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## LaBelle man involved in fatal crash

A 26-year-old LaBelle man has been charged with DUI Manslaughter in a January 27 crash that took the life of an 81-year-old Naples man. The mishap occurred at 8:55 a.m. on Immokalee Drive at N. 9th Street in Immokalee.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol, Victor Felix Moreno, 26, of LaBelle was driving a 2004 Ford Explorer and was traveling east on Immokalee Drive approaching the intersection with N. 9th Street.

At the same time Joel M. Feinson, 81, of Naples was traveling north on N. 9th Street driving a 2008 Lexus, approaching the same intersection. FHP states that Moreno ran the stop sign as the Feinson vehicle proceeded through the intersection. The Moreno vehicle struck the Feinson vehicle's left side, causing the Moreno vehicle

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## Stevens 'guilty'; penalty phase begins

by **Patty Brant**  
Caloosa Belle

A jury returned a guilty verdict on all three counts - first degree murder, arson and battery with a deadly weapon - January 24 in the state's case against Vernon Stevens. He had pled not guilty.

The 12-member jury found that Stevens was culpable in the 2007 death of 60-year-old Epitacio Antonio Hernandez-Beltran. Stevens did not take the stand in his own defense.

In 2008 Stevens' partner, Raymond Alberto Diaz, pled No Con-

test to second degree murder, first degree arson - dwelling and robbery with a deadly weapon. He was adjudicated guilty on all counts. He was sentenced to natural life for the murder and robbery charges, and 30 years for the arson. Sentences are to run concurrently.

The murder occurred on the night of October 16-17, 2007. The victim was beaten, kicked, hog tied and eventually strangled in his mobile home in Montura. His mobile home was then set afire. However, the fire was doused by the Montura Fire Department, leaving

the corpse and vital evidence intact. The body was discovered by firefighters, who had been called by a neighbor who noticed smoke coming from the home early on October 17, 2007.

The trial was held in Twentieth Circuit Court Judge Christine Greider's courtroom in LaBelle and argued by defense attorneys Terrence Lenamon and Kevin Shirley. Assistant State Attorney Dan Feinberg and Denise Kaiser handled the prosecution. Proceedings began January 2.

After being charged with the deliberation of the case in the mid-

afternoon of January 23, the jury returned its guilty verdict the next afternoon.

During the trial jurors intently watched a videotaped interrogation of Stevens made about a week and a half after the murder. Later, after retiring to deliberate, they would ask to review the interrogation tape again, along with its transcription.

In that videotape, Stevens had said the murder was not his fault - he did not commit the murder,

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## BOCC items from Rodina to lobbyists

by **Patty Brant**  
Caloosa Belle

At their January 22 commission meeting, commissioners discussed amendments to the Rodina Sector Plan for a planned community south of LaBelle to ensure that it includes sites for public schools and private schools as well as is compliant with road Level of Service requirements.

Commissioners Darrell Harris also asked if there will be sites for public safety - fire department, EMS, sheriff's department. The answer from Assistant Planner Sarah Catala was yes, those sites have been identified.

The motion to approve the revised comprehensive plan policies passed unanimously.

### Four Corners

Lee County authorities of the 298 district at the

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### Critter Crazy

Dog owners and their pets welcomed the opening of the new LaBelle Dog Park on January 21. Here, Martha Andrews helps four-year-old Papillon get the idea at the new agility station. See story on Page 2.

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# Dog day doin's at the new LaBelle Dog Park

by **Patty Brant**  
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Dogs love to run and play, investigate and "talk" to others just like humans do.

Unfortunately, humans and dogs sharing recreational areas doesn't always work out so well. So now, dogs in the LaBelle area have a park all of their own.

On January 21, Parks and Recreation, along with the LaBelle Woman's Club, celebrated the opening of the LaBelle Dog Park, located at the old BMX track, across from the Caloosa Humane Society.

Dogs and their owners waited a long time for that day to come, but those years have

paid off. The park has lots of open space for dogs large and small to just be dogs. Areas for large and small dogs are separated by a fence, helping ensure that everybody will play nice.

There are also two holding pens where owners can safely leave their dogs while they take a quick break to answer nature's call themselves.

Of course, owners are expected to pick up any little packages their pet leaves, so the area will stay nice for everyone.

There are water spigots so the doggies can get a cool drink. Just bring your own bowl. It will take another \$1,000 or so to provide a little more elaborate watering device if

people want them.

There's even an agility area set up where the dogs can really get a workout.

The park should be open daily and there are lights available if there is enough interest in using the park after dark several nights a week.

There's also a special covered area for doggie owners to relax while their four-

legged friend enjoys his or her freedom.

The Dog Park is the result of about six years of work and dedication by the LaBelle Woman's Club through Pet Fest events.

Animal Control oversees the park, so make sure your pet's immunizations are up to date. Animal Control personnel will be by periodically checking, for the welfare of all the animals.

## Verdict

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but, he said, "I didn't stop it."

The state presented its case this way:

On the night of October 16-17, 2007, Vernon Stevens and Raymond Diaz went to Mr. Beltran's 236 Avenida Del Sur residence in Montura to rob him for money to buy drugs and to steal his car.

Mr. Diaz, who suffered from some dementia, was alone that night because his wife was hospitalized.

According to the state's case, Stevens and Diaz went to the Beltran home three times that night. The first time Diaz went to the door while Stevens waited "in the shadows." The second time they were there was when the murder occurred. The third was to set the home ablaze.

Stevens was the first to hit the victim, using a blue mag light, then began kicking him. The state showed evidence that the victim was hog tied with electrical wire around both ankles and wrists, attached to a white wire around his neck.

Stevens said they originally went to the Beltran residence to rob him. They wanted money for drugs and also planned to take the victim's car, which had a dead battery at the time.

In the interrogation videotape Stevens blamed Diaz for the transition to murder and claimed to try to talk Diaz out of it. Stevens said that failed so he grabbed the wire that was attached to the victim's neck from Diaz and pulled as hard as he could. He was trying to kill him quickly and stop his suffering, he said.

Stevens pulled so hard he broke the wire, which was retied to finish the murder.

According to the videotape, at one point Stevens told Diaz to stop choking Mr. Beltran and let him "pray to his God."

The state argued that, after the murder

the men took a jewelry box with costume jewelry, two gold necklaces, a purse containing coins and numerous cigarettes. They never got the car running. Three pairs of shoes were presented as evidence. One of them, a pair of brown Puma sneakers, was linked to the actual killing of Mr. Beltran by the tread pattern which matched markings on the victim's head.

The state said Stevens knew the victim; knew that he had dementia and would not recognize him afterward. Therefore, Mr. Beltran did not have to die to preserve his attackers' identity.

Mr. Feinberg told the jury about Stevens, "He was in this all the way."

Defense attorneys Terrence Lenamon and Kevin Shirley tried to create doubt in the juror's minds that Stevens actually killed Mr. Beltran, arguing that Diaz was the actual killer.

Defense attorney Kevin Shirley's final argument asked the jury to keep an open mind, adding that only 12 opinions mattered - theirs. He told the jury the state had little or flimsy evidence and lacked substantial forensics like fingerprints and DNA.

In his rebuttal Mr. Feinberg noted that Stevens and Diaz made three trips to the Beltran residence that night. At any time, he said, Stevens could have changed the course of the evening, but went through with the murder anyway. Before sending the jury to deliberate, Judge Greider explained to the jury that Stevens had the right not to testify and that they should not read anything into that fact.

She told them that the law does not require the defendant to prove anything and explained to the jury all the lesser offenses included in the overall charges and that their verdict had to be unanimous.



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant

**It was ribbon cutting day at the LaBelle Dog Park January 21. Pictured from left: Carol Kraft of the LaBelle Woman's Club, Commissioner Darrell Harris, Sharyn Schlitter of the LaBelle Woman's Club, Recreation Director Ramiro Rodriguez, Diane Fidanza of the LaBelle Woman's Club and Animal Control Supervisor Doug Morgan.**

## BOCC

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Lee County line has asked Hendry County to accept its extra discharge at the Four Corners in emergencies. The board determined that it would be all right if the County Line Ditch can handle the extra flow without flooding landowners. In exchange Hendry County would gain access to road easements along the west side of the ditch for maintenance.

Public Works Director Shane Parker said he is still negotiating and the plan may not work at all. He will bring back the plan later with more information.

## Al Don Farming Road

The board discussed Al Don Farming Road waste collection problems. Without easements residents pile trash up at the corner of SR 80, creating a regular eyesore and WSI can't get a truck down the road, nor can emergency vehicles negotiate the road. Commissioners decided to use money from the Mid County MSBU, of which that area is a part, to keep up the road maintenance. The work is to be done by county road and bridge workers.

## Lobbyists

The county will look into how effective its Washington, D.C. lobbyist is. Board Chairman Karson Turner wanted to know, "Are we burning money?" The board agreed that Tallahassee lobbyist Joe Spratt is "tapped in" at the state level and a great asset.

Commissioner Turner also suggested that it would be beneficial for board members to go to Washington periodically to touch base with legislators and make Hendry County a known presence.

## Fatality

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to travel northeasterly onto the north shoulder of Immokalee Drive. The front of the Explorer knocked over a "No Parking" sign and post, then continued on and struck a standing tree.

The Feinson vehicle came to a final rest straddling both lanes of Immokalee Drive. Moreno sustained minor injuries and was transported to Naples Community Campus North Campus. Both men were wearing seat belts at the time of the crash. Cpl. J.E. Gissendaner is the homicide investigator.

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## Four Chaplains Service commemorates bravery, faith

Every year, American Legion posts nationwide remember Four Chaplains Day with memorial services. Saturday, February 2, The LaBelle American Legion Post 130 will host the Four Chaplains Service at 1:30 p.m. at Post 130 located on SR80 West, across from the Shell Station. Refreshments will be served. Please join us in supporting our Veterans ~ Everyone is Welcome - It's open to the public.

On Feb. 3, 1943, the United States Army Transport *Dorchester* – a converted luxury liner – was crossing the North Atlantic, transporting more than 900 troops to an American base in Greenland. Aboard the ship were four chaplains of different faiths: Reverend George Fox (Methodist), Jewish Rabbi Alexander Goode, Reverend Clark Poling (Dutch Reformed) and Father John Washington (Roman Catholic).

Around 12:55 a.m., a German U-boat fired a torpedo that struck *Dorchester's* starboard side, below the water line and

near the engine room. The explosion instantly killed 100 men and knocked out power and radio communication with *Dorchester's* three escort ships. Within 20 minutes, the transport sank and more than 670 men died. Survivor, John Ladd, watched the chaplains' distribute life jackets, and when they ran out, they removed theirs and gave them to four young men. "It was the finest thing I have seen, or hope to see, this side of heaven," he recalled. As the *Dorchester* sank, the chaplains were seen linked arm in arm, praying.

The four chaplains were posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and the Purple Heart. In 1948, Congress declared February 3 to be Four Chaplains Day.

Learn more about the four chaplains by visiting The Immortal Chaplains Foundation ([www.immortalchaplains.org](http://www.immortalchaplains.org)) and The Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation ([www.fourchaplains.org](http://www.fourchaplains.org)).

## Roads closed

### Birchwood Parkway

Work is under way to expand five miles of SR 80 to four lanes from Birchwood Parkway to Dalton Lane. On Monday, January 28, 2013 through Wednesday, February 6, 2013, Birchwood Parkway will be closed on the south side of SR 80 while crews reconstruct the Birchwood Parkway intersection. This work is expected to take ten days. Motorists may use Collingswood Parkway and Cedarwood Parkway to access SR 80.

Birchwood Parkway on the north side of SR 80 is open to traffic.

### Kirkpatrick Road

Hendry County Road & Bridge reports that Atlas Railroad Construction Company will be constructing a new railroad crossing on Flaghole Road approximately one mile north of Kilpatrick Road. They will be closing approximately 140 feet of Flaghole Road to traffic on Saturday, February 9, at 6 a.m. and reopening the road Sunday, February 10, at 6 p.m. Those south of the RR crossing are advised to follow the detour around to CR 833. Thank you for your patience and please drive carefully.

## Arrest Reports

### LaBelle

Roberto Miguel Zavala, 17, was arrested January 23 and charged with simple assault intent/threat to do violence, criminal mischief under \$200 and burglary of an occupied dwelling unarmed. R. Shepherd was arresting officer.

Alex Rodriguez, 15, was arrested January 23 and charged with simple assault intent/threat to do violence, criminal mischief under \$200 and burglary of an occupied dwelling unarmed. R. Shepherd was arresting officer.

Bryan Scott Boyle, 36, was arrested January 28 and charged with a moving traffic violation driving with a suspended license third or subsequent offense. N. Kirk was arresting officer.

Melissa Elaine Howard, 29, was arrested January 28 and charged with possession of harmful new legend drugs without a prescription, possession of a controlled substance without a prescription, possession of marijuana under 20 grams and possession/use of drug equipment. N. Kirk was arresting officer.

Joseph Andrew Munson, 24, was arrested

January 14 and charged with a nonmoving traffic violation driving with a suspended license third or subsequent. C. McVey was arresting officer.

Kimberly Faith Casten, 36, was arrested January 13 and charged with a moving traffic violation driving with a suspended license third or subsequent. R. Maldonado was arresting officer.

Kimberly Jane Lundquist, 36, was arrested January 10 and charged with production of methamphetamines, possession of methamphetamines, possession/use of drug equipment, possession, manufacture, delivery of drugs and possession of listed chemicals for manufacture of controlled substance.

Cathy Jean Kist, 42, was arrested January 11 and charged with contempt of injunction to violate no contest order. R. Maldonado was arresting officer.

Robert Michael Thielen, 30, was arrested January 14 and charged with fraud - uttering a false bank note, bill, check or draft and counterfeiting of a public record, certificate, etc. D. White was arresting officer.



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## Rotary speaker

Brenda Hoots, the newly elected Supervisor of Elections for Hendry County, presented information about her new role in the office she took over just couple of weeks ago. She talked about her office responsibilities as well as plans for improving voter turnouts.

## New staff members welcome at Barbara Willard CPA

Barbara N. Willard, P.A., Certified Public Accountant, announces the addition of three new professionals to the practice.

Trish White from Clewiston is an Office Administrator/Bookkeeper and has over nine years experience while working on the East Coast.

Liz Nunez, who has just relocated from Miami, is a degreed accountant working toward her master's degree in taxation and

plans to pursue her CPA certificate. She is bilingual and has extensive bookkeeping and tax experience.

Tom Hunt has joined the firm to assist with business and corporate taxes. He operated a successful CPA practice in Indiana prior to relocating in Southwest Florida. The firm is happy to welcome these new people to their office and to the community.

## ANNOUNCING INSTITUTE FOR Orthopaedic Surgery & Sports Medicine

We have opened a new location in LaBelle to better serve the LaBelle and Hendry county area. We are a comprehensive Orthopedic and Podiatry office that treats orthopedic needs of the hips, knees, shoulders, ankles and all the joints in between. We treat fractures, osteoarthritis, osteoporosis, carpal tunnel, sports medicine injuries, work related injuries, wound care of the foot and ankle, diabetic foot care, and any other general orthopedic and podiatric health problems.

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## Career Corner

### Researching a Company

by Matt Kindermann

Many good and very qualified candidates never make it past the interview stage for usually one of three reasons: their personality does not fit into the culture of the business; their resume was smoke and mirrors compared to their actual experience; or, they failed to prepare for the interview and blubbered their way through the questions as if it was the Spanish Inquisition.



**Matt Kindermann**

This week we will focus on where to go to get some background information on an employer so that you will have something to talk about during an interview besides how clean the restrooms are. By the way, ensure your bladder is empty before an interview; asking directions to the bathroom is bad form and gives the impression that you will spend a lot of unproductive time there.

First, and perhaps the best way to investigate an employer, is to ask someone who already works there. If you know someone, or work close to where they work, or eat lunch where they do, talk to them. Without looking like a stalker, introduce yourself by

name and state that you really admire their company and would love to have an opportunity to help grow their business. Do not linger with 20 questions, especially if your target is trying to eat lunch, but perhaps exchange LinkedIn connections and ask if they would mind mentoring you for other opportunities or reviewing your resume.

Next, get on-line and conduct a search using their business name. If using Google, click on "News," then enter the company and hit search. This will give you any current events if any. Otherwise, visit their website and familiarize yourself with their mission statement, product line, services, partners and senior management biographies. Search the internet again using the names of the managers, and try to figure out who their competitors are. Remember all these names, write them down and make notes!

Finally, look up the company finances using Yahoo Finance, or the Securities and Exchange Commission at [www.sec.gov/edgar](http://www.sec.gov/edgar). Follow any links provided; dig as far as you can. This step is critical because you would not want to leave a decent job to start working on a ship that's sinking. Once you have all this information, do not be afraid to use it during the interview. Let the employer know that you are able to research and pull information, and that you are excited and feel positive about the company!

## LaBelle: It's about neighbors

### Still a Great Place to Live

After the events of this past weekend, my faith in our community of being a great place to raise our children was renewed.

We are constantly bombarded by the news of bad decisions and horrible acts but LaBelle showed what a small band of our youth and God can accomplish.

The tragic passing of Ryan Hellard was the incident that triggered these forces into action; I would not try to list the names of the people involved because I may leave someone out.

This group, led by a young lady, took it upon themselves to honor their friend by raising money for him.

I am not a person who believes that God takes away people, or that we live by fate but that we make decisions and based on those decisions events take place. I do believe however, that given any situation if we "let go and let God" he is always in control and can take a bad thing and produce a blessing.

The first blessing was the work and fortitude of these young people. It was an amazing sight watching them wash cars and put together a Bar-B-Q on Ryan's behalf. They were tireless and dedicated to the task and showed our community the love they have for one another.

The second blessing was the outpouring from the community to the cause of these young people. I have always believed that LaBelle is a loving, caring, and there in time of need place to live.

This was proven once again with the generous gifts from you. These young people were amazed by donations from our local merchants and people in not only items needed but in money.

I was honored watching people patiently wait in line for their car to be washed or the food to be served. It showed that even though at times things were not organized perfectly you, the community, were there to help Ryan not to have a service done or a meal served. I love this town for that.

The last blessing is watching how our Lord works in these situations. It was amazing seeing people continually show up for the car wash, buy snow cones and purchase meals.

Where God really showed how he was in control was a small quiet event that happened late Sunday while these young people were reflecting on the events of the previous two days.

It helped let these young people know they were not alone and that the Lord knew their pain but everything was in his hands. Someone looked up and saw a cloud floating by that was in the form of a heart. To these young crusaders it gave comfort and belief that God is watching over us.

Once again I want to THANK YOU LaBelle for helping raise our children by showing this kind of love and support for one another.

Proud Citizen and Parent of LaBelle  
**Jeff Burton**

### Hometown LaBelle

I went to a funeral today. It was for a 17 year old boy who would be graduating this

year. I remembered the road to the cemetery because I had traveled weeks prior to say good-bye to a 27 years old school mate. And I will be attending another memorial soon for one of the prettiest girls I knew, a wife and mother of 3, who had only been 30 for a few months.

It's obvious; over the past few months our town has been through what seems to be an unprecedented amount of heartbreak.

Yet, through all the heartbreak this has been a time where our little town of LaBelle has really shined.

We've seen friends comforting friends and strangers giving to strangers. I believe most of us have loved a little more and we were a little less angry about our own situations. I know for a fact that many residents have felt blessed just to see the outpouring of compassion toward those that are hurting.

Our town has come together through the hardest times and while it is a sad time I have never been so proud to be a resident of LaBelle, FL.

To drive up to Winn-Dixie and see all of those LaBelle High School students washing cars to help the Hellard family with expenses was impressive. I'm sure their parents, teachers, and administrators are proud of a group of students so willing to give. Months ago a woman who went to school here but didn't live here was in an accident and lost a child.

Her friends from school that are still here had a BBQ benefit to raise money. It's amazing, but not surprising, that LaBelle cares so much that it gives to those we knew for only a period of our lives.

It isn't about the money either. It's about a people who come together in times of need, a people eager to help and do their part. You can say what you will about LaBelle, but you can't say we don't care.

We love each other and we care about each other. And while that isn't always apparent, it is the truth. And it has shown over these past few months.

Live and love, LaBelle. It's what you do best. May our friends never be forgotten, even apart from us they continue to bring out the best in people.

**Bianca Burke-Ross**

## Community Brief

### LHS reunion planned

The LHS School reunion will be March 2 at the Dallas Townsend Ag Building on Pratt Blvd. It will be \$10 per person for everyone that attended LHS any time up through the '50s.

Send the money to Freida Bullington in advance if you can. Call 863-675-1070 or 863-673-3482 and let her know how many will in attendance.

Bring a covered dish and join the fun. They will eat at 5 p.m. so come as early as you like to visit. There will be an afghan toraffle and yearbooks and pictures to look through and enjoy.

Ms. Bullington's address is: 478 Maple Dr. W. LaBelle, FL 33935. Call for any other information. Hope to see you there!

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# Liberty Tax Service open in LaBelle Church Briefs

Liberty Tax Service, the fastest growing tax service ever is opening a new office in LaBelle. The new Liberty Tax is located at 415 SR 80 (W. Hickopchee). This is the only compnay offering advanced refund loans and also has special on the spot incentives for filing through February 15.

"We are excited to be expanding Liberty's operations in LaBelle," said John Hewitt, CEO and founder of Liberty Tax Service. "We pledge quality computerized tax preparation and superb customer service to the people of LaBelle."

About Liberty Tax Service  
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## Democrats choose district chairman

Democrats from the 20th Congressional District chose Ramon Rodriguez chairman and Sofia Rodriguez vice chairman at the election meeting of the Florida Democratic Party in Lake Mary on January 26.

Mr and Mrs Rodriguez from Hendry County's precinct 3 were elected state committee members for Hendry County at a local election on December 20 and also serve on the 25th Congressional District Democratic Committee because Hendry County is in both congressional districts.

Ramon Rodriguez said they will work closely with Allison Tant, chair of the Florida Democratic Party, and with Hendry County voters to promote the election of Democratic candidates at all levels in 2014 and 2016.

## Los Democratas del XX Distrito eligieron Ramon y Sofia Rodriguez

Los demócratas del XX distrito del Con-

greso eligieron Presidente Ramon Rodriguez y Sofia Rodriguez vice presidente en la sesión de elección del Partido Demócrata de Florida en Lake Mary el 26 de enero. Sr. y Sra. Rodriguez de distrito del Condado de Hendry 3 fueron elegidos a los miembros del Comité de estado para el Condado de Hendry en una elección local el 20 de diciembre y también servir en el Comité Demócrata de distrito congresional XXV porque el Condado de Hendry esta en ambos distritos del Congreso. Ramon Rodriguez dijo que trabajará estrechamente con Allison Tant, Presidente del Partido Demócrata de Florida y con los votantes del Condado de Hendry que promover la elección de los candidatos demócratas en todos los niveles en 2014 y 2016. Sofia Rodriguez dijo que ellos esperan trabajar también con el pueblo latino para crecer la participación de demócratas en el condado de Hendry y los distritos congresional.

## Obituaries

### Elaine Clara (Anderson) Kane, 81

LABELLE — Elaine Clara (Anderson) Kane, formerly of Mitchell, S.D., died Saturday, Jan. 19, 2013 at her home in LaBelle.

She was born on May 22, 1931 at Stolar to Leonard and Edna (Bibler) Anderson. She attended Thompson School thru the 8th grade and graduated from Letcher High school in 1949. She attended Rock Valley College.



On Aug. 17, 1949 she married Lowell Kane at Artesian. They began their lives in Letcher, and Mitchell and moving to Rockford, Ill. in 1955. They raised their five children in Rockford. She worked ten years at Riverside Nursing Home. Lowell and Elaine traveled and spent summers in Savanna, Ill. before retiring in LaBelle Fla.

She was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Peggy; her parents; and one brother, Archie Anderson.

She is survived by her husband, Lowell of 62 years; three daughters, Sandra Reed, of New York, N.Y.; Susan Kane, LaBelle, Pamela (Brian) Fleming) Machensey, Ill.; two sons, Tom (Penny) Kane, Byron, Ill., Tim (Rachel) Kane, Machensey, Ill.; 16 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; three sisters, Corrine (Lavern) Larson, Mitchell, Eldean Stekel, Mitchell, Thelma Tastad; three sisters-in-law, Kathleen Anderson, Connie (Dick) Lidman, Karen (Gary) Krantz; and one brother-in-law, Mike (Donna) Kane.

Funeral services were held 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 30, 2013 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church in Mitchell. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery. Visitation was held from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the Bittner Funeral Chapel with a prayer service at 7 p.m.

## Christian Men to meet

The February meeting of the LaBelle Gathering of Christian Men will be held at Caloosa Baptist Church, 560 West Hickpoochee Ave, on Monday, February 18, at 7 p.m.

The March meeting will be hosted by First Christian Church of LaBelle at Pastor Bill Maddox's property off of G Road on Monday, March 18, at 7 p.m. Directions will be provided prior to the event.

## Come to Judgement House at First Baptist Church LaBelle,

February 1, 2 and 3 - Friday and Saturday 6-9 p.m. - Sunday 4-8 p.m.

Judgement House is a true-to-life drama, played out in a series of eight rooms that

## CPR Tools plans grand opening

The community is invited to the grand opening of CPR Tools Retail Store on Thursday, February 7, 5-6:30 p.m.

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tells the story of the lives of the Taylor family, an all American family, and their teenagers' friends. This year's drama "Where There's Smoke, There's Fire," is a story about a fire, who lives and who dies and where they spend eternity.

This is a very real drama that takes about an hour to walk through and may not be appropriate for everybody or children under 10 years of age. Call the First Baptist Church LaBelle at (863) 675-2171 for more information and reservations. A group of 15-20 will go in about every 15 minutes.

The First Baptist Church of LaBelle is located at 330 North Main St, LaBelle.

## School Briefs

### Perfect attendance rewarded

Horace Mann donated two ipod shuffles to LaBelle Middle School to be awarded for perfect attendance. A drawing was held and the winners are 8th grade student John Walker and Odalys Martinez-Villa. It really does pay to come to school every day and be on time.

Thanks to Horace Mann and congratulations to the winners. Hopefully another drawing will be held for the second half of the year. So, if you have perfect attendance and no tardies you can be in the running for the next give away.

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# Cowboys win first ever 2A District Soccer Championship!

On an unusually warm night in Clewiston, the LaBelle High School Boys Soccer team did something even more unusual; they defeated heavy favorite Bishop Verot 2-0 to win their first ever District Championship! The number two seeded Cowboys opened District play with a victory over seventh seeded Dunbar 4-0 on Tuesday (1-22). Then in two successive evenings the Cowboys were able

to pull off the improbable by first defeating the number three seed and defending champion Clewiston Tigers 3-1 (at home on Thursday 1-24) and then defeat the number one seed Bishop Verot Vikings 2-0 (on Friday 1-25). The Cowboys improved to 16-4-4 with the win and will host The Benjamin School Wednesday (1-30) at 7PM, in the first round of the State playoffs.



Submitted photo/Jerri Lynn Merritt

2013 LHS Cowboy District Champions!

## Sports Shorts

### LaBelle Little League shares important information

Little League drafts will be held January 31 and February 1. Your child should receive a phone call from his/her coach that week.

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 parents and business owners

Recently the Board Room of LaBelle Little League was broken into and we discovered today that all of our 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 be awesome as well. Please contact any of the LaBelle Little League Board Members for more information or to drop off donated bats. Michael Rothenhoefer Equipment Manager 863-234-1372 or e-mail labelittleleague@gmail.com.

### Ranch Rodeo coming up

Hendry County Cattlemen's Association presents the 4th Annual Ranch Rodeo at LaBelle Rodeo Grounds on SR 29 - February 22 and 23 7 p.m.; Youth Rodeo February 23 at 9 a.m. and Open 4-D Barrel Race February 24 at noon (\$500 added).

Watch real Florida cowboys and cowgirls in this competitive extravaganza to qualify for the Florida Cattlemen's Association state finals in Kissimmee. Benefits Hendry County 4-H. Adults \$5; young'ens under 10 free. For information contact Marlene 674-4092, Lindsey at 673-5971. For barrel race information contact Sonya at 239-289-7582.

### Swamp Stomp

Caloosa Humane Society's Swamp Stomp 5K Run/Walk to Benefit our Animals! Saturday, February 23, 2013 · 7:30 a.m. Register at [www.caloosahumanesociety.org](http://www.caloosahumanesociety.org) or [www.ftmyerstrackclub.com](http://www.ftmyerstrackclub.com) or pick up registration forms at CHS, Big Iron Barbell or Chamber of Commerce.

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The Cowboys overcame many obstacles over the course of the season to advance to its unlikely conclusion. After graduating eight seniors in 2012 (seven of them were starters) from a team that had both the most wins (14) and played in its first ever District Championship game, repeating would be difficult at best.

LaBelle started slowly (1-2-1), as several key players would not join the team until after the Cross Country and Football seasons ended. After several wins (and one tie), the Cowboys seemed to be on its way, once again. However, tragedy would momentarily sidetrack this team on its way to destiny. A former player and youth coach, Pedro Ramirez was taken from us unexpectedly in an early morning car accident near Ft. Myers. Pedro had run Cross Country and played Soccer under Coach Frost while he was at LaBelle High School. For the past two years, Pedro was also the Travel Team Coach for several JV and Varsity soccer players. As a team, the Cowboys attended his funeral on December 7.

The Cowboys participated in the Mariner Holiday Tournament on December 22. In the three game tournament, they defeated North Ft. Myers 6-0, Riverdale 4-2 (a come from behind victory, was losing 2-0) and then lost in the Championship game 1-0 to once beaten Mariner in a hard fought game.

LaBelle started the New Year with three

more wins and a tie before they were faced with the monumental task of facing a once beaten Immokalee team at home on their Senior night. The Indians defense had only given up seven goals all year (17- 1- 3) and if they scored, would be hard to beat. The Cowboys would battle to a 1-1 tie and appeared to reach a turning point in their season. "I had been looking for a statement game all season and this was it. Hopefully this will give us the confidence we need for Districts", said Head Coach Jef Frost.

But, before the Cowboys could start their playoff run, heartbreak would befall many of its players and School once again. Fellow student and LaBelle High School Senior Ryan Hellard, would lose his battle with injuries he sustained in a car accident on Friday January 18th. With heavy hearts many players dedicated their play to Ryan, as he was a huge sports fan of LaBelle High School athletics.

"All season long I kept wondering and hoping if or how these boys would come together as a team. We had no super stars on this team, no one player stand out, but when we needed it most, they have come together like no other team has before. I am glad I was able to be a part of this, I am proud to be their coach, they are my heroes", said Coach Frost.



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## Special seniors

In the final quarter of the LaBelle vs Clewiston Home Game and also on Senior Night LaBelle High School Senior Devante Ray stole the ball and took it home for the Cowboys!

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# Halftime hopes for Varsity Cowboy Basketball

by Sarah Lapp

On Wednesday, January 16, the Varsity Cowboy hoops squad fought a tough 57-65 loss against the number 9 ranked Bishop Verot Vikings. The Vikings had a home court advantage, along with unbeatable foul shot performance during the 4th quarter to secure the win.

The Class of 2013 racked up the scoreboards, beginning with Jason Arnold with 20 points. Andrew JeanBaptiste followed with 14 points. Major Williams banked 12 points. Ellis Johnson lent 8 assists and 5 steals.

Devante Ray and Arnold were the first to score in the game. Verot's defense swarmed our Cowboys, making the paint a difficult area to enter. The first quarter ended with

Verot leading 18-4. JeanBaptiste and Williams rallied together to nail countless jump shots in the second quarter. JeanBaptiste plowed through the offenders to make two lay-ups at the end of the first half, bringing the score to 36-16 Verot.

Halftime brought miracles to the court. Junior Mark Sloan told that "Coach Kelly gave us a pep talk. He said that we were doing well on the defensive end, but he expected us to come back after half time."

And come back they did. Arnold nailed three three pointers within the first 4 minutes of the third quarter. Senior Derek Bass scored 4 points. JeanBaptiste nailed both of his free throws. Williams scored another 2 points. Arnold made one more lay-up. Fresh-

men Grant Gillman was an absolute pest on defense. The Cowboys were now trailing 46-32 against Verot.

The fourth quarter was swamped with even more outstanding plays. Arnold made three more three pointers. Johnson sunk a three of his own. Bass was two for two at the line. Williams made another jump shot. The scoreboard shone 53-51 Verot. Williams was fouled upon taking his last jump shot and stepped up to the line. He made both of his free throws with ease, tying the score at 53-53.

Williams continued to dominate the scoreboard with 4 more points after his heroic, game tying free throws. With 32 seconds left in the game Verot was leading 59-57. The Vikings had numerous foul shot attempts, and they nailed every single one of them. The game wrapped up with a 65-57 win for the Vikings.

"In the first half of the game we weren't playing very well. But after halftime, it all just came together. I didn't even expect to score six three pointers, I just focused on the game and hoped for a win," Arnold said.



Submitted photo/Sarah Lapp Major Williams' free throws tied the Cowboys and Vikings but couldn't quite seal the deal January 16.



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The LaBelle Cowboy Basketball Team put on a great show against Bishop Verot January 16.

## Annual Pro Steadman 4-H Scholarship Fund Cake Auction

The male celebrity cake auction will take place on Wednesday, February 13, at the LaBelle Rodeo Grounds at 6 p.m. Please come out and give your support to raise money for the Pro Steadman 4-H Scholarship Fund. The scholarship will be awarded to two high school students from Clewiston or LaBelle in May in the amount of \$1,000 each. In order to apply, the senior must be a current 4-H member and have participated in either the Hendry County Fair or the LaBelle Youth Livestock Show.

The Pro Steadman 4-H Scholarship Fund was started as a community project in honor of Mrs. Pro Steadman. "Pro" was the mother of five 4-H'ers, a leader for ten years, and was very active in all sectors of the 4-H program. She believed in the 4-H organization and seeing it reach its full potential for bringing families together and keeping members interested in worthwhile projects. She was diagnosed with ALS (commonly known as Lou Gehrig's disease) in May of 1988. Throughout her struggle with the disease, she maintained her interest and

involvement in youth programs as much as she physically could. She died in December of 1992, but still lives on in the hearts of the many that she influenced.

For more information, please contact the 4-H Office at 863-674-4092 or 863-983-1598.



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## LHS book fair tonight

The Book Fair is coming! The Book Fair is coming! In celebration of Literacy Week at LaBelle High School, the Media Center is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair through February 1, 2013.

Many of this year's popular books will be on sale. Open a window to another world and discover the magic of reading. Students may purchase books before school, after school and during lunch.

Parents and friends are invited to attend our Community Night at LaBelle High School on Thursday January 31 from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. Additionally tonight, all LHS faculty members will be available for Parent Teacher Conferences. Be sure to plan time to speak with your student's teachers. Student success always increases with parent involvement.

Don't worry about cooking tonight either. The Academic Team will be selling

BBQ chicken dinners for \$8.00 per plate. Delicious chicken quarters, potato salad, coleslaw, and a roll will certainly satisfy your hunger this evening. Please buy your dinner ticket in advance so we know how many dinners to prepare. Tickets are available in our Media Center. Contact our Media Center Specialist Mrs. Megan Greenleaf at 674-4120 if you have any questions.

Make plans now to come to LaBelle High School, have dinner, talk with teachers, and find a good book the night of January 31. Oh, and don't forget our Coffee Bar in the cafeteria. It will be a perfect nightcap to a very "filling" evening.

LaBelle High School and its Literacy Council would like to invite you to attend Community Night on Thursday, January 31st, 2013. We have a jam-packed schedule of activities. Come out to the high school and check out all of our events!



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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
3147	2010	1214334-01000Q0410	Phyllis Morris

Lot 52, Block Q of HARLEM #3, as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 7, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Parcel Identification Number: 1-34-43-21-010-000Q-041.0  
Property Address: 1123 Florida Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440

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 **February, 2013**, which is the **21st day of February, 2013**.  
Dated this **9th day of January, 2012**.

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

434605 CN 1/17,24,31 & 2/7/2013

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
3504	2010	2024329-4600000070	Winder VI, LLC

LaBelle, MILLERS SUBDIVISION, Lot 11, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 88, of Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Parcel Identification Number: 2-29-43-02-460-0000-0007-0  
Property Address: XXXX Miller Avenue, LaBelle, FL 33935

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434618 CN 1/17,24,31 & 2/7/2013

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
3164	2010	1214334-010000U0061	Daisy Bell Williams

Lot 9, Block U, of HARLEM ADDITION NO. 3, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 7, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Parcel Identification Number: 1-34-43-21-010-000U-006.1  
Property Address: 1234 Della Tobias Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440

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 **February, 2013**, which is the **21st day of February, 2013**.  
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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
3112	2010	1214334-010000L0240	Daisy Bell Williams

Lot 33, Block L, of HARLEM ADDITION No. 1 to Clewiston, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 79, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Parcel Identification Number: 1-34-43-21-010-000L-024.0  
Property Address: 1005 Harlem Academy Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440

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 **February, 2013**, which is the **21st day of February, 2013**.  
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Hendry County, Florida

434581 CN 1/17,24,31 & 2/7/2013

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1625	2010	1144432-A0002380100	Avelino R. & Maria N. Leoncia c/o Rene F. Leoncio

The East one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 14, 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 Lot No. 2858 in Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.) Subject to existing Oil, Gas and Mineral reservations conditions, restrictions, zoning ordinances, enforceable easement of record and subject to taxes and assessment of Central County Drainage District.

Parcel Identification Number: 1-32-44-14-A00-0238-0100  
Property Address: 406 Bald Cypress Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440

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 **February, 2013**, which is the **21st day of February, 2013**.  
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434624 CN 1/17,24,31 & 2/7/2013

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2540	2009	1214334-010000K0020	Elbert Allen Jr

Lots 2,3 and 4 in Block K of HARLEM ADDITION TO CLEWISTON, Hendry County, Florida, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 79, of the current Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

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434608 CN 1/17,24,31 & 2/7/2013

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
3531	2010	2024329-670000B0300	Denton II, LLC

Lots 47 and 48, Block B, and the East one-half of New York Street abutting said lots, SUNSET PARK SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 1, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Parcel Identification Number: 2-29-43-02-670-000B-030.0  
Property Address: 822 W. Seminole Avenue, LaBelle, FL 33935

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 **February, 2013**, which is the **21st day of February, 2013**.  
Dated this **9th day of January, 2012**.

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434622 CN 1/17,24,31 & 2/7/2013

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3112	2010	1214334-010000L0240	Daisy Bell Williams

Lot 33, Block L, of HARLEM ADDITION No. 1 to Clewiston, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 79, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

Parcel Identification Number: 1-34-43-21-010-000L-024.0  
Property Address: 1005 Harlem Academy Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440

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1625	2010	1144432-A0002380100	Avelino R. & Maria N. Leoncia c/o Rene F. Leoncio

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Parcel Identification Number: 1-32-44-14-A00-0238-0100  
Property Address: 406 Bald Cypress Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440

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2540	2009	1214334-010000K0020	Elbert Allen Jr

Lots 2,3 and 4 in Block K of HARLEM ADDITION TO CLEWISTON, Hendry County, Florida, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 79, of the current Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1788	2008	1224432-01000660130	Gloria M. Azuria

Lot 13 in Block 66, of MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, FIRST SUBDIVISION, according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 3, at Pages 37, 38 and 39 of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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Barbara S. Butler  
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Hendry County, Florida

434452 CN 1/17,24,31 & 2/7/2013

**Public Notices**

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The following vehicles will be sold at public auction on **February 11, 2013 @ 10 a.m.** at Clewiston Towing, 600 E Sugarland Hwy, Clewiston, FL 33440

- 1994 Buick, VIN:1G4AG55M1R6441215**
- 1991 Honda, VIN:2HGDE534XMH525100**
- 1997 Honda, VIN:1HGDC560VA119275**
- 1994 Toyota, VIN:1NXAE09B2R2122757**

**\*\*\*We have the right to refuse any and all bids\*\*\***  
435454 CN 1/31/2013

**Public Notice**

**PUBLIC NOTICE AIRGLADES AIRPORT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

There will be an Airglades Airport Advisory Board Meeting held on **Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at 3 p.m.** The meeting will be held at the Airglades Airport, in the Conference Room, located at 3200 Airglades Blvd., Clewiston, FL 33440.

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.

Karson Turner, Chair  
Board of County Commissioners,  
Hendry County  
435595 CN/CB 1/31/2013

**Public Notice**

**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO REGISTER FICTITIOUS NAME**

The undersigned does hereby certify that Forrest Cogswell conducting a retail business at 2660 Ft. Denaud Rd., Ft. Denaud, Florida, under the fictitious name of "Q" Pellets and that said firm is composed of the following persons whose names and places of residence are as follows:

- Forrest Cogswell**  
2660 Ft. Denaud Rd.  
Ft. Denaud, FL 33935
- Owenship of "Q" Pellets is as follows:  
**Forrest Cogswell**  
**Sole Proprietorship**

It is my intentions to apply to the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations to register the said name of "Q" Pellets under the provisions of Chapter 90-267, laws of Florida, Acts of 1991.

Forrest Cogswell  
DATE: 1/24/13  
2660 Ft. Denaud Rd.  
Ft. Denaud, FL 33935  
435587 CB/CN 1/31/2013

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1599	2010	1144432-A0001690000	Jeanine Melleschi

The South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 14, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida, subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. (Also known as Lot 2757 in Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.) Subject to existing Oil, Gas and Mineral reservations conditions, restrictions, zoning ordinances, enforceable easement of record and subject to taxes and assessment of Central County Drainage District.

Parcel Identification Number: 1-32-44-14-A00-0169-0000  
Property Address: 660 N. Isora Street, Clewiston, FL 33440

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 **February, 2013**, which is the **21st day of February, 2013**.  
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Clerk of Circuit Court  
Hendry County, Florida

434616 CN 1/17,24,31 & 2/7/2013

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1110	2009	1344331-020000C0120	Mary Elizabeth Karten c/o Joseph Flannagan

The Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 34, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Tract 12, Block C, PIONEER PLANTATION, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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Hendry County, Florida

434580 CN 1/17,24,31 & 2/7/2013

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2531	2009	1214334-010000U0090	Daisy Hill Life Estate And Toshia R. Drummond

Lots 9 and 10, Block J, HARLEM ADDITION NO. 2 to Clewiston, Hendry County, Florida, according to the plat thereof as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 2, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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

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434582 CN 1/17,24,31 & 2/7/2013

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2912	2010	1314433-A0002650000	Pinot IV, LLC

Lot 5879, Section "J-1" The North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 31, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida, Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof.

Parcel Identification Number: 1-33-44-31-A00-0265.0000  
Property Address: 765 S. Willow Street, Clewiston, FL 33440

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 **February, 2013**, which is the **21st day of February, 2013**.  
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## Community Briefs

### Cancer benefit

Please join in the Melanoma cancer Benefit for Carol Agnew-Hoffman this Saturday, February 2, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Family Eye Care, 100 N. Main Street. The menu included pulled pork sandwich, baked beans, cole slaw and sweet tea for \$8. Desserts will be available for \$1 donation. Dine in available. All money raised will help the family with medical bills and expenses.

For additional details call 863-675-0761

### Arts & Music at Barron Park

Arts of the Inland is sponsoring the 2nd

Inland Arts & Music festival on February 2, at Barron Park, LaBelle, from 9 AM to 4 PM. Mayor Dave Lyons will open the entertainment at 9:30 followed by the Firehouse singers. Some of the other highlights are 11:15 Children's Poetry Reading by Firehouse community theatre, 1:20 p.m. Shock Sisters (music), 2:00 p.m. Play readings by Firehouse community theatre, and an Art Auction will be held at 3 p.m. Additional entertainment will fill out the day. Artists, crafters, photographers, and authors will display and sell their works. Food vendor "Authentic Maine Lobster Bake" and others will be on hand. Come one, come all, to a free day in the park. Vendor space is still available, contact LaVon Koenig (239) 303 5849 or email artsinland@gmail.com.

dience participation play on February 1 and 2 from 5 - 8:30 p.m. Tickets \$5. Call 863-674-4120 for more information.

### Free HIV testing

Hendry County Health Department, 1140 Pratt Blvd (LaBelle) and 1100 Olympia St (Clewiston) and Glades County Health Department, 1021 Health Park Dr (Moore Haven) will offer free HIV testing for anyone on Thursday, February 7th, from 8:30am-noon and 1:00-4:30pm in observance of the annual National Black HIV/AIDS Awareness Day. Get involved... educated...tested...and treated!

### Sweet Tea Dance for seniors

All seniors aged 65 and older are invited to the Sweet Tea Dance February 14, 2-4 p.m. at Hope Connections, 475 E. Cowboy Way. Door prizes and refreshments. For information call 675-1576.

### Youth Pet Parade

LaBelle Youth Livestock will be holding their annual pet parade on Monday, February 11, 2013 at 5:30 p.m. at the LaBelle Rodeo Grounds. To participate one must bring a donation for the Caloosa Humane Society such as money, Clorox, paper towels, etc. Sign-up 4-5:15 p.m. on the day of the parade. For more information or to sign up early contact Tricia at 863-674-4092.

### Win a canoe

The Caloosahatchee River Citizens Association (CRCA-Riverwatch) is sponsoring a drawing for a Mad River Adventure 14 canoe Swamp Cabbage Sunday, February 24. Call 674-0695 for tickets or sign up at the Riverwatch Exhibit that day. \$2 per chance ticket; \$5 for three chance tickets. Drawing will take place at 3 p.m. Sunday February 24. Winner need not be present to win. Check out www.crca.caloosahatchee.org.

### Public Notice

### Public Notice

#### HENDRY COUNTY SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR EAST HENDRY COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT ADVISORY BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners, as District Board of the East Hendry County Drainage District, is re-establishing the East Hendry County Drainage District Advisory Board and that any landowners within the District desiring to nominate/recommend one or more individuals for appointment to the Advisory Board may submit nominations to Judy McElhaney, Hendry County Administration, jmcclhaney@hendryfla.net or to P.O. Box 2340, LaBelle, Florida 33975. Nominations/recommendations must be received on or before February 14, 2013.

Candidates must be landowners within the District. Nominations/recommendations should include the nominee's full name, street address and phone number, and the nominator's full name, street address and phone number.

HENDRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, as DISTRICT BOARD OF EAST HENDRY COUNTY DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
Karson Turner, Chairman  
435592 CN/CB 1/31/2013

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1600	2010	1144432-A0001690100	Gerard Meleschi

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Property Address: 670 N. Isora Street, Clewiston, FL 33440

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Dated this 9th day of January, 2012.

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

434619 CN 1/17,24,31 & 2/7/2013

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2962	2010	1314433-A0004330000	Edgar Gonzalez & Robert dela Vega

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### Poppy Days

Across the country, American Legion Auxiliary volunteers distribute millions of bright red poppies in exchange for contributions to assist disabled and hospitalized veterans. The program provides multiple benefits to the veterans and to the community. The hospitalized veterans who make the flowers are able to earn a small wage, which helps to supplement their incomes and makes them feel more self-sufficient. The physical and mental activity provides many therapeutic benefits as well. Donations are used exclusively to assist and support veterans and their families. The poppy also reminds the community of the past sacrifices and continuing needs of our veterans. The poppy has become a nationally known and recognized symbol of sacrifice and is worn to honor the men and women who served and died for their country in all wars.

Poppy Days in LaBelle will be Friday and Saturday, Feb. 15th and 16th. You will have the opportunity to give a donation and will be presented with a poppy to wear proudly. Ladies will be at both Winn-Dixie and Save-A-Lot during the day.

## Community Briefs

### MHHS scholarship barbecue

The Moore Haven High School Scholarship Organization is having a fundraising BBQ on Friday, February 15, 2013, at the Doyle Conner Building on Highway 27 in Moore Haven. We will be serving from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Dinners are \$8.00 and include a half BBQ chicken, 2 sides and a roll.

Tickets can be purchased prior to the BBQ by contacting the Scholarship Office by phone, 863-946-2083, or e-mail mhhs.scholarship@yahoo.com, or any Scholarship Board Member: Wayne Aldrich, Scott Bass, Paul Beck, Rogel Brown, Sandra Brown, Gordon Bryant, Bonita Drayton, Joe Flint, Ellen Geake, John Huysman, Larry Luckey, Lorie Ward, Bob Way, or Susie Woodward. Tickets can also be purchased the day of the event.

Tickets for a chance at a \$1,000 drawing will also be on sale. The drawing will be held at the award dinner in May. You need not be present to win.

For over 10 years, the Moore Haven High School Scholarship Organization has raised money to provide graduating seniors with academic and career scholarships. Seniors who will be attending a college, university, or vocational technical school are encouraged to submit an application. All qualified seniors will receive a scholarship. The MHHS Scholarship Organization is a 501C3 and all donations are tax deductible.

### Aqua Isles crafts sale

Spring is around the corner and so is the Aqua Isles Craft Sale. Saturday Feb. 2, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at Aqua Isles Club House on the river. Area crafters will be selling their hand made items such as yard art, fused glass jewelry, photography, purses, tote bags, scarves, homemade noodles, baked goods, Pampered Chef, and Scentsy.

Enjoy a lunch of pulled pork sandwiches. You could win a door prize as well and had a really nice day.

### 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.

### Kiwanis huge parking lot sale

Thanks to the generous donations from the community, the Kiwanis Thrift store has an abundance of items and would like to share them with the community. The Kiwanis Club of LaBelle will have a Parking Lot/Yard Sale at the Kiwnias Thrift Store on Saturday, February 2. The sale is from 8 a.m.-2 p.m.

LaBelle Kiwanis Club members will be on site and the Division Kiwanis Key Club (High School Students) will be working the whole day to help raise funds for their Division Key Club. This is a great opportunity for Kiwanis members and Key Club members to work side-by-side in a Community Service Project.

Prices will be marked very low! Inside the

Kiwnias Thrift Store, there will be a store-wide sale on all items.

Please remember that the funding goes back into our local community through High School and Adult Scholarships and in support of many agencies and groups such as Barron Library, Boy Scouts, Hendry County Schools and Athletic Programs, Summer Camp for Kids, Youth Organizations and so much more!

### Flea market, yard sale

Saturday, February 9. Time to get ready! Just a reminder that the Firehouse Community Theatre will be holding a Flea Market/Yard Sale at the Theatre on Saturday, February 9, beginning at 8 a.m.

- This year we are offering our patrons a chance to sell their items! We are requesting a \$10 donation to set up your table

- You can continue to donate items to the Theatre, however, we will not be accepting any clothing.

### Donation car wash

February 2, 2013 starting at 9: a.m. at the McDonalds in LaBelle. Why: To help in the fight to cure cystic fibrosis!! Come out and show your support in the continuing fight for a cure!

Any and all donations will be donated to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation. With hope that one day "CF" will stand for "Cure Found!"

### Win a quilt, help an animal at Caloosa Humane Society

Caloosa Humane Society is having a drawing February 2 for a beautiful hand-sewn quilt (70"x82"). Tickets are \$5 each and available at the humane society, 1200 Pratt Blvd. All proceeds will benefit the homeless pets. You do not have to be present to win.

### 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 mrisley123@embarqmail.com or give to anyone that you know is affiliated with Relay for Life.

### Legion fish fry and breakfast

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# Spotlight on LaBelle Middle School Science Students

By Carol Grigsby

The students at LaBelle Middle school, since the first week of school, have been trying to solve their own scientific questions. They finally finished their research, testing, and analysis and showcased their work at the middle school's science fair on December 13, 2012. Scientists and doctors from our community judged these projects and were very impressed by the students' work and scientific method.

The top ten winners of the science fair will receive the opportunity to compete in the regional science fair which is held in February. These students are; Ryley Bowen, (Overall First Place), Danelle Baker (Overall Second Place), Rachel Dipofi, (Overall Third Place Winner-Tied), Natalie Mayo, (Overall Third Place Winner-Tied), Alina Boyett, Emma Bridwell, Eric Escobedo, Maison Piedra, Esdiel Plaza, and Ashley Schofield.

The second place winners in this competition are alternates for the regional science fair. These students are; Dominic Aguilar, Marycruz Deras, Emily Grant, Emilia Hernandez, Mario Hernandez, Kameron Higginbotham, Sherrie Horner, Maddie Lofton, Zachary Reyna, and Zach Scelfo.

Third place winners this year are; Eduardo Acevedo, Joana Cruz, Fredrick Davis, Autumn Durrance, Jocelyn Dzuong, Jaileen Galvanez, Russell Holland, Aubrie Lofton, Reanna Rivas, and Arnulfo Verduzco.

Fourth place participants are; Kiara Hernandez, Michelle Pardo, Frank Puletti, Arleth Ortiz, Liliana Hernandez, Yesenia Medina, Lisandra Martinez, Alexandria Ramirez, Karyme Garza, Robert Guzman, Casey Cheney, Sara Cordova,



Submitted photos/Jennalee Newton  
**Science Fair Overall Winners (from left to Right): Ryley Bowen, (Overall First Place), Danelle Baker (Overall Second Place), Rachel Dipofi, (Overall Third Place Winner-Tied), Natalie Mayo, (Overall Third Place Winner-Tied).**

Xavier Pearson, Tylor Gallegos, Shareefa Saheed, Janis De Jesus, Rosalba Chavez, Tera Goodell, Fatima Bustamonte, Margi Pardo, Ohdaly Rojas, and Bryce Herrera.

Students and teachers at LaBelle Middle School would like to give a special thanks to our Science Fair Sponsor, ASSCT, the American Society of Sugar Cane Technologists, and to all the judges who took time out of their busy schedules to help our youth; Mr. Rick Blaney, Mr. Mark Terrell, Mr. Les Baucum, Ms. Margaret England, Dr. Randall Parish, Mrs. Sonja Crawford, Mr. David Nelson, Mr. Sonny Mowbray, Mrs. Pat Johnson, and Dr. Nika Grigsby.



**Science Fair First Place Winners (from left to right): Back row: Emma Bridwell, Ryley Bowen, Danelle Baker, Eric Escobedo, Second Row: Alina Boyett, Rachel Dipofi, Maison Piedra, First Row: Esdiel Plaza, and Natalie Mayo.**

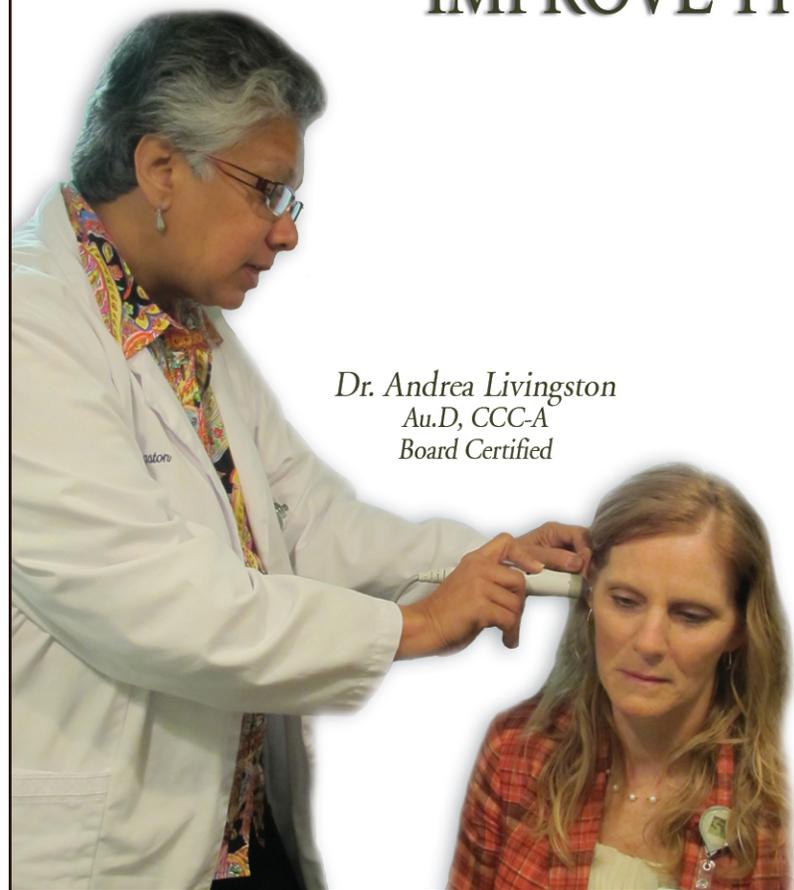


**Science Fair Second Place Winners (from left to right): Zach Scelfo, Maddie Lofton, Marycruz Deras, Sherrie Horner, Second Row: Kameron Higginbotham, Emily Grant, Mario Hernandez, Front Row: Emilia Hernandez, and Zachary Reyna.**



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