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Two die in crashes

A young Miami woman died April 25 in a three-vehicle crash on SR 80 that blocked traffic from both directions while authorities rendered aid and cleared up the debris. The crash occurred at 4:04 p.m.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol, a 2006 Chevy van driven by 57-year-old Mark John Kurdziel of Clewiston was eastbound on SR 80. Another vehicle, a 2013 Chevy Camaro driven by Edgar Mottley, 44, of Belle Glade was in the westbound lane, followed by a 2009 Honda Civic, being driven by 27-year-old Wildy Salabarria Serrano of Miami.

The FHP report states that the Kurdziel vehicle crossed the center line into the path of Ms. Serrano's Honda. The left front of the Kurdziel vehicle struck the left front of the Honda. The Kurdziel vehicle continued east in the westbound land, striking the front of the Camaro, coming to a rest straddling the westbound and eastbound lanes of SR 80, facing north. The Camaro ended up on the north grass shoulder of the highway facing east and the Honda ended up on the north grass shoulder facing southeast.

Ms. Serrano suffered fatal injuries and was pronounced dead at the scene. Her passenger, 26-year-

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Earth Day Activities

The Kiwanis Club of LaBelle and the Rotary Club of LaBelle partnered together to sponsor students for Earth Day Activities at the Hendry House in LaBelle. The cost of transportation for this field trip is part of what was covered by Kiwanis and Rotary. At least 24 classrooms submitted Earth Day posters, which were hung inside the Hendry House and will be part of the tour for the students. Inside and outside activities were planned for the morning, which included a nature trail hike.

Healthcare access legislation passes

Tallahassee, Florida – Representative Matt Hudson, District 80, is proud to announce last week's unanimous passage of House Bill 1093 – Volunteer Health Services, in both the Florida House and Senate.

"I believe that this bill will go a long way towards creating greater access to care in rural and underserved areas in my District and throughout the great state of Florida. Additionally, this bill recognizes and supports the volunteerism of dedicated Floridians as

they donate their time and talents so uninsured and low-income families can access free care," said Representative Matt Hudson.

House Bill 1093 builds upon Florida's Volunteer Health Services Program's many years of success:

- 12,000 health care professionals and 10,000 other staff members have participated
- 400,000 free patient visits a year for uninsured and low-income families
- \$223 million in free care has

been provided to patients in need (FY 2011)

"With the unanimous passage of House Bill 1093, the number of free patient visits is expected to grow upwards of 600,000 a year – making a real difference in many rural and underserved communities. House Bill 1093 makes it easier for physicians to provide free care to the uninsured, serve more patients, and make it easier for retired physicians to give back," said Representative Matt Hudson.

Stevens gets life in 2007 killing

by **Patty Brant**
Caloosa Belle

Last January 24 Vernon Stevens was found guilty by a jury of first degree murder, first degree arson and robbery with a deadly weapon. On February 7, after a week-long penalty phase and just 20 minutes of deliberation, that same jury recommended life without the possibility of parole.

Judge Christine Greider agreed with that recommendation and on April 10, she signed the judgment order. On the murder charge, Judge Greider ordered Stevens incarcerated in the Department of Corrections for his natural life. She also sentenced him to 30 years on each of the other two counts: first degree arson and first degree robbery with a deadly weapon. Sentences are to run concurrently. Stevens is also liable for various costs

Stevens and his partner, Raymond Alberto Diaz have both been found guilty in the 2007 death of 60-year-old Epitacio Antonio Hernandez-Beltran. Stevens did not take the stand in his own defense at his trial.

Diaz had pled No Contest to second degree murder, first degree arson of a dwelling and robbery with a deadly weapon in 2008. He was adjudicated guilty on all counts and sentenced to natural life for the murder and robbery charges,

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old Aliuska Perez Blanco, also of Miami, sustained serious injuries and was transported to Lee Memorial Hospital.

Mr. Kurdziel was also taken to Lee Memorial as was Mr. Mottley. Both sustained serious injuries.

All involved were wearing seatbelts except Mr. Kurdziel.

According to the FHP, alcohol was not a factor in the crash.

Orlando man dies in Glades crash

A 63-year-old Orlando man died in a crash April 24 on SR 29 south of CR 74 in Glades County. The crash occurred at 6:49 a.m.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol, Dennis Woods was driving a 2012 Volvo VNM southbound on SR 29 south of CR 74 when the vehicle traveled onto the west shoulder, over a culvert and into a ditch. It then traveled out of the ditch and onto the west shoulder as the top struck a tree. The vehicle continued west causing the front left to strike another tree. The cab jackknifed as it came to a final rest on its right side. The

trailer ended up in an upright position. Both came to a final rest attached together on the west shoulder of the road.

Mr. Woods was pronounced dead at the scene. He had been wearing a seatbelt at the time of the crash.

Deputy crash

There were no injuries in a crash in Clewiston Sunday, April 28, involving a Hendry County deputy.

Florida Highway Patrol reports that Deputy Michael Favara, 38, was attempting to make a traffic stop on US 27 at Old US 27 at the time of the mishap. He was traveling west in his patrol car in the outside lane behind a 2013 Ford driven by Helene Maria Egger, 59, of Lana, Italy. Her passengers Betefan Egger, 55, and Erwin Karl Matscher, 68, are also all of Lana, Italy. As the deputy was pulling the Egger vehicle over, Ms. Egger came to an abrupt stop in front of the cruiser, which then struck the other vehicle in the rear. There were no charges.

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and 30 years for the arson. His sentences are also 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 firefighters, 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, who argued that mitigation was compelling in Stevens' case. Assistant State Attorneys Dan Feinberg and Denise Kaiser prosecuted the case, arguing that Stevens was the dominant actor of the pair and had ample opportunity to break off the attack.

Proceedings began January 2.

One Harvest Food Program open

The One Harvest monthly food program is being introduced in LaBelle and its surrounds by the newly formed Not-In-My-City campaign. One Harvest enables families to save 35 to 50 percent on groceries. There is no minimum income or other requirement to participate in the program.

The first distribution of the food packages is set for Saturday, May 18, between 1:30 and 3 p.m. Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church at 310 Campbell Street in LaBelle has agreed to provide space for both the pre-registration as well as the Saturday pick-up. Families will be able to choose from four different packages which best fit their particular needs.

Registration, which includes pre-paying for the packages, began this past Tuesday and will occur again next Tuesday, May 7, between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. The registration and distribution times will be announced the first of each month in most local churches and in the local newspaper. Volunteers from several LaBelle churches are handling the

One Harvest administrative details. Other volunteers will handle the distribution of the food.

The One Harvest program is not a charity, or give-away program. The foods are quality, name brands and the savings is achieved by using volunteer labor rather than paid employees and by utilizing church facilities rather than expensive rented buildings. Meats in each package are frozen so participants must pick-up their packages at the prescribed times to avoid spoilage.

Not-In-My-City, NIMC, is an association of local churches and volunteers to assure that many essential services are available in the greater LaBelle area. NIMC costs are being underwritten by local individuals. Service agencies joining with NIMC include Big Brothers Big Sisters, Habitat for Humanity, Healthy Families-Health Department, Diaper Ministries, United Way, Salvation Army, the One Harvest program, and other services. A resource guide printed in both English and Spanish is being developed.

Black Heritage Festival

Celebrate the Annual Black Heritage Festival/Reunion - a grand time for the citizens of Ford/Sunset Park Community. Those who have lived here return for a day of reminiscing. Best cooking you ever had. The festival begins on Friday, May 10, with a Teen Dance at the James Singleton Center. The festival continues with:

Thursday - May 16, - Old Timers Dinner - James Singleton Center

Friday - May 17, - Talent Show - Uptegrove Elem. Gymnasium

Friday - May 17, - '70s Ball - James Singleton Center

Saturday - May 18, - The Festival (All Day) Alton "Kid" Jones Park

Saturday - May 18, - B-Ball Tournament - (Alton "Kid" Jones Park

You don't want to miss a thing! Come on out and join us, we look forward to seeing everyone there.



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LMS March Students

Back row from left: Blaine Steverson (6th); Gerardo Rivas-Leal (7th); Jaime Raya (8th) Front row from left: Shareefa Saheed (6th); Viviana Guerrero (7th); Maura Lofton (8th).

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Trailways Camp returns to Southwest Florida

The Robert V. & Benjamin G. Miller Fund and Goodwill partner for two sessions in 2013. The fund has announced an expansion of the Trailways Camp program that was launched in October of 2012 to address the social isolation experienced by adults with special needs and their caregivers in Southwest Florida.

The Fund has again selected Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc. as its partner for operating the 2013 camps. The first camp session will be May 6-9, 2013 and the second session will be October 7-11, 2013 at the Riverside Retreat Center in LaBelle. The camp minimizes costs by relying on the assistance of volunteers in addition to an experienced staff.

Over 30,000 adults with disabilities live in Southwest Florida. These adults, many

of whom live with aging family members or caregivers, have few social or recreational opportunities that provide relief or respite for their caregivers. Trailways Camp removes barriers to social isolation by giving participants a chance to experience quality social recreational activities in a safe environment while giving respite to the families and caregivers. Last year's camp session was able to accommodate 20 campers- a number The Robert V. & Benjamin G. Miller Fund hopes to grow. Charitable donations to the Fund are invited to increase the number of available spots at the camp.

For more information regarding the Trailways camp, camper application, or volunteer opportunities contact Todd Ryan, Goodwill's Director of Career Development Services (239)995-2106 ext. 2285.

Goodwill breaks ground at Clewiston complex

Clewiston- Affordable, disability-accessible housing will soon be available in Clewiston. Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida has broken ground on Sweetwater Place, an income-subsidized apartment complex for people with physical disabilities.

Sweetwater Place will be Goodwill's fourteenth housing complex in Southwest Florida, and first in Clewiston. In Hendry County, the organization also operates Palmetto Ranch, a 28-unit complex in LaBelle.

"Goodwill and our board of directors made a commitment several years ago to expand our services in Hendry County," says Goodwill COO Rick Evanchyk. "Since then, we have grown our retail stores in Clewiston and LaBelle, opened Job-Link centers in both cities, and now we will have affordable, accessible housing in both, as well."

At the completion of the construction project, Sweetwater Place will provide 14 HUD-approved units specially designed to accommodate people with physical disabilities. Accessible apartments are constructed with conveniences like assistance railings, widened doorways, roll-in showers, and lowered sinks, countertops, and

mirrors. Goodwill's barrier-free housing communities also have on-site community rooms, a laundry room and a picnic/patio area.

Sweetwater Place will be located on West Ventura Ave., two blocks west of Berner Rd.

Construction of the apartment complex will be completed by Westco Builders of Florida, Inc. with an anticipated opening date in late October. The complex was designed by Associates in Architecture.

Applicants interested in living at Sweetwater Place must meet medical and income requirements, and must pass a background check to be considered for residency. For more application guidelines, call Morgan Puletti at (863) 674-5779.

Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc. provides programs and services to help people with disabilities and disadvantages overcome their barriers to independence. Supported programs include Goodwill Job-Link centers, disability-accessible housing, and the Southwest Florida MicroEnterprise Institute.

In 2012, Goodwill served more than 30,000 Southwest Floridians in Hendry, Glades, Lee, Collier, and Charlotte Counties.

Arrest Reports

LaBelle

Herve Erius, 34, was arrested April 28 and charged with possession of methamphetamine with intent to sell, manufacture, deliver, resisting arrest/obstruction without violence and possession/use of paraphernalia to transport drugs. D Bolt was arresting officer.

Miguel Sotelo, 39, was arrested April 26 and charged with assault on an officer, firefighter, EMT, etc., and resisting/obstruction without violence. Sgt. J. Woods was arresting officer.

Clewiston

Arsenio Martel Coring, 27, was arrested

April 29 and charged with a nonmoving traffic violation driving with a suspended license first offense, possession of a firearm or concealed weapon by a convicted felon, DUI or drugs first offense and indecent exposure. CPD Officer J. Rojas was arresting officer.

Anthony Edward Jones, 24, was arrested April 24 and charged on a warrant with cruelty to a child aggravated abuse and neglect of a child causing great bodily harm. J. Matheu was arresting officer.

Alexis Danielle Jennings, 29, was arrested and charged with theft \$300-\$5,000 and possess a forged fictitious signature of corporate officer or agent. CPD Officer S. Bozzi was arresting officer.



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Sugar Festival Talent

Friday night in spite of the rain the 2013 Talent Fest presented by Drug Free Hendry County was a big success! That night there were nine performers and everyone did an awesome job. All the performers were amazing! Four acts had the honor to win. This year's first place winner was awarded to Novie Jo Kohutek from LaBelle. She performed a song by Adele, Rolling In The Deep. Second place went to The Rushings brother and sister duo, Jalen and Oliva Rushing, from Clewiston. Third place was awarded to The Boiling Point Band. The members are Aaron Mercer, William Mercer and Brandon Walker from Clewiston. Fourth place was awarded to Lacy Green of Moore Haven, who performed "Suds In The Bucket" by Sarah Evans. Organizers are so proud of every contestant who performed that night not only for the talent they have but for the decision to stay drug free. Congratulations to all! Pictured: Lacy Green and Novie Jo Kohutek are proud supporters and pledge to stay drug free!

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Visiting Nurses join Hope Healthcare

FORT MYERS, Fla. (April 25, 2013) – Samira K. Beckwith, president and CEO of Fort Myers-based Hope HealthCare Services, announced today that Visiting Nurses Association of Southwest Florida, a community-based home health care agency, has become part of Hope's continuum of care.

Services will continue with no interruption or changes for current patients of VNA, Beckwith said, adding that she hopes all VNA staff will remain in place for the comfort and care of patients during the transition and beyond.

"Hope HealthCare has been providing services in Southwest Florida for more than 30 years, and the Visiting Nurses Association is the oldest home health care agency in the region," Beckwith said. "We are both long-standing community organizations dedicated to providing access to quality care, regardless of an individual's illness or ability to pay. We share the same values and the same commitment to providing excellent, compassionate care to members of our community during difficult times."

Hope now will offer Medicare-certified home health and private duty services. According to Beckwith, more than 90 percent of seniors prefer to receive care in their homes, and nearly 66 million American caregivers need home health support.

"Home health is a natural complement to the services Hope has provided for decades," Beckwith said. "Our entire health care model is based on caring for people with serious illness – and for most of those individuals, our care takes place in their homes. Now, in

addition to our community-based programs, services and hospice care, we can use our outstanding skill set to provide the same compassionate, comforting care to those who require home health services.

"This model is the future of health care," she said. "We can serve individuals over a longer period of time, allowing us to provide more seamless, personalized care and attention, and offer the opportunity for more family involvement. We will continue to partner with organizations that can help us provide comprehensive care to all who are in need."

The Visiting Nurses Association of Southwest Florida was established in 1966 as Lee County's first home health agency. The agency has provided medically needed services to clients in their place of residence by nurses, therapists, social workers and home health aides; all services are ordered and monitored by a physician, which will continue under Hope.

"We're pleased to have the opportunity to welcome VNA into the Hope HealthCare family," Beckwith said.

Hope HealthCare Services – recipient of the 2012 Business Ethics Award presented by the Uncommon Friends Foundation – is a registered d/b/a of Hope Hospice and Community Services, a not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) status community-based agency, nationally recognized as a leader in providing high-quality, innovative care.

For more information, visit www.HopeHCS.org.

Arbor Day Foundation offers tree-care booklet

The Arbor Day Foundation is offering a handy tree-care booklet designed to help people plant and care for trees.

Anyone can receive Conservation Trees, a user-friendly booklet featuring illustrations, colorful photos and easily-understood descriptions, by making a \$3 donation to the Foundation this month.

"Conservation Trees is an ideal resource for tree planters," said John Rosenow, founder and chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Taking care of existing trees is just as critical as planting new ones, and proper care ensures communities are

able to fully enjoy the diverse benefits of urban forestry."

The booklet provides details about the right way to plant and prune trees. It also includes tips on using shade trees and windbreaks to save on energy costs, attracting songbirds and creating a living snow fence.

To receive the Conservation Trees booklet, send a \$3 check along with your name and address to: Conservation Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, or order online at arborday.org/conservationtrees.

The Reality of Relationships

I think you would agree with me that the most important aspect of our lives is our relationships. When God created Adam from the dust of the earth, the first observation God made about the man was, "it is not good for the man to be alone" (Gen 2:18). Then he said, "I will make a helper suitable for him." So, we are created for relationships with God and with one another and those relationships help us reach our full potential.



Les Morgan

Relationships are complicated. Our greatest happiness comes through relationships and also our biggest problems. Think of the relationships that have shaped your life. Think of relationships that have caused you great pain in your life. Good relationships are hard work. Perhaps this is why the Bible reminds us in Eph 4:3, to "Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace."

There are three important principles of managing relationships.

First, choose your relationships carefully. The writer of most of the book of Proverbs in scripture was Solomon. His quick, pithy communiques have proven to be true down through the centuries. In Proverbs 13:20 he says, "He who walks with the wise grows wise, but a companion of fools suffers harm." The bottom line is clear - relationships make us or break us.

Second, define your relationships. A healthy relationship includes many positive traits, as recently discussed in an article in Psychology Today. Here are a list of some of those qualities that are essential: 1. You can name your partner's best friend and state a positive quality that person has.

2. You and your partner are playful with each other.

3. You think your partner has good ideas.

4. You'd like to become more like your partner in some ways.

5. Even when you disagree, you can acknowledge your partner makes sensible points.

6. You think about each other when you're not physically together.

7. You see your partner as trustworthy.

Jesus told his disciples, "I no longer call you servants but friends" (John 15:15). Those

are stunning words for the Son of God to declare, especially when you remember Jesus was only a brief time away from being betrayed and arrested. But when you think about it, He was redefining His relationship with the disciples and taking it to a much higher level. Relationships have to be defined for them to be peaceful and productive. When we are unclear about the definition of a relationship there is stress, tension and misunderstanding.

Finally, set boundaries in your relationships. Human relationships seem contradictory because two paradoxical, true things happen. First, every person wants connection, closeness, and intimacy. Second, every person wants to be free and autonomous. These two needs are apparently in conflict. The closer someone gets to us, the less free we sometimes feel.

Which will we choose if we have to choose: connection or freedom? People almost always pick freedom. Freedom is a gift from the Lord and without it, one would not be able to feel delight—to be happy. Love and freedom are closely intertwined. A functional relationship must strike a balance between intimacy and freedom. When a problem arises in a relationship, no matter what the area of conflict is, the real issue is often power. The question is being asked, "Who is in charge, you or me?" Hence, boundaries are on the line.

Keep the proper balance of closeness and distance. Know when to be part of the group and when to stand alone as an individual. Know when to share your thoughts and feelings and when to keep your privacy.

Remember, our relationships have more to do with who we become and what we accomplish than any other single factor in our lives. That is why it is essential to be in a proper relationship with God. If that is something that is happening in your life, congratulations. Keep pursuing that!

On the other hand if that is not something that is current in your life, take this challenge – find a place to worship this weekend.

You just may be surprised what happens!

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

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Edison student Morgan Pepitone is first Hendry County woman to attend West Point

by Jennifer R. Young, Public Relations and Marketing Associate, Edison State College

APRIL 23, 2013 – LABELLE, FLA. – “Future West Point alumna” may not be the first thought that comes to mind when one sees Edison State College dual enrollment student Morgan Pepitone. But after talking to the petite, five-foot-tall 18-year-old with hot pink fingernails, it’s quickly obvious why the United States Military Academy initially approached her.

“I enjoy challenges,” she said. “School is how I challenge myself. I was always weeks ahead in my homework and class lessons because instead of going out on the weekends, I stayed home and studied. I knew that pushing myself was the way I was going to be able to do what I wanted with my life.”

When the LaBelle High School student learned she could dual enroll at Edison State College and earn her associate’s degree while she was still in high school, she quickly jumped at the chance.

“Some people were not very supportive of it, but my parents and brother were very encouraging. I’m happy I didn’t listen to the ones who said I shouldn’t because Edison State College has opened so many doors for me that I wouldn’t have had otherwise,” she said.

Pepitone dual enrolled at Edison when she was a sophomore, the same year that colleges and universities began sending her interest letters. When she received an interest letter from The United States Military Academy West Point, she tossed it in the pile with the others. It was her parents who convinced her to take a second look.

“I didn’t really know what West Point was, but my parents were very adamant about me looking deeper into it,” she said.

During the summer before her junior year,

Pepitone attended West Point’s summer leader seminar where she got to see what a day at West Point was like. She attended classes, participated in physical training, and experienced first-hand what all West Point students do on a daily basis.

“After experiencing it in person, I realized I wasn’t going to get challenged anywhere else the way I would there,” she said. “It was the best place for me.”

Pepitone found that even just applying to West Point was a challenge. First, she had to take a fitness test and undergo a physical health exam. Then she had to interview with various state senators and congressmen to determine if she was truly committed to West Point. She also had to secure a nomination from one of them, which she did from Congressman Tom Rooney. She later learned that not only had she earned his nomination, she was also his number one pick. Pepitone was accepted to West Point in the first round.

She credits her experience at Edison State College with preparing her for the rigorous academics and daily schedule she’ll encounter at West Point.

“At West Point, you’re required to take 18 credits a semester, as well as participate in an intramural sport, attend physical training in the mornings, and complete one chore every day,” Pepitone said. “Taking the extra credits at Edison along with my high school classes, participating in extracurricular activities after school, tutoring middle school students, and working babysitting jobs have all helped me learn to manage my time.”

“My professors at Edison have been so encouraging and have taken the time to help me outside of class when they were busy themselves,” she said. “Professor Denton DiPofi was a part of my decision to go to West Point. He really encouraged me and made sure we all learned in his class. Professor Sandra Seifert helped me with math when I needed it. Both really understood what I wanted to do and helped me get there any way they could.”

“Morgan is more than a winner . . . she’s a one-er,” said Dr. Denton DiPofi, Coordinator of Academic Services, Edison State College Hendry/Glades Center. “I have not only had the privilege of witnessing her intellect, professionalism and selflessness in class, but also her leadership skills as a tireless innovator in her college club activities. She is goal-driven, well beyond her years in maturity, and sensitive to the needs of others. Her success at West Point will be demonstrated as an overflow of her disciplined character.”

“Even though Morgan is a dual enrollment student and engaged in numerous extracurricular activities at her high school, she still found the time to be involved in the college campus culture,” said Sandra Seifert, professor, Mathematics. “I have had the privilege of working with her in her capacity as president of the Hendry/Glades chapter of Phi Theta Kappa. She is a dedicated president, rallying her troops and taking the lead on many projects. I know that she will ex-

cel at West Point and will do her soon-to-be alma mater proud, because that is her nature. She is someone who is serious about her studies and is determined to do well in all that she attempts.”

Having grown up in a close family, following the strict rules and discipline that are enforced at West Point is not a problem for Pepitone. She does admit, however, that there are some things about attending the military academy that make her nervous.

“I wonder if I’m going to be okay being away from my family for so long, and I worry about getting through the physical training. I’m also going to have to give up some things I enjoy, like makeup and girly stuff,” she laughed. “But I just try to keep telling myself that there were others who came before me who were just as bad off, just as scared, and they made it, so, I can, too.”

Pepitone is the first woman from Hendry County to attend West Point. She will be one of only 187 women in her class of 1050 students, and she believes women should be active in all areas of the military, even combat.

“There are men who think women shouldn’t be in the military, so I have to prepare myself mentally to be ready for that. But women can do just as much as men can. We may be smaller, but we’re tough,” she

said. “We shouldn’t be afraid to do things that are a little crazy or out of the box if we think it’s right.”

When she graduates from West Point, Pepitone will be a second lieutenant in the United States Army and will serve five years of active duty, following which she plans to attend law school and join the Judge Advocate General (JAG) Corps. Though she admits joining the military was not her first choice in a career, now she is confident she made the right choice. Pepitone plans to stay in the military for life.

“Duty. Honor. Country. It is the greatest decision I have ever made,” she said.

“Some people will say you can’t do something, but you don’t have to listen to them,” Pepitone said. “If someone says ‘you can’t’, use it as a motivator to say ‘I will’. It’s all about what you want out of life and what you want to do as a person. The cliff isn’t always as high as you think it is.”

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Morgan Pepitone heading to West Point



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Museum receives anonymous donations

Anonymous donations have been left at the front door of LaBelle's Heritage Museum that have volunteers perplexed. Some two weeks ago a plastic shopping bag was found hanging from the front door. It was discovered to contain one of the museum's three-ring binders of information on local residents and events that had evidently been taken from the museum without permission at some time in the past. Did the "borrower" finally decide it should be returned? Who knows? More recently a box was left at the front door that contained what appears to be a LaBelle High School Marching Band uniform hat with its bright red plume together with a copy of the late Ailsa Dewing's book of excerpts from LaBelle's weekly newspapers from 1922 to 1931 and a copy of Peter Mathiessen's *Lost Man's River*, the second of his three volumes on the infamous Edgar Watson. Are these two anonymous donations connected? LaBelle Heritage Museum's volunteers would definitely like to know if there is a connection or merely two isolated happenings. Any and all information shared even an anonymous message left on the museum's voice mail at 863-674-0034, will be appreciated.

Obituaries

James Melton Roach, 63

LABELLE — James Melton Roach passed away Apr. 12, 2013 in Lehigh Acres.

He was born Feb. 8, 1950 in Rutherfordton, N.C. to the late Woodrow Roach and his mother, Edna Morrow.

Survivors include his wife, Karan (Barnwell) Roach of LaBelle; sons, Jud (Ashley) Clemmer of Tampa and Jeff (Victoria) Roach of Sulphur, La.; mother, Edna (McKaig) Morrow of Tryon, N.C.; brother, Woody (Susan) Roach of Myrtle Beach, N.C.; sister, Kathy (Scott) Harding of Tryon, N.C.; and his grandchildren, Kaylyn, Wyatt and Reagan, who were the joy of his life. He is also survived by his brother in law, Bill (Janice) Barnwell of Ft. Myers; and aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews.

A celebration of life will be held at 10 a.m. on Sat., May 4, 2013 at Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church, LaBelle with Rev. John Bennett officiating.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Hope Hospice, 1201 Wings Way, Le-



high Acres, FL 33936. You can view the online obituary and light a candle in remembrance of Jim and leave your condolences to his family at: www.akin-davis.com

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Marian L. Wagner, 74

LABELLE — Marian L. Wagner passed away April 24, 2013 in Lehigh Acres.

She was born Jan. 6, 1939 in Flint, Mich. to the late George Washington and the late Effie Bell (Jersey) Jefferies. She was lovingly known by many in LaBelle as "Lil Grandma."

She is survived by her daughter, Christina (Benjamin) Harling of Lakeland; grandchildren, Robert Koff, Joseph (Angelina) Koff and Ruth Ann Harling; and great-grandchildren, Robert Koff Jr., Jessica Koff, Chloe Koff; Nicholas Harling, Cory Briggs, Justin Briggs, Zachary Scelfo, Steven Helms and Joseph Koff; and cousin, Robert Rogers.

A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. on Friday, May 3, 2013 at LaBelle Assembly Of God, LaBelle with Pastor Clifford Avery officiating. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Marian Wagner c/o Seacoast National Bank, 17 N. Lee Street, LaBelle, FL 33935 to aid the family with expenses.

You may view the online obituary and light a candle in remembrance of Marian and leave condolences to her family at: www.akin-da-

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James M. Phillips, II, 74

LABELLE — James M. Phillips, II passed away April 25, 2013.

He was born Feb. 21, 1939 in Miami, Fla., to the late James M. and the late Mayce (Simonette) Phillips.

Survivors include his son, James M. (Penny) Phillips III of LaBelle; daughter, Patricia Williams of Tallahassee; step son, Robert F. Sayre of LaBelle; and numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

He was also preceded in death by his son, Tommy Phillips

A graveside funeral service was held Tuesday, April 30, 2013, 10 a.m. at Fort Denaud Cemetery, LaBelle with Pastor Mitchell Wills officiating.

Interment followed in Fort Denaud Cemetery, LaBelle.

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Kiwanis, Shriners coordinate to help needy kids



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Bill Nordstrom of the Shriners with LaBelle Kiwanis President Brenda Barnes.

At a recent Kiwanis meeting in LaBelle, the guest speaker was Bill Nordstrom from the Araba Shriners, Shriners International and Shriners Hospital for Children. Bill gave an overview of what the Shriners Hospitals for Children have done over the past 91 years and what they continue to do for children.

Bill lives right here in LaBelle and you may have seen him recently in front of Winn Dixie educating folks about the Shriners Hospitals for Children.

The Shriners Hospitals for Children is a pediatric hospital system that is dedicated to improving the lives of children through amazing and innovative research, education and specialized treatment of children. The first Shriners Hospital opened in 1922 in Shreveport, LA. Over the years, more than 700,000 children have been helped.

The specialties include orthopedic conditions, burns, spinal cord injuries and cleft lip and palate. There are a total of 22 hospitals across the nation.

Of those, 18 are orthopedic hospitals, three are burn hospitals and one hospital provides orthopedic, burn and spinal chord injury care.

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of their family's ability to pay. Much of the funding for the Shriners Hospitals for Children comes from donations.

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Scholar-athlete Derek Bass signs with Berry College

Another young athlete from LaBelle High School is taking his first brave steps into his future. Derek Bass is the latest LaBelle High School athlete to sign with a college.

"It's been a long road but I feel like I'm just starting," he said after signing with Berry College. He credits friends and family with much of his success thus far and said he has no regrets. At just 18, Derek said it "seems like yesterday" that he started down this path. He smiled with pride as he admitted, "My hard work paid off."

This is a young man who recognizes hard work and dedication, and understands that they are the foundation of any success.

Although Derek plays many different plays, his first love is football - the first sport he ever played. He said he enjoys the team aspect of the game and just fell in love with it.

As a Cowboy, Derek led his football team as quarterback and also played receiver and safety; he was a forward on the basketball court and played first base and outfield on the baseball diamond.

Looking ahead to his college career and beyond, he said, "I just want to be the best I can."

LHS Athletic Director Dave Kelley had high praise for Derek. "He's just awesome! A super student and super athlete. He's as

Race for health

Bike for the Cure Fundraiser May 25, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Barron Park. Registrations for the race will be \$15 per child. Each child will be in a category according to their age group. Prizes will be awarded to the winners. This event is to raise funds for Susan G. Komen, sponsored by the Healthy Body Healthy Soul program., which helps low income residents qualify for a free or reduced cost mammogram.

Registration will be at Save A Lot May 8, 11, 14, 15 9-11 a.m. and Winn Dixie 4-6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays. You can also register May 25 at Barron Park from 8-9 a.m.

For information call Mary Bartoshuk at 863-517-0307.

FWC hunter safety course in Hendry County

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) will host a free hunter safety course on May 4 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. in Hendry County.

Participants must successfully complete the online portion of the course prior to attending and bring the final Web report to the FWC course on May 4. It does not have to be notarized.

Students will learn about hunting laws, safe gun handling and hunter ethics/responsibility, among other topics, before taking the final test. The course also includes live-firing instruction on a shooting range.

The course is at the Hendry County Sheriff's Office shooting range, between Clewiston and La Belle, 0.7 miles down Witt Road off State Road 80, 9 miles west

of U.S. 27. Take the first road east of the Pioneer Shell Gas Station.

Participants can sign up at MyFWC.com/HunterSafety or by calling the FWC's South Region Office at 561-625-5122. A link to the online part of the course and a statewide schedule of hunter safety classes are available at MyFWC.com/HunterSafety.

Anyone born on or after June 1, 1975, must pass an approved hunter safety course before purchasing a Florida hunting license. Parents or legal guardians must accompany children under 16 years of age to all classes.

To participate in live-fire exercises, children under 18 years old must present a parental release form signed by a parent or legal guardian.

hard working in practice as any student I've ever had - always with a can-d attitude." He is headed to Berry College in Rome, Ga. where he will be studying bioengineering and playing for the Vikings.

The son of Richard and Tammy Kay Bass, Derek is also a 2013 Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) Academic All-Sate Team member. He has a 4.0 GPA and ranks fourth in the 2013 Class of LaBelle High School. He is an Advanced Placement Scholar with Distinction.

Derek earned four varsity letters in basketball plus three in football and baseball; was a class representative all four years at LHS; and is a member of the National Honor Society. He has volunteered over 445 hours in LaBelle Little League, Pop Warner, LHS Basketball Facilities and LMS Basketball Camp. His advice to those younger athletes: "Keep your head up and don't quit."

This year Derek was also named: 2012-13 Varsity Basketball District 18 Most Valuable Player; All Academic Team; FACA District 18 Class 4A Scholar Athlete of the Year and FACA District 19 Class 4A All Senior Team.

"The FHSAA is proud to reward these outstanding students through the Academic All-State scholarship program for excelling in the classroom and yet still finding a way to impact their communities and succeed in the athletic arena," said FHSAA Executive Director Dr. Roger Dearing. "This group of

student-athletes truly personifies the FHSAA mission of building leaders through teamwork, sportsmanship and citizenship."

The 12 boys and 12 girls who merited inclusion on this prestigious team will be celebrated at the FHSAA Academic All-State Awards Banquet on Monday, June 10, at 7 p.m. at the Best Western Gateway Grand in Gainesville.

Each of the 24 Academic All-State Team

members will receive a \$1,000 scholarship from the FHSAA.

Additionally, one male and one female student-athlete from the group will receive the FHSAA's most prestigious honor: Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

Recipients of that honor will be announced during the banquet, and the two will receive additional \$3,000 scholarships and a special trophy.



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant
LaBelle High School graduating senior Derek Bass, center, shares a big smile with his parents, Rickey and Tammy Kay, after signing to go to Berry College

Free golf clinic

This is a free golf clinic for all kids, ages 12-18 years, that are interested in learning to play golf.

The registration is May 11 at 8:30 a.m. and the clinic begins at 9:30 a.m.

There will be three qualified instructors at the course teaching the clinic in all areas of golf game. There will be a free T-shirt and hot dogs for all who register.

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Cowgirls varsity softball wins over Lincoln Park in regional quarterfinal but lost to Vikings for Regional Championship

by Sarah Lapp

On Tuesday, April 16 the Varsity softball team defeated the Clewiston Tigers in the District 3A Semifinal with a score of 1-0.

With Championship hopes, the Cowgirls practiced on Wednesday to prepare for an infamous battle with the Vikings. The players nodded to their 2011 District Championship win over Verot and were eager to be in the winner's circle yet again.

The Cowgirls went on to play the Bishop Verot Vikings in the District 3A Championship on Thursday, April 18. They fell 3-0, but secured the collateral title of District Runner Up.

The sole freshmen on the Varsity squad, Rumor Cantu, scored the only run in the Semifinal against Clewiston in the third inning.

"I scored my run when (senior) Jessica Smith slapped and brought me into home plate. It felt awesome after I did it, I knew that I was helping my team bring in the win for the night," Cantu said.

Regarding the championship game on April 18, junior Rachael Reinbott said, "we shut the Vikings down defensively in the beginning and thought we had a good hold on the game."

In the fifth and sixth innings the Vikings scored three times. The game ended with LaBelle struggling to score.

"We lost by only two runs when we played Verot at home earlier in the season. After that loss, we were even more driven to beat them in Districts. In the championship game we weren't expecting their pitcher to be that good. Sadly, their

overall game was just better than ours," junior center-fielder Sidney Nunez said.

On Thursday, April 25, the Cowgirls defeated the Lincoln Park High School Greyhounds 6-4 in the Regional Quarterfinal.

The score was 3-4 Lincoln at the start of the seventh inning. With the Cowgirls having two outs and two runners on base, senior Jessica "Jesse" Whitman stepped up to the plate. Whitman bunted to bring in both runners and raise the score 5-4 LaBelle.

Junior Rachael Reinbott hit to bring Whitman home and secure the 6-4 win for the Cowgirls.

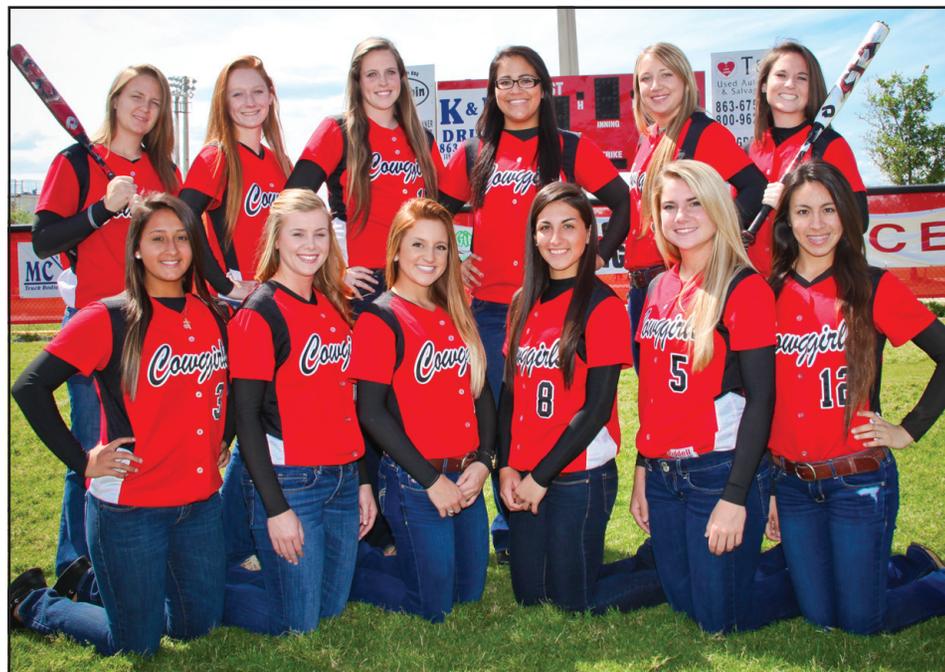
"Beatriz Cardoza got the last out of the game. It was so perfect! Our stands were going crazy!" senior Cowgirl fan Bianca Hernandez said.

The Cowgirls advanced to the Regional Semifinal against Verot on Tuesday but lost the game 4 to 0.

Congratulations for such a great season!



Submitted photo/Sarah Lapp
Freshmen Rumor Cantu prepares to take off the base at the District 3A Championship.



Submitted photo/Jerri Lynn Merritt
The 2013 LaBelle Cowgirl Varsity soft ball team.



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New record

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COES Family Night

Country Oaks Elementary School presented a family night at Mira Verde, on April 11, from 5:30-7:30 p.m. COE staff members invited parents to drop in and visit, while sharing some of the resources offered at Country Oaks. Mrs. Walker, Mrs. Garcia and Mr. Wedeles shared how the Accelerated Reading Program benefits students at all levels of literacy development. There are many reasons that reading at home is important for children; Mrs. Cottrell and Mrs. Calder-Smith helped parents understand why children should begin to read with parents long before they ever start school. Mrs. Luckey prepared a pamphlet of websites that can be accessed from home by parents and students. Mrs. Cantu prepared materials for parents that will be registering new kindergarteners in the fall. Mr. Sealey and Mrs. Jones passed out grade level expectations for the new Common Core Standards. Country Oaks Elementary School thanks all of the parents that participated in Family Night at Mira Verde, and look forward to continuing to provide a high quality education to all students.

Arbor Day Foundation offers tree-care booklet

The Arbor Day Foundation is offering a handy tree-care booklet designed to help people plant and care for trees.

Anyone can receive Conservation Trees, a user-friendly booklet featuring illustrations, colorful photos and easily-understood descriptions, by making a \$3 donation to the Foundation this month.

"Conservation Trees is an ideal resource for tree planters," said John Rosenow, founder and chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Taking care of existing trees is just as critical as planting new ones, and proper care ensures communities are able

to fully enjoy the diverse benefits of urban forestry."

The booklet provides details about the right way to plant and prune trees. It also includes tips on using shade trees and windbreaks to save on energy costs, attracting songbirds and creating a living snow fence.

To receive the Conservation Trees booklet, send a \$3 check along with your name and address to: Conservation Trees, Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, NE 68410, or order online at arborday.org/conservationtrees.

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West Glades has talent!

West Glades Got Talent Show

WGS' Got Talent show took place on Friday, April 12. In the division of K-fifth grade: first place: Karisa Guzman, second place: Mia Castano, third

place: AnaKaren Sandoval and Karisia Guzman. In the division of sixth-eighth grade: first place: Clara Alsina, second place: Ryan Perry, third place: tie between Alexia Guzman and Gracie Goodwin. All proceeds benefit 5th-8th grade math department.



Throwback Days at Barron Library

During the month of May, the library will be showing one movie each from the '40s, '50s, '60s and '70s. The movies will be on Thursday evenings at 8 p.m, starting with "Casablanca" on May 2. Weather permitting, they will be shown outside under the stars. BINGO will also be offered again on Thursday, May 9, at 7 p.m.

Below is an event schedule for the month of May.

Thursday, May 2 "Casablanca" from 1942

Thursday, May 9 Writer's Group at 12:00 noon

Thursday, May 9 BINGO at 7:00 p.m.

Monday, May 13 Book Club Meeting at 6:30 p.m, everyone is invited

Thursday, May 16 "12 Angry Men" from 1957

Thursday, May 23 "Wait Until Dark" from 1967

Thursday, May 30 "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory" from 1971

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING EAST HENDRY COUNTY COMMUNITIES RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD
Notice is hereby given that the East Hendry County Communities Recreation Advisory Board will hold a meeting May 7, 2013, at 6:00 p.m., in the Commission Room, Clewiston City Hall, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida.
If a person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
East Hendry County Communities Recreation Advisory Board
442022 CN/CB 5/2/2013

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Verona A, 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 WHICH ASSESSED
2528 2007 2024329-28000000820 Osvaldo & Jana Alfonso
Lot 147, Section 1, LABELLE FORD PARK SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 1, Page 48, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.
Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.
All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.
Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fourth Thursday** in the month of **May, 2013**, which is the **23rd day of May, 2013**.
Dated this **10th** day of **April, 2013**
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
441093 CN 4/18, 4/25 & 5/2, 5/9/2013

Public Notice

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS Florida Department of Transportation Project
Bids will be received by the District One Office until 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, May 16, 2013, for the following Projects:
E1M78-R0 - Long Line Paint Stripping, Charlotte, Glades, Hendry & Lee - Maximum Budgetary Ceiling. Contractor is required to have at least three (3) years of experience in the performance of Pavement Markings, or the Project Superintendent must have at least three (3) years of like experience as a Superintendent. A Contractor that presently has a certificate of prequalified with the Department in "Pavement Markings" will suffice to meet the above requirements. The form may be obtained from the District Contracts Administrator. This Form must be completed and submitted with the bid to the District Contract Administrator. This form must be signed by the Owner or an Officer of the Company and dated in the space provided on the back (page 2) of the form. Budget Estimate \$ 749,370.00.
E1M79-R0 - Mowing, Litter Removal, Edging & Sweeping, and Inside Mower Deck Herbicide Application. Manatee. Budget Amount: \$300,000.00.
E1M80 - Re-Setting of Existing Guardrail to 2013 Design Standard Specification Height of 24" on SR70 East of US 27. Highlands - Maximum Budgetary Ceiling. Budget Estimate: \$177,195.00
E1M81-R0 - Mechanical Sweeping. Glades & Hendry. Budget Estimate: \$23,804.00
E1M82-R0 - Cleaning, Desilting, Pipe Lining and Repair with Video Inspection. Charlotte, Lee, Glades & Hendry - Maximum Budgetary Ceiling. Budget Estimate: \$180,045.00
E1M83 - Performance Storm Water Pond Maintenance. Hardee, Desoto & Manatee. Budget Estimate: \$436,618.00. Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting on April 29, 2013 at 3:00 P.M. 801 North Broadway Ave. Bartow, FL 33830
E1M84-R0 - Sidewalk Repairs. Manatee & Sarasota - Maximum Budgetary Ceiling. Budget Estimate: \$144,000.00.
E1M85-R0 - Mowing, Litter Removal and Edging and Sweeping of Primary Roadways and Storm Water Ponds. Lee. Budget Estimate: \$420,000.00.
E1M86 - Performance based storm water pond - Manatee & Sarasota. Budget Estimate: \$270,000.00. Mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting on April 29, 2013 at 1:00 P.M. 801 North Broadway Ave. Bartow, FL 33830
441358 CN/CB 4/25;5/2/2013

Public Notice

LEGAL NOTICE
The following vehicles will be sold at public auction on May 13th, 2013 @ 10 a.m. at Clewiston Towing, 600 E Sugarland Hwy, Clewiston, FL 33440

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442047 CN 5/2/2013

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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED
1502 2007 1244432-A0001240000 Gary Scott Miller
The East one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 24, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Tract 5186, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision
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Dated this **10th** day of **April, 2013**
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
441090 CN 4/18, 4/25 & 5/2, 5/9/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **County of Hendry, Florida** the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:
CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED
2531 2009 1214334-01000010090 Daisy Hill Life Estate And Toshia R. Drummond
Lots 9 and 10, Block I, 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.
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Dated this **10th** day of **April, 2013**
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
441104 CN 4/18, 4/25 & 5/2, 5/9/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **County of Hendry, Florida** the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:
CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED
2758 2008 1214334-010000Q0330 Samuel Moody and Tracy Moody Thomas
Lots 42 and 43, Block Q, HARLEM SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 2, Page 79, 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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Dated this **24th** day of **April, 2013**
Barbara S. Butler
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Hendry County, Florida
442243 CN 5/2,5/9,5/16,5/23/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **County of Hendry, Florida** the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:
CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED
1944 2009 1274432-A0001430000 Orlando Naranjo TR & Aida Naranjo TR
The West one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 27, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for ingress, egress and utilities over and across the West 30 feet and North 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 57, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.
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All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.
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Dated this **24th** day of **April, 2013**
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
442235 CN 5/2,5/9,5/16,5/23/2013

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Ella III, 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 WHICH ASSESSED
1637 2007 1264432-A0001530000 Gary Scott Miller
The South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter 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. Also known as Tract 320, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.
Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.
All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.
Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fourth Thursday** in the month of **May, 2013**, which is the **23rd day of May, 2013**.
Dated this **10th** day of **April, 2013**
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
441101 CN 4/18, 4/25 & 5/2, 5/9/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **County of Hendry, Florida** the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:
CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED
1920 2009 1274432-A0000380100 Prudence Richards
The North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 27, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Tract 783, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.
Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.
All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.
Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fourth Thursday** in the month of **May, 2013**, which is the **23rd day of May, 2013**.
Dated this **10th** day of **April, 2013**
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
441103 CN 4/18, 4/25 & 5/2, 5/9/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **County of Hendry, Florida** the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:
CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED
2027 2009 1354432-A000140000 Pablo & Migdalia Ramos
The North one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 35, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Tract 4645 in MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.
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All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.
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Dated this **24th** day of **April, 2013**
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
442233 CN 5/2,5/9,5/16,5/23/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **County of Hendry, Florida** the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:
CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED
2118 2009 1364432-A000150000 Lou's Properties Inc.
The North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 26, 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 4899, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.
Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.
All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.
Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the First Thursday** in the month of **June, 2013**, which is the **6th day of June, 2013**.
Dated this **24th** day of **April, 2013**
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
442236 CN 5/2,5/9,5/16,5/23/2013

Public Notice

IN THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COURT OF FLORIDA, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY FILE NO: 2013-CP-28
IN RE: ESTATE OF **EDWIN GRANSON MASON, a/k/a EDWIN MASON**, Deceased.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.
The administration of the Estate of **EDWIN GRANSON MASON, a/k/a EDWIN MASON**, deceased, whose date of death December 28, 2012, and File Number 2013-CP-28, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is P.O. Box 1760, LaBelle, Florida 33975. The name and address of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below.
All creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against the decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, on whom a copy of this notice is served must file their claims with this court WITHIN THE LATER OF THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE OR THIRTY (30) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF SERVICE OF A COPY OF THIS NOTICE ON THEM.
All other creditors of the decedent and other persons having claims or demands against decedent's estate, including unmaturred, contingent or unliquidated claims, must file their claims with this court WITHIN THREE (3) MONTHS AFTER THE DATE OF THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE ALL CLAIMS NOT SO FILED WILL BE FOREVER BARRED.
The date of the first publication of this Notice is: April 25, 2013.
CHRYSSTAL HOGAN
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441640 CN 4/25/5/2/2013

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR HENDRY COUNTY FLORIDA Case No.: 13-253-DR
IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF: **ROGELIO GARCIA** Husband, and **JUANA MARIA REYES PERDOMO** Wife,
NOTICE OF ACTION FOR DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE (NO CHILD OR FINANCIAL SUPPORT)
TO: JUANA MARIA REYES PERDOMO

YOU ARE NOTIFIED that an action has been filed against you and that you are required to serve a copy of your written defenses, if any, to it on Agoston Law Group, whose address is 3375 East Tamiami Trail, Suite 400, Naples, Florida 34112 on or before APRIL 20, 2013, and file the original with the clerk of this Court at HENDRY County Courthouse whose physical address is 25 HICKPOCHEME AVENUE, LA BELLE, FLORIDA 33935, and whose mailing address is PO BOX 7760 LA BELLE, FLORIDA 33975, before service on Petitioner or immediately thereafter. **If you fail to do so, a default may be entered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.**

The action is asking the court to decide how real or personal property should be divided.
Copies of all court documents in this case, including orders, are available at the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office. You may review these documents upon request.
You must keep the Clerk of the Circuit Court's office notified of your current address. (You may file Notice of Current Address, Florida Supreme Court Approved Family Law Form 12.915.) Future papers in this lawsuit will be mailed to the address on record at the clerk's office.

WARNING: Rule 12.285, Florida Family Law Rules of Procedure, requires certain automatic disclosure of documents and information. Failure to comply can result in sanctions, including dismissal or striking of pleadings.
Dated: 3-26-2013
CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT
By: /s/ R. DE LA CRUZ
Deputy Clerk
441404 CN 4/25 & 5/2, 9, 16/ 2013

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School Briefs

LMS book fair planned

LaBelle Middle School is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair continues till Friday, May 3, in the Library Media Center. 7:20 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Please come to LMS and see for yourself what new books and other items are now available for every member of the family!

Early dismissal May 8

Hendry County Schools will be dismissed early on Wednesday, May 8, (Early Release Day). Lunch will be served that day. School

bus drivers will follow their regular schedules based upon early release times.

Register for VPK at COES

Hendry County Schools is offering a free VPK summer program again this year. If you have a child that will be entering Kindergarten in August and will be 5 years old by September 1, 2012, he/she is eligible to attend a VPK program.

Please call Richard Talada at 674-4140 for more information on this program

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HENDRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE
SUBMITTED BY: C. Gordon Swaggerty, Jr. DATE: 5/14/13
SUBJECT AREA: 257 Cellular Telephones

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Notice: Any person who wishes to provide the School Board with information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory cost, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative must do so in writing within 21 days after publication of this notice.

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Community Briefs

BINGO at Barron Library!

Please come to the Library and play BINGO on Thursday evening, May 9, at 7 p.m. See you there!

Help cloggers get to Universal

Come to the Country Rhythm Cloggers Fun in the Park and Chicken Barbecue on

May 4 at Barron Park. Half chicken, baked beans, cole slaw for \$8 plus lots of homemade baked goodies. Entertainment will feature the Whidden Band, the Dance Company, Twirling Belles and Country Rhythm Cloggers. Lots of vendors: Sharon's Creations, Southern Divas, Jurusu Life Blend for Joit Health drinks by Girls Scouts, Smoothies by Charlie Davis; plus you can purchase from any clogger a photo session, river front, by Jerri Lynn. Help the cloggers

work their way to perform at Universal Studios on June 29. Call 863-673-5054 for tickets or to be a vendor.

MCA events

May 11, Country jam session and pot luck dinner will begin at 6:9 p.m.

May 16, Regular monthly meeting. It will start at 7 p.m. This meeting the final draft to the BY-Laws and the Rental Agreement will be available. Meetings open to anyone who

would like to come. Refreshments will be served.

May 18, Karaoke and pot luck dinner will begin at 6 p.m.

There will be NO jam session and pot luck dinner on the 4th Sat. (May 25). All events are open to the public and 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.

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Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Crystal I. 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
1661	2007	1264432-A0002340000	Helen Sparks + Joey C. Scott

The West one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 26, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida, excluding the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Lot 409 in Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Fourth Thursday** in the month of **May, 2013**, which is the **23rd day of May, 2013**.

Dated this **10th** day of **April, 2013**

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

441098 CN 4/18, 4/25 & 5/2, 5/9/2013

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2179	2009	1364432-A0002050100	Eduardo Chavez & Lorena De Villalobos

The South one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 36, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for a drainage canal of the South 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 4155, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

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Dated this **24th** day of **April, 2013**

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

442237 CN 5/2,5/9,5/16,5/23/2013

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1712	2009	1244432-A0001130100	Orlando Naranjo Jr. TR & Laida Naranjo Cassanova TR

The West one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 24, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the South 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5183, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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Dated this **10th** day of **April, 2013**

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441099 CN 4/18, 4/25 & 5/2, 5/9/2013

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1387	2009	1144432-A0001900100	Orlando Naranjo

The South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest 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 West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 2742, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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441095 CN 4/18, 4/25 & 5/2, 5/9/2013

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR ONGOING MISCELLANEOUS PROFESSIONAL PLANNING, SURVEYING, ENGINEERING AND ECONOMIC ANALYSIS SERVICES

RFQ # 2013-17

Opening Date and Time: May 23, 2013 @ 2:00 p.m.

Hendry County is seeking professional planning, surveying, engineering, and economic analysis consultant services for ongoing assistance in these functional areas.

Firms submitting must have expertise in the following areas: 1) functional, comprehensive and small area planning, 2) land development regulations, and 3) economic, market and fiscal impact analysis. Proposers can have all services available in-house or may propose multiple firms, which have joined together to provide the various required disciplinary services. Firms are not required to submit a proposal for all three areas of expertise that is desired. Individuals and firms properly registered in the State of Florida are encouraged to submit their qualifications for consideration. All submittals (See Section III, Submissions (Requirements)) received in response to this RFQ will be reviewed by a County Evaluation Committee. In order to be considered, submittals 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., May 23, 2013, at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

A copy of the Instructions and RFQ Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Office, by calling (863) 675-5220 or by email, jmelchane@hendryfla.net. Instructions and RFQ documents will be emailed upon request.

The solicitation does not commit Hendry County to award any contracts, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this RFQ, or to contract for any services. There may be awards to multiple firms for various services and there is no guarantee for any particular level of work. 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 RFQ, if it is in the best interest of the County to do so.

Hendry County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and actively seeks Minority and Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation.

Karson Turner, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
442273 CB/CN 5/2,9,16/2013

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1690	2009	1244432-A0000430100	Orlando Naranjo Jr. TR + Laida Naranjo Cassanova TR

The South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 24, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5328, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

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Dated this **10th** day of **April, 2013**

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

441096 CN 4/18, 4/25 & 5/2, 5/9/2013

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2124	2009	1364432-A0000310100	Stanley F Gronkiewicz & Joan E. Rzepka

The South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest 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 West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 4836, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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Dated this **24th** day of **April, 2013**

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Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida

442239 CN 5/2,5/9,5/16,5/23/2013

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1769	2009	1254432-A0001140000	Arnold D. & Claudia Hessen

The South one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest 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 1143, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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Barbara S. Butler
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Hendry County, Florida

441102 CN 4/18, 4/25 & 5/2, 5/9/2013

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1992	2009	1274432-A0002740000	Orlando Naranjo

The West one-half of the West one-half of the South one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 27, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for ingress, egress and utilities over and across the West 30 feet and the South 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 231, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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Dated this **24th** day of **April, 2013**

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Hendry County, Florida

442241 CN 5/2,5/9,5/16,5/23/2013

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2172	2009	1364432-A0001830000	Caminito Fond-Rose

The North one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast 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 over the East 30 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for a drainage canal over the North 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 4051, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida

442234 CN 5/2,5/9,5/16,5/23/2013

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1998	2009	1344432-A000180000	Loures Pares & Juan E. Pares & Migdalia Pares

The East one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 34, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for an access road of the North 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 4373, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida

442230 CN 5/2,5/9,5/16,5/23/2013

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1945	2009	1274432-A0001430100	Orlando Naranjo TR & Aida Naranjo TR

The East one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 27, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for ingress, egress and utilities over and across the North 40 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 58, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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Hendry County, Florida

442238 CN 5/2,5/9,5/16,5/23/2013

Community Briefs

Widows to meet

The Widows Support Group will meet May 16 at Sal Cal Pizza, 11:30 a.m. All widows welcome.

GOP to meet

On May 13, the Republican Party and the Hendry County Republican Executive Committee will be meeting at Beef 'O' Brady's, 21 South Lee Street, LaBelle. Meet and Greet will begin at 6 p.m. and the meeting directly after. For further information please call Linda at (863) 673-6026.

Class of '88 reunion

LHS Class of '88 multi-class reunion, June 22. Steamboat Cruise from Ft. Myers 6-11:30 p.m., \$40 pp. To RSVP or more info email scarlettbonjovi@yahoo.com.

LMS farmers market May 10

LaBelle Middle School PTO will be holding another Farmer's Market on May 10th from the Chamber Porch. Pre-orders only. Please call LMS - 674-4646, ask for Bobbie Spratt for more information.

Come, Good Dog!

Dog Training! First class starts on Tuesday, May 21st 6:00 p.m. at CHS Veterinary Clinic Building located at 1050 Commerce Drive in LaBelle. Registrations, payments, and waiver/questionnaire can be made at Caloosa Humane Society located at 1200 Pratt Blvd. in LaBelle. The fee is: \$65.00/6 week class or \$30.00/6 week class for dogs adopted at CHS. Dogs must be current on vaccines prior to class starting and proof needs to be on record at the CHS one week prior to the class. Basic obedience class for adults and socialization/puppy commands for dogs under 6 months. For additional information please call 863.675.0997.

Museum to elect officers

Following a short program on LaBelle's upcoming Black Heritage Festival, members of LaBelle Heritage Museum will elect president, vice-president, secretary and treasurer for one-year terms and one director for a three-year term at its Thursday, May 2, meeting at LaBelle City Hall, 481 West Hickpochee Avenue, at 7 p.m. President Joe Thomas, vice-president Elinor Jones and director Lynda Rider-Smith are running for re-election. Irene Doub and Addison Austin retain their director seats on the board. The nominating committee under the direction of Sara Townsend will present its slate for the remaining offices at the beginning of the business office. Nominations from the floor for all offices to be filled are in order. For information, contact nominating committee chair Sara Townsend at 863-675-0125. Installation of the newly elected officers will take place at a pot luck dinner held at LaBelle Heritage Museum, 360 North Bridge Street, on a date to be announced later.

Spring Cleaning?

If you are, and you have items that are usable, and have some value, please donate

them to the Cowboy Closet of LaBelle High School. The Closet sets out to help the community with items at low prices. Call Kevin Lutkenhaus at 863-673-4638 or email at lutkenhausk@hendry.k12.fl.us if you can help.

Mini Health Fairs-May

These health fairs are free and open to the public. We will be doing free blood pressure, weight, pulse and oxygen checks. For more information please call Tabitha Yebba with Ace Homecare Outreach program at 863-233-1305.

Hope Connections LaBelle - Friday, May 17, 2013 11 a.m., Cowboy Way LaBelle, Ace HH #299991018.

Hope Connections Moore Haven, Monday, May 13, 2013 at 11:30 a.m. 691 US 27 NW Moore Haven, Ace HH License #299991018.

Hope Connections Tuesday, May 23, 2013 at 11 a.m. Next to the John Boy Auditorium in Clewiston. Ace HH License #29991018.

Please join us for a Caregiver's Support Group- Thursday, May 9, 1 p.m. at Oakbrook of LaBelle, 250 Broward Ave., LaBelle, Ace HH License #299991018.

Free QuickBooks Workshop

There will be a free Quickbooks workshop, registration required to attend, Friday, May 17, at 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Come to Beef O' Brady's of LaBelle (Lunch will be provided). Address: 197 E Hickpochee Ave. Sponsored by: Simplified Technologies. Please contact: Maria at 863-342-8251 or e-mail: maria@simplifiedtech.biz for registration.

Rifle Club fund raiser

The Glades County 4H Rifle Club is raffling off a shotgun and the proceeds help 4-H'ers with ammo and travel for state matches. These kids could really use your support. The raffle will be held on May 7 at the 4H banquet in Moore Haven. If you would like to purchase a ticket see Susan Whidden at the Seacoast National Bank in LaBelle, or call 863-990-8889.

VFW events

The VFW Turkey Shoots are always on the second and fourth Sunday of every month. Charcoal Broiled Burgers every Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Bingo every Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

ABWA scholarships available

ABWA scholarship applications are available at Badcock Furniture Store on Main Street. Applicants must be a junior, senior, graduate student or attend a vocational school.

Help cancer patient, win a turkey fryer

His Vision Our Hands is hosting a raffle for the Sandra Carter cancer benefit. Purchase a raffle ticket for \$5 to win a CharGrill gas turkey fryer; tickets sold at Langford Ford 863-675-1686 - ask for Tracy or Melinda. No date has been set for the drawing as yet.

Mammograms

May 16, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Walk-ins welcome. Appointments recommended. No prescription necessary (visit www.RadiologyRegional.com for eligibility guidelines). Most insurances accepted. Discount self-pay price. Call to schedule (239) 936-4068.

Pony, horses found

The Hendry County Sheriff's Office AG

Unit recovered a Shetland pony and two horses roaming on the road in Montura. To claim ownership, please contact the AG Unit at 863-805-5000 or 863-674-5600.

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.

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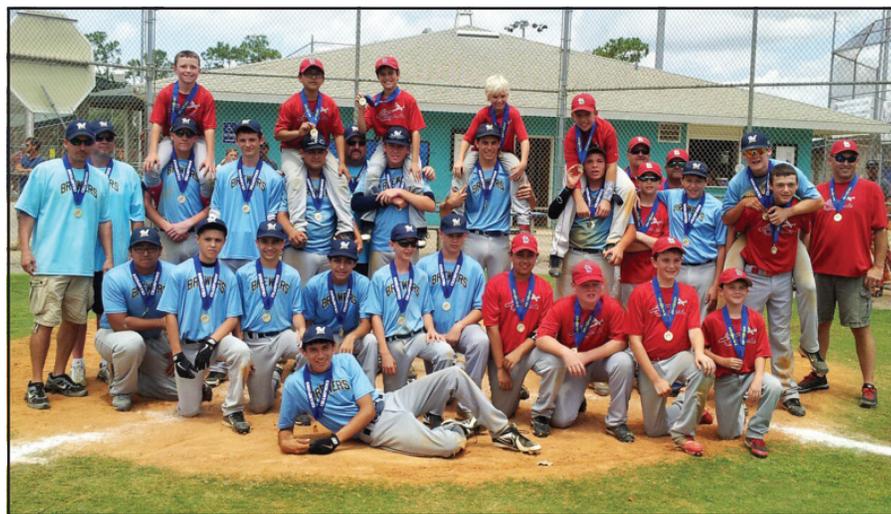


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Fun Day with a purpose

The weather was gorgeous on Saturday for the Sheriff's Fun Day and Earth Day Celebrations in the Barron Park. Lots of families came out to hear great music, eat some good food and celebrate Earth Day! The Kiwanis Club of LaBelle gave away vegetables and flowers to kids and tried to educate them on how they can grow their own garden and eat healthier. Club members wore shirts that said "Children and the Earth, their future is in our hands". The Kiwanis Club of LaBelle also gave away books to children. Some of the Kiwanis-Key Club High School students helped with the bounce houses for the Sheriff. There were several other agencies and organizations that came out to help make the event a successful one and plans are all ready in the works to make next year's celebration even bigger and better! Above: Earth Day was part of the theme for this years Fun Day Saturday, April 27. Kiwanis Club volunteers handed out small plants to anyone interested. They also provided information on how to be Earth friendly.

See more pictures of the Sheriff's Fun Day and Earth Day Celebrations online at <http://florida.newszap.com/labelle>.



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Champions of the ball diamond!

This past weekend proved to be one of great reward and triumph for the LaBelle Little League Senior Brewers & Major Cardinals. They, along with the Major Yankees, played in the Tournament of Champions and all advanced to the regional Semi-Finals and won against all of the other Senior and Major teams in District 18 which includes LaBelle, Immokalee, Alva, Fort Myers Beach, Bonita, San Carlos and Lehigh Acres. The Senior Brewers only allowed 6 runs throughout the tournament play and scored a whopping 56 runs against all of their opponents. Their first four games were shutouts while in the fifth game they allowed 5 runs, but held their final opponent to just 1 run and they scored 11! They are the Tournament of Champions winners of their division and the Major Cardinals also shined as they won for their division. The Cardinal team scored 68 runs against their opponents and allowed only 13 runs winning every game in their bracket. Come out to Davis Pratt Park and watch all of your favorite Little League Teams each night beginning at 5:30. You can grab a snack at the concession stand before enjoying a great game of baseball!

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