

# Caloosa Belle



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## A Look Back at 2012

### January 5, 2012

As the January 2011 dawned folks were recalling changes from the previous year: Crops frozen in the fields, the loss of U-Save Supermarket, Flora & Ella's closed and LaBelle sent young John Marotti to West Point.

### January 12, 2012

The first cold temperatures of 2012 did a little damage to area crops, but nothing resembling the terrible loss farmers and citrus growers faced after last year's devastating freezes.

### January 19, 2012

The Florida Department of Corrections prepared to close the Hendry Correctional work camp outside of Immokalee by the end of June. The closing would extinguish another 74 local full time jobs.

### January 26, 2012

An Immokalee woman died as a result of a one-vehicle crash January 19 in Hendry County. The crash occurred on CR 846 about 1.9 miles south of CR 833

The Hendry County 4-H Meat Judging Team composed of Adam Barfield, Andy McAvoy, Jarad Plair and Katelyn Steelman captured fifth place in the Western National Roundup 4-H Meat Judging Contest held on the campus of Colorado State University on January 7.

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## Habitat provides truly helping hands

by **Patty Brant**  
Caloosa Belle

Sometimes we just need to be reminded. Nothing feels quite as good as helping someone else.

Habitat for Humanity is one of those organizations whose impact is easy to see. Thanks to the group, and the volunteers it inspires, people who didn't have a decent home to call their own, do.

Staff and volunteers make it possible, through the work of their own hands, to provide one of the most basic of all human needs.

On Saturday, December 15, 25 volunteers plus Habitat staff gathered to raise the walls on the first Habitat house to be built in Hendry County since 2009.

By 8 a.m. most of the volunteers had arrived at 5008 Gunn Circle in Port LaBelle with sleeves rolled up and energy to burn on this 1,800 square foot home, which has three bedrooms, two baths, a patio and garage.

Professional, experienced builders, students, and even a couple celebrating their anniversary put their minds, hearts and hands to a single goal. By the time they left, the house had outside walls, inside wall studs and trusses. A few days later the roof would go up on this lovely

new frame house.

The family who will call 5008 Gunn Circle home has yet to be selected but, along with other applicants, is going through orientation now. Qualifications include:

- You must have either lived or worked in Lee or Hendry counties for the past 12 months.

- You must either be a US citizen or a perma-

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Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant

Habitat for Humanity volunteers got down to business December 15 on the first new Habitat home to be built in Hendry County in three years.

## FDOT: Good news for Hendry County roads

by **Patty Brant**  
Caloosa Belle

DOT Johnny Limbaugh arrived at the board meeting with good news. He said FDOT has plans to add lanes and construction on Helms Road Extension from SR 29 to SR 80.

Also on the Five-Year plan:

SR 29 from Spencer Street to north of Cowboy Way add turn lanes and reconstruction in 2014-15

Resurfacing on CR 78 from the Lee County line to Kirby Thompson Road 2014-15

FDOT is "miles ahead" of where they expected to be with Hendry County's #1 road project, SR 80

SR 80 to be complete in fiscal year 2016-17

rather than the original plan for 2020.

Mr. Limbaugh noted that CR 833/846 should be complete in 2014-15, using impact fees previously collected

Commissioner Janet Taylor asked to save Good Wheels' Belle Glade/Clewiston route for college students and seniors.

### EDC

Economic Development Council asked the county to freeze rent on its building. Commissioner Al Perry said he was confused as to why the county would give money to the EDC, then make them give it back. Although the commissioners were sympathetic to the EDC request, they also agreed with Commissioner Darrell

Harris that they should leave the amount in this year's budget.

### Habitat for Humanity

The commission complied with a Habitat for Humanity request for the donation of two lots in Port LaBelle for Habitat homes: 7008 Hero Court and 8047 Buttercup Circle. Habitat raised the walls on one home, on Gunn Circle, on December 15. This past year Habitat turned over the keys to three homes in Hendry County, with plans to build two more in 2013. The commission felt donating the lots, which will eventually be back on the tax role, was a good investment

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# Year

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## February 2, 2012

On January 23 the Hendry County Sheriff's Office opened the doors of its new Port LaBelle facility to the public. The facility, the old CHL real estate headquarters, was purchased by the Port LaBelle Community Development District (PLBCDD) with monies from an escrow account Port LaBelle residents paid into from 1983-89.

## February 9, 2012

It was center stage February 4 for the newly-crowned Miss LaBelle Swamp Cabpage Festival Mallory Allen and 2012 Princess Abby Arnold,

## February 16, 2012

LaBelle High School teacher Nan Akin was chosen as the Golden Apple Teacher of the Year.

## February 23, 2012

Over 600 members and guests attended the First Baptist Church's 100th anniversary February 12, 2012.

## March 8, 2012

Firefighters were called to a suspicious fire on Caloosahatchee Ave. that gutted the unoccupied structure.

## March 15, 2012

The board of county commissioners supported economic development buy doing away with the \$500 fee for filing for a tax exemption with the county. EDC Director Greg Gillman requested the action. Companies requesting the tax exemption would still be responsible for legal advertising required.

The sheriff's office was busy with a rash of vehicle burglaries. Sheriff Whidden provided tips on how not to become a victim.

Citizen of the Year Meredith Marcum got into the Denim and Diamonds theme spirit at the chamber's March 10 giveaway.

## March 22, 2012

LaBelle 4-H'ers turned in terrific performances at the Livestock Show:

Swine competition: Kayla Hood – Grand Champion, Reserve Champion Ashley Schoefield; Grand Champion heifer Windall Tindall, Grand Champion Heifer, Reserve Champion Heifer, Rachael Reinbott, Grand Champion Steer and Grand Champion County Bred Steer, Leah VanWagner, Reserve Champion Steer, Reserve Champion County Bred Steer, and 1st place Senior Showmanship.

# Homes

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Habitat families also get a 0 percent interest mortgage.

One hundred and four families have paid off their mortgages to Habitat for Humanity Lee and Hendry Counties in the 30 years it has been serving this area.

None of this could happen without a dedicated core of volunteers. They come from various places and even more varied backgrounds.

From Fort Myers, "Wade" was on site early that morning. With a family of four, he was accepted into program last October. Since then he has accrued sweat equity hours by volunteering to clean out and refurbish homes and has also participated in two house raisings.

"Angelica" of LeHigh is helping her daughter work toward home ownership by becoming familiar with a hammer and nails. That's another thing, family and friends can help earn the required 250 hours of sweat equity toward a Habitat home. She said everybody comes with a lot of energy and the work goes quickly.

Carl Neely of Muse volunteers with Habitat as well as Hendry County Food Bank and other groups. He got the Habitat bug from daughter Carrie Warburton, who lives in Fort Lauderdale and has volunteered with Habitat for Humanity for nine years.

This is Carl's first Habitat house and he said he chose this organization because he "wants to be part of bigger things."

Don Jones has been a resident of LaBelle for just a year, coming from Daytona. He's also a first timer, a retired mortgage broker. He and his wife have wasted no time in getting involved with LaBelle activities. They

also volunteered for Toys for Tots, Salvation Army bell ringing and the American Legion Christmas dinner.

Glenn and Stephany Farquhar spend their winters in Riverbend RV Resort. The North Carolina couple chose this project to celebrate their 44th wedding anniversary.

As Stephany tells it, she gave Glenn a choice of how to celebrate: working on the Habitat house or taking dancing lessons. No Dancing with the Stars for this couple! They saved their fancy footwork and cool moves for pounding nails and securing hurricane clips.

It seems volunteering is habit forming, the Farquhars also volunteers for Meals on Wheels. Stephany said her uncle travels in a motor home to volunteer for Habitat as well. "It's a good way to give back," she commented.

New volunteers are always welcome. In case you're interested, you don't have to

have construction experience, just willing hearts and active hands. There are always supervisors on hand to help unskilled volunteers become more comfortable with construction tools.

Other volunteer opportunities are available for those who feel more productive in an office or other environment. Volunteers must be at least 16 years old.

If you missed this wall raising, don't worry. Other work days will be scheduled for this house and there's another lot in line for a home in the vicinity on Dolphin Circle. There is no start date yet on that project.

The Hendry County Board of County Commissioners also recently donated two additional lots for Habitat homes - lots that will then be put back on the tax rolls - a big plus for everybody.

To get more information you can call 239-652-1684 or go to Habitat's Web site at [habitat4humanity.com](http://habitat4humanity.com).

# County

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in the future.

## Recyclables

County Engineer Shane Parker explained the interlocal recycling agreement with Lee County. According to the agreement, the county will have all recyclables delivered to the transfer station in LaBelle;

Pay Lee County for transport of the recyclables to the Lee County MRF for processing;

Pay Lee County for disposal of any residue (non-recyclables) that may be mixed in the recyclables.

Pay Lee County for processing loads of recyclables with more than 10 percent of residue from non-recyclables.

Lee County must  
Accept all eligible recyclable materials;  
Transport all materials from the transfer station in LaBelle to Lee County MRF for processing and invoice Hendry County for the transport;

Pay Hendry County for its recyclable materials less the cost of transport and residue

disposal based on the Average Commodities Revenue.

The commissioners approved the agreement, 5-0.

## In other business the board:

- Reappointed Lonnie Howard, Randy Daniels and William Smith to the Contractor Licensing Board and appointed Daniel Rennolds.

- Reappointed Local Planning Agency members: District 1 Victor P. Blandford; District 3 Theresa Hamilton Proverbs; District 5 Harold "Doc" Weaver; At Large Wayne H. Simmons.

- Voted to impose liens for delinquent Port LaBelle Utility System accounts. Most delinquencies are for vacant homes in which the owner fails to pay the base charges (\$20 water, \$10 sewer for residential)/

- Reduced the minimum lot size from five acres on four parcels zoned General Agriculture by approximately .11 to .12 acres. The reduction will allow the building of homes on these lots.

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# LaBelle Plumbing has moved

It may be a little harder to find now, but don't let that deter you. LaBelle Plumbing still offers the same great services.

Richard and Geri Yoraschek have just moved their business to 137 S. Industrial Loop from their Main Street location, where they have worked for the past 15 years. In fact, LaBelle Plumbing Corp. is celebrating its 20th anniversary here this year.

Richard began in New York as a unionized plumber and has worked for big conglomerates, major firms and, finally, opened his own business. With 48 years in the business his depth of experience is unparalleled.

He has done new construction, designed plumbing systems large and small - that includes the original World Trade Center. These days he mostly does remodeling and service work, although he recently completed the major remodel for Edison State Col-

lege's new science lab here in LaBelle as a subcontractor.

After working in New York and then Cape Coral, he and Geri chose to come to LaBelle because they enjoy being part of a small community where they can interact with friends and neighbors.

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Geri and Richard Yoraschek outside their new office location.

## SR 80 Construction Project from Birchwood Parkway to Dalton Lane

Birchwood Parkway will be closed on the south side at SR 80 the week of January 7, 2013 for approximately five days. Work is underway to expand five miles of SR 80 to four lanes from Birchwood Parkway to Dalton Lane. That week crews will install drainage pipes across the parkway.

Motorists may use Collingswood Parkway and Cedarwood Parkway to access SR 80. Birchwood Parkway on the north side of SR 80 will be open to traffic.

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## Firehouse Singers practicing

The Firehouse Community Theatre is pleased to announce their third show of the season; the original production of "Juke Box Jive" under the direction of Nick Fidanza. This show stars the Firehouse Singers. Juke Box Jive takes place in Pop's Soda Shoppe which is re-opening with a new owner. To celebrate the re-opening, the new owner invites the old gang in to sing and reminisce about their happy days in the shoppe!

Showtimes are Friday, January 11 and Saturday, January 12 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, January 13 at 2:00 p.m. and the following weekend Friday, January 18 and Saturday January 19 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, January 20 at 2:00 p.m. Please note that our Saturday, January 12, Sunday, January 13 and Sunday, January 20 shows are SOLD OUT!!

Tickets for all productions can now be purchased at website [www.firehousecommunitytheatre.com](http://www.firehousecommunitytheatre.com) and are \$12 if purchased in advance or you can still use the ticket hotline at (863) 675-3066 up to one hour before the production. Tickets purchased the night of the performance are \$14.00, however seating cannot be guaranteed if we are sold out!

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## Career Corner

### Commuting

by Matt Kindermann

For many LaBelle residents looking for work, the daily commute is a big factor in considering whether or not to take a job. One interesting annual report that is published by the Census Bureau is the regional commuting patterns that track where people work in respect to their residence. The information is tracked regionally, meaning our area includes Glades, Hendry, Lee, Charlotte and Collier counties. Interestingly, about 76,000 workers commute into our region from outside counties, with a majority coming from Miami-Dade, Sarasota and Broward.



**Matt Kindermann**

The highest concentrations of commuters work along the I-75 corridor in Naples, Estero, Ft Myers, and Punta Gorda. One exception is Immokalee, where a majority of workers are commuters. Of course, not all workers commute far from their homes. Ironically, very few workers commute into Cape Coral, Iona-MacGregor, or LaBelle, indicating that our respective labor force consists of mostly local residents. In fact, almost 40% of Lee County residents work in Lee County, which is an above average ratio compared to the 6% of Charlotte County residents that work in Charlotte

County.

Commuting patterns can be very beneficial to businesses in order to map and forecast where prospective customers travel, especially for businesses in the retail or hospitality industries. You might think that placing fast food establishments, gas stations and hotels along the interstate is common sense, but location selection is a very involved step in the strategic business plan.

For instance, we can see that there are more commuters working in the Big Cypress Reservation than there are in Moore Haven, meaning more people working in Moore Haven live there verse the Reservation. New ventures can possibly capitalize on this commuting pattern by locating food establishments targeting the lunch crowd, or providing services that one would use "on the way home" such as dry cleaning or pharmacy, depending on local customer demographics. To see the commuting patterns of our region, go to [www.floridajobs.org/labor-market-information](http://www.floridajobs.org/labor-market-information), click on Products and Services, then GIS Mapping Reports.

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

## Caloosa Baptist Church to Offer Free Dental Care

One of the key responsibilities Jesus has given to the church is to make an impact on the lives of others in as many ways as possible, including spiritually, socially, and personally. One of His best-known illustrations of this challenge is told in what today is referred to as the Good Samaritan. In that parable Jesus emphasized the importance of attending to the needs of those who are without resources from within themselves.



**Les Morgan**

This has been exhibited by believers in many ways throughout history. Compassion and mercy is seen in every community through the efforts of people like Mother Theresa, William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army, and clinics and hospitals built in the name of Christ all over the world. Rarely is there found anywhere on earth a setting that does not have a church-sponsored soup kitchen or thrift shop assisted to help others in less-fortunate settings, doing work in the name of Jesus. enormous impact on charity.

Likewise, education is offered in Christ's name across the globe. As history tells us, such endeavors had their beginnings in Judaism, and was carried into additional area of the world by the church, with an emphasis the written word. The Guttenberg

printing press was originally built to promote Bible literacy, with Christians leading the way in the name of Jesus to give an education to all people in all areas of the world.

It is clear that, according to Matthew 5:14-15, the church has been called in impact society as salt and light, meeting needs of people in as many areas of their personal lives as possible.

It is for that reason that Caloosa Baptist Church will be making available to many people free dental care in January.

Caloosa Baptist is working with Florida Baptist Convention to host a dental bus in LaBelle. This will offer to people in low-income situations free dental care during the week of January 21-25, 2013.

To determine who is able to be given this assistance, the client processing will be done January 7-11, 2013. Those in need of dental care are asked to call the church office at 675-HOPE to schedule an appointment. IF the qualifications are met according to the guidelines of the program an appointment will be set up during the week of January 21-25.

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

## Letter to the Editor

### Goodwill Cautions Against For-Profit Collection Boxes

It's the season of giving, and Goodwill Industries is grateful for the generosity of people across Southwest Florida. Because of your generous donations, we have been able to provide needed services to nearly 30,000 Southwest Floridians with disabilities and other disadvantages this year.

However, as donation season comes to its peak, we and our friends at other area nonprofits are noticing a troubling trend. Over the past few months, our area has seen the sudden appearance of unattended collection bins, dotting parking lots across Southwest Florida. While some of these collection bins are owned by bona fide charities, many actually benefit for-profit organizations.

As you prepare to make room for your new holiday gifts or gather that last minute tax deduction, we want to remind you to carefully consider the way you donate and to know exactly where your donations are going.

When you drop a donation into an unattended collection bin, you probably do so with the expectation that those donations will be used to help people in need in our area. But when you donate to a for-profit business, the proceeds not only don't help people in need, they typically don't even stay in our area—or even in our state.

You can make sure that your donations will benefit the people who need them most by following a few simple guidelines. First, give to charities you know and trust. Second, if you're not familiar with a nonprofit's



**Tom Feurig**

mission, research before you give. Finally, instead of dropping your donations in an unattended collection box, donate at a site with attendants on duty so that you can ask questions—and then make sure to get a receipt.

No matter who you choose to support with your donations, it is our hope that you give as much thought to donating your clothes as you would to donating your money.

On behalf of Goodwill and the 30,000 people we assisted this year, I thank you again for supporting our mission through your generous donations. We wish you a happy and prosperous new year.

**Tom Feurig**  
President/CEO  
Goodwill Industries of  
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## Speak Out

### Reality check

Wake up and get a reality check! In light of the recent tragedy in Conn., shouldn't our law enforcement be better utilized in protecting our schools rather than them busting hookers and substance abusers? Our taxes at work!

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## Mu Alpha Theta installation

On Wednesday, December 12, the LaBelle High School Chapter of Mu Alpha Theta initiated its new members. Pictured are the new initiates Luis Mendez, Ezequiel Juarez, Mykala Williams, Emma Cahoon, Paul Luckey, Sabrina May and EmmaRaye Barfield. Mu Alpha Theta is a mathematics organization. Students compete in math competitions throughout south Florida.



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## Students observe Anti-Bullying week

Students and staff at West Glades School observed Anti-Bullying week during the week of November 12-16. The themes for the week were "Stand Up to Bullying" and "Be the Change You Want to See in the World."

Students in K-4 and students in 5-8 attended separate anti-bullying assemblies on November 12. They learned about different kinds of bullying, long and short term consequences of bullying, and how to report bullying to adults. All WGS students signed an anti-bullying pledge.

WGS also sponsored a "Be the Change" contest. Students could do a good thing and winners were awarded donuts, as was David Zavala, who correctly identified Mahatma Ghandi (the Indian philosopher and leader) as the original author of the phrase, "Be the Change You Want to See in the World." WGS also held an anti-bullying poster contest. Winners were announced on Friday, Nov. 16, when everyone wore blue in support of anti-bullying. The poster winners were Julissa Casiano (first), Carson Williams (second), Hailey Hernandez (third), Alyssa Herrell (fourth), Jade Banky (fifth), Aries Rurark (sixth) and Kaylee Sabella (seventh). These students won a gift certificate and their posters are on display at WGS.

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# Pelletier to present program at museum January 3

Hendry County Property Appraiser Philip Pelletier will be the guest speaker at the Thursday, January 3, program meeting of

LaBelle Heritage Museum at LaBelle City Hall, 481 W Hickpochee Avenue, starting at 7 p.m. Pelletier will relate how he fell in love with the LaBelle area when he first came here some thirty-five years ago and decided this would be home.

He will comment on the changes he has seen since coming to LaBelle and what he sees in the future for LaBelle and its surroundings. The meeting is open to all, and our winter residents are welcome.

LaBelle Heritage Museum at 360 North Bridge Street will be closed on Christmas

Eve and Christmas Day as well as on New Year's Eve and New Year's Day but will open for its regular hours on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday both Christmas week and New Year's week. Regular hours will resume on January 7, 2013. The museum has a new display prepared by local historian and former LaBelle Postmaster Bernard T. Rasmusen highlighting post offices in the LaBelle area including several in Glades and Lee Counties. The museum also has the late Ken Downing's pen and ink notecards of the Hendry County Court House and the 1914 Captain F. A. Hendry House available in the gift shop.

## Church Briefs

### Deal Concert at Grace Baptist Church

Start your year with a night of piano music as Grace Baptist Church hosts a "free" concert with Richard Deal. The concert will start at 6:00 p.m., Sunday, January 6, at Grace Baptist Church, located at 4200 NE Eucalyptus Blvd. A nursery will be provided.

Your heart will be blessed and uplifted by God-honoring music played by a very talented man of God. Don't miss this rare opportunity to enjoy Mr. Deal's unique Gospel arrangements as you begin the New Year.

### Soup Supper at Grace Baptist Church

Grace Baptist at 4200 NE Eucalyptus Blvd., will server a "free" soup and sandwich meal

on Thursday, January 17 from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. Anyone who needs or wants a "warm" meal will find a "warm" welcome here. The meal will be served in the King's Center directly behind the Worship Center. Come and get it!

### College and careers Bible study

Caloosa Baptist College and Careers class is starting a new Bible study: Crazy Love, by Francis Chan. A stronger walk with God isn't working harder at a list of do's and don'ts — it's falling in love with God. Mark your calendars for a time of fellowship, fun and discipleship for Tuesdays from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at Charlie's Coffee Shop. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Obituaries

### Christine W. Elliott, 100

LABELLE — Christine W. Elliott, passed away Dec. 20, 2012 in Lehigh Acres.

She was born Jan. 13, 1912 in Mill Town, Ga., to the late Charles James and the late Emma Caroline (Patten) Wheeler.

She was a former resident of Okeechobee, Pahokee and Canal Point. Christine was a former Trustee of Barron Library and Past President of United Methodist Women. She also was a member of Friends of the Library, LaBelle Beautification Committee, Pahokee & Clewiston Garden Clubs, LaBelle Heritage Museum and Alpha Sigma Phi in LaBelle. Christine was a lifelong member of the Methodist Church.

Survivors include her son, Michael J. (Sherry) Elliott of LaBelle, Jess P. (Sharon) Elliott of Atlanta, Ga.; grandchildren, Joseph (Mette) Elliott, Susan (Michael) Lilley of LaBelle, Merry Lynne (Kent) Mathis of Jacksonville, Jennifer Evans and Mandy (Tom) Bird; great-grandchildren, Jared Mathis, Micah Mathis, Brandon Mathis and Lindsey Bird and nieces & nephews, She was also preceded in death by her husband, Jess M. Elliott; son, Charles Elliott, and four siblings.

A graveside funeral service was held Wed. Dec. 26, 2012, 11 a.m. at Port Mayaca Cemetery, Canal Point with Rev. Joe Wallace officiated. A memorial service will be held Saturday, January 5, 2013, 2 pm at Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church, LaBelle with Rev. John Bennett officiating.



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Members of Christ the King Lutheran and Pastor Nick Moskovites/LaBelle welcomed twelve new members on Sunday December 16. The new members were honored in the new Fellowship Hall with a pot-luck brunch after the service. The new members are: Alan & Ellen Woods, Vernon "Pretz" and Frieda Stark, Bob and Martha "Marty" Jurs, Bill and Betsy Fortner, Lloyd and Gail Gidley and Cloyd "Buck" and Robin Knouse.

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## Powerlifting

The Cowgirl powerlifting team finished a competitive fourth out of six teams Saturday, December 15, at Travis Todd Invitational in Avon Park. Pictured are the top finishers for the Cowgirls, from left: Tiffany Horne, fifth place, Logann White second place, Alex Pequeno fourth place, Miranda Ingram sixth place, Mariela Gomez fourth place, and Sidney Nunez fifth place. The Cowgirls host subqualifying at LaBelle high school gym Friday, Jan 11. Lifting starts at 6 p.m. Please come support the girls as they try to qualify for state!

## Sport Shorts

### Pickleball at LaBelle Recreation Park

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### STA 5 has new entrance, check station

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) reminds waterfowl hunters that the designated entrance and check station for Stormwater Treatment Area (STA) 5 has been moved to a new location.

As of July 2012, the entrance and check station for STA 5, in Hendry County, has moved from Blumberg Road to Deer Fence Canal Road, which can be accessed from County Road 835. A brochure with a map

of the new entrance and check station, as well as information on when and how waterfowl hunters may take advantage of hunting opportunities at STA 5 can be viewed at MyFWC.com/Hunting.

### Junior Pro basketball

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## LHS Cowboys Basketball Team

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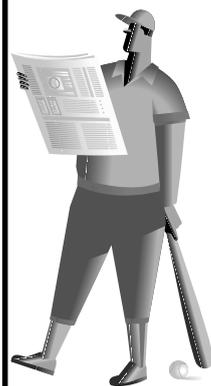
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS FOR PROPOSED RATE INCREASE FOR PORT LABELLE UTILITY CUSTOMERS THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY HAS DIRECTED THAT PUBLIC HEARINGS BE HELD TO CONSIDER A RATE INCREASE FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL WATER AND SEWER SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE PORT LABELLE UTILITY SYSTEM (PLUS). THE PROPOSED CHANGE WOULD INCREASE THE BASE FACILITY AND USAGE CHARGES FOR RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL CUSTOMERS.

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Lot 14, and the East one-half of the New York Street abutting said Lot 14, Block B, SUNSET PARK SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 1, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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Dated this 12th day of December, 2012.

Barbara S. Butler  
Clerk of Circuit Court  
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1478	2010	1134432-A0001610000	Ilene Klasfeld

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS  
Florida Department of Transportation Project

Bids will be received by the District One Office until 11:00A.M. on Thursday, January 17, 2013, for the following Proposals:

E1L10 - The improvements under this Contract consist of bridge repairs which includes removal and replacement of the bridge fender system, clearance gauges and navigational lighting, Manatee County. - Budget Estimate: \$2,050,857.00

E1L13 - The improvements under this Contract consist of bridge rehabilitation which includes repairs to structural steel, replacement of steel grid decking, restoration of concrete spalling and painting of bridge span steel elements, including the four lift towers, Lee County. - Budget Estimate: \$676,251.00

E1 L73 - The improvements under this Contract consist of drainage improvements, milling and resurfacing, guardrail and signing and pavement marking, Desoto County. - Budget Estimate: \$210,432.00

E1 L90 - The improvements under this Contract consist of sidewalks, turnouts, drainage improvements, curb and gutters, signing and pavement markings, and pedestrian signals, Polk County - Budget Estimate: \$255,357.00

E1 L92 - The Improvements under this Contract consist of Various District-Wide Traffic Operations Roadway Improvements Administered through a Push-Button Contract. - District Wide. - Budget Estimate: \$1,000,000.00

E1 M27 - The Improvements under this Contract consist of Performance Turf. Polk - Budget Estimate: \$175,000.00

E1 M28 - The Improvements under this Contract consist of Inside Mower Deck Herbicide Mowing Application. Desoto & Hardee - Budget Estimate: \$140,000.00

E1 M29 - The Improvements under this Contract consist of Roadside Mowing, Litter Removal and Edging & Sweeping. - District Wide. - Budget Estimate: \$272,939.00

E1 M30 - The Improvements under this Contract consist of Roadside Mowing, Litter Removal and Edging & Sweeping. Hardee - Budget Estimate: \$201,096.00

E1 M31 - The Improvements under this Contract consist of Roadside and Outfall Ditch Cleaning and Reshaping and Clearing and Clearing and Grubbing and Tree Trimming/Removal of Surrounding Areas. Polk - Budget Estimate: \$80,000.00

Complete letting advertisement information for this project is available on our website at <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/contractsadministration/district1/>; or by calling (863) 519-2559.

432947 CGS 12/27/2012 1/3/2013

## SWFL Community Foundation now accepting applications

The Southwest Florida Community Foundation's scholarship application process for the 2013-2014 school year began on Friday, Dec. 14.

Approximately \$400,000 in scholarship money is available through 35 scholarships for local high school students and through 22 scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students from Lee, Charlotte, Glades, Hendry and Collier counties.

The E-Apply online scholarship application tool can be accessed through the website at [www.floridacommunity.com](http://www.floridacommunity.com) on the

scholarships page.

Students can apply for multiple scholarships and have the ability to upload transcripts, SAT/ACT scores, letters of recommendation and financial documentation (if required). For need-based scholarships, students are required to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form. The deadline for applications is March 1, 2013.

According to Douglas, examples of some of the more unique scholarships not as highly sought after include scholarships for students with disabilities, student athletes,

adult students going back to school, students from particular schools or communities and students pursuing a graduate or professional degree.

The Anne Fassett Scholarship was established to fund post-high school educational opportunities at the college, community college, or technical school level for high school, undergraduate and graduate students from Southwest Florida with a physical disability who use a wheelchair. This scholarship was established by John and Gloria Fassett to honor their daughter, Anne M. Fassett, a native Fort Myers resident who contributed substantially to the community in spite of her physical disability and who passed away at the age of 33.

The Matt Harmon Memorial Scholarship was established to fund books and tuition for college-bound male baseball players in Lee County by Mr. Bernard and Dr. Elizabeth Harmon to memorialize their son who played high school baseball and passed away at the age of 16.

The Faye Lynn Roberts Education Scholarship funds scholarships for women 21 years of age or older pursuing a career in court reporting, computer training or nursing. Faye Lynn's family established the scholarship after her passing. Faye Lynn was owner/broker of Realty World Roberts Association, Inc.

The Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce - Ralph A. Richardson Fund assists graduates or high school seniors of Estero High School or the children of a current Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce Member. The Bonita Springs Chamber of Commerce Foundation established the fund in memory of Ralph A. Richardson, former Chamber president and Bonita Springs civic leader.

Established to fund scholarships for students from Southwest Florida who have completed their first year of course load at an accredited law school, the William L. Graddy Law School Scholarship was established by Patricia Graddy in honor of William Graddy, a prominent Lee County attorney who passed away in 1997.

The Community Foundation chose the month of December as the launch date after receiving numerous calls from students who wanted to be able to work on scholarship application submissions during winter break. In 2012, the Community Foundation awarded more than \$415,000 in scholarships.

With a streamlined online application process, students are not required to submit paper applications.

The SWFLCF is celebrating its 36th year of supporting the communities of Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Glades and Hendry counties by connecting donors and their philanthropic aspirations with evolving community needs. With assets of more than \$64 million, the Community Foundation has provided more than \$52 million in grants and scholarships to the communities it serves. During its 2012 fiscal year, the SWFLCF granted more than \$3 million to more than 100 different organizations supporting education, animal welfare, arts and human services.

For more information, call 239-274-5900 or visit [www.floridacommunity.com](http://www.floridacommunity.com).

## Public Notice

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NOTICE OF MEETINGS  
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA  
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DISTRICT  
FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2013

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the following is the Schedule of Regular Meetings and Annual Landowners' Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DISTRICT for the Calendar Year 2013. All meetings of the Everglades Agricultural Area Environmental Protection District Board of Supervisors will be held at 9:00 a.m. in the University of Florida/IFAS- Everglades Research and Educational Center, 3200 E. Palm Beach Road, Belle Glade, FL 33430.

The purpose of the meetings is to transact any and all business that may come before the Board. If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he or 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.

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## MEETING DATES

Thursday, January 31, 2013  
Friday, February 8, 2013  
Friday, March 8, 2013  
Friday, April 12, 2013  
Friday, May 10, 2013  
Friday, June 7, 2013

## Friday, July 12, 2013-ANNUAL LANDOWNERS' MEETING

Followed by the BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING  
Friday, August 9, 2013  
Friday, September 13, 2013  
Friday, October 11, 2013  
Friday, November 8, 2013  
Friday, December 13, 2013

By: CHARLES F. SCHOECH, ESQ.  
Everglades Agricultural Area Environmental Protection District

Dated this Thursday, 13th day of December, 2012  
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NOTICE OF MEETINGS  
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THEHIGHLAND GLADES WATER CONTROL DISTRICT  
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2013

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the following is a Schedule of Regular Meetings and Annual Landowners' Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Highland Glades Water Control District for the Year 2013. All Regular Meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of the months listed below at 2:00 p.m. in the Law Offices of Caldwell Pacetti, Edwards Schoech & Viator LLP, One Clearlake Centre, 250 South Australian Avenue, Suite 600, West Palm Beach, Florida. The Annual Landowners' Meeting is held on the 2nd Monday of June at 2:00 p.m. the Sugar Cane Growers Cooperative, 3rd Floor, West Sugar House Road, Belle Glade, Florida.

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## MEETING DATES

Monday, April 8, 2013

Monday, June 17, 2013, ANNUAL LANDOWNER'S MEETING  
Belle Glade

followed by the BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

Monday, August 12, 2013

Monday, October 14, 2013

Monday, December 9, 2013

By: Charles F. Schoech, Esq.  
Highland Glades Water Control District  
Dated this Thursday, 13th day of December, 2012  
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## Public Notice

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NOTICE OF MEETINGS  
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
OF THE  
GLADEVIEW WATER CONTROL DISTRICT  
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2013

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the following is a Schedule of Regular Meetings and Annual Landowners' Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Gladeview Water Control District for the Year 2013. The Regular Board of Supervisors Meetings will be held on the 3rd Friday of each month, and the Annual Landowners meeting will take place on the 4th Friday in June, unless meeting date conflicts with a holiday, and will take place at the Sugar Farms Co-op, Atlantic Sugar Mill Road, Belle Glade, Florida. The dates and times are listed in the Schedule below.

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or immediately following the Shawano Board meeting  
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Friday, April 19, 2013 - 10:30 a.m.  
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Friday May 17, 2013 - 8:30 a.m.  
Friday, June 28, 2013 - 10:30 a.m. -  
ANNUAL LANDOWNERS' MEETING  
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Friday, August 16, 2013 - 10:30 a.m.  
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By: Charles F. Schoech, Esq.  
Gladeview Water Control District  
Dated this Thursday, 13th day of December, 2012  
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By: Charles F. Schoech, Esq.  
Gladeview Water Control District  
Dated this Thursday, 13th day of December, 2012  
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## CHECK YOUR TOILET FOR LEAKS.

PUT DYE TABLETS OR FOOD COLORING INTO THE TANK. IF COLOR APPEARS IN THE BOWL WITHOUT FLUSHING, THERE'S A LEAK THAT SHOULD BE REPAIRED.

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## Community Briefs

### Cooking for a Cure

Save the date! On February 9 the Relay for Teams will come together at Langford Ford (across from Winn Dixie) for a day of good food, entertainment and a special remembrance for those who have lost their battle with cancer.

If you know someone, co-worker, family or friend that you would like to have honored, please send in a picture with names to [mrlesley123@embarqmail.com](mailto:mrlesley123@embarqmail.com) or give to anyone that you know is affiliated with Relay for Life.

### EMS offering CERT class

Hendry County EMS would like to offer another CERT team training class after the first of the year. The class will take place at the Hendry County Emergency Operations Center. If you're interested, please submit your name, email address and cell phone number to Randy Way at [labellegathering@gmail.com](mailto:labellegathering@gmail.com) or call 863 885 1099 for more information or to be added to the prospective class list. There must be 10 to 12 members for a class.

### Chili cook off

Operation: Backpack is sponsoring a chili cook off Saturday, Jan. 19. To enter, submit a \$20 entry fee and be present at 10:45 a.m. on January 19. Chili must be cooked at home and one gallon be brought to First Baptist Church social hall. Judging will begin promptly at 11:30 a.m. There is a ten-team minimum. Entrant must register by January 5. Contact Jacque Drapal (863-675-6665) after 6 p.m. or Merileen Codgill (863-843-0066) to register.

Come taste the flavor of LaBelle any time between 11 a.m.-3 p.m. A \$5 donation will get you a bowl of chili, crackers, drink and dessert. All proceeds benefit Operation: Backpack.

### Services growing at humane society clinic

The Caloosa Humane Society is now are special ordering diets from Hills, Royal Canin and Purina. All sizes of Triflexis now in stock, a once a month oral flea/heartworm prevention.

You can schedule visits for nail trims, anal gland expression, ear plucking, medicated baths and more!

### Historic photos on display

LaBelle Heritage Museum is sharing a collection of historic photos relating to LaBelle's past with Center State Bank, Florida Community Bank, LaBelle Branch: First Bank of Clewiston, Seacoast National Bank and Suncoast Credit Union. Joe Thomas, museum president, said these framed photographs were donated to the museum by Caloosa Baptist Church as the church felt LaBelle Heritage Museum would be a better venue for their public display. Thomas added the photos will be rotated every six months to give each of the LaBelle financial institutions the opportunity to display the entire collection over the next two and one-half years.

### Nominate SCF dignitaries

This month the Swamp Cabbage Festival begins meeting every Monday until the festival at 6:30 p.m. at City Hall. You must have a letter of nomination from your group or business if you wish to be a voting member. Come prepared to choose 2013 dignitaries at the January 7 meeting. If you have a nominee, please include information about qualifications for each position. Pioneer Families should have been in this area for about 70 years and Grand Marshals should have made important contributions to the community in recent years.

### County office closing schedule

All County offices will be closed on Tuesday, January 1, 2013, in observance of the New Year holiday.

### Writers to meet

The LaBelle Writers Group is still looking for local, historical stories. The group will meet again on the second Thursday of the month - January 10, noon at Barron Library.

### Cow, horse lost

The Hendry County Sheriff's Office Ag Crimes Unit recovered a cow from running loose off of B Road in LaBelle ABD recovered a horse running loose on the road in the Montura area of Hendry County.

If you have lost either of these, please contact the Ag Unit at 863-805-5000 or 863-674-5600.

If you have lost a cow, please contact the Sheriff's Office at 863-805-5000 or 863-674-5600.

### Summer camp deadline

Riverside Retreat Summer Camp 2013 registration will be available on line by December 30. Information will be mailed to churches. Something new for 2013—an early registration discount of \$50 for those registering for regular summer camp weeks by April 15!

June 30—July 6, Mission Trip event for Jr. and Sr. High.

July 7—13, July 14—20, July 21—27

Children—Grades 2, 3, 4

Jr. High—Grades 5, 6, 7

Sr. High—Grades 8—12

### Legion fish fry and breakfast

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

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

### Barron Library open for teen study groups

LaBelle High School students utilize the library's conference room to prepare a class project. The library welcomes students, and the conference room can be reserved for special activities. Please call 863-675-0833.

### Story time

Barron Library offers "Story Time with Marlena" every Tuesday morning at 10:15. Marlena reads to young children from toddlers to pre-K students. Please bring your youngsters to Barron Library for fun, interactive story time.

### Be a Guardian Ad Litem

Who speaks up for abused, neglected

and abandoned children living in our area? Guardian ad Litem volunteers, supported by staff, advocate for our most vulnerable children in court, the child welfare system and the community. If you are a Florida resident, at least 21 years old, with 8-10 hours monthly to volunteer, you're eligible! To make an online inquiry, please visit [www.VoicesForKids.org](http://www.VoicesForKids.org). For more information and to reserve your orientation spot, please call Suzanne Flinn at 239-357-9889.

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**First Bank of Clewiston donation of \$100,000 for three patient rooms at HRMC. Pictured are: Morris Ridgdill, Earl (Chipper) Edwards, Bryan Beer, Glenda Wilson, Carey Soud, Karl Larsen, Deborah VanSickle and Miller Couse. Tommy Perry is not pictured.**

## First Bank donates \$100,000 to the HRMC Foundation

The holiday season is a time to celebrate the spirit of giving, and First Bank in Clewiston instilled that spirit on Thursday, December 20, when their Board of Trustees provided \$100,000 to the Hendry Regional Medical Center Foundation.

Glenda Wilson, hospital foundation director, was on hand to receive the check from Carey Soud, President of First Bank. In total, First Bank has given \$400,000 to the hospital foundation since 2006. They have earmarked \$45,000 of their latest gift towards the renovation of three patient rooms at Hendry Regional.

In acknowledging this charitable gift and First Bank's continuous generosity and sup-

port of Hendry Regional Medical Center, Glenda Wilson said that their Web site comments say it all: "First Bank has been helping meet the financial needs of the residents and businesses of Lee, Hendry and Glades counties since 1922. From that time to today we are committed to building relationships for the future through honor, integrity and trust that achieve our customers' goals while having a positive influence on our employees, vendors, community and industry."

"First Bank's generosity has made a significant impact on improving patient care at Hendry Regional Medical Center," said Ms. Wilson.

## Witches Brew

**The Witch's Brew by Pudge Lehman....** This is my annual hint for taking down your Christmas lights. Take an empty paper towel roll or a wrapping paper roll, cut to size and make an angled slit in the top and bottom. Put the plug end in the slit and start rolling the lights around until you reach the other end. Put that end in the other slot and you will be very happy next year..When carrying a small purse to parties use a clean, spare contact lens case to put a little lipstick in one cup and anything else (blush, make-up) in the other for a quick touch-up. If your company, over the holidays includes small children you have some child-proofing to do. If stove knobs are low enough to be reached just pull them off. Slide one back on when you need to use the stove. Keep cupboard doors closed by putting a heavy rubber band around both knobs. Keep looping it until it's pretty tight. Wire the tree to the wall behind it. Use a cup hook in the wall. All these ideas only give you time to stop a disaster.. You must still keep a watchful eye on them. When I had three babies around I put the tree and presents in the playpen. Sayins: All reports are in; life is now officially unfair...OR...I wish

the buck stopped here; I could use a few...OR.. Some days you're the dog; some days you're the hydrant...Have a Happy New Year!



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Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant

## Christmas a time for the arts

The Arts of the Inland, dedicated to enhancing art of all types in the inland counties of Southwest Florida, helped LaBelle get into the holiday spirit at its December 8 Christmas event. Here violinist Louis Carlson plays holiday favorites for the crowd. The event was held at the Hendry House, a marvelous venue for the arts and the season.



## New Hours of Operation

*Effective:* January 1, 2013



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