 and classrooms will be open for visitation from 6-7 p.m. Also, there will be a Title I Parent Meeting at 7 p.m. in the Cafeteria. Hope to see you there! IMS Open house, Title I meeting

## Obituaries

### Juan Torres, 49

MOORE HAVEN — Juan Torres passed away August 21, 2012, at home surrounded by his family.

He was born March 13, 1963, in Marietta, Ark., to the late Manuel C. and the late Enadena (Morena) Torres. He was a heavy equipment operator for many years. Mr. Torres married Lillie Stallins.

Survivors include his wife, Lillie; and one son, Victor Torres; brothers, David Torres, Manuel Torres, Rocky



Garcia; three sisters, Josephine Church, Irene Guerra, Kathleen Torres; step sons, Mitchell Waugh, Paul Waldron; step daughters, Rosalie Waugh, Rebecca Williams, Rosanna Boyd, Mary Berden; and eight grandchildren.

A Gathering for family and friends was held Saturday, August 25, 2012, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Akin-Davis Funeral Home, LaBelle, Fla.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle

### W.D. 'Don' Simms

PORT LABELLE — W.D. "Don" Simms passed away peacefully at his home in Port LaBelle on Thursday, August 23, 2012.

He is survived by his daughter, Silvia Brown; and son, W.D. Simms, Jr.

As per Don's wishes, after cremation there will be no services.

## Church Briefs

### Gaither Style Concert

The Trust Quartet, Singing Gaither style four part harmony, are scheduled to perform in concert on Sunday, September 9, at 10 a.m. at Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church. The exciting Trust Quartet, a Florida based, Nashville recorded mixed group, will perform their enthusiastic approach to some of gospel's finest songs. Trust not only has great harmony but also a unique ministering ability with song. You will not want to miss this opportunity to enjoy a great concert.

### Gospel Sing

The LaBelle Gathering of Christian Men will be sponsoring a Gospel Sing on September 8 at 6 p.m. in the LaBelle High School Auditorium. Everyone is invited to attend. Refreshments will be available.

### Fellowship, fun, discipleship

Caloosa Baptist Church has begun a College and Careers Class (post-high school to 24 years old) on Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Charlie's Coffee Shop. College and Careers will kick-off with a leadership study using Andy Andrew's The Traveler's Gift. Mark your calendars for a time of fellowship, fun, and discipleship. If you have questions or to confirm your attendance please email Rhonda Kosh at [shok02@yahoo.com](mailto:shok02@yahoo.com).

### Prophecy expo

You can't afford to miss this. Program runs August 31-October 6 with speaker Pastor Lester Pratt Friday, Saturday, and Sunday evenings 7-9 p.m. at Fort Myers Shores Seventh-Day Adventist Church, 14830 Palm Beach Blvd. in Fort Myers. For information call Pastor Robert Ferguson 239-878-6750; e-mail [evangelism1947@gmail.com](mailto:evangelism1947@gmail.com).

Don't forget Planting to Help our Community. Enjoy the experience of planting and growing herbs and vegetables - God's healthy way in our community garden. All are invited and it is free every Sunday from 9 a.m. to noon. For more information call Pastor Robert Ferguson 239-878-6750.

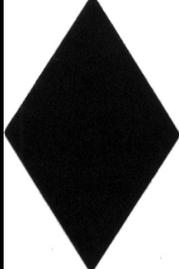
### Feeding children

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.

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# Barnhart earns 2012 Golden Baby Shoe Award

(Fort Myers, Fla. – August 21, 2012) – The Healthy Start Coalition of Southwest Florida announces the five award recipients of the 3rd annual Golden Baby Shoe Awards.

The recipients were honored for their contributions and dedication to improving the health and well-being of pregnant women or babies at the Golden Baby Shoe Awards on Saturday, August 25, 2012 at the Grandezza in Estero, FL.

The recipients are:  
Norma Jeanne Appelbaum, DMD, Adult Dentistry of Southwest Florida, Cape Coral



**Juanita Barnhart**

Juanita Barnhart, RN, BSN, Retired, Children's Medical Services, LaBelle  
Laurie Champion, RN, Lee Memorial Home Health, Fort Myers

Jonah Frost, MS, PT, Milestones Pediatric Therapies of Naples, Naples

Jaclyn Sieben, RN, Naples Community Hospital - The Birth Place, Naples

The recipients were selected by the Golden Baby Shoe Awards committee made up of physicians, nurses, and community leaders. Nominations were submitted earlier this summer from all over Southwest Florida.

The list was narrowed down to ten finalists, who will also be recognized at the awards ceremony. "Choosing only five awardees from such an amazing list of finalists was extremely difficult for the committee because each person is much deserving of a Golden Baby Shoe Award.

Each of them has literally saved many babies through their dedication and service. These are extraordinary individuals and it is our honor to recognize their achievements." Cathy Timuta, Executive Director of Healthy Start of Southwest Florida.

The Golden Baby Shoe Award finalists will also be recognized at the awards ceremony. They are:

Becky Hines, CEO of Destiny Ministries  
Jean Ann Lynch, Founder & CEO of Baby Basics of Collier County,  
Samantha McCormick, RN., Director of Midwifery Services Baby Love,  
Vince Munizza, PA., Island Coast Pediatrics

Claudia Ramey, RN, Case Manager, Lee County Health Department.

The 2012 Lifetime Achievement Award

Recipient, Pat Gulley, RN, Retired Community Health Nurse, will be honored at the event as well.

The awards celebration will feature Keynote Speaker, Nancy Lascheid, RN, BSN, Co-founder and Nursing Coordinator of the Neighborhood Health Clinic in Naples.

The Master of Ceremonies for the event will be Courtney Robinson, ABC-7 news anchor. The August 25 event, begins at 6pm, and is open to the public.

The event was made possible in part by our sponsors, Lee Memorial Health System

Foundation, Naples Community Hospital, Tuscan & Company, PA., Iberia Bank, Hodges University, Mother Earth Natural Foods, Inc., and Mama's Chiropractic.

For more information, visit goldenbabyshoe.org or call (239) 425-6920.

### About Healthy Start:

Healthy Start Southwest Florida was formed as a not-for-profit 501(c) 3 organization in 1992 and has proudly served our four county area for twenty years.

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Bids will be received by the District One Office until 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, September 20, 2012, for the following Proposals:

E1L81- Roadside Mowing, Chemical Mowing and Litter Removal in Highlands County-Budget Estimate: \$339,122.00  
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E1L83- Cleaning & Grubbing and Tree Trimming in Desoto, Hardee, Manatee, & Sarasota Counties-Budget Estimate: \$94,763.00  
E1L84- Maintenance of Traffic in Polk County-Budget Estimate: \$20,000.00  
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E1L88- Removal and Replacement of Thermoplastic and Retro-Reflective Pavement Markings in Desoto, Hardee, Manatee, & Sarasota Counties-Budget Estimate: \$329,981.00  
E1L91- Pavement Markings Symbols and RPM's District Wide-Budget Estimate: \$100,000.00

Complete letting advertisement information for this project is available on our website at <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/contractsadministration/district1/> or by calling (863) 519-2559.  
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1144	2009	1354331-010000H090	Wycliffe G. Crosse & Pauline J. Crosse

The Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 35, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Lot 9, Block H, Pioneer Plantation, an unrecorded subdivision.

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1594	2008	1154432-40002060000	Maria C. Estrella & Rafael Estrella

The West one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 15, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the South 40 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 2551, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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1033	2009	1274331-010000J020	Eddy & Miriam Martinez

The Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 27, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Lot 2, Block J, Pioneer Plantation, an unrecorded subdivision.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1102	2009	1344331-0100000340	Walter L. Blair %Lee & Associates

Tract 34- Parcel of land in surveyed portion of fractional Section 34, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida, West of a canal known as the 42 foot canal and described in O.R. Book 56, Pages 541 to 547, inclusive, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Southwest corner of said Section 34 run N 01 degrees 40' 12" East, along the West boundary line of said Section 34 a distance of 3386.43 feet to the Point-of-Beginning of this description; thence continuing North 01 degrees 40' 12" East, along said West boundary line of Section 34, a distance of 248.96 feet; thence South 89 degrees 06' 34" East a distance of 394.89; thence South 01 degrees 40' 12" West a distance of 248.96 feet; thence North 89 degrees 06' 34" West a distance of 394.89 feet to the said Point-of-Beginning of this description. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Pioneer Plantation, an unrecorded Plat.

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**Public Notice**

**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, September 5, 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 adoption of a rate surcharge, consider the proposed 2013 budget, consider a petition from Torrey Island Recreational Management Company challenging certain historical charges (quasi-judicial), Election of the officers, administrative hearing 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 Colon at **561-493-6127** or [Jcolon@pbwater.com](mailto:Jcolon@pbwater.com) at least forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting.

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 Colon at **(561) 493-6127** or [Jcolon@pbwater.com](mailto: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 Colon, GUA Clerk**  
424775 CN/CB 8/30/12

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1128	2009	1344331-020000P0040	Maria Patricia Perez

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**Public Notice**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: TMS TOWING & RECOVERY gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 09/14/2012, 10:00 am at 74 S. INDUSTRIAL LOOP, LABELLE, FL 33935, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. TMS TOWING & RECOVERY reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

**1993 CHEVROLET**  
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425052 CN 8/30/2012

**Public Notice**

**NOTICE TO PUBLIC**

The Hendry County Hospital Authority Board of Directors will conduct their Annual Preliminary Budget Hearing on Monday, September 10, 2012 at 5 pm in Suite 1 at Hendry Regional Convenient Care Center, 450 S. Main Street, LaBelle, FL 33935. The public is invited to attend.  
425057 CN 8/30/2012

**Public Notice**

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA CASE NO: 2012-000026-CA**

FREEDOM MORTGAGE CORPORATION Plaintiff,  
vs.  
KATHERINE SANSENBACH; JOHNATHAN KANE; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF KATHERINE SANSENBACH; UNKNOWN SPOUSE OF JOHNATHAN KANE; UNKNOWN TENANT I; UNKNOWN TENANT II, and any unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors, and other unknown persons or unknown spouses claiming by, through and under any of the above-named Defendants, Defendants.

**NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE**

NOTICE is hereby given that the undersigned Clerk of the Circuit Court of Hendry County, Florida, will on the 26th day of September, 2012, at 11:00 A.M. at the 2nd Floor Hallway of the Hendry County Courthouse Building, LaBelle, Florida, offer for sale and sell at public outcry to the highest and best bidder for cash, the following described property situated in Hendry County, Florida:

**LOT 91, RIDGILL SUBDIVISION ADDITION NUMBER TWO, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF, RECORDED IN PLAT BOOK 6, PAGE(S) 117 AND 118, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA.**

**TOGETHER WITH LAND AND MOBILE HOME DESCRIBED AS 1988 GREE WITH VIN #S FFLH32a/b09610GH AND TITLE #S 47195668 & 47190340**

pursuant to the Final Judgment entered in a case pending in said Court, the style of which is indicated above. Any person or entity claiming an interest in the surplus, if any, resulting from the foreclosure sale, other than the property owner as of the date of the Lis Pendens, must file a claim on same with the Clerk of Court within 60 days after the foreclosure sale.

WITNESS my hand and official seal of said Court this 10th day of August, 2012.

**If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in this proceeding, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact the Deputy Court Administrator whose office is located at Hendry County Courthouse, 125 Pratt Blvd, LaBelle, Florida 33935 and whose phone number is (941) 675-5229 within 7 working days of your receipt of this Notice, if you are hearing or voice impaired, call 711.**



Submitted photos

## The LHS 2012 Football Team

AT LEFT: The coach's from right to left: Ray Hernandez, Armando Ayala, Head Coach Jordan Odaffer, Chris Bishop, Maurice McClain.

AT RIGHT: The 2012 varsity football team.

# No significant Environmental Impact by ORV trail heads and turn lane construction in the Everglades

Superintendent Pedro Ramos announced today that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Off-road Vehicle (ORV) Designated Trail Head and Turn Lane Improvements Environmental Assessment (EA) has been signed by NPS Southeast Regional Director David Vela and is posted online.

The EA examined three alternatives in detail, addressed the environmental impacts

of each, and identified a preferred alternative. The FONSI documents the NPS' choice of the preferred alternative as its selected alternative. This alternative will improve trail heads at Skillet Strand North and South, Monroe Station South, Sig Walker, Pace's Dike, and Boundary Line. Turn lanes will be constructed on U.S. 41 at Turner River Road, Burns Road, Skillet Strand, Monroe Station,

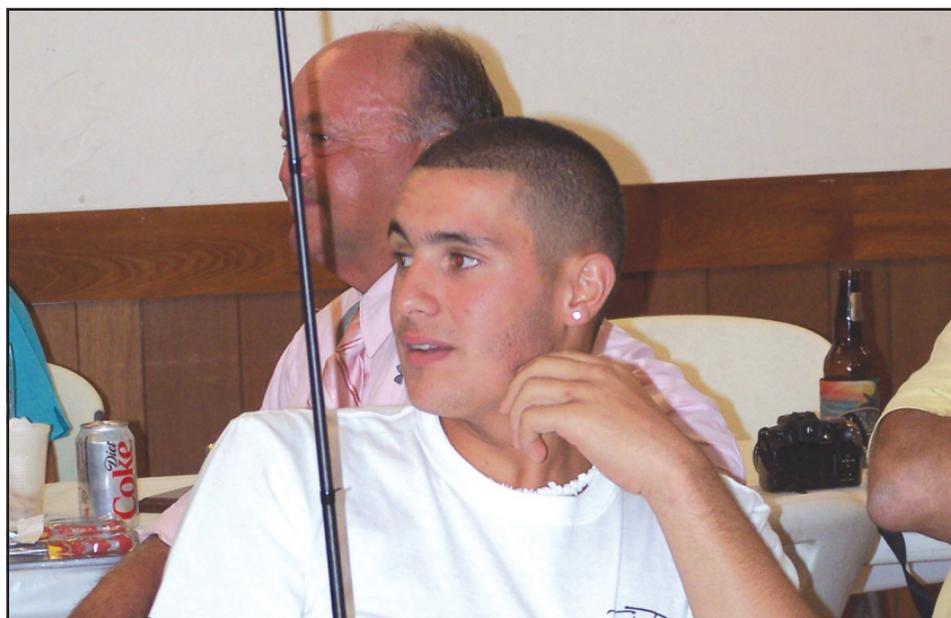
and Oasis Visitor Center.

The FONSI explains why the selected alternative will have no significant effects on the human environment. It is based on the EA and comments received from the public, agencies, and staff during the public review period, which concluded July 5, 2012. The FONSI summarizes the public comments, lists the responses to those comments, and

identifies the changes to the text (errata) as a result of the comments.

The FONSI is posted on the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment website at -

<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/document.cfm?parkID=352&projectID=32734&documentID=49296>



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant

## A passion for fishing

A new member of the Clewiston Bass Club, 17-year-old Brandon Herrero of LaBelle won a new fishing pole at the club's banquet Saturday, August 25.

## Sport Shorts

### Free T-Shirts to LaBelle area businesses

If your business would like to receive up to 5 FREE T-Shirts from the Athletic Department at LaBelle High School, please contact Mel Greenleaf. Each week Mr. Greenleaf will select one interested local business in LaBelle. He will then present those employees with their free T-Shirts and take their picture for publication in the Caloosa Belle. The byline under that picture would read something like: "The fine people at \_\_\_\_\_ are proud to support Cowboy football at LaBelle High School. They want to encourage all fans to attend this Friday's Cowboy football game at \_\_\_\_\_ vs the \_\_\_\_\_. Go Cowboy football team!" Please provide him with your business name, contact person, phone number, and the sizes of the 5 shirts you need. More shirts are available for purchase at \$5.00 per shirt. If you are interested, please contact Mel at 674-4120 or email him at [greenleafm@hendry.k12.fl.us](mailto:greenleafm@hendry.k12.fl.us) The

students and staff would like to thank all of the great people in LaBelle who continue to support all of the activities at LaBelle High School.

### LaBelle High School Fall Sports Program

Program ads for our Fall Sports Program are being placed now! Show your support for LHS Athletics 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.

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## Peace Love & Paws coming up

The Caloosa Humane Society invites you to support the third annual Peace Love & Paws Gala to be held Saturday, October 13, at 5 p.m. at RiverBend Motorcoach Resort.

The gala is a beautiful evening reception featuring delectable dining by Cracker Cookin & Caterin, a splendid display of silent auction items, a fun photo booth, an exciting live auction and other wonderful ways to support our community animals at the shelter.

The Gala allows us to celebrate our mis-

sion and recognize those that make a difference in the lives of homeless pets.

Sponsorships are still available and you can contact the shelter at 863.675.0997 for additional information.

Tickets are \$50 per person and can be purchased on our Web site at [www.caloosahumanesociety.com](http://www.caloosahumanesociety.com) or at the shelter (1200 Pratt Blvd. LaBelle). Thank you for your continued support and we hope to see you at the gala!

## Edison State College enrollment figure shift mirrors philosophical change

FORT MYERS, Fla. – Higher education enrollment throughout the country is in decline, and Southwest Florida is not immune to that trend with Edison State College experiencing a 12 percent dip in full time equivalent (FTE) enrollment, which is subject to change as late registrations continue. Overall, the current student headcount for Fall, which encompasses all students, is at 14,989.

It's the first decline in unduplicated headcount for Southwest Florida's largest higher education institution since Fall 2006, when the college experienced a 1.7 percent decrease. At this time last year, the total headcount enrollment was 16,884. In the past five years, the college experienced a 50 percent increase in enrollment.

While Edison State College is similar to other colleges in adjusting to declining enrollments, the Allbritten Era brings a renewed emphasis on graduation rates, meaning that the percentage of students who graduate with their desired degree is as important as the total number of students who attend Edison State.

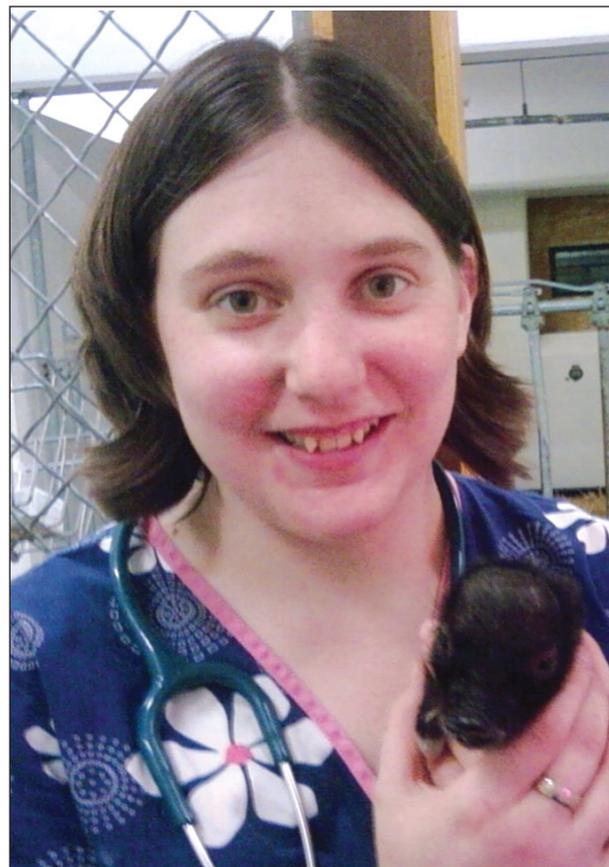
"Florida has signed on to 'Complete College America,' a national movement to increase the number of students completing certificates, associate and bachelor's degrees," said Dr. Allbritten, President, Edison State College. "We're going to be looking at what are you doing for retention because it's as important to retain a student as it is to get a new one."

Dr. Allbritten's commitment also has extended to administrative hires, as Edison State has hired its first Vice President of Institutional Effectiveness and Accountability, Dr. Jeff Stewart, who starts August 31. This

office will elevate the importance of data-driven decisions to increase effectiveness.

For more information about Edison State College please visit [Edison.edu](http://Edison.edu) or call 800-749-2322. Celebrating 50 years of excellence, Edison State College is Southwest Florida's largest, most accessible and most affordable institution of higher education. Proud to be tobacco-free, Edison State serves more than 26,000 students per year in five counties and online. For more information please visit [www.edison.edu](http://www.edison.edu).

## Doc at Humane Society



Jessica Brugler, DVM

Submitted photo

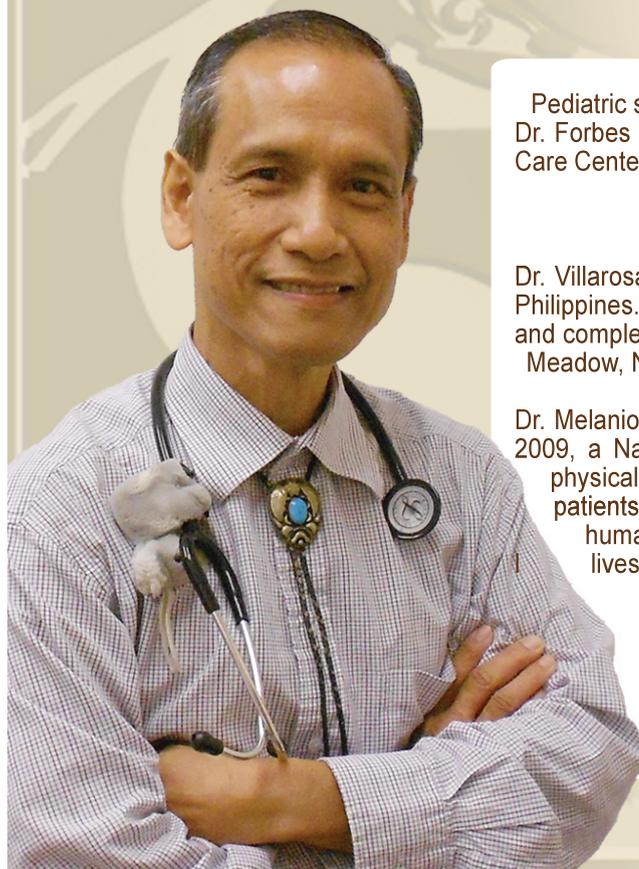
Caloosa Humane Society is pleased to announce that they now offer affordable, high quality veterinary services to the community.

Staff welcomes Jessica Brugler, DVM as the Medical Director of the Caloosa Humane Society Veterinary Clinic. She is lovingly called Dr. Jess.

Dr. Jess is a graduate of The Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine. She is now seeing patients and taking appointments at the shelter. The new CHS Veterinary Clinic will open shortly after the first of September at 1050 Commerce Drive in LaBelle.

All of the proceeds received go back to the shelter to care for our homeless pets. You can call CHS now to schedule your appointment at the shelter or later at the new location 863.675.0997.

Thank you for your continued support of the homeless pets in our care.



## Pediatrician coming soon to Hendry Regional Medical Center

Pediatric services will soon be available for the children in our community at the Dr. Forbes Family Care Center in Clewiston and the Hendry Regional Convenient Care Center in LaBelle. Dr. Melanio Villarosa will join the other clinical professionals at these facilities and will be available to treat all children, from newborns through the adolescent years.

Dr. Villarosa received his medical training at the Far Eastern University in Manila, Philippines. He performed his internship at the Family Clinic and Hospital in Manila, and completed his residency training at the Nassau County Medical Center in East Meadow, New York. He has over 25 years of experience as a pediatric physician.

Dr. Melanio Villarosa held a solo practice in Immokalee for more than 12 years. In 2009, a Naples Florida Weekly article said, "Dr. Villarosa dispenses more than physical examinations, prescribed medications and helpful hints to his young patients and their parents and guardians. He also provides a full measure of humanity and respect to people who see precious little of either in their daily lives, and who require it even more when confronted by physical problems."

A write-up in the Naples Daily News referred to Dr. Villarosa as, "The People's Doctor- committed to helping families in a small farming community." Others from the Immokalee area identified Dr. Villarosa as "The most popular pediatrician in the community."

Dr. Melanio Villarosa

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

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1149	2009	1354331-010000H0140	Wydiffe G. Crosse & Pauline J. Crosse

The Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 35, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Lot 14, Block H, Pioneer Plantation, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Second Thursday** in the month of **September, 2012**, which is the **13th day of September, 2012**.

Dated this **1st day of August, 2012**.

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

423456 CN 8/9,16,23,30/2012

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1137	2009	1354331-010000F0140	Wydiffe G. Crosse & Pauline J. Crosse

The Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 35, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Lot 14, Block F, Pioneer Plantation, an unrecorded subdivision.

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423451 CN 8/9,16,23,30/2012

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1025	2009	1274331-010000G0040	Chequers First Corp Alejandro DeLaCruz, Registered Agent

The Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 27, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Tract 4, Block G, Pioneer Plantation, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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Dated this **15th day of August, 2012**.

Barbara S. Butler  
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 Hendry County, Florida

424436 CN 8/23,30;9/6,13/2012

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1803	2009	1254432-A0002110100	Emy Sanchez & Krystle Sanchez

The East one-half of the West one-half of the South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for ingress, egress and utilities over and across the South 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 616 to Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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Dated this **15th day of August, 2012**.

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 Hendry County, Florida

424438 CN 8/23,30;9/6,13/2012

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1441	2009	1154432-A0001070100	Guillermo Serra & Gaspar Serra

The North one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 15, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for a drainage canal of the North 25 feet thereof. Also known as Lot 3148 in Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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Dated this **15th day of August, 2012**.

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424439 CN 8/23,30;9/6,13/2012

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1057	2009	1284331-A0000290000	Ketty Cherubin

The Southeast 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. Subject to an easement for a canal of the South 30.00 feet thereof. Also known as Lot 364, Pioneer Plantation, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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Dated this **1st day of August, 2012**.

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 Hendry County, Florida

423410 CN 8/9,16,23,30/2012

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1919	2009	1274432-A0000320100	Jacinto T. Corzo, Jr. and Candid S. Corzo

The North one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 27, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 800 in Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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Dated this **15th day of August, 2012**.

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424441 CN 8/23,30;9/6,13/2012

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1134	2009	1354331-010000D0050	Elizabeth Villanueva

Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 35, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Lot 5 Block D, Pioneer Plantation unrecorded.

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

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Barbara S. Butler  
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 Hendry County, Florida

424427 CN 8/23,30;9/6,13/2012

**Public Notice**

# Experience 'true tomato taste'

Immokalee, Fla. – Lipman, North America's largest open field tomato grower, recently announced that it will give away a limited supply of Vintage Ripe tomatoes through its website, [www.TrueTomatoTaste.com](http://www.TrueTomatoTaste.com).

"In recent months, there's been a lot of talk about how today's tomatoes are 'flavorless,'" said Kent Shoemaker, CEO of Lipman.

"It's time to set the record straight, which is why we're giving away samples of our most flavorful tomato, the Vintage Ripe. Specially grown for that authentic tomato taste, we're confident this variety will deliver the flavor consumers long for."

Now through September 14, consumers are encouraged to register for a free sample. Winners will be selected at random to receive a two-pack of Vintage Ripe tomatoes.

Earlier this year, the company – traditionally known as a business-to-business supplier – launched a consumer-focused website, [LipmanKitchen.com](http://LipmanKitchen.com). In addition to tomato facts and nutrition information, the site includes a collection of recipes created exclusively for Lipman by some of the nation's top food bloggers.

Lipman's "True Tomato Taste" campaign will be supported via social media through the company's Facebook, Twitter and Pinterest pages.

## About Lipman

Based in Immokalee, Fla., Lipman is the largest open field tomato grower in North America, providing dependable year-round fresh produce through an integrated network of research & development, farming, processing, repacking and procurement solutions. Farms in Florida, South Carolina, Virginia, Maryland, California and Mexico – totaling tens of thousands of acres – allow for Lipman's geographic diversity and ability to grow and ship fresh produce 365 days a year. For more information, visit [www.LipmanProduce.com](http://www.LipmanProduce.com) and [www.LipmanKitchen.com](http://www.LipmanKitchen.com).

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2348	2009	1314433-A0000700000	Florida Terra Investors Daniel M. Romaris, Registered Agent

The South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest 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 West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5952, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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424443 CN 8/23,30;9/6,13/2012

**1-INVITATION TO BID**  
**BID # 2012-4**  
**CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT**  
**LEEVE CONSTRUCTION**

Sealed bids for the reconstruction of the above referenced **Levee Construction** will be received by the Board of Central County Water Control District, hereinafter referred to as "District" at:

475 S. Cabbage Palm Street Clewiston, Florida 33440

until **2:00 pm local time on Tuesday, September 25, 2012** for furnishing labor and materials and performing all work set forth in the Invitation to Bid, Instruction to Bidders, Bid Form, Construction Contract, Detailed Specifications and Drawings which comprise the Bid Documents. Immediately following the scheduled closing time for the reception of bids, all bid proposals which have been submitted in accordance with the conditions of the Invitation to Bid, Instructions to Bidders and any Addenda issued in relation to this Project will be publicly opened and read aloud. Bidder is responsible for the delivery of bid and bids received after the specified day and time will not be opened.

The Work is described as **Levee Construction** and is outlined in drawings and specifications prepared by Rock Aboujaoude, P.E.

A pre-bid meeting shall be held at 10:00 AM on Thursday, September 6, 2012 at the District office located at 475 S. Cabbage Palm Street, Clewiston, Florida.

Construction drawings and Specifications may be obtained from Rock Aboujaoude, P.E. (contact person) at 154 N. Bridge Street, LaBelle, Florida (863/612-0011), or from CCWCD office at 475 S. Cabbage Palm Street, Clewiston, Florida (863/983-5797) for a (non-refundable) fee of \$50. Checks shall be payable to Rock Enterprises, Inc.

Each bid must be submitted, in duplicate, on the prescribed bid form and accompanied by bid security on the prescribed form, payable to the Board of CCWCD, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the bid amount. All subcontractors shall be declared on a separate form.

All bids shall be opened and read aloud on September 25, 2012 at 2:00 PM at the District office located at 475 S. Cabbage Palm Street, Clewiston, Florida. Bidders are welcome to attend.

The successful Bidder will be required to furnish the necessary additional bond(s) for the faithful performance of the Contract, as prescribed in the Contract Documents. All Bid Bonds, Contract Bonds, Insurance Contracts and Certificates of Insurance shall be either executed by or countersigned by a licensed resident agent of the surety or insurance company having its place of business in the State of Florida. Further, the said surety or insurance company shall be duly authorized and qualified to do business in the State of Florida and shall have an A.M. Best rating of A-minus or better and who is listed on the United States Treasury Department's T-list as acceptable to issue bonds for the applicable dollar amount.

The Bid may be withdrawn prior to the date and time of bid opening. Bids shall remain open and subject to acceptance for a period of forty-five (45) calendar days after the date of bid opening but. No bidder may withdraw his Bid for a period of forty-five (45) calendar days after the date of bid opening.

In order to perform public work, the successful Bidder shall have all licenses and permits required by Federal, State, and local statutes, regulations and ordinances.

Before a Contract will be awarded for the work contemplated herein, the District will conduct such investigations as are necessary to determine the performance record and ability of the apparent low Bidder to perform the size and type of work specified under this Invitation to Bid. Upon request, the Bidder shall submit such information as deemed necessary by the District to evaluate the bidder's qualifications. The District reserves the right to award either alternate to the lowest responsible and qualified bidder based on available funding.

The District reserves the right to reject any or all Bid(s). It also reserves the right to postpone the award of the Contract for a period of time which postponement, however, shall not extend beyond ninety (90) calendar days from the bid opening date during which, the District at its sole discretion may release the Bid security.

DATED this 20th day of August, 2012.  
 ATTEST: Central County Water Control District  
 By: Benito Alvarez, Chairman

424504 CN 8/23,30;9/6,13,20/2012

# Witch's Brew

by Pudge Lehman

An easy way to clean your outdoor furniture is with a car washing brush. Suds it, rinse it, done.

It gets so hot in LaBelle that potatoes cook under ground. Just dig one up, put butter, salt and pepper and enjoy.

To clean your metal hood over the stove aim a hair dryer on hot at the seams. This softens the hard grease build-up.

Soak your diamonds in a bowl of hot water with a few glugs of ammonia. This is how I manage to keep my large collection of huge, lovely diamonds (LOL) sparkling without buying jewelry cleaner.



I have personally not worn a belt since 1972 for obvious reasons but for those of you who can and it has become snug due to shrinkage, obviously not yours, remove the buckle and sew an inch or two of elastic to the end of the belt. Then sew the buckle on to the elastic and when it's buckled you can't tell the difference.

A good friend of mine just turned sixty so I'm giving her some tips to make her life easier... Q. Why should 60-year-old people use valet parking? A. Valets don't forget where they parked your car ... A goldfish has a memory span of just three seconds..... and...now so do you

# PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS TO BE VOTED ON NOVEMBER 6, 2012 NOTICE OF ELECTION

I. Kenneth W. Detzner, Secretary of State of the State of Florida, do hereby give notice that an election will be held in each county in Florida, on November 6, 2012, for the ratification or rejection of proposed revisions to the constitution of the State of Florida.

### Public Notice

#### NO. 1 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE I, SECTION 28 (Legislative)

**Ballot Title:** HEALTH CARE SERVICES.—

**Ballot Summary:** Proposing an amendment to the State Constitution to prohibit laws or rules from compelling any person or employer to purchase, obtain, or otherwise provide for health care coverage, permit a person or an employer to purchase lawful health care services directly from a health care provider; permit a health care provider to accept direct payment from a person or an employer for lawful health care services; exempt persons, employers, and health care providers from penalties and taxes for paying directly or accepting direct payment for lawful health care services; and prohibit laws or rules from abolishing the private market for health care coverage of any lawful health care service. Specifies that the amendment does not affect which health care services a health care provider is required to perform or provide; affect which health care services are permitted by law; prohibit care provided pursuant to general law relating to workers' compensation; affect laws or rules in effect as of March 1, 2010; affect the terms or conditions of any health care system to the extent that those terms and conditions do not have the effect of punishing a person or an employer for paying for health care services; prohibit a health care provider from accepting direct payment from a person or an employer for lawful health care services; or affect any general law passed by two-thirds vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature, passed after the effective date of the amendment, provided such law states with specificity the public necessity justifying the exceptions from the provisions of the amendment. The amendment expressly provides that it may not be construed to prohibit negotiated provisions in insurance contracts, network agreements, or other provider agreements contractually limiting copayments, coinsurance, deductibles, or other patient charges.

#### Full Text: ARTICLE VII FINANCE AND TAXATION SECTION 6. Homestead exemptions.—

(a) Every person who has the legal or equitable title to real estate and maintains their permanent residence of the owner, or another legally or naturally dependent upon the owner, shall be exempt from taxation thereon, except assessments for special benefits, up to the assessed valuation of each house of the Legislature, passed after the effective date of the amendment, provided such law states with specificity the public necessity justifying the exceptions from the provisions of the amendment. The amendment expressly provides that it may not be construed to prohibit negotiated provisions in insurance contracts, network agreements, or other provider agreements contractually limiting copayments, coinsurance, deductibles, or other patient charges.

#### Full Text: ARTICLE I DECLARATION OF RIGHTS SECTION 28. Health care services.—

(a) To preserve the freedom of all residents of the state to provide for their own health care: (1) A law or rule may not compel, directly or indirectly, any person or employer to purchase, obtain, or otherwise provide for health care coverage. (2) A person or an employer may pay directly for lawful health care services and may not be required to pay penalties or taxes for paying directly for lawful health care services. (3) A health care provider may accept direct payment for lawful health care services and may not be required to pay penalties or taxes for accepting direct payment from a person or an employer for lawful health care services. (4) The private market for health care coverage of any lawful health care service may not be abolished by law or rule. (5) This section does not: (a) Affect which health care services a health care provider is required to perform or provide; affect which health care services are permitted by law. (b) Prohibit care provided pursuant to general law relating to workers' compensation. (c) Affect laws or rules in effect as of March 1, 2010. (d) Affect the terms or conditions of any health care system to the extent that those terms and conditions do not have the effect of punishing a person or an employer for paying for health care services; prohibit a health care provider from accepting direct payment from a person or an employer for lawful health care services; or affect any general law passed by two-thirds vote of the membership of each house of the Legislature after the effective date of this section, if the law states with specificity the public necessity that justifies an exception from this section. (e) As used in this section, the term: (1) "Compel" includes the imposition of penalties or taxes. (2) "Direct payment" or "pay directly" means payment for lawful health care services without a public or private third party, not including an employer paying for any portion of the service. (3) "Health care system" means any public or private entity whose function or purpose is the processing, or payment, in full or in part, for health care services, health care data, or health care information for its participants. (4) "Lawful health care services" means any health-related service or treatment, to the extent that the service or treatment is permitted or not prohibited by law or regulation at the time the service or treatment is rendered, which may be provided by persons or businesses otherwise permitted to offer such services. (5) "Penalties or taxes" means any civil or criminal penalty or fine, tax, salary or wage withholding or surcharge, or named fee with a similar effect established by law or rule by any governmental entity used, or controlled by the government which is used to punish or discourage the exercise of rights protected under this section. For purposes of this section only, the term "rule" by an agency may not be construed to mean any negotiated provision in any insurance contract, network agreement, or other provider agreement contractually limiting co-

#### NO. 2 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTION 32

**Ballot Title:** VETERANS DISABLED DUE TO COMBAT INJURY; HOMESTEAD PROPERTY TAX DISCOUNT.—

**Ballot Summary:** Proposing an amendment to Section 32 of Article VII of the State Constitution to expand the availability of the property discount on the homesteads of veterans who became disabled as the result of a combat injury to include those who were not Florida residents when they entered the military and schedule the amendment to take effect January 1, 2013.

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#### Full Text: ARTICLE VII FINANCE AND TAXATION SECTION 11. Taxation; appropriations; state expenses; state revenue limitation.—

(a) No law shall be levied or exempt in pursuance of the ad valorem tax or other taxes shall be levied upon real estate or tangible personal property. All other forms of taxation shall be preempted to the state except as provided by general law. (b) Motor vehicles, boats, airplanes, trailers, trains, and mobile homes, as defined by law, shall be subject to a license tax for their operation in the amounts and for the purposes prescribed by law, but shall not be subject to an ad valorem tax. (c) No money shall be drawn from the treasury except in pursuance of appropriation made by law. (d) Provision shall be made by law for raising sufficient revenue to defray the expenses of the state for each fiscal year. (e) Except as provided herein, state revenues collected for any fiscal year shall be limited to state revenues allowed under this subsection for the prior fiscal year plus an amount for growth. The amount of state revenues allowed under this subsection for the prior fiscal year shall equal the state revenues collected for the 1994-1995 fiscal year. Florida personal income shall be determined by the legislature, from information available from the state, to be the average of Commerce or its successor on the first day of February prior to the beginning of the fiscal year. State revenues collected for any fiscal year in excess of this limitation shall be transferred to the state treasury. The revenue fund reaches the maximum balance specified in Section 19(1) of Article III, and thereafter shall be refunded to taxpayers as provided by general law. State revenues allowed under this subsection for any fiscal year may be increased by two-thirds vote of the legislature after the third reading of the bill. For purposes of this subsection, "state revenues" means taxes, fees, licenses, and charges for services imposed by the legislature on individuals, businesses, or agencies outside state government. However, state revenues does not include revenues that are necessary to meet the requirements set forth in documents authorizing the issuance of bonds by the state revenues that are used to provide additional funds for the federal Medicaid program with the exception of state revenues to support the Public Medical Assistance Trust Fund or its successor program and with the exception of state matching funds used to fund elective expansions made after July 1, 2006, in the state revenue fund. Prizes, receipts of the Florida Hurricane Catastrophe Fund, balances carried forward from prior fiscal years, taxes, licenses, fees, and charges for services imposed by local, regional, or school district governing bodies or revenue from businesses or agencies are charges for services required to be imposed by any amendment or revision to this constitution after July 1, 1994. An adjustment to the revenue limitation shall be made by general law after the end of the fiscal year. The responsibility for the funding of governmental functions between the state and other levels of government. The legislature shall, by general law, prescribe procedures necessary to administer this subsection.

#### SECTION 19. State revenue limitation.—

(1) STATE REVENUE LIMITATION.—Except as provided in this section, state revenues collected in any fiscal year are limited as follows: (a) For the 2014-2015 fiscal year, state revenues are limited to an amount equal to the state revenues collected during the 2013-2014 fiscal year multiplied by the sum of the adjustment for growth plus four one-hundredths. (b) For the 2015-2016 fiscal year, state revenues are limited to an amount equal to the state revenue limitation for fiscal year 2014-2015 multiplied by the sum of the adjustment for growth plus three one-hundredths. (c) For the 2016-2017 fiscal year, state revenues are limited to an amount equal to the state revenue limitation for fiscal year 2015-2016 multiplied by the sum of the adjustment for growth plus two one-hundredths. (d) For the 2017-2018 fiscal year, state revenues are limited to an amount equal to the state revenue limitation for fiscal year 2016-2017 multiplied by the sum of the adjustment for growth plus one one-hundredth.

#### ARTICLE XII SCHEDULE SECTION 32. Veterans disabled due to combat injury. Homestead property tax discount.—

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#### NO. 3 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS 1 and 19 ARTICLE XII, SECTION 32 (Legislative)

**Ballot Title:** STATE GOVERNMENT REVENUE LIMITATION.—

**Ballot Summary:** This proposed amendment to the State Constitution replaces the existing state revenue limitation based on Florida personal income growth with a new state revenue limitation based on inflation and population changes. Under the amendment, state revenues, as defined in the amendment, collected in excess of the revenue limitation must be deposited into the budget stabilization fund until the fund reaches its maximum balance, and thereafter shall be used for the support and maintenance of public schools by reducing the minimum financial effort required for each school district to participate in a state-funded education finance program, or, if the minimum financial effort is no longer required, returned to the taxpayers. The Legislature may increase the state revenue limitation through a bill approved by a supermajority vote of each house of the Legislature. The Legislature may also submit a proposed increase in the state revenue limitation to the voters. The Legislature must implement this proposed amendment by general law. The amendment will take effect January 1, 2014-2015 state fiscal year.

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#### NO. 4 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS 4, 6 ARTICLE XII, SECTIONS 27, 32, 33 (Legislative)

**Ballot Title:** PROPERTY TAX LIMITATIONS; PROPERTY VALUE DECLINE; REDUCTION FOR NONHOMESTEAD ASSESSMENT INCREASES; DELAY OF SCHEDULED REPEAL.—

**Ballot Summary:** This would amend Florida Constitution Article VII, Section 4 (Taxation; assessments) and Article 6 (Homestead exemptions). It also would amend Article XII, Section 27, and add Sections 32 and 33, relating to the Schedule for the amendments. (1) In certain circumstances, the law requires the assessed value of homestead and specified nonhomestead property to increase when the just value of the property decreases. Therefore, this amendment provides that the Legislature may, by general law, provide that the assessed value of homestead and specified nonhomestead property may not increase if the just value of that property is less than the just value of the property on the preceding January 1, subject to any adjustment in the assessed value due to changes in the assessed value of homestead or improvements to such property which are assessed as provided for by general law. This amendment takes effect upon approval by the voters. If approved at a special election held on the previous calendar year, the amendment becomes primary, it shall operate retroactively to January 1, 2012, or, if approved at the 2012 general election, shall take effect January 1, 2013. (2) This amendment reduces from 10 percent to 5 percent the limitation on annual changes in assessments of nonhomestead real property. This amendment takes effect upon approval of the voters. If approved at a special election held on the previous calendar year, the amendment becomes primary, it shall operate retroactively to January 1, 2012, or, if approved at the 2012 general election, shall take effect January 1, 2013. (3) This amendment authorizes general law to provide, subject to the provisions of paragraph (4), that the homestead exemption to every person who establishes the right to receive the homestead exemption provided in the Florida Constitution within 1 year after purchasing the homestead property and who is not owned property in the previous calendar year, the homestead exemption applied. The additional homestead exemption shall apply to all levies except school district levies. The additional exemption is an amount equal to 50 percent of the prior homestead or equal to the just value of the prior homestead as of January 1 of the year in which the homestead is established. The additional homestead exemption may not exceed an amount equal to the median just value of all homestead property within the county where the property is located for the calendar year 2012 or immediately preceding January 1 of the year the homestead is established. The additional exemption shall apply for the shorter of 5 years or the year of sale of the property. The amount of the additional exemption shall be reduced in each subsequent year by an amount equal to 20 percent of the amount of the additional exemption received in the year the homestead was established or by an amount equal to the difference between the just value of the property and the assessed value of the property as determined under Article VII, Section 4(1), whichever is greater. Not more than one such exemption shall be allowed per homestead property at one time. The additional exemption applies to property purchased on or after January 1, 2012, or, if approved by voters at a special election held on the date of the 2012 presidential preference primary, or to property purchased on or after January 1, 2012, if approved by the voters at the 2012 general election, takes effect January 1, 2013. (4) This amendment also delays until 2023, the repeal, currently scheduled to take effect in 2019, of constitutional amendments adopted in 2008 which limit annual assessment increases for specified nonhomestead real property. This amendment delays until 2022 the submission of an amendment proposing the abrogation of such repeal to the voters. (5) The Legislature may, by general law, for assessment purposes and subject to the provisions of this subsection, allow counties and municipalities to authorize by ordinance that historic property may be assessed as if it were residential property or use. Such character or use assessment shall apply only to the jurisdiction adopting the ordinance. The requirements for eligible properties must be specified by general law. (6) Agricultural land, land producing high value horticultural products, aquifers, or land used exclusively for non-commercial recreational purposes may be classified by general law and assessed solely

on the basis of character or use. (7) As provided by general law and subject to conditions, limitations, and reasonable definitions specified therein, land used for conservation purposes shall be classified by general law and assessed solely on the basis of character or use. (8) In addition to general law taxable personal property held for sale as stock in trade and livestock may be valued for taxation at a specified percentage of its value, may be classified for tax purposes, or may be exempted from taxation. (9) All persons entitled to a homestead exemption under Section 6 of this Article shall have their homestead assessed at just value as of January 1 of the year following the effective date of this amendment. This assessment shall change only as provided in this subsection. (10) Assessments subject to this subsection shall be changed annually on January 1st of each year; and, those changes in assessments that do not exceed the lower of the following: (a) Three percent (3%) of the assessment for the prior year. (b) The percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers, U.S. City Average, all items, 1967=100, or a successor index reports for the preceding calendar year as initially reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. (c) Any other index as provided by general law that, except for changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to homestead property assessed as provided in paragraph (5), an assessment may not increase if the just value of the property is less than the just value of the property on the preceding January 1. (2) An assessment may not exceed just value. (3) After a change of ownership or control as defined by general law, including any change of ownership of a legal entity that owns the property, such property shall be assessed at just value as of the next assessment date. Thereafter, such property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection. (4) Changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to such property shall be assessed as provided for by general law. However, adjustment for any change in the just value of the property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection. (5) Changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to homestead property shall be assessed as provided for by general law, provided: However, after the assessed value of the property is assessed at just value as of January 1 of the following year, unless the provisions of paragraph (8) apply. Thereafter, the homestead shall be assessed as provided in this subsection. (6) Homestead property shall be assessed at just value as of January 1st of the year following the establishment of the homestead, unless the provisions of paragraph (8) apply. That assessment shall change only as provided in this subsection. (7) Changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to homestead property shall be assessed as provided for by general law, provided: However, after the assessed value of the property is assessed at just value as of January 1 of the year in which the homestead is established, the assessed value of the property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection. (8) In the event of a termination of homestead status, the property shall be assessed as provided for by general law, except for changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to property assessed as provided in paragraph (5), an assessment may not increase if the just value of the property on the preceding date of assessment provided by law. (2) An assessment may not exceed just value. (3) The legislature must provide that such property shall be assessed at just value as of the next assessment date after a change of ownership or control, as defined by general law, including any change of ownership of the legal entity that owns the property. Thereafter, such property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection. (4) The legislature may, by general law, for assessment purposes and subject to the provisions of this subsection, allow counties and municipalities to authorize by ordinance that historic property may be assessed as if it were residential property or use. Such character or use assessment shall apply only to the jurisdiction adopting the ordinance. The requirements for eligible properties must be specified by general law. (6) Agricultural land, land producing high value horticultural products, aquifers, or land used exclusively for non-commercial recreational purposes may be classified by general law and assessed solely

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(1) STATE REVENUE LIMITATION.—Except as provided in this section, state revenues collected in any fiscal year are limited as follows: (a) For the 2014-2015 fiscal year, state revenues are limited to an amount equal to the state revenues collected during the 2013-2014 fiscal year multiplied by the sum of the adjustment for growth plus four one-hundredths. (b) For the 2015-2016 fiscal year, state revenues are limited to an amount equal to the state revenue limitation for fiscal year 2014-2015 multiplied by the sum of the adjustment for growth plus three one-hundredths. (c) For the 2016-2017 fiscal year, state revenues are limited to an amount equal to the state revenue limitation for fiscal year 2015-2016 multiplied by the sum of the adjustment for growth plus two one-hundredths. (d) For the 2017-2018 fiscal year, state revenues are limited to an amount equal to the state revenue limitation for fiscal year 2016-2017 multiplied by the sum of the adjustment for growth plus one one-hundredth.

#### ARTICLE XII SCHEDULE SECTION 32. Veterans disabled due to combat injury. Homestead property tax discount.—

Section 32. Veterans disabled due to combat injury. Homestead property tax discount.—(1) A person who is a veteran who became disabled as the result of a combat injury shall take effect January 1, 2013.

#### NO. 4 CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ARTICLE VII, SECTIONS 4, 6 ARTICLE XII, SECTIONS 27, 32, 33 (Legislative)

**Ballot Title:** PROPERTY TAX LIMITATIONS; PROPERTY VALUE DECLINE; REDUCTION FOR NONHOMESTEAD ASSESSMENT INCREASES; DELAY OF SCHEDULED REPEAL.—

**Ballot Summary:** This would amend Florida Constitution Article VII, Section 4 (Taxation; assessments) and Article 6 (Homestead exemptions). It also would amend Article XII, Section 27, and add Sections 32 and 33, relating to the Schedule for the amendments. (1) In certain circumstances, the law requires the assessed value of homestead and specified nonhomestead property to increase when the just value of the property decreases. Therefore, this amendment provides that the Legislature may, by general law, provide that the assessed value of homestead and specified nonhomestead property may not increase if the just value of that property is less than the just value of the property on the preceding January 1, subject to any adjustment in the assessed value due to changes in the assessed value of homestead or improvements to such property which are assessed as provided for by general law. This amendment takes effect upon approval by the voters. If approved at a special election held on the previous calendar year, the amendment becomes primary, it shall operate retroactively to January 1, 2012, or, if approved at the 2012 general election, shall take effect January 1, 2013. (2) This amendment reduces from 10 percent to 5 percent the limitation on annual changes in assessments of nonhomestead real property. This amendment takes effect upon approval of the voters. If approved at a special election held on the previous calendar year, the amendment becomes primary, it shall operate retroactively to January 1, 2012, or, if approved at the 2012 general election, shall take effect January 1, 2013. (3) This amendment authorizes general law to provide, subject to the provisions of paragraph (4), that the homestead exemption to every person who establishes the right to receive the homestead exemption provided in the Florida Constitution within 1 year after purchasing the homestead property and who is not owned property in the previous calendar year, the homestead exemption applied. The additional homestead exemption shall apply to all levies except school district levies. The additional exemption is an amount equal to 50 percent of the prior homestead or equal to the just value of the prior homestead as of January 1 of the year in which the homestead is established. The additional exemption may not exceed an amount equal to the median just value of all homestead property within the county where the property is located for the calendar year 2012 or immediately preceding January 1 of the year the homestead is established. The additional exemption shall apply for the shorter of 5 years or the year of sale of the property. The amount of the additional exemption shall be reduced in each subsequent year by an amount equal to 20 percent of the amount of the additional exemption received in the year the homestead was established or by an amount equal to the difference between the just value of the property and the assessed value of the property as determined under Article VII, Section 4(1), whichever is greater. Not more than one such exemption shall be allowed per homestead property at one time. The additional exemption applies to property purchased on or after January 1, 2012, or, if approved by voters at a special election held on the date of the 2012 presidential preference primary, or to property purchased on or after January 1, 2012, if approved by the voters at the 2012 general election, takes effect January 1, 2013. (4) This amendment also delays until 2023, the repeal, currently scheduled to take effect in 2019, of constitutional amendments adopted in 2008 which limit annual assessment increases for specified nonhomestead real property. This amendment delays until 2022 the submission of an amendment proposing the abrogation of such repeal to the voters. (5) The Legislature may, by general law, for assessment purposes and subject to the provisions of this subsection, allow counties and municipalities to authorize by ordinance that historic property may be assessed as if it were residential property or use. Such character or use assessment shall apply only to the jurisdiction adopting the ordinance. The requirements for eligible properties must be specified by general law. (6) Agricultural land, land producing high value horticultural products, aquifers, or land used exclusively for non-commercial recreational purposes may be classified by general law and assessed solely

on the basis of character or use. (7) As provided by general law and subject to conditions, limitations, and reasonable definitions specified therein, land used for conservation purposes shall be classified by general law and assessed solely on the basis of character or use. (8) In addition to general law taxable personal property held for sale as stock in trade and livestock may be valued for taxation at a specified percentage of its value, may be classified for tax purposes, or may be exempted from taxation. (9) All persons entitled to a homestead exemption under Section 6 of this Article shall have their homestead assessed at just value as of January 1 of the year following the effective date of this amendment. This assessment shall change only as provided in this subsection. (10) Assessments subject to this subsection shall be changed annually on January 1st of each year; and, those changes in assessments that do not exceed the lower of the following: (a) Three percent (3%) of the assessment for the prior year. (b) The percentage change in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers, U.S. City Average, all items, 1967=100, or a successor index reports for the preceding calendar year as initially reported by the United States Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. (c) Any other index as provided by general law that, except for changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to homestead property assessed as provided in paragraph (5), an assessment may not increase if the just value of the property is less than the just value of the property on the preceding January 1. (2) An assessment may not exceed just value. (3) After a change of ownership or control as defined by general law, including any change of ownership of a legal entity that owns the property, such property shall be assessed at just value as of the next assessment date. Thereafter, such property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection. (4) Changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to such property shall be assessed as provided for by general law. However, adjustment for any change in the just value of the property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection. (5) Changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to homestead property shall be assessed as provided for by general law, provided: However, after the assessed value of the property is assessed at just value as of January 1 of the year in which the homestead is established, the assessed value of the property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection. (8) In the event of a termination of homestead status, the property shall be assessed as provided for by general law, except for changes, additions, reductions, or improvements to property assessed as provided in paragraph (5), an assessment may not increase if the just value of the property on the preceding date of assessment provided by law. (2) An assessment may not exceed just value. (3) The legislature must provide that such property shall be assessed at just value as of the next assessment date after a change of ownership or control, as defined by general law, including any change of ownership of the legal entity that owns the property. Thereafter, such property shall be assessed as provided in this subsection. (4) The legislature may, by general law, for assessment purposes and subject to the provisions of this subsection, allow counties and municipalities to authorize by ordinance that historic property may be assessed as if it were residential property or use. Such character or use assessment shall apply only to the jurisdiction adopting the ordinance. The requirements for eligible properties must be specified by general law. (6) Agricultural land, land producing high value horticultural products, aquifers, or land used exclusively for non-commercial recreational purposes may be classified by general law and assessed solely

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Submitted photo/Kim Hamilton

## Rotary generosity

The LaBelle Rotary Club, represented by Lester Baird, presents a check for \$500 for the Youth Leadership Hendry /Glades to Kim Hamilton and Sonja Crawford Crews, (Deborah Misotti, not pictured) facilitators of the class. Youth of all four local high schools, LaBelle, Clewiston, Moore Haven and Kings Academy benefit from this opportunity to learn about and contribute to the future of our counties.

## Coalition recognizes local pharmacy

by Bianca Ross, Drug Free Hendry County

Over the last two years K&M Drugs and J&J Family Pharmacy have been generous partners of Drug Free Hendry County.

Ayman and Haitham Kaki were both willing to help in any way they could when contacted by coalition staff about a possible partnership. It just so happened that during this same time the prescription drug epidemic was reaching its peak and Ayman, owner of J&J Pharmacy, was available right away to educate staff about prescription drugs and has continued to provide education on E-FORCSE, the state's prescription drug monitoring program, as well as updates on new prescription drug regulations.

Haitham has donated his time as a guest speaker during two Lunch and Learns, one in LaBelle and one in Clewiston. Thanks to Haitham, coalition staff spoke to The Rotary Club of Clewiston about proper drug disposal and current Hendry County statistics. The Kaki brothers have hosted several "Operation Medicine Cabinets" at their stores where they provided food and drinks for everyone that came in. They have also attended social norms activities at county high schools and talked to the kids about making good choices.

Both stores also participate in our "Be the Wall" Campaigns. Most recently all pharmacy staff wore our shirts every Friday for a month during Prom/Graduation season.

The coalition will be forever grateful for their contributions of time, knowledge and resources and we look forward to continuing to partner together in creating a safer community.

Personal Note: Both of these men grew up in Clewiston. They love their community and care deeply for its youth and its future. I am glad to have met them both and am extremely proud of our partnership.

### Board of County Commissioners

On May 15 The Board passed an ordinance that decreased the likelihood of a pain management clinic opening up in our area. County Attorney Mark Lapp worked with us to create an ordinance that met our concerns and has also been available for advice regarding the City of LaBelle ordinance. Hendry County is one of the first counties in the state to move from a Pain Clinic moratorium to an actual ordinance.

County Commissioner Karson Turner served as coalition chair and continued to provide his time and guidance after his term

expired. His efforts and resources are greatly appreciated by the coalition.

Commissioner Al Perry has been available for advice and remains as a source of encouragement for coalition staff and participating youth.

Commissioner Darryl Harris has volunteered his time as a judge during Red Ribbon Week and the Alcohol Poster Contests. Mr. Harris also attended our community program, Rachel's Challenge, at LaBelle High School.

All of the commissioners care deeply for the youth of Hendry County and their decisions reflect that, like passing resolutions or taking the time to read our articles and notices. Drug Free Hendry County Coalition would like to thank each and every one of the commissioners and BOCC staff not only for their concern for the safety and well-being of the residents of Hendry County but for their actions that prove such. Hendry County is blessed to have accessible and caring elected officials.

## PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS TO BE VOTED ON NOVEMBER 6, 2012 NOTICE OF ELECTION

I, Kenneth W. Detzner, Secretary of State of the State of Florida, do hereby give notice that an election will be held in each county in Florida, on November 6, 2012, for the ratification or rejection of proposed revisions to the constitution of the State of Florida.

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lic service for the benefit of Florida's citizens, their communities and economies, the people hereby establish a system of governance for the state university system of Florida.

(b) STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM. There shall be a single state university system comprised of all public universities. A board of trustees shall administer each public university and a board of governors shall govern the state university system.

(c) LOCAL BOARDS OF TRUSTEES. Each local constituent university shall be administered by a board of trustees consisting of thirteen members dedicated to the purposes of the state university system. The board of governors shall establish the powers and duties of the boards of trustees. Each board of trustees shall consist of six citizen members appointed by the governor and five citizen members appointed by the board of governors. The appointed members shall be confirmed by the senate and serve staggered terms of five years as provided by law. The chair of the faculty senate, or the equivalent, and the president of the student body of the university shall also be members.

(d) STATEWIDE BOARD OF GOVERNORS. The board of governors

shall be a body corporate consisting of seventeen members. The board shall operate, regulate, control, and be fully responsible for the management of the whole university system. These responsibilities shall include, but not be limited to, defining the distinctive mission of each constituent university and its articulation with free public schools and community colleges, ensuring the well-planned coordination and operation of the system, and avoiding wasteful duplication of facilities or programs. The board's management shall be subject to the powers of the legislature to appropriate for the expenditure of funds, and the board shall account for such expenditures as provided by law. The governor shall appoint to the board fourteen citizens dedicated to the purposes of the state university system. The appointed members shall be confirmed by the senate and serve staggered terms of seven years as provided by law. The commissioner of education, the chair of the advisory council of faculty senates, or the equivalent, and the chair of the council of student body presidents, which council shall be organized by the board of governors and consist of all the student body presidents of the state university system president of the Florida student association, or the equivalent, shall also be members of the board.

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We are also seeking volunteers to assist in the programs. Contact the camp at 863-675-0334 or mpierceriverside@yahoo.com for full information. Check out our web page and facebook page for photos and flyers!

IT'S A GIRL THING! And IT'S A GUY THING! For girls and guys ages 5-12 and their parent. You see each other every day - you might spend time together in the car or over a quick bit at dinner; but with all the hustle and bustle of life, school and work - how often do you get quality time with your girl or boy?

These events are designed to provide uninterrupted quality time for parent and child in a beautiful and peaceful retreat setting.

In addition to the peace and quiet, there will be games, crafts, outdoor and indoor activities, Bible study, worship and so much more.

Call for the cost for two participants includes lodging, meals, supplies for all ac-

tivities and tshirt. You and your child supply the energy and joy!

IT'S A GIRL THING will be held from 5 p.m. Friday, October 26 - 5 p.m. Saturday, October 27.

IT'S A GUY THING will be held from 5 p.m. Friday, November 30 - 5 p.m., Saturday, December 1.

NEW YEAR'S EVE LOCK-IN! For Jr & Sr High Youth, Sunday, 6 p.m., December 30 - Noon, Tuesday, January 1. Come out for two days of worship, praise, celebration and bringing in the new year! Lots of outdoor and indoor games, recreation, Bible studies and surprises.

Time set aside to have fun with your friends, grow closer to Jesus, enjoy an amazing concert and set the cares of the world aside.

For New Year's Eve, there will be four hours of inflatable fun, a rocking concert with Life After Eden and so much more. Sleep by day and worship and fun by night.

This is a great opportunity to invite your friends who may not know Jesus to learn about having fun in a safe, healthy environment.

Call for costs. Includes soc meals, lodging and all supplies and activities.

# Local Edward Jones associate honored for client service excellence

Branch Office Administrator, Shirley Willis has been honored for her client service excellence. Shirley works at the branch office of Joe Timm in LaBelle.

This recognition earned Shirley an invitation to Edward Jones' annual Branch Office Administrators Managing Partner's Conference in October at the firm's headquarters in St. Louis.

The three-day meeting will pool 350 of Edward Jones' branch office administrators to collectively recognize and reward their client service excellence, as well as take time to pinpoint the critical activities necessary to provide excellent client service.

"Service excellence is how Edward Jones distinguishes itself in the financial services industry, and that is how Shirley has distinguished herself," said Edward Jones Managing Partner Jim Weddle. "We want to learn from her success and share her insights with others."

Shirley said that being invited to the conference is not only an honor but a chance to freshen ideas for enhancing client service.

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Joe Timm and Shirley Willis.

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Edward Jones is headquartered in St. Louis. The Edward Jones website is located at www.edwardjones.com, and its recruiting website is www.careers.edwardjones.com. Member SIPC.

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## ENMIENDAS CONSTITUCIONALES PROPUESTAS PARA VOTACIÓN EL 6 DE NOVIEMBRE DE 2012 AVISO DE ELECCIÓN

Yo, Kenneth W. Detzner, Secretario de Estado del Estado de Florida, por este medio anuncio que el 6 de noviembre de 2012 se llevarán a cabo elecciones en todos los condados de Florida para ratificar o rechazar las revisiones propuestas a la constitución del Estado de Florida.

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la ley general. Esta enmienda es adicional a otras enmiendas al pago de impuestos a los bienes personales tangibles a nivel de estado establecidas por la Constitución y esta enmienda.

**Texto completo:**  
ARTÍCULO VII  
FINANZAS E IMPUESTOS

SECCIÓN 3. Impuestos; exenciones.— (a) Se eximirá impositivamente todo inmueble de propiedad de un municipio utilizado exclusivamente por éste con fines municipales o públicos. La ley general podrá exigir a todo municipio que posea inmuebles fuera de su territorio que efectúe pagos a la unidad impositiva en la que se sitúa el inmueble. Las partes de dicho inmueble utilizadas predominantemente con fines educativos, literarios, científicos, religiosos o benéficos podrán quedar exentas de impuestos por ley general. (b) Se exceptuarán de impuestos, en forma acumulativa, los bienes familiares y efectos personales al valor fijado por ley general, que no sea inferior a mil dólares, pertenecientes a todo jefe de familia que resida en el estado así como los pertenecientes a todo viudo/vida o persona no vidente o con una discapacidad total y permanente al valor fijado por ley general que no sea inferior a los quinientos dólares.

(c) A los fines del gravamen de los impuestos respectivos y sujeto a las disposiciones de este inciso y la ley general, cualquier condado o municipio podrá ofrecer exenciones a los impuestos según valor por motivos de desarrollo comunitario y económico a nuevas empresas y ampliaciones de empresas existentes, según lo defina la ley general. Tal exención podrá otorgarse exclusivamente mediante ordenanza del condado o municipio y solamente una vez que los electores del condado o municipio cuya votación decida tal cuestión por referéndum autocrático al condado o municipio a adoptar tales ordenan-

zas. Serán aplicables exenciones otorgadas de tal manera a los inmuebles construidos por o destinados al uso por parte de una nueva compañía y a las mejoras a inmuebles en relación con la expansión de una empresa existente. Asimismo, tales exenciones serán aplicables a la propiedad personal de tales nuevas empresas y a los bienes personales tangibles relacionados con la expansión de una empresa existente. Los montos o límites al monto de tal exención se especificarán en la ley general. El período durante el que podrá otorgarse dicha exención a una nueva empresa o a una empresa existente será determinado por la ley general. La facultad de otorgar tales exenciones caducará a los diez años de la fecha de aprobación por parte de los electores del condado o municipio y podrá renovarse por referéndum según lo establezca la ley general.

(d) A los fines del gravamen de los impuestos respectivos y de conformidad con las disposiciones de este inciso y la ley general, cualquier condado o municipio podrá ofrecer exenciones a los impuestos según valor por motivos de conservación histórica a los propietarios de inmuebles históricos. Tal exención podrá concederse exclusivamente por ordenanza del condado o municipio. Los montos o límites al monto de tal exención y los requisitos para que un inmueble sea elegible deberán especificarse en la ley general. El período durante el que podrá otorgarse dicha exención al propietario de un inmueble se determinará por ley general.

(e) (1) Por ley general y sujeto a las condiciones que allí se establecen, se exceptuarán de los impuestos según valor los bienes personales tasados en veinticinco mil dólares sujetos a impuestos a los bienes personales tangibles. Los bienes personales tangibles también quedan exentos de los impuestos según valor si su valor de tasación excede los veinticinco mil dólares pero es inferior a los cincuenta mil dólares.

(2) Los condados o municipios podrán, a los fines de sus propios gravámenes impositivos, otorgar exenciones adicionales al pago de impuestos sobre bienes personales tangibles por ordenanza, sujeto a este

inciso y según establezca la ley general. (f) Se otorgarán exenciones al impuesto según valor a la propiedad residencial destinada a fines de preservación a perpetuidad, incluida la propiedad residencial gravada con pagos de servidumbre por conserved a perpetuidad u otras medidas de protección con fines de preservación a perpetuidad, según lo defina la ley general.

(g) Por ley general y sujeto a las condiciones que allí se especifican, todos los beneficiarios de una exención a bienes de familia según la sección 6 de este artículo que fueran integrantes del ejército o de las reservas del ejército de los Estados Unidos, de la Guardia Costera de los Estados Unidos o sus reservas y que hayan sido convocados a cumplir servicio activo durante el año calendario anterior fuera de la región continental de los Estados Unidos, Alaska o Hawái en apoyo de operaciones militares según lo designe la legislatura recibirán una exención equivalente a un porcentaje del valor imponible de su propiedad constituida en bien de familia. El porcentaje aplicable se calculará de acuerdo con la cantidad de días durante los que dicha persona haya prestado servicio activo durante el año calendario anterior fuera de la región continental de los Estados Unidos, Alaska o Hawái en apoyo de operaciones militares según lo designe la Legislatura. Dicha cifra se dividirá por la cantidad de días de dicho año.

ARTÍCULO XII  
CRONOGRAMA  
SECCIÓN 32. Bienes personales tangibles; exención al pago de impuestos según valor.—La enmienda a la Sección 3 del Artículo VII, que establece la exención sobre los bienes personales tangibles si el valor de tasación de dichos bienes excede los veinticinco mil dólares pero es inferior a los cincuenta mil dólares, entrará en vigor el 1 de enero de 2013 y es aplicable a las tasaciones realizadas en el año fiscal que comienza el 1 de enero de 2013 o posteriormente.

№. 11  
ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL  
ARTÍCULO VII, SECCIÓN 6  
(Legislativa)

**Título de la papeleta:** EXENCIÓN ADICIONAL A BIENES DE FAMILIA; CIUDADANOS MAYORES DE BAJOS INGRESOS QUE HABITEN UNA PROPIEDAD A LARGO PLAZO; EQUIVALENTE AL VALOR DE TASACIÓN.—

**Resumen de la papeleta:** Propone una enmienda a la Constitución Estatal para autorizar a la Legislatura, por ley general y sujeto a las condiciones establecidas en la ley general, que permita a condados y municipios otorgar una exención adicional al pago de impuestos sobre bienes de familia equivalente al valor de tasación de la propiedad constituida en bien de familia si dicha propiedad posee un justo valor inferior a los \$250,000 para los propietarios que han tenido una propiedad de esta naturaleza como residencia permanente durante un período no menor de 25 años, que han cumplido los 65 años y con bajos ingresos domésticos de acuerdo con la definición de la ley general.

**Texto completo:**  
ARTÍCULO VII  
FINANZAS E IMPUESTOS  
SECCIÓN 6. Exenciones a bienes de familia.—

(a) Toda persona que posea un título conforme al sistema legal o de derecho sobre un inmueble que sea residencia permanente del propietario o de otro dependiente que esté a cargo del propietario por motivos legales o naturales quedará exenta de impuestos sobre dicha propiedad, excepto de las tasaciones por beneficios especiales, en caso de tasaciones de hasta veinticinco mil dólares, así como de todo gravamen distinto a los correspondientes al distrito escolar, sobre toda valoración mayor de cincuenta mil dólares y hasta los setenta y cinco mil dólares una vez establecido dicho derecho según lo indica la ley. La titularidad sobre el inmueble podrá provenir de un título conforme al sistema legal o de derecho, ser total, conjunta, compartida (como en el caso de un condominio) o ser indirecta a través de la posesión de acciones o una membresía que represente la participación del propietario o del miembro en una corporación poseedora de un

derecho pleno o un derecho de duración fija que supere inicialmente los noventa y ocho años. La exención no será aplicable sobre ningún registro de tasaciones hasta que un organismo estatal designado por la ley general demuestre en primer lugar que dicho registro cumple con las disposiciones del artículo 4. Esta exención queda rechazada a partir de la entrada en vigencia de cualquier enmienda a este Artículo que establezca la tasación de bienes de familia a un valor inferior al justo valor. (b) No se concederá más de una exención a ningún individuo ni unidad familiar ni con respecto a cualquier unidad residencial en particular. Ninguna exención excederá el valor del inmueble tasado en relación con su propietario o, en caso de titularidad a través de acciones o la participación como miembro de una corporación, el valor de la proporción correspondiente a la participación en tal corporación según el valor de tasación de la propiedad.

(c) Por ley general y sujeto a las condiciones aquí establecidas, la Legislatura podrá ofrecer a los arrendatarios que sean residentes permanentes la exención de todos los gravámenes de impuestos según valor. Tal liberación de impuestos según valor se efectuará en la forma y por el monto establecido por la ley general. (d) La Legislatura podrá, por ley general, autorizar a condados o municipios, a otorgar una cualquiera de las siguientes o ambas exenciones adicionales al pago de impuestos sobre bienes de familia en relación con sus respectivos gravámenes impositivos y sujeto a las disposiciones de la ley general:

(1) Una exención que no supere los cincuenta mil dólares a cualquier persona que posea un título conforme al sistema legal o de derecho sobre un inmueble y que haya constituido en él su residencia permanente, que haya cumplido los sesenta y cinco años y cuyos ingresos domésticos, de acuerdo con la definición de la ley general, no superen los veinte mil dólares; o

(2) Una exención equivalente al valor de tasación de la propiedad a cualquier persona que posea un título conforme al sistema legal o de derecho sobre un inmueble cuyo justo valor sea menor de doscientos

cincuenta mil dólares y que haya tenido su residencia permanente allí durante no menos de veinticinco años, que haya cumplido los sesenta y cinco años y cuyos ingresos domésticos no superen la limitación de ingresos establecida en la cláusula (1).

La ley general debe facultar a los condados y municipios a otorgar estas exenciones adicionales a cualquier adicional, dentro de los límites impuestos en este inciso, por ordenanza adoptada según establezca la ley general y también debe prever el ajuste periódico de la limitación por ingresos especificada en este inciso en función de los cambios de costo de vida.

(e) Todo veterano de 65 años de edad o mayor que presente una discapacidad permanente total o parcial recibirá un descuento sobre el monto del impuesto según valor que de lo contrario adeudaría por la titularidad de la propiedad en la que reside si dicha discapacidad está relacionada con la participación en combate, el veterano resida en el estado al momento de ingresar en el servicio militar de los Estados Unidos y recibió la baja con honores al dejar de pertenecer al ejército. El descuento consistirá en un porcentaje equivalente al porcentaje de la discapacidad permanente relacionada con el servicio que presenta el veterano según lo determinado por el Departamento de Asuntos de Veteranos de los Estados Unidos. Para calificar para recibir el descuento otorgado por este inciso, el solicitante debe enviar al autor de las estadísticas del condado, hasta el 1 de marzo, comprobantes de residencia al momento de ingreso al servicio militar, una carta oficial del Departamento de Asuntos de Veteranos de los Estados Unidos que indique el porcentaje de la discapacidad relacionada con el servicio y toda evidencia que determine razonablemente que la discapacidad está relacionada con la participación en combate, así como una copia de la baja con honores del veterano. En caso de desestimar la solicitud de descuento, el tasador de propiedades deberá notificar por escrito al solicitante los motivos de la denegación y el veterano podrá volver a presentar una solicitud. La legislatura podrá, por ley gen-

eral, otorgar una exención al requerimiento de presentación anual de una solicitud en los años subsiguientes. Este inciso entrará en vigencia el 7 de diciembre de 2006, es de aplicación inmediata y no requiere de legislación para su implementación.

№. 12  
ENMIENDA CONSTITUCIONAL  
ARTÍCULO IX, SECCIÓN 7  
(Legislativa)

**Título de la papeleta:** DESIGNACIÓN DEL PRESIDENTE DE LA JUNTA ESTUDIANTIL ANTE LA JUNTA RECTORA DEL SISTEMA UNIVERSITARIO ESTATAL.—

**Resumen de la papeleta:** Propone una enmienda a la Constitución Estatal para sustituir al presidente de la Asociación de Estudiantes de Florida por el director del consejo de presidentes de las juntas estudiantiles de las universidades estatales en calidad de representante estudiantil de la Junta Rectora del Sistema Universitario Estatal y para exigir a la Junta Rectora que organice el mencionado consejo de presidentes de juntas estudiantiles de universidades estatales.

**Texto completo:**  
ARTÍCULO IX  
EDUCACIÓN  
SECCIÓN 7. Sistema Universitario Estatal.—

(a) OBJETIVOS. Para lograr la excelencia mediante la formación de los estudiantes, el progreso en la investigación y la oferta de servicios públicos en beneficio de los ciudadanos de Florida, sus comunidades y economías, por este medio el pueblo establece un sistema de administración del sistema universitario estatal de Florida. (b) SISTEMA UNIVERSITARIO ESTATAL. Existirá un único sistema universitario estatal integrado por todas las universidades públicas. Cada universidad pública será administrada por una junta de fiduciarios y el sistema universitario estatal será administrado por un consejo de directores. (c) CONSEJOS DIRECTIVOS LOCALES. Cada una de las universidades locales comprenderá será administrada por un consejo directivo compuesto por trece miembros dedicados a lograr los objetivos del sistema universitario estatal. La Junta Rectora establecerá las facultades y obligaciones de los consejos directivos. Cada consejo directivo estará integrado por seis ciudadanos designados por el gobernador y cinco ciudadanos designados por la junta rectora. Los miembros designados serán confirmados por el senado y ocuparán el cargo en períodos escalonados de cinco años según establece la ley. También serán miembros el presidente del claustro o equivalente y el presidente de la junta estudiantil de la universidad. (d) JUNTA RECTORA A NIVEL DE ESTADO. La junta rectora será un órgano colectivo compuesto por diecisiete miembros. La junta dirigirá, reglamentará, controlará y será totalmente responsable por la gestión del sistema universitario completo. Estas responsabilidades incluirán, de manera no excluyente, la definición de la misión distintiva de cada universidad participante y su articulación con las escuelas y las instituciones comunitarias terciarias públicas y gratuitas, garantizando la coordinación y el funcionamiento bien planificados del sistema y evitando la duplicación de instalaciones o programas que generen derroches. La gestión de la junta estará sujeta a las facultades de la legislatura de asignar los gastos de fondos, y la junta recibirá cuentas de tales gastos según establece la ley. El gobernador designará a cuatro ciudadanos que integrarán la junta y se dedicarán a lograr los objetivos del sistema universitario estatal. Los miembros designados serán confirmados por el senado y ocuparán el cargo en períodos escalonados de siete años según establece la ley. El comisionado de educación, el presidente del consejo asesor de claustrales o equivalente y el presidente del consejo de presidentes de juntas estudiantiles, consejo que será organizado por la junta rectora y estará compuesto por todos los presidentes de juntas estudiantiles del sistema universitario estatal de Florida o equivalente también serán miembros de la junta.



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## Watery remnants

Residents breathed a sigh of relief after Isaac, then a tropical storm, passed on by. Heavy rains and some high winds kept residents inside and watchful over the weekend. Shelters had been temporarily opened at LaBelle Middle School and Clewiston Middle School as was the Special Needs Shelter at the Glades County Health Department. Government offices reopened Tuesday, August 28, The Emergency Operations Center activated and a local state of emergency went into effect at 9 a.m. Sunday August 26. A tornado watch was in effect for Hendry County on Sunday till 5 p.m. that day. These photos show the normal sheetflow from heavy rains that inundated the area north of the Caloosahatchee River off SR 29 Monday.



# Tickets for chamber banquet on sale now

by **Patty Brant**  
Caloosa Belle

The Monday, October 15. LaBelle Chamber of Commerce Fall Banquet "Fall for LaBelle" will feature Dallas Townsend with a vintage photo tour of the area and his first-hand knowledge of local history.

Tickets for the banquet are \$25 each. Tables of eight are \$250 from Sara at the chamber or from any director.

Enjoy pork loin or turkey, baked sweet potato, dressing, succotash, collards, roll and dessert.

Chamber members: You can set up a display for your business or organization in the civic center before the banquet. Call Sara at 675-0125 to reserve space.

For the first time the banquet will have a cash bar. You can enjoy a cold beer or nice glass of wine before the dinner. Alcohol will be available from 5:30-6:30 only.

Once again, the chamber will choose the Business of the Year - one that exemplifies something special about LaBelle.

Nominations for the Citizen of the Year. Nominations are being accepted. Please send in your nominating letter to the chamber by September 14. Explain why you feel your nominee deserves the honor, including their background and a brief history of their local accomplishments.

Christmas in the Park will be November 30 this year, kicking off the holiday season once again. As always, donations are welcome to help make this popular event possible for the children of LaBelle. Watch for more information.

The chamber will help United Way cut the ribbon for its new location, September 13. All are welcome to drop in and see their new set up, 4-6 p.m.

On September 20, the chamber will have its next social at Don's Steakhouse 5-6:30 p.m.

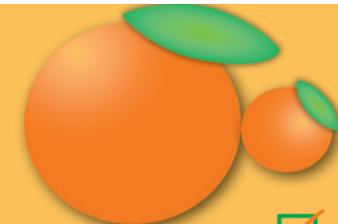
Don't be a stranger! Meet your neighbors at the annual banquet Sept. 15 and see what the LaBelle Chamber of Commerce has to offer. The chamber is working hard to make opportunities available for LaBelle businesses. The summer Friday Market will be discontinued until the Fall. Watch for the notice in the CB!



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The August 24 Chamber Friday Market had a festive air, celebrating Executive Secretary Sara Townsend's birthday (we won't say which!)

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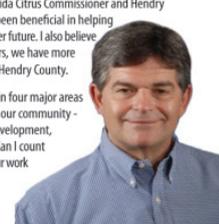
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I am Tris Chapman and I have served as your county commissioner for the past four years. I love Hendry County and I'm proud to call it my home and where I raised my children.

I would appreciate your support as I seek re-election to the office of Hendry County Commissioner, District 3. I look forward to the opportunity to stay involved in this role with the local community that I have come to know and love. I believe that my experiences as a successful businessman, Florida Citrus Commissioner and Hendry County Commissioner have been beneficial in helping to lead our county to a brighter future. I also believe that as County Commissioners, we have more work to do for the people of Hendry County.

I have focused my first term in four major areas that need continued work in our community - Transportation, Economic Development, Agriculture and Education. Can I count on your support to continue our work in these important areas?

Sincerely,  
Tris



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