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Big 'O' birding next week

The 12th annual Big "O" Birding Festival - Birds of a Feather Flock Together - runs from March 12-16. This is a Glades/Hendry County cooperative event in South Central Florida on the southwest shores of Lake Okeechobee, the state's largest lake. Glades and Hendry counties are becoming a mecca for bird watching. This area is home to more than 300 species of birds, including Limpkins, migratory Swallow-tailed Kites, and Painted Buntings which pass through during October and April. Nine Great Florida Birding and Wildlife Trail (GFBWT) sites are located within the region, including three Wildlife Management Areas in Hendry County: Spirit-of-the-Wild, Dinner Island Ranch and Okaloacoochee Slough State Forest/WMA. Stormwater Treatment Area #5 (STA 5), Devil's Garden Bird Park, Riverside Retreat and Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum are also in Hendry County. GFBWT sites in Glades County include Fisheating Creek Wildlife Management Area's East & West units

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"I love it when the kids call me 'Coach Bell!'"

by **Patty Brant**
Caloosa Belle

Coach Bell recently was awarded the Winning Youth Football Award, given by Winning Youth Football, a coaching information service designed to help coaches succeed. The LMS coaching staff recently bought into the WYF procedure and it has paid huge dividends as the Broncos went from a 2-6 season Coach Bell's first year to a 7-1 season this



LMS Coach Russell Bell

past year. He has been coaching in LaBelle since the late '80s.

He started out at LHS, as the JV head football coach.; was head varsity football coach in 2002; and coached track for several years. He coached under his former player, Hal Bennett, 2008-2010, who now supports him as an excellent assistant. In 2011 he took over the middle school program, and immediately jumped in with both feet with projects like the "Bronco Appreciation Day" when the football players help bag groceries and take peoples' groceries to their vehicles. He has renewed LMS football.

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Yesterday's Shadows

The following is the first of four articles dealing with the Holocaust, intended to explore its historical roots and the effects it had on all the people on this planet.

In the first article, by Edison State College Professor Robert Sitta, we learn, some of us for the first time, about the forces that drove the United States in its role during the Holocaust. In next week's Caloosa Belle, the second article, by Joel Hawkins, deals with some of the cultural clues that help define people. The third article, by Patty Brant, Caloosa Belle editor, gets personal by sharing information gathered through interviews with local

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Pathways to the future

LaBelle High School is pleased to present the class of 2013 students who have early University acceptances or who have made commitments to the U.S. Military after graduation. They are pictured: Bottom row from left: Sarah Lapp, University of Central Florida, School of Journalism; Suzanna Talada, Florida State University; Lilliana Arellano, U.S. Army; Second row from left: Diana Rodriguez, University of Florida, University of Central Florida, University of South Florida; Andrea Lutkenhaus, University of Florida, University of South Florida, Florida Southern; Jocelyn Renteria, Stetson University, University of West Florida, Springhill College; Morgan Pepiton, USMA Westpoint, University of South Florida, University of Florida, Stetson; Stephanie Juarez, University of North Texas; Michaila Kelley, U.S. Army; Brennah McVey Missouri University of Science &



Technology, Colorado State University; Jessica Smith, University of Florida; Third row from left: Ricardo Guzman, U.S. Army; Flavio Lopez; Brown University, Washington College, Trine University, Georgia Inst. of Technology, Indiana Inst. of Tech.; Joshua Palacios, U.S. Army; Cade Logan, U.S. Army; Dagoberto Gonzalez, Marine Mechanics Institute; Derek Bass, University of Florida, University of West Florida, Stetson University, Berry College; Fourth row from left: Alton Burton, Southeastern University - Baseball; Austin Garcia, Bethune Cookman - Baseball; Ronnie Burton, Southeastern University - Baseball; Brandon Mendoza; Florida Southern; Clay Cooper, Marine Mechanics Institute; Tyler O'Ferrell, University of Alabama, Florida State; Ander Hernandez, Texas A&M, Florida Gulf Coast University; Eric Medina, Mt. Olive College, Florida Southern, Nova Southeastern - Cross Country. Not pictured - Jason Jenner U.S. Army.

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Big 'O'

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expert. The Big O is a world class opportunity to observe world class birds and enjoy the camaraderie of some of the field's most experienced and enthusiastic birders.

"Big Year" birder Greg Miller will be giving a keynote presentation about his epic big year as well as leading several field trips throughout the festival weekend.

The kick off is Tuesday, March 12, at Port LaBelle Inn with a pre-festival social. It will be a great place to meet Greg Miller

whose life is depicted in The Big Year book and movie. You can also meet local authors Amy Bennett-Williams and Patty Brant as you enjoy the sensational photographs of local photographers Larry Frogge, Waddy Thompson and Ian Sands.

All week busses will transport birders to the location of their next birding adventure.

Whether you choose to search for rare birds by foot, airboat, canoe or swamp buggy tour, one thing remains the same - the incredible array of bird life and other local nature available to be experienced.

When visiting the area, expect to see ducks such as Fulvous Whistling-Duck and Mottled Duck; shorebirds like Black-necked Stilt and Black Skimmer; waders such as

Roseate Spoonbill, Wood Stork and Least Bittern; and specialty raptors including Crested Caracara, Snail Kite, and Burrowing Owl. Plus, we're always on a quest for that elusive Smooth-billed Ani.

The Big "O" Birding Festival offers exclusive trips led by professional and prestigious birders including Greg Miller, Mark and Selena Kiser, David Goodwin (president of the Florida Ornithological Society), Dr. Paul Gray (Audubon Florida) and Paddy Cunningham. Group sizes are small, and tours are friendly and relaxed. Photographers and birders have the opportunity to experience exceptional birding hotspots on public and private lands, ranches and farms, as well as the Big Cypress Indian Reservation, where

they will experience rural Florida's wildlife, land and culture. Don't forget about the Lake Okeechobee boat tour by Mark Kiser and Fisheating Creek Wildlife Management Area tour by David Moynahan.

There are still places available on many of the festival field trips. Visit the festival website and register now for this exciting opportunity to see many of Florida's amazing and unique birds.

At the end of an unforgettable week immersed in Southwest Florida nature, there is still the wine and cheese social hour and photography contest Saturday, March 16, 5:30-6:30 p.m. at Port LaBelle Inn, followed by dinner and the keynote presentation by Greg Miller.

Coach

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The Broncos had a full roster this season, after only having 27 players the season before. He's a supporter of school pride and spirit. The football program has grown immensely under his direction.

Said Coach Bennett, "This is a man that loves the game, the school and most importantly the young people whose lives he effects."

Coach Bell recalls reading and rereading two books as a young boy that ramped up his excitement for the game of football - one called Touchdown for Tommy and the Knute Rockne Story. Watching his older brothers piqued his interest in the game.

Once his interest gained momentum, it built fast and never stopped. He said he recalls that he even "doodled like a coach."

Interaction with the kids is the easy part of his job, he said, adding that there isn't anything he really dislikes. He said he doesn't even mind the paperwork although, as in everything these days, it always seems to be multiplying.

He notes the increased concern about concussions and other sports related injuries these days. Coaches even take a certified responders class to help manage them.

Coach Bell finds that there are always carry-overs from athletics to the rest of life - always a natural connection that helps kids toward larger successes.

He said it's fun to teach kids. As a coach, he has the chance to help them find new confidence. He works toward instilling teamwork into their work ethic. Learn to play together, he tells his young athletes, and good things will come - on and off the field. It gives him satisfaction to see his eighth graders hang out together.

He is also in the perfect position to teach kids respect. His players are taught to shake the other kids' hands as well as the coaches. He tells them it's like saying "You're important to me."

Coach Bell and his staff embarked on a huge new project last year. Their dream is to build a football field at the middle school. The Broncos play at the high school field - a blessing to be sure, but there is no substitute for their own home field. The community has responded with dirt and labor to kick things off and they just learned that they will be getting a topsoil donation - huge step toward their goal. The next step will be a sprinkler system.

Another of Coach Bell's dreams is to reintroduce the "fifth quarter" into LMS games, allowing play time for teammates not getting a lot of play time to mix it up on the field. He said they can't have a fifth quarter at the high school because it's hard on the field.

After winning every game of this past season, including one against archrival Clewiston Tigers, the team put its heart and soul into the final game, only to lose it. It was tough to swallow, but ultimately it made them stronger and reinforced their core values of sportsmanship and teamwork. They had a 7-1 season, and realized they could be genuinely proud of their accomplishments. A wonderful outcome for a player who broke his neck helped them put the game into perspective.

After 30 years in football, Coach Bell knows a lot about memories.

He has had the privilege of helping to shape one of the best overall players ever this past year and knows that he will always have some part in his tremendous future.

Coach Bell said he likes to see kids participate in a lot of different activities, although he understands that scholarship possibilities may cause some athletes to focus on one sport.

You will also find Coach Bell in the classroom, teaching another of his loves - American History. He readily admits he "wasn't the greatest student himself," but said he always loved school and ended up with a four-year scholarship.

Looking back on his career in coaching, he said he enjoyed the whole experience of football - the smell of the grass on the field, the people in the stands, the cheerleaders - "Every bit of it!"

He's been at it long enough to have a former player on staff with him. He coached Hal Bennett at the high school and they are now colleagues.

He's even coached a girl at one time. She tried hard and her heart was in it. He said the boys respected her as "just a ball player."

He said Hal was an "over achiever" - not the biggest player on the team but he loved the game. He added that Hal has a wonderful mind for football - "he eats, sleeps and breathes the game."

Also on the Bronco coaching staff are Scott Anderson and volunteer James Hester.

Few people have the impact on a young person as their coach - just read comments from some of his former players.

From Carlton Ragoonanan - LHS offensive lineman 2005-2009:

Coach Bell was one of the reasons why I never quit football. My freshman year I can remember running bleachers during a summer workout and I was the last one. Coach said, "Carlton, you know if this was easy then everyone would be doing it." Coach was always there with any question . . . I am not surprised at all by his award . . . he is a great role model and I can imagine that there are a lot more people than myself who feel the same way.

From Jim Spratt - center for the '95 LaBelle Cowboys state runner up football team:

I had the privilege of playing for Coach Russ Bell from 1992-1996. During this time he was the head JV football coach and worked with both the varsity Offensive and Defensive lines. Coach Bell was a motivator! He never hesitated to point out when you were taking a break and not giving 100 percent. Yet, he also didn't hesitate to have a good laugh or appreciate a great "cockroach" block. If you played for Coach Bell you will recognize that particular block.

While there are many lessons Coach Bell taught on the field, to me the most important was a work ethic. Coach truly believed you didn't have to get style points or be the most gifted natural athlete. His mantra was do your job and out-work your opponent. The score board will take care of itself.

Thank you, Coach Bell, for yelling when we needed it, laughing when we deserved it and pushing us to be better than we should have been.

Congratulations on the recognition, you deserved it.

From Brandon Rimes - LHS 1992-1996 and QB for the state runner up 1995 Cowboys:

I am very fortunate to have many great coaches, mentors and teachers throughout my football career and life in general. I remember Coach Bell as a hard working coach that was very knowledgeable about wing T offenses and helped me as QB of the JV football team. We went on to have a very successful year with the core unit of players that eventually played in the state championship game in 1995 (going 13-1). Coach Bell's efforts, as well as Craig Davidson, Ron Dunbar, Raymond Marroquin and Bruce Rimes, were instrumental in molding my core group of players to beat many NFL caliber players in our careers the list includes but not limited to Edgerrin James at Immokalee, Travis Henry at Frost Proof, Anquan Boldin at Pahokee, Kenny Kelley and Darryl Jackson at Tampa Catholic and others. I am very proud of our team and the Tampa Catholic playoff/semi final game still plays up here in Tampa where I now reside on Bright-house Networks retro Gridiron Game of the week very often!

From Josey Scannell - LHS Cowboy 2008-2010:
He is a great coach and knows a lot about the game of football. He taught me a lot about the offensive line and how to be better. He also helped to make me a better person and was always pushing me to do my best in both football and school . . . I'm glad I got to play for him.

What else is there to say about a man like Coach Russell Bell?

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Yesterday's Shadows

1930s and '40s: A world in denial

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By Robert Sitta
Edison State College

"Cold and cruel," Brooklyn Democratic congressman Emmanuel Cellers called the Roosevelt administration's response to the plight of Europe's Jews in 1942. And to the state department's "glacier like attitude," he had reaped special condemnation. To Cellers, this was just another manifestation of the ill-effects from the 1924 National Origins Act, known as the Johnson-Reed Act, passed against his strong opposition in 1924 during a time of great fear that the character of America would be lost to the growing number of eastern European Jews and Asians arriving on our shores.

The act ended Asians from further immigration and had placed a strict quota system for immigrants from other nations, targeting in particular the countries from which Jewish immigration was the highest. The act set the quota at two percent of the number of immigrants that had arrived from each country in 1890, before the flood of eastern European Jews had begun. Jews were targeted because of deep suspicion of their 'Bolshevik' leanings at a time when the 'red scare' was very real. Jews were prominent in left-wing politics and labor union organization, all seen as 'communist.' It was this act that would be used by the state department to all but close the door to Jews seeking shelter in the run-up to World War II. Cellers waged a four decade long war against the Johnson-Reed Act that lasted until 1965, when a new immigration law was enacted. But some prominent Jews in America had a different take on the law. Samuel Gompers, head of the American Federation of Labor, supported it as he saw it as a means of protecting American jobs from immigrants willing to work for less. It was an attitude towards immigration that remains vital today.

The act had created a 'consular control system' by which applicants for entrance into the United States needed to secure visas or entry papers from the U. S. consulates abroad. The government used this provision to deny most applications and can be illustrated by a directive sent by our state department to its consulates in 1940 ordering that visa applications be denied on the basis of national security grounds at the very moment that the door to escape the holocaust was about to close. It is estimated that between 1933 and 1945, 200,000 mostly refugee Jews, who represented 45 percent of all immigrants in 1941, arrived in America.

These numbers obscure the fact that because of the quotas, which the state department rigorously applied towards the Jews, a waiting list several years long existed from the countries with the largest Jewish populations. Long standing anti-Semitism, isola-

tionism, xenophobia and the still lingering unemployment stemming from the Great Depression all contributed to a national attitude of general indifference. Polls taken after the start of the war in Europe routinely reported only ten percent of Americans believed that the United States should become involved in the war.

Certainly, the 'Voelkish movement' that judged Jews not 'truly German,' and the 1933 Nuremberg Laws that excluded Jews from higher education due to 'overcrowding,' denied them employment in many pursuits and then stripped them of citizenship seemed harsh to many. And many more reacted negatively to 1938's Kristallnacht, or Night of the Broken Glass, in which 1,000 synagogues were burned and 7,000 Jewish businesses were ransacked and 30,000 Jewish men arrested. This action was understandable to many as Jews were considered 'Christ killers.' This attitude can be seen in the writings of prominent Americans of the time. Ambassador to Britain, Joseph Kennedy, father of a future president, told reporter Joe Dineen in 1940, "It is true I have a low opinion of some Jews in public office and in private life. That does not mean that . . . I believe they should be wiped off the face of the earth." Kennedy defended his condemnation of Jews as 'kikes' and 'sheenies' by purportedly saying to embassy aide Harvey Klemmer, "Individual Jews are all right . . . but as a race they stink. They spoil everything they touch. Jewish pundits . . . seek to set a match to the fuse of the world."

Commenting on the violence of Kristallnacht, Kennedy lamented that while the Jews had brought it on themselves; he wished the Nazis had found another way of dealing with the 'Jewish problem.' 'Isn't there some way,' wrote Kennedy to Charles Lindbergh, "to persuade (Germany) that it is on a situation like this that the whole program of saving western civilization might hinge?" Jewish friends of Kennedy included Supreme Court Associate Justice Felix Frankfurter whose sons studied under socialist economist Harold Laski.

Kennedy's splitting the difference was

common. When the Roman Catholic Kennedy had gone to Britain, he became a close friend of expatriate Viscountess Nancy Astor, herself a virulent anti-Semite and anti-Catholic, who assured him that while she had no regard for Catholics in general, she made exceptions. This 'some of my best friends are . . . ' is an attitude that remains a defense of otherwise intolerant opinions but then was seen as mainstream.

Millions of Americans regularly listened to the radio program, "The Hour of Power," in which Father Charles Coughlin routinely denounced communism and Jews as a single menace. He reprinted the 'Protocols of the Elders of Zion,' a Russian tsarist creation to justify their pogroms that purported to tell of the Jewish plot to take over the world. The one million paid members of his National Union for Social Justice staged 'buy Christian' rallies and obstructed Jewish businesses similar to that done by the Nazi Brownshirts.

The Coughlites formed an association with others to attack the New Deal as the 'Jew Deal,' Franklin Roosevelt as 'Rosenfelt' and purported to prove he was genealogically a Jew. Preacher Gerald L. K. Smith, leader of Louisiana Senator Huey Long's Share the Wealth was particularly vocal. Coughlin and Smith's Christian crusades united with Dr. Francis Townsend's mission to enact old-age pensions and limit wealth accumulation. 'Jewish bankers' were often singled out as greedy and the cause of the depression lingered. Together, with others, they planned a third party challenge to Roosevelt's reelection in 1936. Senator Long's assassination in 1935 ended the chance he would cause Roosevelt to lose a second term, but their replacement candidate, William Lemke, still garnered two percent of the vote. Roosevelt reacted to this threat by distancing himself from any appearance of support for the European Jews. He would, however, dismiss Kennedy as ambassador to Britain in 1940 for his continued association with Nazis and their sympathizers.

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people who 'lived the history', and the fourth article, by Professor Jeannie Horlacher, gets even more personal by asking us if our current behavior toward people we really don't know, could lead us to another Holocaust.

Wherever there is controversy about a group...there is fear...and where there is fear, there is mistrust. And where there is mistrust there is stereotyping: always the same through the ages.

It begins with a "US vs THEM" mindset... with 'US' being the good guys, of course. Don't think for a minute it cannot happen right here in your community because it is happening now. The charges against the 'THEM' are always the same: they are a threat to the way of life the 'US' wants to maintain. Remembering the lessons of the Holocaust encourages belief in the inclusive 'family of man', and from that point of view we are one.

"Do more than belong: participate. Do more than care: help. Do more than believe: practice. Do more than be fair: be kind. Do more than forgive: forget. Do more than dream: work." William Arthur Ward, 20th century educator

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*Thanks again,
Dennis Perkins*

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Christians: We need to re-discover the Bible

In 1948, we discovered the Dead Sea Scrolls in Israel. It was an amazing discovery of ancient writings of Scripture. I have seen those ancient manuscripts firsthand on two different occasions. They contain the book of Isaiah and match word for word what we find in the Old Testament book today. However, those writings are approximately 3,000 years old. Because they were written on leather skins, kept in a large jar in a dry arid environment very little deterioration occurred. Finding those animal skins with God's word embossed on them was a marvel to modern archeology.



Les Morgan

Today, we need to rediscover another archive – the Christian faith. Our generation is facing a crisis of Biblical illiteracy that baffles the mind.

The recent past generations have been raised on evolutionary theory, atheism, secularism and humanism, all of which are outright attacks and a staunch ridiculing of the Christian faith. The results are less than positive. This belittling has weakened people's faith in God, in Jesus Christ and in the Bible.

"Why should we believe the Bible?", people often ask. The question itself is suggesting that it is merely a book written by men, who for the most part of viewed at strange, psychotic and emotionally unbalanced. This is unfortunate for without the Bible and its principles being applied in various places around the earth our world would be a vastly different setting.

It's true - we hear a lot about faith. The government talks about faith-based programs. But what faith?

What is the Christian faith? That is the paramount question of our times. People's

faith is unclear, ambiguous and unfounded in anything absolute. They talk about faith, but it's not based on anything absolute.

The Christian faith is faith in the person of Jesus as the son of God, the Messiah and Lord of all. Second, it means listening and doing what he taught. We have to know Jesus as our teacher as well as our savior. Our faith is based on the absolute principles of truth that he taught. A disciple is a student of Jesus who follows, learns and then imitates Jesus. Finally, our faith is in the purpose of Jesus for each one of us to be active in sharing our faith as we "go into all the world and make disciples of all people" (Matt 28:19).

Paul tells us that people will abandon the faith in the last days (1 Tim 4:1). Jude tells us to "contend for the faith that was once for all entrusted to the saints" (Jude 3). We have to know what the Christian faith is if we are going to make disciples of all nations. Our challenge is to lead people to faith in Jesus and then disciple (teach) them that faith so they can know the certainty of things they have been taught about Jesus Christ (Luke 1:4). Only then can believers stand firm in their faith in the face of life's battles and after having done all to stand!

Let me encourage you to return to reading the Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John so that you keep your faith grounded in Jesus and his word and then continue to discover new and life-changing truths from Jesus Christ our Lord.

Here's a closing truth – you don't want to live where the Bible of Judeo-Christian ethics are forbidden. Just ask those who have encountered the Taliban.

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Grand Marshal

As your Grand Marshal of the 2013 Swamp Cabbage Festival I would like to give a heart warming Thank You to all the organizers, civic organizations and community for the recognition and support I was given throughout the Festival.

To all the people who have become part of my life I am blessed to be able to get to know you and help out.

Sincerely,
**2013 Grand Marshal
Mary Bartoshuk**

Successful "Poppy Days"

And now the Torch and Poppy red we wear in honor of our dead, fear not that ye have died for naught; we'll teach the lesson that ye wrought in Flanders Fields.

Moina Michael

On behalf of the American Legion Auxiliary Unit 130, we would like to thank the community for making our recent "Poppy Days" very successful.

A big thank you to the Winn Dixie and Save-A-Lot supermarkets for allowing the auxiliary volunteers to be at your locations on Feb. 15-16 in LaBelle for the distribution of the veteran-made handcrafted memorial poppy.

All proceeds are used to aid our veterans and their families. Thank you all for caring!

**For God and Country
Linda Teasley, Poppy Chairman
American Legion Auxiliary
Unit 130, LaBelle**



Submitted photo

Youth Leadership skills

Kim Hamilton, member of the Hendry/Glades Leadership Board, presented to the Rotary Club of LaBelle their leadership program which is designed to prepare leaders to meet the varied challenges facing Hendry & Glades Counties while providing a stimulating learning opportunity. The Youth Leadership for Hendry and Glades Counties is a Bi-County leadership program for high school students. The program is designed to develop leadership potential and acquaint the participants with our community's available resources, obstacles and requirements for the future. The opportunity to learn about our counties is accomplished through a combination of classroom education, on-site interaction with community leaders and decision makers, as well as a unique learning experience. The participants participate in seminars and field study activities on such topics as: Water & Environment, Judicial and Government, Agri-Business, Business & Financial, Civic & Community Service.

Fatal crash on I-75

A LaBelle woman was involved in a crash on I-75 March 2, at 2:32 p.m. in which a Michigan woman was killed.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol, Concepcion Santamaria, 58, was operating a vibratory roller near mile marker 146.

Vicki Lynn Hart, of Livonia, MI, was driving a 2000 Caravan southbound when, for unknown reasons, she ran off the road onto

the west grass shoulder, then back to the left and crossed both southbound lanes.

Her caravan then entered the unpaved construction lane and collided with the vibrator. Ms. Hart was pronounced dead at the scene.

Ms. Santamaria received only minor injuries and was transported to Lee Memorial Hospital.

American Legion Auxiliary to meet

Come join us, Thursday, March 21, at 7 p.m. at The American Legion Post 130 on Hwy 80 West in LaBelle.

The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary and all branches of the Legion solidly stand 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 561-801-5843.

School Briefs

UES School Advisory Council to meet

UES Elementary School will have its School Advisory Council meeting on Tuesday, March 12, at 5:30 p.m. in the school library. All parents and guardians are invited to attend as well as anyone from the community. If you have questions, please call the school office at 612-0750.

Consejo a reunir

Consejo de asesoria de la Upthegrove escuela tendra su reunion de Consejo Consultivo de la escuela el martes, 12 de marzo a las 5:30 p.m. en la biblioteca. Todos los padres y tutores estan invitados a asistir asi como de qualquiere persona de la comuniada. Si usted tiene alguna pregunta, por favor llame a la oficina de la escuela 612-0750.

LMS PTO to meet

The next LaBelle Middle School PTO meeting is scheduled for March 19 at 6 p.m. in the school library. Discussion of the FCAT incentives and the recent Celebration for doing the Right Thing will be the main topics. Please come and get involved with your child's school.

Holocaust survivor to speak at Barron Library on March 11

On Monday, March 11, at 6:30 p.m., Cesare Frustaci, a Holocaust survivor will be speaking at Barron Library. His presentation is in conjunction with the One Book, One Community program sponsored by the Hendry County Libraries. There will be a time for questions following the presentation.

Barron Library will be showing a movie, The Boy in the Striped Pajamas, Friday evening, March 8, at 7 p.m. The movie is rated PG-13 for Mild Violence and is about a young boy, the son of a commandant, who forms a strong bond with a Jewish boy living at Auschwitz. The book by the same name, written by John Boyne, is the book selected for youth in the community to read as part of the One Book, One Community project. The book selection for adults is The Shawl

by Cynthia Ozick.

One Book, One Community is a program designed to encourage a community to read and then come together to discuss in different settings, such as schools, libraries and book clubs.

Attend these educational events and support the work of your library.

The Devil's Arithmetic – Movie Showing, Friday, March 22, 7 p.m. Family Movie – Not Rated

One Book, One Community is a program designed to encourage a community to read and then come together to discuss in different settings, such as schools and libraries. Hendry County Library Cooperative is sponsoring this project and will be offering different events in all three libraries.

Women, Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness

National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (March 10th) is an annual, national campaign to raise awareness of the increasing impact of HIV/AIDS on women and girls. As per the CDC, women of all ages account for approximately 24 percent of the new HIV diagnoses. Women of color are particularly affected and accounted for 64 percent of new AIDS diagnoses among women in 2010.

In observance of NWGHAAD, Hendry and Glades County Health Departments will offer free HIV testing for anyone on Friday, March 9, 2013, from 8:30 a.m.-noon and 1 p.m.-4:30 p.m. Free testing will be available at 1140 Pratt Blvd (LaBelle), 1100 Olympia Street (Clewiston), and 1021 Health Park Drive (Moore Haven). Share knowledge and take action against HIV/AIDS.

NOTICE OF CHANGE OF TELEPHONE NUMBERS HENDRY COUNTY

The Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida hereby gives notice of change of telephone numbers for various Hendry County departments. The previous Clewiston phone numbers forwarded to the LaBelle offices will no longer be used.

Below is the current listing of telephone numbers for various departments:

Hendry County Administration	(863) 675-5220
Hendry County Attorney	(863) 675-5295
Hendry County Building Department	(863) 675-5245
	LaBelle
Hendry County Building Department	(863) 983-1463
	Clewiston
Hendry County Emergency Medical Services	(863) 674-4074
	LaBelle
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	Clewiston
Hendry County Emergency Management	(863) 674-5400
Hendry County E-911(addressing services)	(863) 674-5406
Hendry County Engineering	(863) 675-5222
Hendry County Grants & Special Projects	(863) 675-5264
Hendry County Harlem Library	(863) 902-3324
Hendry County Human Resources	(863) 675-5352
Hendry County Building Maintenance	(863) 675-5260
Hendry County Planning & Zoning	(863) 675-5240
Hendry County Port LaBelle Utilities	(863) 675-5376
Hendry County Purchasing	(863) 675-5354
Hendry County Housing and Social Services	(863) 675-5297
Hendry County Special Districts	(863) 675-5252
Hendry County Veterans Services	(863) 675-5250
Hendry County Extension Office	(863) 674-4092

County employees are available from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm, Monday to Friday. We welcome any inquiries or concerns you may have.

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Church Briefs

Christian Men to meet

LaBelle Gathering of Christian Men will meet at First Christian Church, 138 Ford Avenue, LaBelle on Monday, March 18, at 7 p.m.

for dinner and a speaker. All men of LaBelle and surrounding areas are invited to join us. For Information or directions please call: Mark White, President @ 239 707 6137 or Randy Way, Program Chairman @ 863 885

Happenings at the Church of the Good Shepherd

Thursday, March 14: Healing service 9:30 a.m. Bishop's Vicar Rev. Dr. David Jackson Bible Study 10:30 a.m.

Soup and movie 6 p.m. we provide soup, please bring your own utensils and plates.

Friday, March 15: Franciscan Mystery Players

What are the Franciscan Mystery Plays? The Plays are dramatic multi-media presentations of five powerful living meditations.

They employ special lighting, inspirational music, drama, and soul-searching

reflections, providing anyone who participates with the opportunity to get in touch with his or her sins, suffering, struggles and goodness. In a very unique way this prayerful experience becomes a powerful vehicle for the Lord's Spirit to forgive, heal, renew, and give peace.

Life is a mystery and we are the players.

The Way of the Cross This presentation follows the journey of the Stations of the Cross in Jesus passion and death. The meditations draw from the Lord's life, a message for us and the world we live in today.

Help Charlie Barnes fight cancer

Most everyone knows Charles Barnes. "Charlie" is well known and respected in the LaBelle area. He's been a resident of LaBelle for 40 years. He may have even painted your home, church or business having owned and operated "Charles Barnes Painting" for 38 years.

Charlie was a volunteer Firefighter in LaBelle for five years. He worked for Hendry County Sheriff's Department for six years and could be found out and about barbecuing at many fundraisers, benefits and community outreaches throughout the years helping with the needs of others.

Shortly after retiring three years ago, Charlie and his wife Betty moved to his childhood hometown in Elkmont, Alabama, where they presently reside.

Charlie is in a fight! February 8, 2013, he was diagnosed with esophagus cancer and on February 20, he was also diagnosed with cancer in his chest and stomach lymphnodes.

So many people have been touched by cancer and it doesn't rest or sleep in its efforts to destroy lives. Therefore Charlie's family and friends have decided to "Help Charlie Fight"!

They're hoping that you too will "Help Charlie Fight" with a donation that will help them in defraying the costs.

Charlie and Betty are on a fixed income and they are encountering mounting medical and household expenses as well as many travel expenses to doctor visits and daily radiation and chemotherapy appointments.

All donations big and small will be greatly appreciated! We can only imagine the difference and impact that you will make in Charlie's fight against cancer. Donations in check or money orders may be mailed to: Charles Barnes, 21467 Upper Fort Hampton Rd., Elkmont, Alabama 35620-4659.

Please pray for Charlie and help him fight.

1099. Hope to see you there.

Wild Game Dinner

Save the date! On March 9, 5-7 p.m., the First Christian Church Disciple Men's Group will have a Wild Game Dinner. There will be a huge variety of wild game including frog legs, pork and turkey, just to name a few. Last year's event was a great success, so come early and enjoy. There will be a donation of \$10. The church is located at the corner of Lee and Ford Streets. For more information, call 675-1366. Hope to see you there!

Special play at Church of the Good Shepherd

The Franciscan Mystery Players will be at the Church of the Good Shepherd, located just east of city of LaBelle and one block south of State Road 80, 1098 Collingswood Parkway, will be playing Friday, March 15. The youth participating in this production are from the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany in Cape Coral. The play begins at 7 p.m. at The Church of the Good Shepherd. A free will offering will be accepted.

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gles and goodness. In a very unique way this prayerful experience becomes a powerful vehicle for the Lord's Spirit to forgive, heal, renew and give peace. Life is a mystery and we are the players.

Yummy dessert auction

Please come to the First Baptist Church of LaBelle dessert auction Friday, March 8, from 6-8 p.m. This is one of our annual fundraising events for Relay for Life. This year the First Baptist Church is joining with the First Baptist Preschool to raise funds for our team. If you would like to donate a dessert, please see one of our team leaders. The public is welcome to come and bid on one of our delicious desserts. Paul Puletti is our auctioneer and keeps things fun and moving along. The First Baptist Church is located at 330 Main St. The auction is held in the education building. Come early to sample and find your favorite dessert.

Southern Grace sing

Community Harvest Worship Center welcomes Southern Grace in a gospel sing March 10 at 11 a.m. This is a homecoming day for Community Harvest. Everyone is invited to this great service and dinner on the grounds following the gospel sing in the fellowship hall, located at 55 Orange Ave. Everyone is invited. For information call the church office at 675-0938 or Pastor L.W. Howard at 673-6329.



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Hop on over to LaBelle Kiwanis!

Calling all kids from ages 12 and under! "Hop" on over to the Kiwanis Thrift Store on March 23 starting at 10 a.m. for The LaBelle Kiwanis Annual Easter Egg Hunt! And of course the Easter Bunny will be there too! Additionally this year, the LaBelle Kiwanis Club will be giving away free books to all kids who participate in the activities. Lots of fun and lots of surprises!

The egg hunt is free and the hunt will be separated into three age groups: Ages 3 and 4, ages 5 to 7, ages 8 to 10. No parents will be allowed on the "hunting grounds" with the kids, but Kiwanis Members and

Key Club Members will be on hand to assist with the smaller kids.

Kids are asked to bring their own basket or any type of bag to put their eggs in during the hunt. There will be other fun activities (scavenger hunt) for ages 11 to 12.

Prizes will be awarded!

There will be goodie bags for all kids!

Additionally, all ages are welcome to come and take their photo with the Easter Bunny!

The LaBelle Kiwanis Thrift Store is located at 155 S. Bridge Street.

We hope to see you there!

Birds of Indian River Lagoon

Bob Montanaro will present his newest audio visual program "Birds of Indian River Lagoon" on Monday, March 11, at 7 p. m. at the Cooperative Extension, Dallas Townsend Building 1085 Pratt Blvd. in LaBelle. This free public program is hosted by Hendry-Glades Audubon.

Birds of the Indian River Lagoon highlights the common birds, other wildlife and scenery of the Indian River Lagoon in a program made up of digital stills and video. The Indian River Lagoon has been called "the most biologically diverse estuary in North America" and "straddles 156 miles of Florida's east coast, from Ponce Inlet in Volusia County, south to Jupiter Inlet in Palm Beach County." Viewers will come away with a

better appreciation and understanding of this amazingly diverse and beautiful Florida estuary.

Bob Montanaro is the office manager for the Pelican Island Audubon Society of Indian River County. His lifelong interest in photography has led to creating programs on Florida wildlife, including previously, Ospreys of Pelican Island: An Exploration into the life of the Fish Hawk and Critters, Cows and Cowboys: A Photographic Exploration into the Wildlife & Work of a Florida Cattle Ranch. To learn more, please visit www.lunarcabin.com.

For information contact Butch Wilson (863)-983-2870 Margaret England (863) 674-0695 or sta5birding@embarqmail.com



Submitted photos/Colette Willis

Double H

The 4-H Felda Double "H" Livestock Club is holding its Second Annual "Win A Hog" Fundraiser. Last year the "Win A Hog" fundraiser enabled the club to purchase a set of livestock scales. Tickets are \$10 each for a chance to win a 247 pound show hog, professionally cut and wrapped. The winning ticket will be drawn on Saturday, March 16, at the Felda Community Dinner. Not enough room to store all of the meat? Don't worry, donate any excess meat or the whole hog back to the club and we will in turn donate it to a local family in need. The winner will be contacted that evening and the meat will be delivered the next day. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call Colette Willis at (863)673-0539 or Jane Swails at (239)357-2244. Pictured front, from left: Eduardo Rodriguez, Eddiana Rodriguez; middle row: Edicia Rodriguez, Emma Willis, Edilia Rodriguez; back row - Taylor Lynn. Not Pictured: Jordan Lowrey, Elyssa Willis, Gwen Ash, Gracie Swails, Ashley Schofield, Kirsy Dunaway, Augustus Dunaway, Carl Willis, Herod Spangler Jr., Curtis Dailey, Austin Dailey, Marshall Platt, and Cody Wiggins.

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LaBelle Cowboys heat up baseball diamond

In high school baseball action last week the LaBelle Cowboys split a pair of games as they defeated Lake Placid 6-5 and lost to Bishop Verot 6-0.

On Monday, February 2, the Cowboys completed one of the most dramatic comebacks in school history as Senior Austin Garcia blasted a three-run, two out walk-off homer in the bottom of the ninth inning for LaBelle.

After Lake Placid scored two runs in the top of the ninth, the Cowboys' hope of a victory seemed to be very slim in the bottom of that inning after the Green Dragons got two quick outs, and were almost ready to pack up and go home.

Seniors Brandon Miners and Kippy Stansly had other ideas as Miners singled to right and Stansly drew a walk to set the stage for Garcia's monster blast into the canal behind the left field fence. It was Garcia's

fourth homer of the year for the Cowboys and it could not have come at a better time.

Miners finished the night going 3-for-5 with a double and Junior Jarred Miller was 2-for-4 with two runs scored.

On Thursday, February 28, the Cowboys took on the Vikings from Bishop Verot and never got untracked offensively to support a good pitching performance from Junior Travis Burchard. Burchard gave up only two earned runs through five innings for the Cowboys. The lone hit for LaBelle was a double by Austin Garcia.

"We are so close to putting everything together. These guys have worked hard and have played some very tough teams for this early in the season," said Coach Ron Dunbar. "It will pay off down the road when we really need it."

What do you think about bass fishing regulations?

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) freshwater fisheries biologists are looking for angler input during a series of open houses around the state. Two of these open houses will be in south Florida the week of March 11.

Both south Florida open houses are from 5 to 8 p.m. Here are the locations:

March 11 – Okeechobee
C. Scott Driver Park

Park Pavilion
3950 SW 99th Drive

March 12 – Dania Beach
Bass Pro Shops

Seminar area near the aquarium
200 Gulf Stream Way

"This is an opportunity for anglers to provide input on how the FWC should regulate largemouth bass fishing through-

out the state," said Barron Moody, regional freshwater fisheries biologist for the FWC. "We are really hoping that anglers will take advantage of this chance to come out and voice their opinions."

Open houses are for the public to come in, talk to biologists and let FWC staff know what they think. There is no set schedule, and the format is casual.

"Anglers can come to these open houses any time between 5 and 8 p.m.," said Moody. "During this time, they can stay and talk to FWC biologists about largemouth bass regulations for as long as they like."

For more information, go to the Largemouth Bass Regulations Review page at MyFWC.com/Fishing.

Sprint cars are back at Hendry County's Motorsports Park

On Saturday, March 9, under the lights, the top gun sprint cars will return to the Hendry County Motorsports Park.

Their winged sprints will reach speeds well over 100 m.p.h. on the straightaways and will slide through the corners. Drivers from all over the South will do battle on the 18 mile high-banked Everglades clay.

On hand will be series champion Danny Martin and legendary sprint car driver Gene Lasher, the wild man from Tampa, who has two prior victories at Hendry County Motorsports Park.

On this night all local law enforcement

offices will be admitted free in honor of their dedication to the citizens of Southwest Florida.

Also racing on this night will be the mini stocks, street stocks, open wheel modifieds and thunderstocks. The track is located one mile north of the Hwy. 27 and Hwy. 80 intersection, five miles south of Moore Haven.

Gates open at 4 p.m., racing will begin at 7:00. Children under 12 admitted free.

For more information call 863-673-4325 or 863-983-3478 or go to Hendryracing.com.



Submitted photo

Powerlifting

Congratulations to LaBelle Powerlifting team for placing second overall in the meet on Feb. 22

Sport Shorts

LaBelle Little League

important information

Little League Opening Ceremonies will be held Saturday, March 9, at 10 a.m. at Davis Pratt Park. After a barbecue dinner the games will begin.

Attention area residents

Recently the Board Room of LaBelle Lit-

tle League was broken into and it was discovered that all of league bats were stolen. We need to replace these bats before the season starts. If you have bats your children have out grown or no longer need please donate them to the league. If you would like to make a donation to help purchase new bats that would awesome as well. Please contact Michael Rothenhoefer Equipment Manager at 863-234-1372 or e-mail labelittleleague@gmail.com



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Clucking fun at the LaBelle Rodeo Grounds

Submitted by Sonja Crawford

The LaBelle Youth Livestock Poultry Show was held on Sunday, February 10th with Ms. Cindy Kinard of Arcadia, Florida serving as the official judge. Chris-Tel Construction sponsored the event.

Exhibitors were judged on the Danish system using blue, red and white ribbons for each poultry entry.

Many of the 4-H members exhibited more than one entry. Margaret Gacula – 4 blue ribbons and 2 red ribbons; Justin Mickelsen – 6 blue ribbons and 1 red ribbon; Joseph Rourks – 10 blue ribbons and 1 red ribbon; and Harley Yates – 4 blue ribbons and 1 red ribbon.

Justin Mickelsen captured the Best of Show award in the Bantam Breed with his BB Red hen with Harley Yates exhibiting the Best Opposite in the Bantam Breed with her White Faced Spanish rooster. In the Stan-

dard Breed division, the Best of Show award was captured by Joseph Rourks with his Buff Polish hen. Joseph's Buff Polish rooster was awarded the Best Opposite award.

In the waterfowl division; Justin Mickelsen was awarded the Best of Show award with his Mallard duck and capturing the Best Opposite award was Justin's Emden goose.

First place was awarded to Maggie Gacula with Harley Yates in second place in the Intermediate Showmanship division. In the Junior Showmanship division, Joseph Rourks captured first place with second place going to Justin Mickelsen.

The Poultry exhibitors were either members of the Pioneer Small Animal 4-H Club led by Pat Bosley or the All Kinds of Critters 4-H Club led by Cathy Mickelson. Thank you club leaders and parents; exhibitors did a great exhibiting their animals. Chris-Tel Construction's sponsorship was greatly appreciated.



Submitted photos/Jerri Lynn Merritt

Left: Back Row: Harley Yates & Margaret Gacula Front Row: Joseph Rourks and Justin Mickelsen. Right: Joseph Rourks during the showmanship class.

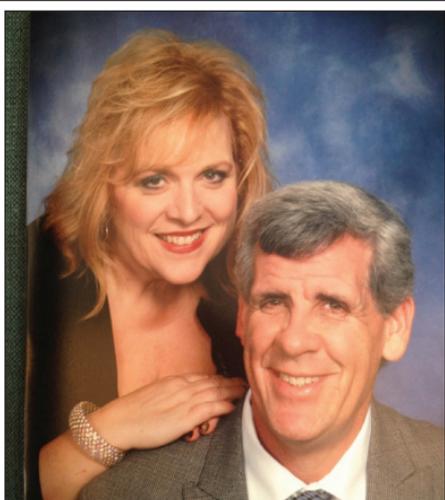
ENGAGEMENT

**HANNAH CZOSKI
JEFF PERRY**

Mr. Jeff Perry announces his engagement to Hannah Czoski.

Hannah came to Florida 3 years ago from Chicago by way of Sanibel Island. She presently serves as Minister of Music at Carlson Memorial Methodist Church, where she also manages a music studio for private lessons and music classes.

Perry is a native of Clewston and resides in Port Labelle Florida, where the couple hopes to make their home after their July 7 wedding this year. They are registered at Bed Bath and Beyond.



Submitted photo/Judy Sanchez

Yummy and healthy, too!

Southern Gardens Citrus & Florida's Natural Growers Cooperative provided a glass of premium Florida orange juice to nearly 5,500 elementary students when they toured the South Florida Fair's agricultural exhibit and farmers market. The students and their teachers toured exhibits on sugarcane, citrus, vegetables, honey and more to learn about the importance of agriculture to the region's economy.

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Hendry County School Board Employee of the Year

2013-School-Related Employee of the Year Nominees and Winner Nominees were honored with a luncheon on January 23, 2013. Each was presented with an engraved plaque by their supervisor. TOP Those honored from LaBelle are from left to right: Bernadine Gutierrez – Custodian – Upthegrove Elementary School, Patricia Overbaugh – Food Service – Upthegrove Elementary School, Tracy Nobles – Clerk/Typist – LaBelle High School, Kevin Allen – Head Custodian – LaBelle Elementary.



Center left: Superintendent Paul Puletti, presented Terri Garcia, with the 2013-Hendry County School-Related Employee of the Year.

Bottom those honored from Clewiston are: Back row – left to right: Maria Delgado – Office Manager- District/Federal Programs, Donna Smith – Clerk/Typist – Clewiston High School, Charlotte Patterson – Paraprofessional – Westside Elementary School, Eddie Quevedo – Custodian – Central Elementary School, Front row – left to right: Melissa Hall – Bookkeeper – Eastside Elementary School, Terri Garcia – Bookkeeper – Clewiston Middle School – 2013 Hendry County School-Related Employee of the Year.



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HOMES

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LABELLE - 5775 County Road 78, March 9, 8 AM - 3 PM. ESTATE SALE. All household furniture, sofas, tables, lamps, beds, dressers, dishes, etc. Tools, garden tools, patio furniture, paint sprayer, drills, saws, area rugs. Everything must go as house is sold.

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Yard Sale
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3/14/13
8:30 am -12:30 pm
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REQUEST FOR BIDS HENDRY COUNTY OVERHEAD ROADWAY LIGHTING CONSTRUCTION ON SR 80 AT COLLINGSWOOD PARKWAY AND FORREY DRIVE FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT NUMBER: 416230-1-58/68-01

BID NO. 2013-15

OPENING DATE AND TIME: March 21, 2013 at 2:00 P.M.

The Hendry County Board of County Commissioners is seeking bids for Overhead Roadway Lighting Construction on SR 80 at Collingswood Parkway and Forrey Drive. Firms properly registered in the State of Florida are encouraged to submit their bid for consideration. 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 2:00 p.m. on March 21, 2013, at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses. Any bids received after the above noted time and date will not be opened or considered.

Bidders are **strongly encouraged** to attend the pre-bid conference to be held on March 13, 2013 at 10:00 a.m. at Hendry County Engineering, 99 E. Cowboy Way, LaBelle, Florida 33935.

A copy of the Instructions and Bid Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Department, located at 640 South Main Street, LaBelle, Florida 33935 (for pick up), PO Box 2340, LaBelle, Florida 33975 (mailing address), or by calling 863-675-5220.

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

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Karson Turner, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
436898 CN/CB 2/21,28;3/7,14/2013

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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME

The undersigned does hereby certify that James Way conducting a Laundromat business at 339 W. Hickpochee Ave., Florida, under the fictitious name of Wash Tub Laundromat and that said firm is composed of the following persons whose names and places of residence are as follows:

James Way
270 Riverview Drive
Ownership of Wash Tub Laundromat is as follows:
339 W. Hickpochee Ave.
Wash Tub Laundromat LLC 100%
It is my intentions to apply to the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations to register the said name of Wash Tub Laundromat under the provisions of Chapter 90-267, laws of Florida, Acts of 1991.

James Way
DATE: 2-27-13
437854 CN 3/7/2013

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NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF HENDRY COUNTY REAL ESTATE FOR SALE
Hendry County hereby provides notice that the following parcels of land owned by the County are available for sale and the County is receiving offers: 1-29-43-18-A00-0009.0100; 1-29-43-18-A00-0014.0000 and 1-29-43-18-A00-0015.0000.

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LANDOWNERS OF BOLLES DRAINAGE DISTRICT
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to call of the Board of Supervisors of Bolles Drainage District, and in accordance with Chapter 298, Florida Statutes 1941, and law amendatory thereto, the Annual Meeting of the Landowners of Bolles Drainage District for the year 2012, will be held at United States Sugar Corporation, Molasses Sales Office, 1995 West Hwy 27, Clewiston, Florida, on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 11:15 AM, for the purpose of:

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE LANDOWNERS OF RITTA DRAINAGE DISTRICT
Notice is hereby given that pursuant to call of the Board of Supervisors of Ritta Drainage District, and in accordance with Chapter 298, Florida Statutes 1941, and law amendatory thereto, the Annual Meeting of the Landowners of Ritta Drainage District for the year 2012, will be held at United States Sugar Corporation, Molasses Sales Office, 1995 West Hwy 27, Clewiston, Florida on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 11:30 AM, for the purpose of:

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Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
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NOTICE OF INTENT TO DESIGNATE POSITION FOR SENIOR MANAGEMENT SERVICE CLASS
Take notice that the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, will consider designating the position of Information Technology Director for Hendry County for inclusion in the Senior Management Service Class within the Florida Retirement System under the provisions of Section 121.055, Florida Statutes, at its regularly scheduled meeting, on Tuesday, March 26, 2013, at 5:00 p.m., in the Commission Chambers, Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida.

Legal Notice
Notice of Special Election
Notice is hereby given that the City of South Bay, Florida, will hold a Special Election on Tuesday, May 14, 2013 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. for the purpose of electing two Commissioners to fill the unexpired terms of two Commissioners. There will be one Commissioner elected representing seat "4" and one Commissioner elected representing seat "5".

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT RJS Realty, LLC, 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:

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION
Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, March 26, 2013, at 5:00 p.m., in the Commission Chambers, Hendry County Courthouse, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida, to consider an ordinance relating to ad valorem tax exemptions entitled as follows:

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Public Notice

**PUBLIC MEETING NOTICE
GLADES UTILITY AUTHORITY**

A Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors (the "Board") of the Glades Utility Authority ("Authority") is scheduled to be held on **Wednesday, March 13, 2013 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.** in the City of South Bay Commission Chambers, 335 SW 2nd Ave., South Bay, FL 33493.

The purpose of the meeting is to consider approval of the special meeting minutes, consider the approval of payment for certain outstanding GUA obligations, and any other business that may come before the Board. The meeting is open to the public and will be conducted in accordance with Florida law. A copy of the meeting agenda may be obtained at the meeting or, prior to the meeting, by contacting Jocelyn Colón at **561-493-6127** or **jcolon@bcwater.com** at least forty-eight (48) hours before the meeting.

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

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

Jocelyn Colón, GUA Clerk
437966 SUN 3/7/2013

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Euphonium V, LLC**, 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
492	2008	1334528-A0000010000	Delta Aggrigate, LLC

The North one-half of Section 33, Township 45 South, Range 28 East, Hendry County, Florida. LESS the West 60 feet thereof.

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 Third Thursday** in the month of **March, 2013**, which is the **21st day of March, 2013**.

Dated this **6th** day of **February, 2013**

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

436409 CN 2/14,21,28 & 3/7/2013

**NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE
LANDOWNERS OF
DISSTON ISLAND CONSERVANCY DISTRICT**

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to call of the Board of Supervisors of Disston Island Conservancy District, and in accordance with Chapter 298, Florida Statutes 1941, and law amendatory thereto, the Annual Meeting of the Landowners of Disston Island Conservancy District for the year 2012, will be held at United States Sugar Corporation, Molasses Sales Office, 1995 West Hwy 27, Clewiston, Florida on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at 11:00 A.M., for the purpose of:

1. Electing one (1) Supervisor for a term of three (3) years.
2. Receiving annual reports and taking such action with respect thereto as the landowners may determine.
3. Transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
DISSTON ISLAND CONSERVANCY DISTRICT
By: Sam Williams, President
437531 CN/GCD 2/28;3/7/2013

**PUBLIC NOTICE
LABELLE MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

There will be a LaBelle Municipal Airport Advisory Board Meeting held on **Wednesday, March 20th, 2013 at 3 p.m.** The meeting will be held at the LaBelle City Hall, in the Commissioners Chambers, located at 481 West Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, FL 33935.

All interested parties are encouraged to attend.

For Further information, please contact the Hendry County Engineer's Office at (863) 675-5222 or (863) 983-1588.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Hendry County Commission 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.

Tristan Chapman, Chair
Board of County Commissioners, Hendry County
438104 CN 3/7,14/2013

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
972	2009	1224331-010000H0120	John M & Tresly L Rogers

The Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 22, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, in Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Lot 12, Block H, PIONEER PLANTATION, a recorded 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 **6th** day of **February, 2013**

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Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida

436449 CN 2/14,21,28 & 3/7/2013

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1741	2009	1254432-A0000450100	Adriana E. Calles

The North one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 25, 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 5077 in MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2161	2009	1364432-A0001540000	Luis F. Martinez

The North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 36, 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 Lot No. 3985 in MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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437456 CN 2/28 & 3/7,14,21/2013

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1247	2009	1134432-A0000220000	The Lyndel Group, LLC

The Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 13, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the North 80 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Lot 5687 and Lot 5688 in Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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436458 CN 2/14,21,28 & 3/7/2013

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2116	2009	1364432-A0000200000	Kenneth & Geneve Henry

The East one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 36, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the North 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 4905 in MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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437510 CN 2/28 & 3/7,14,21/2013

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1702	2009	1244432-A0000830000	Rosario H. Zamora

The East one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest 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 North 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5299 in MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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436442 CN 2/14,21,28 & 3/7/2013

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1869	2009	1264432-A0001500100	Raul J. Carrasquel

The North 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 340 in MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1727	2009	1254432-A0000190100	Guillermo Herrera

The North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 25, 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 5155 in MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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436450 CN 2/14,21,28 & 3/7/2013

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1801	2009	1254432-A0002010000	Manuel & Mercedes Quinteros & Estaquio F. Almeida

The North one-half of the West one-half of the South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 579 in MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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436412 CN 2/14,21,28 & 3/7/2013

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2153	2009	1364432-A0001250100	Mitzi S. Crews

The West one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 36, 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 4760 in MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1810	2009	1254432-A0002250000	Pedro Angel Crespo Rios

The South one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast 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 East 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5002 in MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1806	2009	1254432-A0002190100	Jorge & Amerilis Rodriguez

The North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast 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 5030 in MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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436443 CN 2/14,21,28 & 3/7/2013

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Community Briefs

Free HIV testing

National Women and Girls HIV/AIDS Awareness Day (March 10) hopes to raise awareness of the increasing impact of HIV/AIDS on women and girls in the USA.

In observance of NWGHAAD 2013, Hendry and Glades County Health Departments will offer free HIV testing for anyone on

Friday, March 8, from 8:30 a.m.-noon and 1-4:30 p.m. at 1140 Pratt Blvd (LaBelle), 1100 Olympia (Clewiston), and 1021 Health Park Dr (Moore Haven). Share knowledge! Take action!

Quit smoking now!

Registration is Required to join. Hendry Regional Convenient Care Center, 450 South Main Street, LaBelle, FL 33935

Wednesdays - Six Sessions March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17, 5:30 p.m.

Hendry Regional Medical Center, 524 West Sagamore Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440, Thursdays - Six Sessions March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 11, 18, 5:30 p.m. FREE Nicotine Replacement Therapy

(Gum, Patches & Lozenges) for those eligible. To register or for more information call 877-819-2357.

New transportation

Bus to Social Security in Fort Myers leaves from United Way House at 8:30 a.m. the first Tuesday of every month by appointment \$5/person. No children because seating is limited. Must have correct change. Appointments made by calling United Way 211 at

1-800-887-9234 x9 or 211 x9.

Generously sponsored by: Iglesia Cristiana Restauracion of LaBelle, Pastor Sherry Hanes is a volunteer bus driver.

Book signing tonight

Local author Patty Brant is having a book signing event tonight (Thursday, March 7, for her book Bitter Secrets at Miss Patty's consignment Mall, 330 N. Bridge St. 5-6:30 p.m.

Spaghetti and scholarships

The LaBelle Community Woman's Club will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner Scholarship Fundraiser on March 17, 2013 from 1-4 p.m. at the Woman's Club Clubhouse located at 382 Hickpoochee Avenue. The dinner includes spaghetti, salad, garlic bread and a beverage. Dessert will also be available a la carte. The cost for the dinner is \$7 and all monies collected will go directly towards the scholarships that are awarded to our local high school seniors to help with the cost of college.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
PRETRIAL SUBCOMMITTEE
HENDRY COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL
Notice is hereby given that the Pretrial Subcommittee of the Hendry County Public Safety Coordinating Council will hold a meeting on Wednesday, March 13, 2013, at 10:00 A.M. in Conference Room #1, 1st Floor, 640 S. Main St., LaBelle, Florida 33935.

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Community Briefs

Call for artists

The Arts of the Inland invites visual artists to submit up to two framed/gallery wrapped pieces of art for the First Annual INSPIRATIONS Art Show, April 14, at the Crown Room, Majestic Golf Course, 350 Homestead Rd.S., Lehigh Acres, FL. For complete prospectus and application, please visit our website: www.artsoftheinland.com. This is a judged show. Art mediums accepted: watercolor, mixed media, pen & ink, oil, acrylic, pastels and charcoals. All work must be original and have been completed within the last two years. Arts of the Inland members and Art Council of Southwest Florida members fee is \$10 per art work; non-members fee is \$20 per art work. Applications must be received by April 5, 2013. For further information contact: LaVon Koenig 239-303-5849 or artsinland@gmail.com.

Humane society

The Caloosa Humane Society is holding a giant yard sale on Sat., March 9th, 8:00 am - 1:00 pm. We have many new items, come shop and support our homeless pets at the shelter!

We also need donations of salable items for our yard sales. All proceeds go directly to benefit the animals at the shelter. Park Avenue behind the LaBelle Auction Co., 390 North Bridge St.

For more information call 675-0997. The animals thank you for your continued support.

Conservatives plan first meeting

Hendry County, east and west, has a new club, Southwest Florida Conservative Alliance.

The first official meeting will be Tuesday March 19, 6 p.m. at Forrey's Restaurant meeting room. CFRW will be meeting in conjunction with the SWFCA. The business meeting will be members only to elect SWFCA officers. There will be membership applications available; individual annual membership is \$20. couples annual membership is \$35.

Keynote speakers will be Duncan MacDonald and Fred Ford: Duncan is Director, Corporate Strategy and Business Development for United States Sugar Corporation; Fred Ford is the President and CEO of Airglades International Airport (AIA).

This organization requires membership to attend meetings. Please e-mail Marianne, organizer of SWFCA, at ladymarianne@comcast.net if you want a membership application e-mailed to you. Conservative Men and Women are welcome members!!

MCA activities for March

The Muse Community Association events for March include:

March 9: Country Jam Session and Pot Luck Dinner will begin at 6-9 p.m.

March 21: Regular monthly meeting will start at 7 p.m. This meeting will discuss changes to the by-laws. Meetings open to anyone who would like to come. Refreshments will be served.

March 23: Country Jam Session and Pot Luck Dinner will begin at 6-9 p.m.

All events are open to the public.

All of the events 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.

Baked ham at the VFW

The community is invited to VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 10100 for its baked ham and baked potato with all the fixin's dinner Friday March 8, beginning at 5 p.m. The \$7 price includes dessert. Enjoy a smoke free dining room, located on S. Hwy. 29, by the Rodeo Grounds. Get there early before we run out. For further information call 863-675-8008. All proceeds will go to the Ladies Veteran Relief Fund. The Ladies Auxiliary meet the second Wednesday of each month at 7 p.m.

AA meetings

Help with problem drinking is available through AA at the following times and locations: Sunday 7 p.m. Church of the Good Shepherd, Collingwood Ave. in Port LaBelle; Tuesday 8 p.m. First Christian Church, Ford St., LaBelle; Wednesday noon Good Shepherd; Thursday 8 p.m. First Christian; Friday 7 p.m. Good Shepherd; Saturday 9 a.m. Good Shepherd. In Clewiston the meetings are held Monday and Wednesday 7 p.m. at St. Martin's Episcopal Church. WC Owens Ave. For those affected by someone else's drinking, AlAnon is in LaBelle Thursday at 8 p.m. First Christian Church. Further information available by calling AA intergroup at 239-275-5111.

DAV flea market

The Disabled American Veterans Flea Market is open every Saturday from 6 a.m.-3 p.m. at the corner of Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. and SR 80. For information or to set up a booth call 239-728-5332.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.

Writers to meet

The second Thursday, March 14, everyone interested in writing, meet at Barron Library from noon till 1 p.m. Take a lunch break and join us. We are looking for stories from the earlier days in LaBelle, too.

Trail ride

Enjoy a benefit Trail Ride, Saturday, March 30. Registration at 9 a.m. Entry fee \$25. Ride is approximately 2 1/2 to 3 hours. Food, drinks, raffle, 50/50 and music by James Kulich. Also the Crazy Hats contest! Dress your horse in a hat - prizes for 1st-2nd-3rd place. Easy access parking. Location: 1405 Jacks Branch Road off Kirby Thompson Road. Current negative Coggins required. Riders under 16 must wear a helmet. Questions? Contact Ellen: KaleidoscopeEllen@yahoo.com or call 863-612-0996. All of the proceeds will benefit the homeless pets at Caloosa Humane Society.

Cow found

The Hendry County Sheriff's Office Ag Unit recovered a cow from running loose on the road in Pioneer Plantation. If you have lost a COW, please contact the Ag Unit at 863-805-5000 or 863-674-5600.

OCA plans dinner

The Ortona Community Association will hold its final spaghetti buffet dinner of the

winter season on Saturday, March 16, from 5-7 p.m. at the OCA Hall, on Ortona Road (Highway 78A). This popular all-you-can-eat buffet features delicious pasta and meat sauce, and includes garlic bread, tossed salad, green beans, dessert, coffee and iced tea for \$7.00 (advance purchase) or \$8.00 at the door.

For advance tickets or reservations, contact Fran Way at 863-675-7880 or email franway@aol.com.

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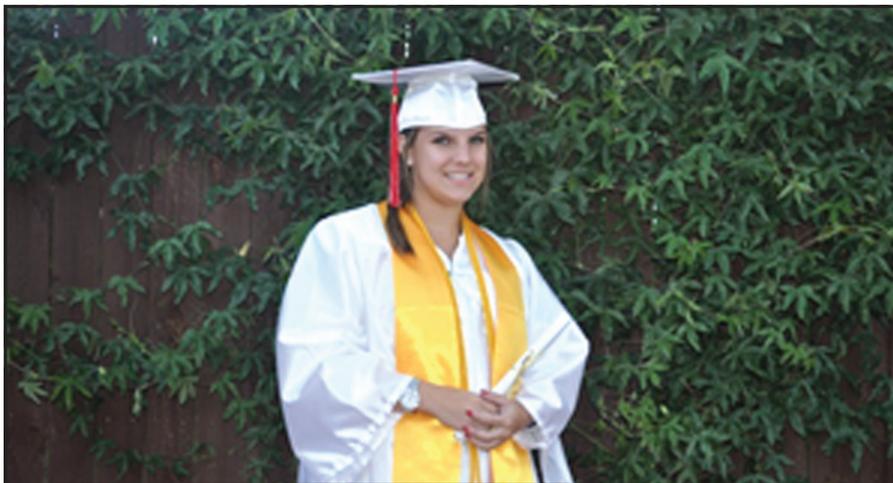




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New Human Trafficking Team in United Way House

Participating in the Hendry Glades Coalition for Human Trafficking from left to right are: Detective Kristy Herrera, Hendry County Sheriff's Office, Allison Martins, Program Coordinator of the Human Trafficking Awareness Partnerships, Inc., Yaroslaba Garcia, Licensed Mental Health Counselor with Abuse Counseling and Treatment's (ACT) Shelter and Supportive Services, Nancy Acevedo, Non-Residential Counselor with ACT and co-chair of the Coalition, Arlene Betencourt, United Way 211 and LaBelle United Way House Manager, and Maricela Morado, Maternity Advisor and Community Liaison with Healthy Start and co-chair of the Coalition. Nancy Acevedo with ACT, pictured above, is now seeing clients right here in your community on Mondays 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at the LaBelle United Way House. If you know of someone under 18 who is prostituting themselves or someone working under duress, please let them know there is help for them. Nancy will be seeing clients for domestic violence, sexual assault and assisting with appropriate referrals for them. ACT will be scheduling training in this community in the near future. The next meeting of the Coalition is Thursday May 16, 10am at the LaBelle Department of Health. Anyone interested is welcome.



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First female Hendry County student appointed to USMA at West Point

Some of you may remember Morgan Pepitone, who was selected to the Summer Leaders Seminar at West Point, in a story printed last year. Morgan, the daughter of Mike and Jennifer Pepitone, has been on the fast track ever since. Morgan will be graduating LaBelle High School this spring; however she has already graduated Edison State College with her AA degree this past December. Morgan is currently working towards her Bachelor's Degree at Edison State and currently the President of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at the Edison State College Hendry/Glades Center. Since visiting West Point last summer Morgan has been pursuing admittance to the United States Military Academy at West Point, which is definitely not an easy task. On February 25 Morgan received a letter of Appointment to this prestigious academy and has since accepted the appointment and is scheduled to report the summer of 2013. A special thanks to all those who have supported Morgan through this rigorous process and hopes to maintain their support throughout her endeavors at USMA at West Point and later in the U.S. Army.



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