

# Caloosa Belle



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## City ups millage

by **Patty Brant**  
Caloosa Belle

The City of LaBelle taxpayers will be facing a slight increase in the millage next year.

The commission approved the 2013 millage at the rollback rate of 3.1046. The rollback rate is the amount of taxes that needs to be raised to bring in the same amount of revenue as the previous year. Commissioners also passed the budget for fiscal year 2012-13. The millage and budget were both passed 4-1, with Commissioner Hilda Zimmerly casting the only dissenting vote.

The city's general fund for the new fiscal year is \$4,618,496. The budget also includes an enterprise fund of some \$23 million that is earmarked for the new water treatment plant.

The tax roll for 2012-13 decreased \$5,146,136 or three percent from last year.

Discussion at the special meeting Sept. 27 swirled around the city's decreasing tax roll, which in turn depresses the city's ad valorem revenue – an effect of the continuing economic times.

Finance Director Ron Zimmerly explained that he hopes next year

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## Ribs Cook Off: Smokey, tangy fun



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Maybe it was the hype of a new event, maybe it was just the heavenly smell coming from Barron Park, but folks flocked to the very first Give Back Rib Cook Off Saturday, Sept. 29. Eighteen cracker jack grilling teams pulled out all the stops to win the judges' approval. The result - lip smackin' ribs, naturally, but also a great time for everyone. Booths lined the park with interesting wares. Kids used up their energy at the bounce house while adults checked out the Ford vehicles on display and the monstrous swamp buggy from MC Ventures. Two "cuddly" cats brought by Wooton's Airboats - a two-month-old female Florida panther and an 4 1/2-month-old female African lion - stole the show. Wooton's also brought an alligator and a snake for the crowd to appreciate. At the main event: Hill Jack took first place; second place went to the Florida Ag team; third place to Yates. Pictured: the Peoples Choice Award went to Grills Gone Wild.

## Kulpa formally announces for Property Appraiser

A Florida resident since age one, Ms. Kulpa began her real estate career in 1978 with the Florida Department of Transportation, where she rose to the position of District Administrator of Outdoor Advertising. She was self-employed as an independent fee appraiser from 1986 to 1992 and 2009 to present with a stint as an appraiser for the Hendry County Property Appraiser's Office in 1988-1989. She was first elected as Hendry County Property Appraiser in 1992 and held this office for 4 consecutive terms.

"These last few years have been trying times, for our nation and especially here in Hendry County, she said. "The Great Recession swept through our county like a hurricane. Residents and businesses alike suffered. And we are still suffering. Our unemployment rate in Hendry is twice the national average."

She feels that in the current climate of eco-

nomomic turmoil, all elected officials have an obligation to exercise fiscal responsibility, ensure fairness in taxes and utilize foresight and planning to navigate the challenging times ahead.

She continued, "These are traits we haven't seen from our current county Property Appraiser, Phillip L. Pelletier. Because appraisal involves constantly monitoring an ever-shifting market place, state laws allow a certain amount of latitude in determining assessments. Mr. Pelletier has consistently produced appraisals that have overstated property values, which has led to many successful challenges. In my tenure as Property Appraiser, our office produced appraisals that were fair and balanced. Under Mr. Pelletier's supervision, the Property Appraisers office has targeted certain classes of property over others, leading to higher taxes for many of our businesses and land owners.

"I have 16 years experience as Property Ap-

praiser of Hendry County. During my tenure, I successfully reduced the budget while eliminating redundancies



Kristina Kulpa

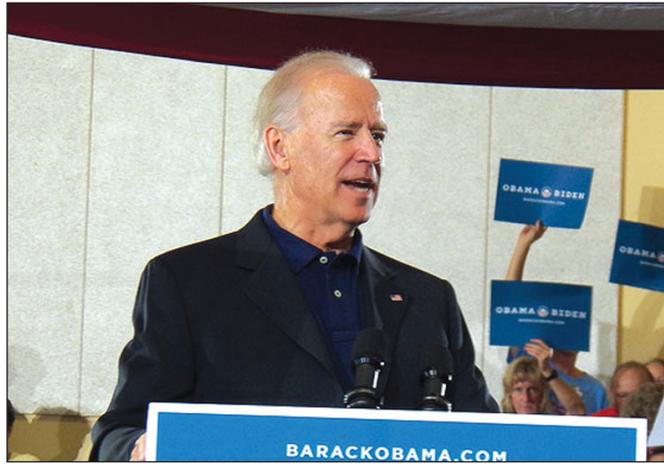
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# Local Dems hear Vice President Joe Biden



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**Local Democrats supported Vice President Joe Biden campaigning in Fort Myers.**

Among the crowd packed into a warm Ft. Myers gymnasium last Saturday to hear a campaign speech by Vice President Joe Biden were at least a few Hendry and Glades residents. Hendry County Democratic Committee Chairman Joe Thomas watched Biden pound the podium and make the Obama Administration's case on the economy, America's middle class, Iraq and Afghanistan veterans, Social Security, Medicare and energy independence.

Commenting of the speech, Joe Thomas said, "Joe Biden emphasized over and over again American exceptionalism and that "Made in America" on manufactured goods has always been and always

will be a sign of quality. His message that a bet against America is a lost bet brought down the house."

Also attending was Glades County Democrats Vice Chair John Capece who said, "Biden's blue-collar background definitely comes through when he's making a speech. The Vice President uses common sense language with compassion, but he's still very forceful."

"Vice President Biden's account of being on a C-17 military cargo plane that returned the flag draped coffin of an American serviceman back to the United States and his waiting family was touching, and the crowd hung on every word in hushed silence," said Joe Thomas.

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the city will see an increase in its assessed values, however, the numbers for this new fiscal year are not encouraging.

Mayor Puletti said businesses have indicated to him that they did not want to see anything change, pointing out that local businesses are still not thriving.

He said the city should use funds from its gas tax and sales tax for such services as road work.

Commissioner Daniel Akin noted that the city has balanced its budget for several years by using its reserves, a plan he does not ascribe to.

"We have an expense problem," he said, "That has to change."

The board has been supplementing its budget by using cash reserves rather than increase taxes. In this budget, the city will be using some \$400,000 in reserves, still leaving about \$700,000 in the coffers. The question of layoffs brought out discussion

The mention of layoffs/firings brought out that the city already has a lot fewer employees than several years ago. Mayor Puletti said he would rather fire employees than raise taxes. He noted that the threat of termination could also bring about improved worker performance.

He also noted that city water bills are also increasing.

Continuing to find ways to cope with the shrinking budget will be the challenge over next 12 months.

## Appraiser

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in the system and returned almost 2 million dollars to the taxing authorities. I renegotiated maintenance agreements, and reevaluated policies and procedures in my efforts to streamline the office and bring its procedures up to 21st century standards. Under my administration, I upgraded the computer system and saved the Property Appraiser's office more than \$500,000 while eliminating the use of paper in some of our processes. Paperless workplaces also increase accuracy and speed restoration of essential county functions following disasters. I successfully utilized technology to produce 16 timely and fair tax rolls despite unprecedented changes in property tax laws. I fully developed plans to cope with the challenges that are anticipated with a constantly fluctuating real estate market."

Agriculture is the lifeblood of Hendry County, she commented, adding, "I have worked with farmers and ranchers of all sizes in Hendry County for many years and in many capacities to insure fair appraisals."

Several amendments to Florida's constitution are up for approval from voters this election. Amendment 4 is especially important to property owners, she advises. It gives tax breaks to first-time homebuyers, rental property owners and part time residents. Taxes could be further cut for homestead owners who lose value on their homes. I support this amendment. I have constantly fought to lower our property tax bills.

Ms. Kulpa received a Bachelor of Arts Degree from the University of South Florida and has attended the Florida State University, Center for Public Management where she is a candidate for the designation of Certified Public Manager. She is a graduate of the USF, Institute of Government and is a member of the USF, Executive Fellows Alumni Council.

Ms. Kulpa is licensed by the Florida Department of Business and Professional Regulations as a 'Certified General Real Estate Appraiser' and as a 'Real Estate Broker.' She is a designated "ASA" (Accredited Senior Appraiser in Ad Valorem) with the American Society of Appraisers and she is "IAAO Accredited" with the International Association

of Assessing Officers. A minimum of 45 hours a year of continuing education in appraisal and real estate is mandatory to keep these licenses and certifications in good standing and Kristina is up to date.

She is a long standing member of the LaBelle Chamber of Commerce, the Clewiston Chamber of Commerce, the LaBelle Heritage Museum, the Clewiston Museum, the LaBelle Garden Club, the Barron Library, the Hendry County Economic Development Council, Inc., the American Business Woman's Association, the Caloosa Federated Republican Women (past president), Hendry Republican Executive Committee (precinct and state committeewoman) and the LaBelle/Immokalee Rotary Clubs. Kristina has been awarded the distinguished "Paul Harris Fellowship Award" one of Rotary's highest honors based on service above self. Other community activities have included participation in various fundraisers throughout the years such as the armadillo races at the Swamp Cabbage Festival, elementary school spaghetti dinners and events held for college scholarships. Kristina Kulpa is an American Cancer Society Relay for Life sponsor and she serves on the Caloosa Humane Society Board and Boy Scouts of America SWFL Council.

Kristina Kulpa and her crop duster husband Steve Fletcher, who is also a firefighter, moved to LaBelle 34 years ago to pursue Steve's career in agriculture and raise a family in a rural setting. They have two sons who are both Eagle Scouts; Walter Fletcher, graduated from Florida Atlantic University with a degree in Business Real Estate/Finance and is currently working for the family business "Fletcher Flying Service" as COO and as Kristina's Campaign Manager; Spencer Fletcher, a senior at the United States Merchant Marine Academy in Kings Point, N.Y., was selected by his peers to be Regimental Staff Honor Board Chairman and also Senior Class President. He plans to continue his career as a military officer.

Ms. Kulpa said in conclusion, "Hendry County deserves fairness and professionalism from their Property Appraiser. I pledge to provide the most professional and ethical

service to Hendry County's taxpayers. Four years of falling property values coupled with rising property taxes is enough? My door is always open; I appreciate and welcome the people of our great county. Please do not hesitate to contact me at: kristinakulpa@hotmail.com or 863-517-1258. Whether you will be voting early, on an absentee ballot, or at the polls on November 6th, please vote Kristina Kulpa for Hendry County Property Appraiser."

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## IMPORTANT LETTER TO ALL HENDRY COUNTY TAXPAYERS

Last week, Robert H. Buker, Jr., President and CEO of United States Sugar Corporation, attacked me with a political advertisement. He falsely accused me of "raising taxes" (whose, he doesn't say, but it isn't hard to guess) and being a "job killer."

Here's what Mr. Buker is upset about. My predecessor, and opponent in this election, cut a "Sweet Deal" with Big Sugar in 2004 that gives them a property tax break enjoyed by NO other taxpayer in Hendry County. FOREVER. I don't think that's fair or right. You won't find the deal she cut anywhere in the public records. That agreement has no ending date. U.S. Sugar thinks it should apply now, and I don't.

It is wrong for the Property Appraiser to let a taxpayer set its own assessment, and I just won't do it.

Once I found out about the deal, I took prompt steps to assess the property of U.S. Sugar on the same basis as every other taxpayer in Hendry County - market value. You have told me that I have accomplished this goal with regard to your property, because only 22 taxpayers out of 36,000+ parcels in the county asked the Value Adjustment Board to review their assessed values. My door has always been open to you and if you think your assessment is too high, I want to talk to you about it.

Last year, I assessed U.S. Sugar's property at a very conservative market value, which was millions of dollars higher than the bogus formula contained in the Sweet Deal. They appealed to the Value Adjustment Board, composed of two members of the County Commission, one member of the School Board and two citizen members. The Board said that until a Court nullifies the contract, they have to honor it. That is the reason I filed suit against U.S. Sugar. This is the only suit I have filed since I have been honored to serve as your Property Appraiser.

I don't blame Mr. Buker for taking every possible step to preserve his company's tax break. I am not afraid to stand up to him, or his company. I am confident that the Court will say that a contract that requires an assessment at less than market value cannot stand.

Will my opponent continue the fight if she is elected? Why don't you call her and ask? Her telephone number is (863) 517-1258. If she says she intends to dismiss the suit against U.S. Sugar if she is elected, let her know how you feel about it.

Please understand something clearly. I do not set your taxes. I and my professional staff determine the market value of the property. That's it. We don't set that value, the market does. Any time you have a question about how your property is valued, or why it is the amount it is, please call me or come to my office. I have an open door policy and enjoy meeting the public, including our business owners and even U.S. Sugar.

Bottom line - when U.S. Sugar gets a tax break and doesn't pay its fair share, all other taxpayers in Hendry County - you and me - make up the difference.

Mr. Buker said that the tax valuation I am proposing on U.S. Sugar is "unwarranted, unjust, and unfair." He calls it "unfounded and a radical tax increase." None of that is true. I certainly understand that he does not want to have to pay more tax. None of us do. We all have to deal with hard times considering the state of the economy. I do not want U.S. Sugar to have any hardship, and I do not want them to potentially need to lay off employees. These are our friends and neighbors. They are hardworking people. Any time U.S. Sugar feels its assessment is too high, I am more than glad to discuss it with them.

The Florida Statutes govern my job. I have to apply the statutes evenhandedly to everyone. It would be too easy to let U.S. Sugar slide but it would be wrong.

Thank you for the trust you have placed in me and my staff. My office is your office, and we are your employees. I pledge that we will continue to work hard for you.

*May God Bless you and your family, and our great County.*  
 Phillip L. Pelletier  
 Hendry County Property Appraiser  
 Psalm 35

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Political advertisement paid for and approved by Phillip L. Pelletier, Democrat, for Hendry County Property Appraiser.



## Career Corner

### Career Focus on Accounting by Matt Kindermann

What do accountants suffer from that normal people do not? Depreciation! On a serious note, Accounting Clerks and Bookkeepers in Southwest Florida are included in the top 20 occupations with the most projected openings from now until 2018. This career field is often overlooked by students and transitioning adults because the essential skills needed at the entry level career range are unglamorous and dull, requiring a solid foundation in math and computers.



**Matt Kindermann**

However, in addition to the high number of annual job openings, this career field comes with an attractive average hourly wage of \$16.38 for the region. Most Accounting Clerks are required to have an Associate's degree in accounting and each of the area's colleges, vocational schools and universities offer diploma, certificate or Associate level programs. The average program length is about one year for a certificate or two years for a degree, with about an 80percent completion rate and a 75percent hire rate among the area schools.

When choosing a program, investigate

those that are likely to provide instruction on both Peachtree and QuickBooks software, which are the top two experience requirements among local employers.

Accounting Clerks are in high demand in both the private and public sectors, working in local government finance departments, purchasing divisions, payables and receivables, collections, tax preparation, or even as individual bookkeepers for retail establishments. Promotional opportunities exist as Accounting Clerks continue their education. Bachelor Degree holders work as Full Charge Accountants, Auditors and Actuaries, earning an average of \$56,000 annually, while Certified Public Accountants can work as Chief Financial Officers and Controllers, earning well into the six figure range annually.

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## Hey – Watch Your Mouth

### by Les Morgan

When Harry Truman was thrust into the presidency by the death of FDR, a friend took him aside and gave him some sound advice: "From here on out, you're going to have lots of people around you. They'll try to put up a wall around you and cut you off from any ideas but theirs. They'll tell you what a great man you are, Harry. But you and I both know you ain't."



**Les Morgan**

I'm sure you remember this saying from your childhood: "Sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never harm me." Nothing could be further from the truth. The fact is words are very powerful. "The tongue has the power of life and death" (Prov 18:21). Words are written as well as spoken. We are told to "set an example for the believers in speech" (1 Tim 4:12).

Not just words spoken, but written as well. With social media, we are barraged constantly with words. We use more words now than at any other time in history with texting, twitter, blogging, emails and Facebook. When we speak, there is the actual meaning and the implied meaning of words. There is also the actual hearing and the filtered hearing of processing the words we hear or read. Jesus often said, "whoever hears let him listen."

Mother Theresa said, "Maybe you can't do great things for God. But you can do good things with a great heart." It is from the heart that our words flow. So, if you listen to the words others speak, as well as the words that come from our own mouth, we will quickly learn what is in ones heart.

What is the call place upon all of us but to be good to one another. Jesus gave us the golden rule; "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you." In a very practical sense, that includes the use of our words.

You may ask, "Well, what does this mean, 'be good to one another?'"

There are many languages and cultures today that use words to convey goodness. One of the most interesting language is Greek. That word for "goodness" in Greek is (agathos). It gives the idea which describes what is good in its character or nature. So goodness is moral, honorable and pleasing to God.

Goodness also means beneficial or kind to others as a result of grace, not merit. Interestingly, the word agathos does not occur in secular Greek literature. It is a uniquely biblical word. Maybe you won't be considered great, but you can be good. Of Barnabas, we read, "he was a good man" (Acts 11:24).

Words create images, elicit emotions and motivate action. The world came into being by the word of God. "And God said, 'Let there be light, and there was light' (Gen 1:3). God has made us in His image with the power of speech and communication.

Let's use the power of words to build up and not to destroy, to unify and not divide, to heal and not to hurt. "May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, O Lord my strength and my redeemer" (Ps 19:14).

*Dr. Les Morgan is pastor of Caloosa Baptist Church in LaBelle. The church is located across the street from City Hall on Highway 80.*

## Letters to the Editor

### Responses to USSC

This letter is in response to the full page ad USSC placed in our local papers.

It has many people talking about why Sugar is wanting Kristina Kulpa to win the County Property Appraiser election. Could it be because she gave Sugar a large discount on taxes?

USSC is upset because Mr. Pelletier is holding them accountable to pay their fair share in taxes. The sweet deal between Kulpa and Sugar means you and I, the average citizen of Hendry County, have to pay our taxes and make up for the taxes USSC does not pay.

Kristina Kulpa gave USSC a large discount on tangible property that amounts to around \$645,000 per year. This sweet deal was signed in 2004 and was effective in 2005. You can easily do the math to see how much this has cost the county in lost tax revenue.

With an accurate correct taxable value of USSC property, Hendry County would be in a much better position to balance the budget and not make such deep cuts to our services. Phil Pelletier is doing what he was hired to do. Assess everyone equally.

He is not asking USSC to pay other peoples taxes, only their fair share.

Kristina cost the citizens of Hendry County over \$129,000 when she lost the election and filed a law suit against the Judge, Election Supervisor and Phil Pelletier. Mr. Pelletier had to pay his attorney from his own bank account. The county had to pay for the constitutional officer's attorney.

Since taking office, Mr. Pelletier is available to Hendry County taxpayers if they should have questions or need help understanding their tax bills. He is more often than not, in the office making his presence known. He is very knowledgeable and has a very competent staff as well. His office is very professionally run and customer friendly.

Concerned Hendry County Taxpayer,  
**Donna Kane**

### U.S. Sugar Not S0 Sweet

Robert H. Buker, Jr., President & CEO's "Open Letter" Indicates that Philip Pelletier is finally trying to make U.S. Sugar pay for their fair share of taxes. I used to see this company from the perspective of living in

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## Audition for Juke Box Jive

The Firehouse Community Theatre will hold auditions for Juke Box Jive, Saturday, October 6, at 10 a.m. at the Church of the Good Shepherd, 1098 Collingswood Pkwy

in LaBelle. The group is casting for singers/performers who like the music of the '50s and early '60s. Performances will be January 11-13 and 18-20.

# VA Center to replace Fort Myers Outpatient Clinic

Bay Pines, FL – Bay Pines VA Healthcare System officials announced today that the new Lee County VA Healthcare Center in Cape Coral, Fla. will open its doors to Veterans on Dec. 17.

A ribbon cutting ceremony is also being planned for the first week of the December; however, an official date for the event has not been decided.

Located at 2489 Diplomat Parkway East in Cape Coral, Fla., the new 220,000 square foot facility is in its final stages of activation preparation as VA employees and contractors continue installing medical equipment and furniture. In addition to equipment and furniture installations, employees are also beginning to tour work areas and train on new equipment in the facility to familiarize themselves with the new operation.

"This is a remarkable and exciting time for our healthcare system and for the Veterans and families we serve," said Suzanne M. Klinker, Director, Bay Pines VA.

"Just a few years ago, this new facility was just a sketch on a piece of paper. Now, in just a few short months, the doors will open to our nation's heroes," she said.

When the healthcare center opens, it will replace the current Fort Myers VA Outpatient Clinic. Despite being more than three times larger than the Fort Myers location, the new

facility is a very large outpatient care center – not a hospital. There will be no hospital beds or overnight stays when the facility opens later this year.

Services currently offered at Fort Myers clinic that will be expanded at the new outpatient center include: primary care, mental health, audiology, cardiology, compensation and pension exams, Coumadin clinic, dermatology, eye care, gastroenterology and endoscopic procedures, home and community care, x-ray, ultrasound, fluoroscopy, neurology, nuclear imaging, nutrition counseling, orthopedics, pharmacy consultation and medication pick up, podiatry, prosthetics, rheumatology, tobacco cessation, Telehealth, telephone call center, social work, spinal cord injury, urology, dental, women's care, and phlebotomy.

The Fort Myers VA Outpatient Clinic currently employs about 330 staff. Bay Pines VA officials expect to hire an additional 70 employees to work at the new healthcare center in Cape Coral. Individuals interested in open clinical and administrative positions are encouraged to apply online at [www.usajobs.gov](http://www.usajobs.gov). To learn more about the Bay Pines VA Healthcare System and the new Lee County VA Healthcare Center, please visit [www.baypines.va.gov](http://www.baypines.va.gov). You can also like us on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/vabaypines](http://www.facebook.com/vabaypines).

## Cavazos arrest correction

The Caloosa Belle apologizes for any inconvenience an error in the September 27 arrest report may have caused. An arrestee was incorrectly identified as David

Cavazos. Actually, Daniel Cavazos, 25, was arrested Sept. 18 and charged with cruelty to a child with no great harm. CPD Officer T. Nieves was arresting officer.

## Arrest Reports

### LaBelle

Gary Albert Hall Jr., 32, was arrested September 26 and charged with possession of a weapon/ammunition by a convicted Florida felon 33 counts, possession of cocaine with intent to sell within 1,000 feet of a place of worship, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription three counts and possession of drug paraphernalia. The arrest was made during the execution of a search warrant.

Norman Ray Cole, 39, was arrested September 24 and charged with possession of a controlled substance without a prescription. C. Shepherd was arresting officer.

### Clewiston

Kevin Ray Hickman, 37, was arrested September 26 and charged with first de-

gree larceny \$100-\$300, third degree larceny \$300-\$5,000 and possession of synthetic narcotics with intent to sell, manufacture, deliver schedule III. CPD Officer T. Nieves was arresting officer.

Nicholas Joe Thomas, 20, was arrested September 20 and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon no intent to kill. J. Perez was arresting officer.

Omar Alejandro Gallegos, 32, was arrested September 27 and charged with domestic battery by strangulation. CPD Officer J. Garrett was arresting officer.

Ramiro Calderon Solis, 62, was arrested September 27 and charged on a warrant with a moving traffic violation driving on a permanently revoked driver license. J. Conyers was arresting officer.

## Letters

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Palm Beach County. After residing here for the past several years, I've always been curious why there was a "special deal" for U.S. Sugar, especially when they have laid off so many workers. As far as Buker's comment that they have not been involved much in local politics.

Well, everyone knows that Clewiston is a "company" town, and has manipulated local politics for years. Perhaps our county would not have such a high tax rate if U.S. Sugar paid their fair share? Remember, this company has made high profits for many years, while receiving corporate welfare from U.S. taxpayers.

This company has also played a major role in polluting our rivers, and is notorious for lack of fair terms and conditions for many of their workers. I think that it is past time for the County Board to support Pelletier in his position, and for us to support Pelletier.

Sincerely,  
Stan Andrews  
LaBelle

## Reply to open letter from United States Sugar

This letter, like many from political action groups and big companies that always want to get their way, is filled with rhetoric, grandiosity and empty words. It's easy to use the "radically raise taxes" first scare tactic in your letter. I looked at Tax Watch Florida and they show Monroe and Collier as #1 and 2 highest tax rate in Florida? Not Hendry as you say. As far as job killers from Mr. Pelletier's office as you say, I'm quite sure President Obama's failed policy has exhausted most if not all new jobs in the area.

This would be only a "bump in the road." It seems to me that perhaps U.S. Sugar wants to go back to the system under the last property appraiser where U.S. Sugar was allowed to pick and choose how you all paid taxes, not necessarily the legal and correct way. Once this didn't fly after the last elections, and you had to defend it in court, you now want Mr. Pelletier thrown out of office for correcting past mistakes and looking forward protecting the county were we all pay our fair share of taxes.

What should the recent orders from U.S. Sugar to "all" its vendors that they must contribute money and place political flags, banners and signs in their place of business, on company cars and actively campaign for and vote for Kulpa, if they want to continue to do business with U.S. Sugar? Is U.S. Sugar that desperate to stoop to these tactics?

Most people are probably quite aware that we have an open border with Mexico, as evidenced by the 20 million illegals, as well as hundreds of ex-American jobs that went south under Clinton and NAFTA. Orange juice, tooth paste companies, auto companies and Hershey chocolate, just to name a few, as well as U.S. Sugar, oh and by the way you didn't mention the millions of dollars that the sugar industry gets from our tax dollars as a supplement? I don't believe Mr. Pelletier wants to harm your company, he wants it to pay its fair share. Your comment "Unfair & Unfounded tax increase" is off base, the meaning of unfair is biased, one sided, slanted, cheating, none of these are true, and unfounded is baseless or unsupported, I'm quite sure the property appraiser can back up any of his theory and reasoning, otherwise you would be in court if the truth and evidence was on your side.

The part about an elected official going to court over what they see as illegal or improper issues and spending taxpayer money, that's how the system works, apparently you didn't mind when the last appraiser took the supervisor of elections to court over how the votes were tallied, that cost a couple hundred thousands of tax payer money. But then, again, had the ex-appraiser stayed in office and stayed a big friend to U.S. Sugar we would be having this issue.

That part about paying 1/4 of all the Hendry County property taxes, is that now under Phill and if so, what were you paying in 2008? I would imagine that maybe U.S. Sugar has 1/4 of the land and taxed buildings and equipment value in Hendry County.

The comment at the bottom is a true and accurate statement by you. "Phillip Pelletier's attack on us" that tells it all. Your company is upset over him being fair and balanced, you can't speak for the other property owners as your comments suggest "US."

Mr. Buker, your comments, open letter and bold steps, are "in reality just looking after your company and a political statement for the Republican candidate running against Mr. Pelletier.

George D. Bostick Jr.



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## Church Briefs

### Gala night

Youth 12-17 years of age and adults 18-38 are invited to a Gala Night, hosted by "Chosen Generation Youth Group" on October 9, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at 431 Bryan Avenue, LaBelle. Dress Formal. Dinner will be provided. Need a ride? Call or txt Evi 863-612-5462 or check elfaro.ag@facebook.com.

### Noche de gala

Auspiciado por Ministerio Juvenil "Linaje Escogido" Martes, 9 de octubre del 2012, 6:30 p.m., 431 Bryan Avenue LaBelle. Juveniles 12 años-17 años; Jóvenes Adultos 18 año-38 años. Vestuario es formal y habrá una cena. Necesitas transportación: llama al 863-612-5462.

### The Pumpkin Patch is back

The Pumpkin Patch Ministry is coming to First Baptist Church of LaBelle through October 31. It will be open to the public from 3-7 p.m. Monday through Friday, Saturdays 9 a.m.-7 p.m., and Sundays 12:30-5:30 p.m. There will be pumpkins of all sizes for sale, story-time, games, photo ops, crafts and the corn maze. Fresh homemade baked goods will be on sale on the weekends. All proceeds from the Pumpkin Patch will go to support church missions. Groups welcome. Please call 863-675-2171 to schedule a group

## Obituaries

### Erin Sue Hayes, 42

LABELLE — Erin Sue Hayes passed away Sept. 29, 2012, in LaBelle.

She was born Apr. 14, 1970, in Dayton, Ohio. Survivors include her daughter, Brianna Clayton and husband Austin of Shelton, Wash.; son, Carson Hayes of LaBelle; parents, Richard and Sally Berg of LaBelle; brother, Lane Berg and wife Laura of Fort Lauderdale; and nieces, Charlotte Berg and Chloe Berg.

A memorial service will be held 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 6, 2012, at the LaBelle High School Auditorium in LaBelle.

Cremation Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.

### Rebecca Margie Ergle, 68

LABELLE — Rebecca Margie Ergle passed away Sept. 29, 2012 in Lehigh Acres.

She was born July 29, 1944, in Westville, Fla., to the late Walter Lee and the late Elva Mae (Lashley) Hudson. Margie was saved at the age of 27, lived a devout Christian Life and was good to everyone she met. She was a member of Caloosa Baptist Church in LaBelle.

Survivors include her husband, Marlon Dwight Ergle; son, Tony (Diane) Ergle of Grand Ridge, Fla.; one daughter, Sherri (Roger) Rosbough of LaBelle; brothers and sisters, Mavis Hawthorne of LaBelle, Glen D. (Sandy) Hudson of LaBelle, Margaret Gunter of LaBelle, Hilton Hudson of LaBelle; sister in law, Louise Hudson of Fort Pierce; grandchildren, Anthony Ergle, Brittany Ergle, Kaleb Rosbough and Kelsi Rosbough; nieces and nephews.

She was also preceded in death by her brothers, Darrell Hudson, Gerald Hudson, Thomas Milton Hudson and Robert Earl Hudson and sister, Baby Girl Hudson.

visit. The First Baptist Church of LaBelle is located at 330 North Main St. Entrance to the Pumpkin Patch will be near the ball field and accessible off Curry St.

### 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.

### 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.

## LMS to host chairmen of political parties

On October 11, LaBelle Middle School will host Mr. Joe Thomas, Chairman of the Democratic Party, and Mr. Mel Karau, Chairman of the Republican Party.

LMS has asked the men to speak to the student body and to identify the differences in the parties and their platforms. There will be time for the students to ask questions about each party.

On October 16, LMS will hold a mock election. All students with a valid LMS identification card will be allowed to complete a ballot. With cooperation from the Supervisor's Office, the students will be able to use actual voting booths, ballot boxes and will receive those great little stickers advertising "I Voted.". The teachers are challenging the students to be informed, to use critical decision making skills and to be an active part of the political process.

Funeral services will be held 11 a.m., Thursday, Oct. 4, 2012, at Caloosa Baptist Church, LaBelle with Dr. Les Morgan officiating. Interment will follow at Fort Denaud Cemetery, LaBelle.

Visitation will be Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2012, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Akin-Davis Funeral Home in LaBelle.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.

### George Meece Ellis, Jr, 76

WHITTIER, N.C. — George Meece Ellis, Jr. passed away on Sept. 27, 2012.

He was born on Aug. 5, 1936, in Ft. Myers, Fla., the son of the late George Meece Ellis Sr. and Era Mae (Wamble) Ellis.

Raised in Collier County, Meece grew and worked at his parent's service station, restaurant, and cabin resort at Royal Palm Ham-

mock on the Tamiami Trail; he later built and ran the first Gulf full-service filling station on Marco Island. He worked at Airport Garage in Naples from 1979-2000 as head mechanic and wrecker operator. Meece enjoyed airboating and was one, if not, the first to build airboats using Cadillac engines. Meece loved going to the sawgrass and would go whenever he was able.

Meece is survived by his loving wife, Barbara Ann Grant Ellis; his children, Steven Meece (Tracey) Ellis, Katherine M. Ellis, Mary Lessie (Jeryl) Buck, Jessie Mae (Tony) Urbanowski; his grand-

children, Steven R. "Bobby" (Jessica) Ellis, Brian Meece Ellis, Kerilyn M. (Michael) Blum, Brittney D. (Jeremy) Ellis-Sesti, Lonnie James Sutton, Elizabeth Urbanowski, Hunter Urbanowski, Billy Meece Buck, Jonathan "Jon Jon" Buck, Emma Leigh Urbanowski, Kayla Olivia Urbanowski, Gracelyn Ann Buck; his great-grandchildren, Devon Meece Ellis, Briana L. Ellis, expecting Ry-lee Michelle Sesti; sister-in-law, Charlotte Grant Wangerin and brother-in-law, G.B. Wangerin.

A heartfelt message from his children. "Our father passed away. We have such heavy hearts and wish there were a way to change things so we could have our dad back. He taught us so many wonderful things. We can't ever put into words how much he meant to our family. We know how much he loved us, and we wish we could see him one last time. We love and miss you Dad. You are our hero."

A quote from Meece's grandchild, "Grandparents are special. I love them and they tell jokes. They love to play games with me and cook mashed potatoes."

Visitation was held from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 2, 2012, at Akin-Davis Funeral Home, 560 E. Hickpochee Av, LaBelle, FL 33935. The funeral was held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 3, 2012, at Akin-Davis Funeral Home in LaBelle with Rev. Thomas Odom officiating and graveside services followed at Fort Denaud Cemetery in LaBelle.

Pall Bearers were Steven Meece Ellis, G.B. Wangerin, Steven R. "Bobby" Ellis, Brian Meece Ellis, Michael J. Blum and Jeremy P. Sesti.

Arrangements by: Akin-Davis Funeral Home-LaBelle.

## Mini Health Fairs

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

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

Mini Health Fair: Collingswood Apartments, Thursday October 11, at 8 a.m. 4001 Collingswood Parkway LaBelle. Ace HH License #299991018. Open to the public.

Mini Health Fair: Aqua Isles-Thursday, October 11, at 9 a.m. 900 Aqua Isles Blvd., LaBelle. Ace HH #299991018. Open to the Public.

Mini Health Fair: LaBelle Commons-Thursday October 11, 2 at 10 a.m. 284 Bryan Ave., LaBelle. Ace HH License #299991018. Open to the Public.

Alzheimer's Caregiver Support Group-Thursday, October 11, 1 p.m. at Oakbrook of LaBelle, 250 Broward Ave., LaBelle. Ace HH License #299991018. Open to the Public.

Mini Health Fair: Harlem Gardens Apartments, October 15, at 10 a.m. Clewiston. Ace HH License #299991018. Open to the public.

Mini Health Fair: Clewiston Senior Center, Monday, October 15, at 11:30 a.m. Next to The John Boy Auditorium, Clewiston. Ace HH License #299991018. Open to the public.

Mini Health Fair: Hope Connections LaBelle-Friday October 19, 11 a.m., Cowboy Way LaBelle. Ace HH #299991018. Open to the Public.

Mini Health Fair: Hope Connections Moore Haven, Monday October 22, at 11:30 a.m. 691 US 27 NW Moore Haven. Ace HH License #299991018. Open to the public.

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LHS Seniors Mercedes Barrios, Selina Barron and Jasmine Chavez speak with a representative from Berry College.



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Girls basketball coach and Computer Sciences instructor Kevin Lutkenhaus tries on the garb of a soldier with Army hopeful and LHS Senior Cade Logan.

# College and Career Day lets students explore options

by Sarah Lapp

On September 20, 30 colleges/technical schools and 15 businesses gathered in the LaBelle High School gym. All four classes had the opportunity to peruse the floor, stopping to gather pamphlets, business cards, packets and important info of each post-secondary school or workforce option.

Universities such as UCF, UF, USF, FSU, FGCU, PBAU, Edison State College and Nova Southeastern University were present. As well as local businesses such as Family Eye Care, Hendry Regional Medical Center, the Hendry County Sheriff department, and the LaBelle Fire Department all came to give high school students some food for thought.

The Marines and US Army also set up tables to provide a welcoming hand to all interested young men and women.

The Seniors were the first to enter the exhibit hall and explore college and career options. Senior Josue Gonzalez enjoyed talking with the admissions counselors at the Florida Atlantic University and University of Central Florida booths.

"I plan on majoring in business with a minor in music. My dream job is to be a manager of an international restaurant. By meeting some recruiters from my top college choices, I learned a lot about what I need to do before graduation. Now, I am even more excited to enroll in college and get started with my life. College and Career

Day was very successful in my opinion," Gonzalez shared.

Paul Schulz, an admissions counselor from University of South Florida St. Petersburg, was very eager to be in LaBelle for the first time.

"This event looks great. I cannot thank LHS Guidance Counselors Rhonda Kosh and Beth Lutkenhaus enough for inviting me to come. It is pertinent that high school students begin researching their college options as early as their Freshmen year. There are so many choices out there and I am very happy to talk about USFSP with any student here," Schulz said.

Family Eye Care sent Natalie Walker to tell students what type of schooling is needed to become a licensed Florida optician. Walker is a paraoptometric assistant and is currently enrolled at Hillsborough Community College. After she completes two and a half years of education, she can then become a licensed optician.

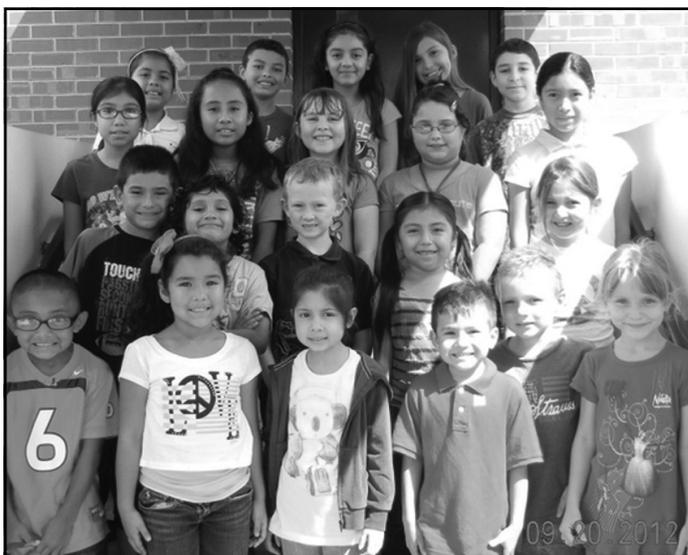
"(Family Eye Care's) Dr. Youmans has been coming to College and Career Day for over ten years. I just love that local businesses can let high school students know

that their future isn't that far off, and that it is never too early to explore career options," Walker said.

After a 50 minute time slot for each grade was through, Guidance Counselor and one of College and Career Day's coordinators, Beth Lutkenhaus, sat down to reflect on the day.

"Today went extremely smoothly. I was pleased that we had so many colleges and businesses accept our invitation. And I was even happier when I saw students actively asking questions with the interview sheets that Mrs. Kosh and I made," Lutkenhaus said.

This year was also the first time that the Freshmen went through the exhibit hall-like gym. "The reason for that was because the moment you begin high school, you need to be college bound. Honors and AP classes should appear on your schedule at the beginning. By letting the Freshmen talk to admissions counselors and business owners, they can get a taste of what is to come, and hopefully they will start planning now," Lutkenhaus wrapped up.



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## UES Citizen of the Month for August and Sept.

Row 1: Joshua Arriaga, Rosalidia Soto, Ariela  
Row 2: Jonathan Villa, Rogelio Ramirez, John Davis, Darlen DeSantiago, Shandy Williamson;  
Row 3: Roxana Ortiz-Villa, Lesly Dominguez-Giron, Emily Markussen, Johanly DeJesus, Idalia Trejo;  
Row 4: Soraya Villafuerte, Luis Vizcarra, Edilia Rodriguez, Angel Loreto, Aidan Molina.

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# COMPUTER CORNER

## A picture is worth a thousand words

Everyone who uses computers, and that's nearly everyone, has experienced something about which they have questions. From error messages to just not understanding how to do something, we've all experienced the frustration of trying to figure something out and needing help to do so.

Sometimes, the experience is even more frustrating because it would take literally hundreds (or thousands!) of words to accurately describe what's happening – and even then, you can't be certain that the person reading your words would actually 'get it'. Wouldn't it be nice to include an exact picture of what you're seeing? That's why this article is titled 'A picture is worth a thousand words'.

One of the treasures of modern computing has been hiding in plain sight on your keyboard. It is a key labeled 'PrtScn' (on some keyboards it is labeled 'PrtScr') and it stands for Print Screen. The Print Screen button was named back when graphics on computers were limited to designs made of typed characters (ASCII art, for the retrogeeks among us). Back then, when you pressed PrtScn, your dot-matrix or line printer would start printing out the characters on your screen immediately. With the advent of graphical user interfaces (GUIs) like those in

Windows, Macintosh and Linux desktops, the PrtScn button behaves a bit differently, but is still an extremely valuable tool.

Pressing PrtScn will typically take a 'snapshot' of what you are looking at on your screen. Once you've tapped that button, you can 'Paste' the result into an email, word processor document, spreadsheet or graphics program.

This is a very handy tool, especially when asking technical questions about things you're seeing, simply because the recipient will get a real view of what's happening on your screen. So, next time you run into an issue which needs to be explained, try the PrtScn key to save time and typing!

If you have any questions, send them to [computercorner@cprtools.net](mailto:computercorner@cprtools.net). Who knows? Your question may be answered in the Caloosa-Belle! Until next time, happy computing from the Computer Corner!

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## Trail

Fisheating Creek Florida Trail Sub-Chapter will meet Tuesday, October 9, at 7 p.m. at the Glades County Historical Society's Westergaard House located at 270 Avenue L, Moore Haven. Everyone is invited to attend the program or become a founding member of this new chapter serving hikers in Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation, Buckhead Ridge, Clewiston, Felda, LaBelle, Lakeport, Montura, Moore Haven, Muse, Ortona, Palmdale and Pioneer. (Glades and Hendry counties) The Fisheating Creek Chapter, organized in January 2010, is overseen by the Alligator Amblers. The FEC/FTA Inaugural hike was held February 6, 2010, where 21 people assembled at the trailhead at Alvin Ward Boat Ramp and Park, Moore Haven for a walk on the Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail. The chapter plans to offer a variety of activities including hikes, paddling, camping and wildlife viewing as well as exploring nature-based and historical sites in Hendry and Glades counties. **Directions to Westergaard House:** From US27 in Moore Haven, turn at the courthouse. Go 3 blocks to Avenue L, Turn left and go several blocks to brown house with white trim. Contact: Margaret England 863-517-0202 to carpool from LaBelle. Visit the Fisheating Creek Florida Trail Association Subchapter on Facebook.

## This week at Barron Library

### Meet the author of 'Bitter Secrets' at Barron Library

Meet Patty Brant, author of "Bitter Secrets", at the next Barron Library Book Club meeting. "Bitter Secrets" is Patty's first novel, and she will be leading the discussion and answering questions during the book clubs regularly scheduled meeting, Monday, October 8, at 6:30 p.m.

Refreshments will be served following the book discussion.

Originally from Canton, Ohio, Patty has lived in south Florida since 1969 and has been the editor of the Caloosa Belle since 1991.

Everyone is always invited to attend the Barron Library Book Club's monthly meetings. They are held at the library the second Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Upcoming book selections are:

Bitter Secrets by Patty Brant – October 8, 2012.

The Killing of Lincoln by Bill O'Reilly – November 12, 2012.

## Help Lake Okeechobee bird life

Come join the Hendry-Glades Audubon Society for a free program at the Clewiston Museum, located at 109 Central Avenue on Monday, October 8, at 7 p.m. The guest speaker, Dr. Paul Gray, will present "Help for Lake Okeechobee's bird life, especially Kites and Sparrows". Dr. Paul Gray is the Science Coordinator of Audubon of Florida's

For information, call Barron Library at 863-675-0833.

### Barron Library Announces Amnesty Week

Barron Library is offering amnesty, now through October 15, 2012. Please return any overdue library books during that time period and all of your overdue fees will be waived.

Many of the books that are overdue are on waiting lists for other patrons. Imagine the frustration of visiting the library, needing a particular book and finding that week after week that book is checked out. That is what happens when books are not returned. Please return your library books.

With continued cuts to the library budget, fewer books are able to be purchased and it becomes impossible to replace all of the books that are never returned. Please help the library and other citizens of LaBelle, by returning any overdue items between now and October 15, 2012.

Lake Okeechobee Watershed Program.

Don't miss this opportunity to learn about Lake Okeechobee's bird life and the environmental issues it faces today. Please contact the Clewiston Museum at 863-983-2870 or email us at [clewistonmuseum@embarqmail](mailto:clewistonmuseum@embarqmail) for questions or reservations.

## First Baptist Church Pumpkin Patch

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### Pumpkin Patch Open House

The Pumpkin Patch Ministry at the First Baptist Church of LaBelle is now open through October 31st. Our hours are Monday- Friday 3-7 PM, Saturdays 9 AM-7 PM, and Sundays 12:30-5:30 PM. Pumpkins of all sizes, games, photo ops, crafts and our corn maze. Fresh homemade baked goods on sale on the weekends.

Special OPEN HOUSE Event October 13th. Please call 863-675-2171 to schedule a group visit. The First Baptist Church of LaBelle is located at 330 North Main St.



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## Suncoast Schools FCU invited to walk the red carpet

Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union attended the 50 years anniversary of Univision SW Florida, Spanish TV, together with the new viewing programs for 2012-2013. This event took place Thursday, September 13th at the Sydney and Berne Davis Art Center in Ft Myers with the presence of politicians and other financial and business community leaders. Picture from left to right: Account Executive Univision SW FI Ymara Rodriguez, Suncoast Schools FCU Member Relations Specialist Lorena Gomez, General Manager Univision SW FI Christina Collins, Suncoast Schools FCU LaBelle Service Center Manager Susana Serra accompanied by Joe Palumbo.

## Just 1 Book and Peanut Butter & Jelly

by Brenda Barnes

Kiwanis is collecting "gently used" or new books for children. Books for preschoolers, kindergartners and first-graders are in greatest demand, but books for all ages from preschool to middle school are accepted. In addition, Kiwanis is collecting containers of Peanut Butter and Jelly. All books collected will be shared later in the year with the children in our community. The Peanut Butter and Jelly will also stay local and will be distributed by United Way and Salvation Army.

The Kiwanis Project concept is simple and the slogan is: "Feeding the Brain with Just 1 Book, Feeding the Belly with Peanut Butter and Jelly".

Part of the project actually started in March of 2010 when 10-year-old Sarah Dewitz read a newspaper article about the economic challenges facing a town in eastern Orange County. She learned that many children did without important things, including books. Sarah came up with an idea. If every child at her school would donate just one book, it would mean they could give 763 books to those children. Her simple idea was the genesis for a program called "Just 1 Book". Just 1 Book is a program designed to "reuse and recycle"

books and give the books to children who need them.

Allen Whetsell is the 2012-2013 Kiwanis Governor-Florida District and he had the opportunity to meet Sarah. He decided that Kiwanis should be a part of her wonderful program. Mr. Whetsell said that the dynamics of this program are so simple and it makes it so easy to give back to a child which is what Kiwanis is all about. He came up with the project slogan: "Feeding the Brain with Just 1 Book, Feeding the Belly with Peanut Butter and Jelly".

Donation boxes will be located at the following locations: The Kiwanis Thrift Store in LaBelle, LaBelle Chamber of Commerce, Florida Community Bank and Center State Bank. Additionally, donations can be made at the annual Kiwanis Kid's Day event which is scheduled for Saturday, October 13th at the Barron Park in LaBelle. If your business or organization is interested in helping the Kiwanis Club of LaBelle with this project, please call the Kiwanis Thrift Store at 863-675-4043. The Kiwanis Club of LaBelle is very excited about this project and thanks you in advance for your support!

# Operation Backpack Commences for Fall

Hunger is a problem. Not in some remote land. Here in the Hendry-Glades area. Operation Backpack allows you the opportunity to aid our community. The first backpacking day was held Thursday, September 13th, and approximately 60 backpacks were sent home with school children on Friday September 14th of this school year.

In the spring of 2012, concerned citizens noticed there was a problem. Some elementary students were coming to school on Monday without having much opportunity to fill their bellies over the weekend. Being that schools offer breakfast and lunch programs, these citizens knew they needed to target weekend meals.

Thus, the Operation Backpack committee was formed. Their goal was to feed children and give hope to the young men and women who received backpacks.

"There are many opportunities for families to get food in the area," says Lisa Sands, Salvation Army Program Manager, "but this program places the food directly into the hands of the children."

Their first order of business was to get food to elementary-aged children in order to provide them with hope and food for a good summer start. Each backpack was loaded with ready-to-eat snacks and meals. These backpacks were delivered to needy students on the last day of their 2011 to 2012 school year.

"We delivered approximately 80 backpacks at the end of last school year. It was a blessing to see the joy on the kids' faces," says Linda O'Ferrell, Operation Backpack committee member.

Over the summer, the Operation Backpack has grown, and members joined which were associated with an array of community organizations. The group's new objective is

## Kiwanis Kid's Day is coming

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 13. It's time once again for the annual Kiwanis Kid's Day at the Barron Park in LaBelle.

The yearly event has been sponsored by the Kiwanis Club of LaBelle for over twenty years! Kids can jump in bounce houses, play games, get a stuffed animal and eat popcorn and sno-cones!

The games and activities are all free for the kids to enjoy! There will be plenty of music, entertainment, food and lots of laughs. Additionally, community partners and organizations will be set up with fun and educational items for parents and children. We hope to see you there!

to continue the program through the school year. This would allow those students in need the chance to take home a backpack of food every Friday. The packs are then returned on the following Monday for the next week. Currently, Operation Backpack serves LaBelle Elementary, Country Oaks Elementary, Upthegrove Elementary and West Glades Elementary Schools.

"Right now, our mission is to feed as many hungry children as possible," says Alton Green, Operation Backpack Director. "As a community, we can do three things to move this goal forward. We can donate funds to purchase the food, we can contribute time to pack the bags, and we can pray for the children and their families."

If you are eager to get involved with this organization, contact Alton Green for more information. Monetary donations can be made at First Baptist of LaBelle, Carlson United Methodist and Christ Central Churches. The Operation Backpack committee meets on the first Thursdays of each month at the First Baptist of LaBelle youth house.

Be an agent for change. Help the children in our community.

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# League of Women Voters rejects 2012 constitutional amendments

This November, Florida voters will see 11 of the most complex, confusing and, in some cases, misleading constitutional amendments proposed in recent memory. Voters will need to make a fundamental decision: "Do I want this in the state Constitution?"

The League of Women Voters of Florida urges voters to give a "thumbs down" to the 11 amendments they will confront on Election Day.

"Our Florida Constitution was crafted as a document that is intended to be difficult to change, and kept sacred for the purpose of identifying the structure of our government," said League President Deirdre Macnab.

Macnab also called attention to some things that all 11 amendments have in common—regardless of the issues they address: all were proposed by the state legislature within the last two years and all were placed on the ballot under new laws that allow the legislature and Attorney General to re-write summaries that do not pass court review. While legislators have steadily made it more difficult for citizen initiatives to be put to voters, they have removed safeguards relating to their own proposals.

According to Macnab, some of these amendments take aim at our fundamental rights, putting core American principles at risk in Florida. They attack the balance of power, right to privacy and separation of church and state. Consider:

- Amendment 5 (State Courts) would tip the balance of power in favor of political branches by giving them greater influence in the selection of judges appointed to serve on Florida's Supreme Court. The measure seeks to undermine the intent of our nonpartisan judicial nominating system by requiring Senate confirmation for all judicial appointments to the high court. According to former State Senator Alex Villalobos, "The major objection is that Amendment 5 puts the nominee back into a political process, with the specter of partisan lawmakers rejecting qualified appointees over ideological issues. Reduced in importance could be the honesty, competency or diligence necessary to be a successful Supreme Court Justice."

- Amendment 6 (Prohibition on Public Funding of Abortions; Construction of Abortion Rights) would allow Florida politicians to intrude on personal medical decisions between a woman, her family and her doctor. The League says that Amendment 6 is an example of big government at its worst and could potentially endanger women's lives.

- Amendment 8 (Religious Freedom) is a misnamed amendment that would allow taxpayer funding of religious institutions. It will allow public money to be used for religious indoctrination. Saying 'No' to this amendment will not jeopardize existing funding for some religious groups' social welfare programs, which provide important services, but will continue to ensure that groups do not promote their specific religion at taxpayers' expense.

A number of the amendments (2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 11) put tax limits, exemptions and loopholes in the Constitution. "With the Constitution intentionally hard to change," Macnab stated, "a better place for such tax provisions is regular statutory law, where changing conditions make modification easier. Further, our tax policy needs a level play-

ing field. It's already riddled with loopholes and these amendments cut state revenues drastically."

Reporting on a just-released analysis of Amendment 3 (State Government Revenue Limitation), Robb Gray, Director of State Engagement & Partnerships for the Washington, D.C.-based Center on Budget and Policy Priorities (CBPP), said, "Funding for Florida schools, universities, roads and bridges, health programs for children and the elderly, public transit, and a wide range of other public services will fall significantly if voters enact Amendment 3. A similar amendment in Colorado—the only state to have tried it—led to such drastic cuts in public services in Colorado that voters chose to suspend it. Amendment 3 would make Florida a much less attractive place to work and live by undermining the state's ability to fulfill its current responsibilities to its residents and make long-term investments that are fundamental to future prosperity."

Speaking about the CBPP's just-released analysis of Amendment 4 (Property Tax Limitation), Gray said, "Amendment 4 would lock a deeply flawed set of property tax changes into the state's Constitution, leading to tax increases for large numbers of Florida residents, a competitive disadvantage for new and emerging businesses, and significant cuts in local services—while producing little if any economic benefit. Amendment 4 would force local governments to choose between raising taxes on large numbers of year-round Florida homeowners, making

deep cuts to local services or some combination of the two."

Summarizing the League's opposition to all amendments, Macnab said, "The Constitution is a governing document, and should be left sacred to that purpose. We urge legislators to use their law-making power, and not weigh citizens down with complicated amendments that do not belong in our state's Constitution. We urge all citizens to give these complex and inappropriate amendments a firm thumbs down"

The League of Women Voters of Florida Education Fund has a complete toolkit to support its voter education campaign, including a Voter Assistance Hotline, 1-855-

FL-VOTER (1-855-358-6837), a one-stop website, BeReadytoVote.org, a mobile site accessible via smartphone, and a nonpartisan 2012 Election and Voter Guide, available in print in both English and Spanish throughout Florida and online at BeReadytoVote.org.

The League of Women Voters of Florida, a nonpartisan political organization, encourages informed and active participation in government, works to increase understanding of major public policy issues, and influences public policy through education and advocacy. For more information, please visit the League's website at: [www.TheFloridaVoter.org](http://www.TheFloridaVoter.org).

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## 2012-13 Senior Basketball players.

# Varsity football falls to Dunbar

The Cowboys entered Friday night's game with Dunbar on a three game winning streak, but will have to wait another week to get back into the win column. A number of errors proved to be too costly for the Cowboys to overcome against the talented Tigers.

After the Tigers quickly entered Cowboy territory Jerome Baxter (jr) recovered a fumble to thwart the Tigers' threat. However, on the ensuing drive Derek Bass (sr) was sacked for a safety which gave the Tigers a 2-0 lead. On the following drive the Tigers scored a touchdown to make the score 8-0. On the 2-point conversion attempt Cathavius Adams (sr) broke up a pass to keep the score at 8-0.

However, the Cowboys answered immediately as Kip Stansly (sr) returned the Dunbar kickoff back 82 yards for a score. The Cowboys' 2-point conversion attempt fell incomplete leaving the score at 8-6 in the Tigers' favor until late in the first half. Right before halftime the Tigers gained a 16-6 lead as they scored on a short run after a short punt set them up in good field position.

In the second half the Tigers rang up 23 points (2 offensive touchdowns, 1 fumble return, and a safety) to pull away from the Cowboys.

This Friday the Cowboys host Gateway Charter School for senior night as they attempt to get back in the win column and move to 4-2. Kickoff is scheduled for 7:30 p.m. Come out and support the 'Boys!

## JV Cowboys lose to Lemon Bay

After a rocky start the JV Football team settled in and battled with Lemon Bay's JV team and continued to make strides in the right direction. Come out tonight and sup-

port the JV Cowboys as they take on Moore Haven at home. Kickoff is scheduled for 6 p.m.



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## Go Cowboys!

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Mel Karau, LaBelle Rotary Club, Membership Chairman, after a new member orientation presentation inducted the following into the membership of the LaBelle Rotary Club. Ayman Kaki, Pharmacist, J&J Pharmacy, Bianca Loren Ross, Program Coordinator for Drug Free Hendry County, Fred Kobie, Kobie Kooling, Holly Kobie, Generations Farm South and Brian Smith, Land Development Consultant and Landcare Architecture, owner EnSite.



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## Rotary: Looking into the future

Frederick Ford from Florida Fresh Cargo presented about plans of developing and operating a major international air cargo airport in Hendry County. The plan is to convert its centrally located Airglades Airport into a major cargo hub.

# Rotary Club of LaBelle inducts officers

Rotary Club of LaBelle sponsors brought forward their nominees for membership at the September 25 installation meeting. Bianca Loren Ross, Brian Smith, Ayman Kaki, Fred and Holly Kobie had been selected by the members to hold active membership in their vocations, through their business or professional principles of good will and service.

Each accepted the principles, responsibilities and obligations of Rotary. Members are trustees of Rotary's ideals by which the world judges Rotary, they were told. One of the special obligations of membership is regular attendance at the weekly meetings and is expected to perform his or her share of club and community service. New members were also apprised of the

Rotarian ideal of friendship. Each new member was pinned with the emblem of the association.



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## LES appreciates Rotarians

LaBelle Elementary School sincerely thanks the LaBelle Rotarians for its spaghetti dinner, part of the school's open house and book fair, all held on Thursday, September 13. The dedicated members of the Rotary Club prepared and served a delicious spaghetti dinner to students, parents and staff of LaBelle Elementary School. The Rotary annually shares their time and resources with us. Dinner is always great when the Rotary cooks, and we are very appreciative of their efforts.

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## Community Briefs

### Humane society clinic open

Caloosa Humane Society Veterinary Clinic is open for business! Call now to schedule your yearly pet exam and vaccination appointment. The CHS Veterinary Clinic is located at 1050 Commerce Drive in LaBelle. The clinic hours are Tuesday-Saturday 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. 863.675.PETS(7387) Jessica Brugler, DVM and Jennifer Klinger, Vet Tech are providing high quality/low cost veterinary care to our community pets. We are providing Affordable Spay/Neuter, Wellness Visits, First Puppy/Kitten, Emergency care during office hours and Exam for illness or injury. Dentals will be coming soon. Comfortis is now available and we are currently having a special on Revolution. All of the proceeds of the veterinary clinic go back to Caloosa Humane Society to care for our homeless pets at the shelter. Thank you for all the heart-warming support we have received during this exciting time!

### West Glades Beta supports humane society

West Glades School Beta Club is holding a fundraiser for the Caloosa Humane Society at AutoZone on Bridge St. October 6, from 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m. Bring these items for a free carwash: dog/cat food, cat litter, bleach, Fabuloso, Dawn dish soap, towels, yard sale items, trash bags, paper towels, toilet paper, laundry soap, mops/broom or leashes/col-lars. Donations appreciated.

### VFW Auxiliary cooking

VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 10100 is preparing a Beef Brisket Dinner for Friday October 12. Serving begins at 5 p.m. Cost: \$7. The VFW has a smoke free dining room, located on So. Hwy.29 by the Rodeo Grounds. Get there early before they run out!

### Help little girls

A benefit drawing for the Town girls, who lost their mother in a tornado several months ago, will be held at LaBelle Ranch Supply on Saturday, Nov. 10. Win a Remington Model 870 Express 12-Gauge Shotgun, Donation \$5.

### MCA October events

October 13, Country Jam Session and Pot Luck Dinner at 6 p.m.

October 18, LAST CHANCE to MEET AND GREET the CANDIDATES OF GLADES COUNTY. This will be an informal event to ask questions of the Candidates. It will start at 7 p.m.. Refreshments will be served. No Jam Session on the 4th Sat. All events open to the public and will be held at the Muse Community Center Bldg. on Loblolly Bay Road (Hwy. 720)

Come out for a fun evening and meeting your neighbors. Refreshments will be served. For further information call 863-674-0467.

### Cub Scouts plan event

LaBelle Cub Scout Pack 9 will be holding a Car Wash/Yard Sale October 6 from 8-11 at McDonalds! This fundraiser is to raise mon-

ey for the Pinewood Derby Race and purchase of the wood for the scout cars. Come out and see what we have and get your car washed too. Also Cub Scouts are selling Fresh Cut Christmas Wreaths. If you would like one please contact Amanda Nisbet mc-dansibet@yahoo.com or 863-885-1538.

### Nature Park clean up

Join us for the LaBelle Nature Park Clean-up on Saturday, October 6, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Free lunch is provided. FGCU Service Learning students are welcome. For directions call Margaret England at 863-517-0202 or email margaret@caloosahatchee.org.

### Escape from hunger

LaBelle Heritage Museum is joining with Ford and Feeding America in the 2013 Ford Escape Hunger Drive on Friday, October 5, with a 2013 Ford Escape on display at LaBelle Heritage Museum from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at 360 North Bridge Street where each guest aged 18 years and older will have the opportunity to enter a sweepstakes to win a 2013 Ford Escape as well as ensuring meals for our local foodbanks through Feedin America. No purchase or test drive required.

### Win shotgun, clay shoot

Win a Beretta semi-automatic 12 gauge shotgun Model 3901 and Go Clay Shooting with three of your friends or family at the beautiful Quail Creek Plantation in Okeechobee. The trip includes dinner, an overnight stay at the lodge, breakfast and use of one of their golf cart.

To enter our chance drawing just stop by our office located at 413 W. Hwy 80 in LaBelle or contact Susie Hull or San Juana Madrid at 863-675-2535.

Your donation of \$10 will get you one chance or for \$50 you can get six chances to win a great day of shooting and a new shotgun. The drawing will be held on October 20, 2012 at the Hendry/Glades County Farm Bureau's Annual

### Museum meeting change

Hendry County Property Appraiser Phillip Pelletier regrets he has to postpone his presentation to LaBelle Heritage Museum about what first attracted him to LaBelle, how he has grown to love the area, and what he feels needs to be done to protect LaBelle and the Caloosahatchee Valley for future generations. Pelletier, who is running for reelection, was only informed about an important political forum scheduled for the same evening as our October program meeting several days ago. Pelletier will be rescheduled to speak to LaBelle Heritage Museum at a later date. Joe Thomas will present a program on the Caloosahatchee River from its earliest days that will feature historic maps and photographs of the Caloosahatchee River from earlier times as the substitute program at the October 4 meeting of LaBelle Heritage Museum in the commission chambers of LaBelle City Hall starting at 7 o'clock.

Pat Johnson will present another interesting and informative class on soap making on Saturday morning, October 20, at LaBelle Heritage Museum, 360 North Bridge Street,

starting at 9 o'clock. Registration is limited to 8 people ages 16 and up so, call LaBelle Heritage Museum (863)674-0034 early to reserve your spot in the class. The fee is \$10.

The museum is open from 9 o'clock in the morning until noon on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Saturdays and also on Thursdays and Fridays from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is free for LHM members and children aged 6 and under. There is a \$3 per person charge for all others.

### Legion Auxiliary October Meeting:

Come join us, Thursday, October 18, at 7 p.m. at The American Legion Post 130 on Hwy. 80 West in LaBelle. Along with The American Legion, the Ladies Auxiliary solidly stands behind America and her ideals. Together we can make a difference. For more information call President Julie at: 863-674-1050 or Membership Chair, Sharon at 863-675-2980.

### Cemetery Clean-Up in Venus

Everyone with loved ones interred in the Venus Cemetery is asked to help keep the cemetery looking beautiful. It's up to each and every one of us to keep this cemetery beautiful. There is no lawn service. The more people that show up to help, the quicker it will be finished. Maybe you'd even consider adopting a section of the cemetery to mow and weed-eat yourself. Come on out Saturday, October 20, at 8 a.m.

We will be trimming trees, mowing, raking up leaves, etc. Bring your weed-eaters, push mowers, riding mowers, blowers, rakes, brooms, chainsaws and any other equipment you may have. If you need directions or additional information please call Mike Willis at (863) 465-2010. All help is greatly appreciated!

### Horse found

The Hendry County Sheriff's Office impounded a horse from running loose in the Fort Denaud area last week. If you have lost a horse, please contact the Ag Unit at 674-5600.

### Artist? Moore Haven wants you

Time to Register for Art in the Park 2013.

The Glades County Public Library and its Advisory Board invite area artists and craftsmen to exhibit and sell their work at the eighth annual Art in the Park event in Moore Haven, Saturday, January 26, 2013, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. This popular free event centered in and around the library brings artists and the public together in a wonderful setting by the Caloosahatchee River.

Painters, sculptors, photographers and handcrafters are encouraged to contact the library now and reserve their place. Exhibiting and parking are free. Exhibitors are responsible for their own setups.

The Glades County Public Library is located in the city park across the street from the river in Moore Haven's Historic District. The address is 201 Riverside Drive.

Interested? For more information and to reserve a place, contact Mary Booher, Director of Libraries: 863-946-0744 or mbooher@myhlc.org

### Candidates in Pioneer

The Pioneer Homeowners Association would like to invite everyone to a "Meet and Greet the Candidates Night" at the Pioneer Community Center, 910 Panama Ave. on October 8, at 7 p.m.

Each candidate will be given five minutes to speak and introduce him/herself and then have questions from the audience.

### Calling all crafters and vendors

Come join in the fifth annual Holiday Bazaar and bake sale at Christ the King Lutheran Church on November 10, No space fee. For details, call Susan Hansen at 863-675-7350.

### Republican office open

The LaBelle office is open Monday, Wednesday and Saturday; Office Hours: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Clewiston Office, 402 Sugar Land Highway, Office Days: Monday, Wednesday and Saturday, Office Hours: 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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# Safety proof homes to prevent senior falls

## "Fall Prevention Checklist"

Aims to End #1 Cause of Death Among Older Americans!

(September 2012) – The first day of fall kicks off a Fall Prevention Crusade to warn local families to safety proof their homes to prevent seniors from falling. Falls are the #1 cause of injuries, hospital visits, and deaths among those 65 and older. That's why Senior Helpers, one of the largest in-home senior care companies with an office in our area, warns families to safety proof their homes with a "Fall Prevention Checklist."

"Falls have become a nationwide problem and despite what people may think about the older population...falls are not inevitable. In fact, they're largely preventable," says Peter Ross, CEO and co-founder of Senior Helpers, with a local office of highly trained caregivers specializing in dementia and Alzheimer's care. "Up to 30 percent of those who fall suffer injuries such as hip fractures or head traumas. Our highly trained caregivers can help spot danger zones in and around seniors' homes and help seniors move around their environment more carefully."

### Consider This: Source: CDC

- 1 out of 3 seniors falls each year.
- In 2008, 19,700 older Americans died from fall related injuries.
- In 2008, 2.1 million older Americans were injured in falls.

Senior Helpers "Fall Prevention Checklist"

- Install handrails on BOTH sides of stairs and grab bars in bathrooms (1/3 of households in America with stairs DO NOT have banisters or handrails. Only 19% of households in America have grab bars in tubs/showers).

- Provide plenty of light at the top and bottom of stairs and throughout hallways.

- Paint the bottom basement step white to make it more visible.

- Secure rugs to the floor to prevent tripping.

- Attach non-slip strips to the bottom of slippers and shoes.

- In outside areas, check steps and walkways for loose bricks, cement or stone.

Senior Helpers "Fall Prevention Checklist" for Dementia/Alzheimer's Patients

- Encourage seniors to wear hip protectors (90% of hip fractures are due to falls).

- Make sure they have a walking aid within reach.

- Use an emergency sensor overnight to help detect wandering.

- Do not use bed rails overnight. Instead, lower the bed to the ground.

- Encourage seniors to rest with the head of the bed slightly raised.

- Use a seatbelt on a shower chair. Never leave them in the shower or bathroom unattended.

"When you care for a senior with dementia, you have an added responsibility because dementia puts seniors at the highest risk for wandering which increases chances for falling," says Ross. The "Fall Prevention Checklist" is one initiative in our dementia and Alzheimer's program called our Senior Gems® program. We recommend families hire our caregivers because they know how to keep senior loved ones safe while simultaneously encouraging mobility and independence. This takes training and experience."

Other Tips To Help Prevent Falling:

- Have Foot Size Measured – do this each time your senior buys shoes. Foot size changes with age and a shoe that is too big increases the risk of a fall.

- Exercise Regularly – choose activities that increase leg strength and improve balance in seniors, such as Tai Chi.

- Eye Check-ups – make sure senior loved ones have their eyes checked by a doctor at least once a year and have their eyeglasses updated as needed.

A good tip: consider getting a pair with single vision distance lenses for activities such as walking outside.

- Review Medications – have a doctor or pharmacist review medications/pre-

scriptions to learn what may cause side effects, such as dizziness or drowsiness.

This story affects all seniors and their families in your area. Help us spread the word about Fall Prevention Awareness by touring a senior's home with Senior Helpers experts/caregivers as they point out the most common danger spots.

Did You Know?

- In 2008, 82% of fall deaths were among people 65 and older.

- Fall-related fractures occur more than twice the rate for older women than for older men.

- More than 90% of hip fractures are caused by falls. And white women have significantly higher hip fracture rates than black women.

- Direct medical costs of falls equaled \$28.2 billion in 2010.

To learn more about how to care for your senior loved one with dementia or Alzheimer's through the Senior Helpers' Senior Gems® program, please visit our website at [www.seniorhelpers.com](http://www.seniorhelpers.com). There, you can also request a complimentary Senior Gems DVD.

Sources: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, AgedCarer

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### Legion fish fry and Sunday breakfast

Join the American Legion for its fish fry every Friday, 5-7 p.m.

Check out breakfast the first and third Sunday every month, 699 SR 80W.

### Seeking Literacy Buddies

The Early Learning Coalition of SWFL is in need of volunteers to become a Literacy Buddy. The Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida serves the families of Collier, Glades Hendry and Lee counties. It is our goal to make certain that children ages birth to five and beyond, have access to high quality early education experiences.

For more information on how you can become a Literacy Buddy, please contact Robin Gretz, Literacy Buddy Assistant at 239-210-6886 or visit [www.elcofswfl.org](http://www.elcofswfl.org) to download an application. The Literacy Buddy Program is a great opportunity for businesses and organizations to perform a community service. Education is the best investment in our community.

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**Public Notice**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING HENDRY COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL**  
Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Public Safety Coordinating Council will hold a meeting on Friday, October 12, 2012, at 10:00 A.M., in Conference Room #1, 1st Floor, 640 S. Main St., LaBelle, Florida 33935. The meeting is open to the public. The meeting site is accessible by the disabled.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.  
Board of County Commissioners  
Hendry County, Florida  
427699 CB/CN 10/4/2012

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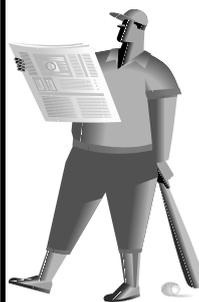
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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED  
2681 2009 1214334-03000070020 Kenneth Gaiouis  
Lot 2, Block 7, Harlem Addition No. 7, according to the plat thereof recorded in PlatBook 4, Page 80 and 81, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.  
Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.  
All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.  
Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the First Thursday** in the month of **November, 2012**, which is the **1st day of November, 2012**.  
Dated this **26th** day of **September, 2012**.  
Barbara S. Butler  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
Hendry County, Florida  
427459 CN 10/4,11,18,25/2012

**Public Notice**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME**  
The undersigned does hereby certify that Gregory A. Thompson conducting a Janitorial and Lawncare business at 290 B Road, La Belle, Florida, under the fictitious name of National Janitorial and Lawncare and that said firm is composed of the following persons whose names and places of residence are as follows:  
**Gregory Antonio Thompson 290 B Road, LaBelle, FL 33935**  
Ownership of National Janitorial and Lawncare is as follows:  
**Gregory Antonio Thompson 290 B Road, LaBelle, FL 33935** is my intentions to apply to the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations to register the said name of National Janitorial and Lawncare under the provisions of Chapter 90-267, laws of Florida, Acts of 1991.  
Gregory A. Thompson  
DATE: 9/24/2012  
290 B Road, LaBelle, FL 33935  
427475 CB 10/4/2012

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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED  
2664 2009 1214334-03000010030 Kenneth Gaiouis  
Lot 3, Block 1, Harlem Addition No. 7, according to the plat thereof recorded in PlatBook 4, Page 80 and 81, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.  
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Clerk of Circuit Court  
Hendry County, Florida  
427456 CN 10/4,11,18,25/2012

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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED  
2667 2009 1214334-03000010150 Debrah D. Jackson  
Lot 15, Block 1, Harlem Addition No. 7, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 80 and 81, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.  
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427452 CN 10/4,11,18,25/2012

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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED  
1802 2008 1224432-01000730050 Edwardo Gort and Gilda C. Gort  
Lot 5, Block 73, Montura Ranch Estates, First Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37, 38 and 39, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.  
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**Public Notice**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:**  
Elbert J. Williams, P O Box 1736, 804 Maryland Ave., Clewiston  
Rosedi Williams, P O Box 478, 211 W. Aztec Ave., Clewiston  
Jaime Perez AKA Jaime Davila, 1255 Riviera Ave., Clewiston  
You are hereby notified that your eligibility to vote is in question. You are required to contact the Supervisor of Elections, in Hendry County, Florida, no later than thirty (30) days after the date of this published notice to receive the information regarding the basis for your potential ineligibility and the procedure to resolve this matter. Failure to respond may result in a determination of ineligibility by the Supervisor, and your name will be removed from the statewide voter registration system. Call 863-675-5230 or 863-983-1592.  
**El Aviso se da por Este Medio:**  
Este aviso es para usted que su elegibilidad de votar esta en cuestion. Usted tiene que comunicarse con el Supervisor de Elecciones, del condado de Hendry, Florida, antes de 30 dias despues de la fecha de este anuncio publicado para recibir la informacion al respecto de su inelegibilidad potencial y procedimiento de resolver este caso. Si no responde, puede dar lugar a una determinacion de inelegibilidad por el Supervisor, y su nombre sera quitado del sistema estatal del registro de votantes. telephone 863-675-5230 or 863-983-1592.  
Lucretia A. Strickland  
Supervisor of Elections  
PO Box 174  
LaBelle, FL 33975  
Hendry County, Florida  
F.S. 98.075  
10/4/2012  
427580 CN/CB 10/4/2012

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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED  
1700 2008 1224432-01000320070 Oscar Del Toro-Figueroa and Dielma Rosa Del Toro  
Lot 7, Block 32, Montura Ranch Estates, First Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37, 38 and 39, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.  
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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED  
1796 2008 1224432-01000710060 Ronald J. Chuck & Patricia N. Chuck  
Lot 6 in Block 71, of Montura Ranch Estates, First Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 3, at Pages 37, 38 and 39 of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.  
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Dated this **12th** day of **September, 2012**.  
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Clerk of Circuit Court  
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426492 CN 9/20,27 & 10/4,11/2012

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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED  
2789 2009 2014329-01000508050 David Mayhood + Sue Mayhood  
Lots 19 and 20, Block B, Hickpochee Heights Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 32, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.  
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427447 CN 10/4,11,18,25/2012

**Public Notice**

**LEGAL NOTICE**  
The following vehicles will be sold at public auction on October 16th, 2012 @ 8 a.m. at Affordable Towing Service 749 NW Ave L Belle Glade FL, 33430  
**1983 Ford VIN: 1FTDF15F9DNA32618**  
\*\*\*We have the right to refuse any and all bids\*\*\*  
4276 CGS 10/4/2012

**Public Notice**

**NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT**  
You are hereby notified that the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Central County Water Control District will be held on Wednesday, October 24, 2012, at 7 pm at the Central County Conference Room located at 475 S. Cabbage Palm St., Montura Ranch Estates, Clewiston, Florida. The purpose of this meeting is to transact any and all business which may come before the Board. If a person decides to appeal the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at the public meeting or hearing herein referred he or she may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based.  
427660 CN 9/13/20/2012

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427660 CN 9/13/20/2012

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2325	2009	1074433-03000190040	Amer Atalla Ali Abdol Kader, Jaled Atalla Ali Abdol Kader and Atalla Ali Abdol Kader

Lot 4, Block 19, The Woodland Subdivision, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Page 1, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

427449 CN 10/4,11,18,25/2012

**REQUEST FOR BIDS**  
**SUPPLY FUEL TO HENDRY COUNTY**  
**BID # 2012-26**  
**OPENING DATE AND TIME: OCTOBER 18, 2012 at 2:00 P.M.**

Sealed Bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, to "Supply Fuel to Hendry County". In order to be considered, bids must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by October 18, 2012 at 2:00 p.m., at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

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

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

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

Tristan Chapman, Chairman  
 Board of County Commissioners  
 426693 CN/CB 9/20,27,10/4,11/2012

**ATTENTION MONTURA RESIDENTS: NOTICE OF LANDOWNERS' MEETING FOR CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT**

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors for the Central County Water Control District, will hold their annual landowners' meeting for the Board of Supervisors on Saturday October 24, 2012 at 6:30p.m. at the Central County Conference Room, located at 475 S. Cabbage Palm Street, Montura, Florida. The purpose of the landowners' meeting is to conduct business of the District. If you need specific directions to the CCWCD Conference Room or additional information you may contact the District office at 863-983-5797 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard.

**Central County Water Control District  
 Montura Ranch Estates, Florida**

Atención residentes de montura:  
**CONVOCATORIA PARA PROPIETARIOS CENTRAL DEL CONDADO  
 DISTRITO DE AGUA DE CONTROL**

Se hace saber que la Junta de Supervisores para el Distrito Central del Condado de Control del Agua, celebrará su reunión anual de propietarios de tierras para la Junta de Supervisores el sábado 24 de octubre de 2012 a las 6:30 en la Sala de Conferencias del Condado Central, ubicada en el 475 S. Cabbage Palm Street, Montura, Florida. El propósito de la reunión de los terratenientes es llevar a cabo negocios en el Distrito. Si necesita instrucciones específicas a la Sala de Conferencias CCWCD o información adicional puede comunicarse con la oficina del Distrito al 863-983-5797 entre las horas de 9 am y 2 pm Todas las personas interesadas están invitadas a asistir y ser escuchado.

Centro del Agua del Condado del Distrito de Control  
 Montura Ranch Estates, Florida  
 427661 CN 10/4,11,18/2012

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

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

CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1972	2009	1274432-A0002290100	Michael Marquez

The East one-half one the East one-half of the North one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 27, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for ingress, egress and utilities over and across the East 30 feet and the North 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 152, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fourth Thursday** in the month of **November, 2012**, which is the **25th day of October, 2012**.  
 Dated this 12th day of September, 2012.

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

426490 CN 9/20,27 & 10/4,11/2012

**Public Notice**

**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
1956	2009	1274432-A0001930100	German D. Gil and Maria de los Angeles Corder

The North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 27, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Tract 99, 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 12th day of September, 2012.

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

426519 CN 9/20,27 & 10/4,11/2012

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

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1364	2009	1144432-A0001120000	Orlando A. Naranjo

The South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 14, 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 3401, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

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 Dated this 12th day of September, 2012.

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

426500 CN 9/20,27 & 10/4,11/2012

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

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1421	2009	1154432-A0000360100	Luis F. Martinez

The North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 15, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 3263, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

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 Dated this 12th day of September, 2012.

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

426520 CN 9/20,27 & 10/4,11/2012

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

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1084	2009	1334331-A0001020000	John H. Mann

The Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 33, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the South 30.00 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30.00 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 292, 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.

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 Dated this 26th day of September, 2012.

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

427457 CN 10/4,11,18,25/2012

**Public Notice**

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

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2003	2009	1344432-A0000280100	Lessom Vedrine & Milfran Vedrine

The South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 34, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Tract 4334, 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 12th day of September, 2012.

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

426528 CN 9/20,27 & 10/4,11/2012

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

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1713	2009	1244432-A0001140100	Orlando Naranjo, Tr. And Aida Naranjo Tr.

The South one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 24, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5225, 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 26th day of September, 2012.

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

427445 CN 10/4,11,18,25/2012

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

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1440	2009	1154432-A000050000	Ruben Ignacio Acosta

The South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 15, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for a drainage canal of the South 25 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 3132, 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 12th day of September, 2012.

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

426524 CN 9/20,27 & 10/4,11/2012

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

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1815	2009	1254432-A0002410000	Luis Crespo & Monica Crespo

The South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 4993, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

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 Dated this 12th day of September, 2012.

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

426494 CN 9/20,27 & 10/4,11/2012

**Public Notice**

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

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1714	2009	1244432-A0001170000	Orlando Naranjo, Tr. And Aida Naranjo Tr.

The North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 24, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5224, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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 Dated this 26th day of September, 2012.

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

427448 CN 10/4,11,18,25/2012

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

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1974	2009	1274432-A0002320100	Orlando Naranjo, Tr. And Aida Naranjo Tr.

The North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 27, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for ingress, egress, and utilities over and across the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 123, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

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 Dated this 26th day of September, 2012.

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

427458 CN 10/4,11,18,25/2012

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

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1906	2009	1264432-A0002730000	Orlando Naranjo, Tr. And Aida Naranjo Tr.

The South one-half of the West one-half of the South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 26, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for ingress, egress and utilities over and across the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 452, 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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Barbara S. Butler  
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 Hendry County, Florida

427455 CN 10/4,11,18,25/2012

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# Love, Hope & Pizza supports National Breast Cancer Foundation

Hungry Howie's is taking action to support breast cancer awareness by partnering with the National Breast Cancer Foundation (NBCF), one of the most highly recognized and respected breast cancer charities in the world. NBCF, which has been ranked in the

top three percent of charities in America earning Charity Navigator's prestigious four-star rating for eight consecutive years, has helped thousands of women who may not otherwise have access to mammograms and treatment. Hungry Howie's has raised almost \$500,000 for the foundation over the last three years.

Throughout October, all large pizzas will be served in bright pink boxes with the breast cancer awareness ribbon instead of the classic yellow boxes. For every large pizza purchased at Florida and Alabama locations, Hungry Howie's will make a donation to NBCF. An additional \$1 will also be donated to NBCF when customers purchase Love, Hope & Pizza wristbands, become a new fan on the Hungry Howie's Facebook page, share a breast cancer story on the Facebook page, and for every tweet using the hashtag #lovehopepizza. Hungry Howie's Facebook fans can also make a donation to NBCF through the Facebook page.

Founder/CEO of the National Breast Cancer Foundation Janelle Hail, who is a 32-year breast cancer survivor, says, "NBCF values Hungry Howie's partnership in sharing our mission of helping women now by provid-

ing free mammograms, education, support and early detection services. Together we can make a difference in women's lives and offer them hope."

Hungry Howie's Love, Hope & Pizza campaign will begin October 1st and take place throughout the entire month.

**Hungry Howie's**  
Founded in 1973, Hungry Howie's is one of the nation's largest pizza franchises and originator of the Flavored Crust® Pizza. With more than 500 locations in 24 states, Hungry Howie's is ranked in the top 100 of Entrepreneur's Franchise 500® in 2009. For more information,

*please visit [www.hungryhowies.com](http://www.hungryhowies.com)*  
**National Breast Cancer Foundation, Inc.®**  
*Recognized as one of the leading breast cancer organizations in the world, the National Breast Cancer Foundation's (NBCF) mission is to save lives through early detection and to provide mammograms for those in need. A recipient of Charity Navigator's highest 4-star rating for eight years, NBCF provides women help for today and hope for tomorrow through its National Mammography Program, Beyond The Shock®, Early Detection Plan, MyNBCF online support community, and breast cancer research programs. For more information, please visit [www.nbcf.org](http://www.nbcf.org).*

**Public Notice**

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

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1977	2009	1274432-A0002410000	Orlando Naranjo, Tr. And Aida Naranjo Tr.

The South one-half of the West one-half of the South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 27, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for ingress, egress and utilities over and across the South 25 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 160, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

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Dated this 26th day of September, 2012.

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

427446 CN 10/4,11,18,25/2012

**Public Notice**

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Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1868	2009	1264432-A0001500000	Orlando Naranjo, Tr. And Aida Naranjo Tr.

The South one-half of the East one-half of the North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 26, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for ingress, egress and utilities over and across the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 339, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

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Dated this 26th day of September, 2012.

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

427451 CN 10/4,11,18,25/2012

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1991	2009	1274432-A0002700100	Orlando Naranjo, Trustee of the Orlando Naranjo Revocable Trust And Aida Naranjo, Trustee of the Aida Naranjo Revocable Trust

The East one-half of the West one-half of the South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 27, 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 200, Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

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Dated this 12th day of September, 2012.

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

426522 CN 9/20,27 & 10/4,11/2012

**Public Notice**

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

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1711	2009	1244432-A0001120000	Orlando Naranjo, Trustee Of the Orlando Naranjo Revocable Trust and Aida Naranjo, Trustee of the Aida Naranjo Revocable Trust

The East one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 24, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the South 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5182, 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 12th day of September, 2012.

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

426489 CN 9/20,27 & 10/4,11/2012

**Public Notice**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING, WORKSHOP AND SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT**

In accordance with Florida Statutes, notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of the Central County Water Control District, "the District" will hold a public hearing, workshop and special meeting on Thursday, October 11, 2012 at 7:00 pm at the District Conference Room, located at 475 S. Cabbage Palm St. Montura Ranch Estates, Florida 33440. The purpose of the public hearing, workshop and special meeting is to consider adoption of an initial assessment resolution in connection with the Dike Project. The Board will hold a Public Hearing directly prior to adoption, for the purpose of hearing public comment and objections to the proposed initial assessment resolution that will establish estimated total maximum assessments per acre in amount not to exceed \$256.96 with an estimated maximum annual per acre cost of \$51.39. All lands within the District will be affected.

The Board will also consider and take action on: bids for the Dike Project; Contract for the Dike Project construction; and, any other matter that may properly come before the Board.

This public hearing may be continued to a date, time and place to be specified on the record at the hearing. The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with the provisions of Florida Law for Special Districts. The meeting may be continued to a date, time, and place to be specified on the record at the meeting.

Pursuant to provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this hearing is asked to contact the District's Main Office at (863) 983-5797, at least 48 hours before the meeting. If you are hearing or speech impaired, please contact the Florida Relay Service at (800) 955-8770, who can aid you in contacting the District Office.

Each person who decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at the hearing is advised that person will need a record of the proceedings and that accordingly, the person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, including the testimony and evidence upon which such appeal is to be based.

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## Blessings

Just under 100 years of age, 41-year LaBelle resident Wanda Hale lives in her home under the care of her daughters, Nancy Richardson and Eileen Friday. Mrs. Hale has been active in the community since she and her husband, Arlan (A.B.) Hale arrived. Mr. Hale was a chemical engineer who worked on the Manhattan Project in Oakridge, TN, the historic effort to produce the world's first atomic bomb. The couple married in 1934. Mrs. Hale was an assistant professor of physics and mathematics at Morris Harvey College, Charleston, West Virginia, from 1961-71. The couple retired to LaBelle in 1971, where they had a small orange grove. The Hales were also well known for the beautiful roses he grew and shared so selflessly. An avid reader, Mrs. Hale volunteered at Barron Library for many years. She is still proud to exercise her right to vote, saying she has voted in every election

since she was 19 (1932). The women appreciate greatly the efforts of the Good Neighbor group, who spent an entire morning at the arduous task of cleaning the entrance area of their home, clearing away spider webs, mold, mud dawbers and wasps. The Good Neighbors pressure cleaned outside cleared the gutters and took care of chores incide that were too high for the women to reach. Good Neighbors is a faith-based group with members from various churches who seek to help longtime community supporters when they themselves need a little helping hand. Mr. and Mrs. Hale are pictured at their fiftieth wedding anniversary celebration.



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## Witches Brew

by Pudge Lehman

I decided to clean my growed up tricycle... That's what Vickie Burke named it years ago when I used to ride it to church. I tried to use a home steam cleaner on it with no luck so I used WD40. It worked like a charm. Of course, there will be grease under my fingernails until I die. It cleaned the chain and everything that was coated in grease mixed with dirt.

For on-the-go sandwiches that the filling wants to pop out on your shirt like egg salad or BBQ, use a coffee filter to serve it in. They are so cheap you can use them for lots of things - to separate your good dishes when you store them, drain any greasy food and they are really nice for covering stuff to microwave.

Strap a penlight to your drill using tape or rubberbands for dark places. When I try to drill into metal the drill bit always slips...I just read this hint. Put a piece of masking tape on the metal before marking and drilling.

Government officials claim Americans are getting stronger. Several years ago it took two people to carry \$40 worth of groceries now a small child can do it.



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• Truly a gem! 1997 3/2 CBS home in the heart of LaBelle's most desirable neighborhoods. Open floor plan, vaulted ceilings, in ground pool w/screen.	• 2/2 CBS home on deep water canal. 1,900+/-sq. ft. of living area, 2 car garage, and much more. <b>\$109,900.</b>
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