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Chamber 'going green', planning banquet

LaBelle Chamber of Commerce is finding ways to be smarter, more economical and earth-friendly. Yep, they're "going green." The familiar monthly newsletter members have been getting through the mail will be going out online only. Anyone who still needs to get their chamber newsletter on paper can do so simply by coming in to the chamber office and requesting one.

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You'll want to watch your chamber newsletter (online) for the inside information on what local businesses, as well as the chamber, are doing. We may be in an "economic downturn," but you may be surprised to see what your business neighbors are doing.

You can email information or questions to the chamber at lchamberofcomm@embarqmail.com.

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'Refuge of oppressed people'



On Friday, June 14, members of the Dana-Howard-Weekley American Legion Psot 130, assisted by members of Boy Scout Troop 9, carried on a sacred tradition that



ABOVE: Salute to a worthy symbol.

AT RIGHT: Legionnaires present a flag to be approved for retirement as a Boy Scout looks on. Every year Post 130 takes on the duty of honorably dispatching flags that are no longer serviceable.



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began June 14, 1777 - retiring with honor a large number of old unusable American flags. This one, from a Verizon cell tower, is probably the biggest flag the post has ever retired. Flames turn this proud American flag, the symbol of hope and freedom to the world, to ash at the June 14 Flag Retirement ceremony at American Legion Post 130.

HCSO seeks more school security

by **Patty Brant**
Caloosa Belle

Sheriff Whidden approached the city commissioners at their June 11 meeting with a request to help provide School Resource Officers (SROs) for all 11 Hendry County schools.

In view of the tragedy at Sandy Hook Elementary in Connecticut and a list of other violent incidents in schools throughout the country, Sheriff Whidden said he and Superintendent of Schools Paul Puletti are very concerned about school safety.

He said in their discussions he realized Hendry students are at risk due to the openness of the school buildings.

In immediate response to the attack at Sandy Hook, HCSO provided training for deputies on how to respond to such a call. By the time a 911 call comes in and officers are dispatched, however, the sheriff told the board, 3-4 minutes could elapse before help arrived.

In order to mitigate the danger, he said having School Resource Officers (SRO) in all schools would be the best approach - a solution not in the sheriff's budget. However, using the COPS grant, the SO could qualify for five SROs.

SRO's duties include teaching the DARE and G.R.E.A.T. curricula in schools. When school is out these officers would work with Road Patrol.

Sheriff Whidden told the board that HCSO can apply for a \$250,000 COPS grant. However that would provide five SROs only salaries and benefits for three years. The additional money kicked in after the grant would be used for equipment, training, uniforms, radios, vehicles and such.

After the grant runs out, the sheriff's office will have to absorb those costs - some

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Hendry students receive SWFLCF scholarships

FORT MYERS, Fla. (June 4, 2013) – The Southwest Florida Community Foundation recently granted scholarships to Jorge Medrano and Alexander Hernandez of Hendry

County.

During the 2013 scholarship season, nearly 700 applications were received from high school and college students in the five-county area the foundation serves.

According to Anne Douglas, director of programs for the foundation, a total of \$266,800 was awarded in competitive scholarships and another \$177,000 awarded in designated and outside committee scholarships, for a grand total of \$443,800. Of that amount, Medrano and Hernandez were awarded \$26,000 total.

Originally from the Dominican Republic, Medrano moved to Hendry County in 2009 hoping for better opportunities while having to make new friends and learn a new language.

"I can proudly say that I have mastered the language and the new culture," said Medrano, recent graduate of Clewiston High School. "Four years later, I thank God and

the board of trustees at the Community Foundation for honoring me with the John M. and Mary A. Shanley Scholarship. This \$20,000 award has definitely increased my chances of succeeding in college, and I am truly grateful and more inspired than ever to keep working hard."

Medrano will be attending the University of South Florida in the fall to study computer engineering.

Recent graduate of LaBelle High School, Hernandez is the 2013 recipient of the Doc Keen Memorial Scholarship and will be attending Texas A&M in Galveston in the fall to study Maritime Systems Engineering.

Community Foundation scholarships were awarded to local high school seniors who will continue their education at the university, community college or vocational/technical school level, as well as to undergraduate and graduate students from Lee, Charlotte, Glades, Hendry and Collier coun-

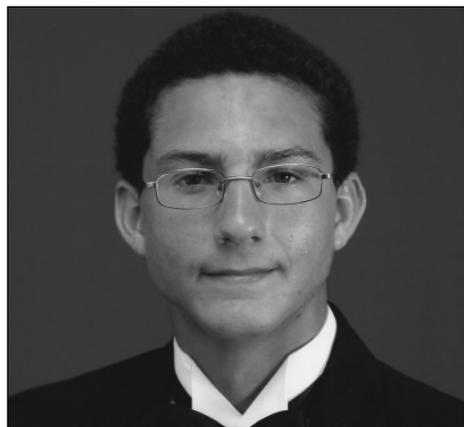
ties continuing a post-secondary education.

The Southwest Florida Community Foundation is celebrating its 36th year of supporting the communities of Lee, Charlotte, Collier, Glades and Hendry counties by connecting donors and their philanthropic aspirations with evolving community needs.

With assets of more than \$69 million, the Community Foundation has provided more than \$55 million in grants and scholarships to the communities it serves.

During its 2012 fiscal year, the SWFLCF granted more than \$3 million to more than 100 different organizations supporting education, animal welfare, arts and human services.

For more information, visit the Community Foundation's website at www.floridacommunity.com or call 239-274-5900.



Alexander Hernandez



Jorge Merdano

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\$300,000.

Currently, Hendry County has four SROs. They are attached to the middle and high schools on both sides of the county.

The five SROs the COPS grant could provide would bring that number up to nine, leaving two schools without officers. Sheriff Whidden said he is unsure how, or even if, those slots could be filled.

He said he and Superintendent of Schools Paul Puletti would have to decide which two schools would not get an SRO. Presumably officers would be assigned to the most populous schools.

That means LaBelle and Clewiston Youth Development Academies would most likely not get an SRO.

Sheriff Whidden said \$100,000 was approved by the school district for the additional five SROs. The sheriff would like to split the remaining amount three ways - among HCSO, the City of LaBelle and the City of Clewiston.

Agreeing to help fund the SRO program would increase the City of LaBelle's police

assessment of \$255,000 by 16 percent. The program would also increase city dwellers' county taxes.

The City of LaBelle has two schools within its boundaries - LaBelle Elementary and Upthegrove Elementary.

The COPS grant covers five SROs for three years. HCSO would be required to pick up those costs the fourth year - some \$300,000 per year.

The city commission will go over the request during its budget hearings this summer.

The sheriff hopes that, even though the new budget year doesn't begin until October, he can get the additional SROs in place at the beginning of the next school year.

Later that evening, Captain Dale Williams reported that the sheriff's office has been proactive in checking the Trade Center businesses, ensuring capacity limits are respected.

He said deputies have closed the bar every time customer capacity was exceeded.

Water plant

Tim Taylor of Applied Technology Management told the board that tanks for the new water plant are going in. The project is on schedule and on budget.

Chamber

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Ross as its newest board member, who is taking the seat vacated by retiring longtime board member Judy Reinbott.

Look for summer hours at the chamber from June 24 through July 29. Hours will be Monday-Thursday from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. The office will be closed on Fridays.

Chamber Secretary Sara Townsend will be on vacation August 9-19, but the office should remain open during those times.

The LaBelle and Clewiston Chambers of Commerce had an informal joint meeting May 23 at the Clewiston Inn. The directors of both chambers hope to build closer ties that work to improve both communities.

The LaBelle chamber is making plans for its annual banquet October 15. Folks are invited to come by 5:30-6:30 to socialize with neighbors, friends and colleagues, then dinner will be served at 6:30. Tickets are \$25 per person and will be available from any board member.

This year's guest speaker will be Florida District 80 Rep. Matt Hudson.

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FHP seeks information on fatal Glades crash

Glades County has experienced another fatal crash. On June 15 at 4:58 a.m. on SR 78E and Banana Grove Road, an unidentified man died in a three vehicle crash, the seventh traffic fatality on Glades County roads thus far this year.

There were just four Glades traffic fatalities in all of 2012.

The driver of a 2008 Jeep Patriot is not being identified pending notification of next of kin after a crash with a 2003 Chevy Suburban. A third vehicle involved left the scene.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol, the driver of a 2008 Jeep Patriot was headed south on SR 78E and a 2003 Chevy Suburban, driven by Alejandro Sanchez-Ruiz, 20, of Okeechobee, was northbound when, for an unknown reason, the Jeep crossed the center lane divider.

The impact caused its left front to strike the left front of the Suburban in the northbound lane. FHP theorizes that the driver may have been attempting to pass other traffic witnessed in the area, possibly a white

automobile and/or white pick up towing a boat trailer.

The Jeep rotated counter clockwise while traveling southwest, struck a concrete barrier wall with its front end and overturned before coming to a final rest in the southbound lane on its roof.

The Suburban rotated counter clockwise, struck a concrete wall and guardrail with its left rear before coming to a final rest in the northbound lane, upright and facing southwest.

Evidence indicated that the third vehicle had been traveling south on SR 78E and collided with debris on the roadway, causing it to become disabled. However, it departed the scene prior to the arrival of emergency responders.

The FHP requests anyone having information related to this traffic crash contact Corporal J. Rongish at 239-344-1730 x 1192 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-780-TIPS.

Four juveniles charged in theft of ATV

On June 13, 2013 after receiving a report of a stolen ATV, Hendry County Deputies followed up on leads that culminated in the arrest of four juveniles.

It was reported to Hendry County Deputies that 15-year-olds Julian Caballero and Felix Quinones and 14-year-old Clayton Thomas, all of Montura Ranch Estates and 14-year-old Luis A. Vega, of Clewiston had been seen riding an all terrain vehicle, matching the description of the one reported stolen earlier in the day. Witnesses reported they had seen the juveniles riding

throughout the Montura Ranch community.

Deputies were able to locate the juveniles who willingly lead law enforcement officers to a heavily wooded area, where they had hidden the ATV.

Deputies took the juveniles into custody charging them with Criminal Mischief and Grand Theft of Motor Vehicle. All four juveniles were transported to the Hendry County Sheriff's Office and later released to their guardians.

Arrests

LaBelle

Amy L. Yelling, 43, was arrested on a warrant June 14 and charged with grand theft \$5,000-\$10,000. N Reed was arresting officer.

Clewiston

Carhonda Lashay Davis, 25, was arrested June 1 and charged with aggravates assault no intent to kill and criminal mischief \$200-\$,000. CPD Officer T. Arnold was arresting officer.

Daniel Emanuel Hannam Jr., 22, was arrested June 10 and charged with trespass on a structure or conveyance, resist an officer - obstruction without violence and burglary of a structure or conveyance unarmed without a person inside. CPD Officer T. Nieves was arresting officer.

Lasheka Lavette Mitchell, 33, was arrested on a warrant June 11 and charged with second degree theft third or subsequent of

fense. S. Bell was arresting officer.

David Aguilera Gonzalez, 28, was arrested June 16 and charged with battery touch/strike, battery on an officer, firefighter, EMT, etc., and resisting an officer with violence. CPD Officer T. Arnold was arresting officer.

Mark Lee McGhee, 37, was arrested June 14 and charged with possession of cocaine. S. Huston was arresting officer.

William Errik Tarter, 33, was arrested June 13 and charged with battery touch/strike and domestic violence by strangulation. CPD Officer T. Arnold was arresting officer.

Remberto Brown, 19, was arrested June 11 and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon with a deadly weapon no intent to kill. CPD Officer J. Rojas was arresting officer.

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US 27 from the railroad tracks to Industrial Canal: Maintenance project: Crews will shape and add sod to utility strips on Monday, June 10 through Wednesday, July 10 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., weather permitting. Motorists can expect lane closures and should use caution.

SR 80 from east of CR 833 to west of US 27: Construction project: Work expands two-miles of SR 80 to four lanes from east of County Road 833 to west of US 27. Crews are paving asphalt and installing guardrail. Drivers should pay attention to traffic signs and barricades throughout the construction project, stay alert, and use caution in the work zone.

Estimated completion is spring 2014. The contractor is C.W. Roberts Contracting, Inc.

SR 80/US 27 Interchange improvements: Construction project: Work continues to modify the intersection with construction of an overpass for SR 80 traffic eastbound to US 27 northbound and for US 27 traffic northbound to SR 80 westbound. The project also realigns US 27. Crews also will widen approximately 3/4 mile of SR 80 to four lanes approaching the intersection, add a traffic signal at the overpass, and install lighting at the interchange. Work currently involves placing fill dirt, installing drainage,

and constructing the new overpass and roadways. US 27 traffic is using the newly constructed lanes. The SR 80/US 27 intersection is temporarily shifted to the north. Motorists travelling east and west on SR 80 must use caution at the US 27 intersection and follow the posted speed limit of 25 MPH. Motorists are advised to be aware of construction vehicles entering and leaving the work zone and to use caution driving in this area. Project completion is estimated at end of year 2013. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of Florida, Inc.

SR 80 from Birchwood Parkway to Dalton Lane: Construction project: This project expands five miles of existing two-lane roadway to four-lanes. Crews are constructing two new 12-foot lanes to the south of existing roadway, installing drainage and building new bridges over the C1 Canal. Cowboy Way is open to traffic.

Expect a new traffic pattern west of Birchwood Parkway. Estimated completion is summer 2014. The contractor is C.W. Roberts Contracting, Inc.

SR 29 at the north end of the LaBelle Bridge: Maintenance project: Work continues from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. to repair guardrail. No lane closures are anticipated, but motorists should expect vehicles entering and exiting the work zone and are advised to use caution.

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Keep kids safe from abuse

TALLAHASSEE – As summer begins and children spend time in new settings with unfamiliar caregivers, it's an important time for parents to arm them with information to keep kids safe from sexual abuse. That's why the Florida Department of Children and Families and Lauren's Kids teamed up to provide new educational tools for parents, children and youth-serving organizations.

The summer safety push includes launch of a free online parent toolkit to help parents talk with their children about how to stay safe through videos, interactive scenarios and parent and kid tips. Also available is an online Web training and handbooks for youth-serving organizations to teach their staff and volunteers how to spot and report abuse, and protocols to keep children, staff and volunteers safe.

"Summer is an important time to open up the lines of communication and make sure children know they can come to their trusted adults with anything," said Lauren Book, M.S. Ed Founder and CEO of Lauren's Kids. "It's very helpful to run scenarios by children and help them imagine how they would handle different situations."

Parents also can benefit from the resources of the "Don't Miss the Signs" campaign, a comprehensive public awareness campaign that launched earlier this year that aims to educate Floridians about the signs of child abuse as well as their obligation to report

suspected abuse.

Ninety percent of child sexual abuse victims know their offender in some way.

"Sex offenders seek out places where children are, so youth-serving organizations need to keep their guard up and learn how to be a strong first line of defense against sexual abuse," said Department of Children and Families Secretary David Wilkins. "These resources give parents and caregivers important, new tools to help keep children safe."

To promote a safer summer experience, Florida requires all owners, operators, employees and volunteers who work more than 10 hours a month to undergo background screening for state and criminal histories. DCF wants to remind summer camp operators of Florida's background screening requirements and encourages them to add their summer camp listings to DCF's statewide database.

Summer camp has long been a tradition for kids and is an important part of child development. It is crucial that parents ask questions and make sure any summer camp personnel are appropriately screened. Parents can also search DCF's database of summer camps whose personnel have confirmed background screenings. For more information and to search DCF's summer camp database, go to www.dcfbackgroundscreening.com.

Some hot advice for cold Christians

It has been few years ago now, but I recall reading an article that stabbed me right between the eyes. I have never forgotten the impact it had on me and to this day when I re-read the piece entitled, Parable of the Life-Saving Station, it is like putting ammonia under my spiritual nose. It causes me to ask, "Why do I do what I do? Will it make a difference in eternity?"

Sometimes we lose our sense of purpose or direction. If that has ever happened to you in your walk as a Christian, perhaps this will serve to awaken you as it did me.

On a dangerous sea coast where shipwrecks often occur, there was once a crude little life-saving station. The building was just a hut, and there was only one boat, but the few devoted members kept a constant watch over the sea, and with no thought for themselves, went out day and night tirelessly searching for the lost. Some of those who were saved and various others in the surrounding area wanted to become associated with the station and gave of their time and money and effort for the support of its work. New boats were bought and new crews trained. The little life-saving station grew.

Some of the members of the life-saving station were unhappy that the building was so crude and poorly equipped. They felt that a more comfortable place should be provided as the first refuge of those saved from the sea. They replaced the emergency cots with beds and put better furniture in the enlarged building. Now the life-saving station became a popular gathering place for its members, and they decorated it beautifully because they used it as a sort of club. Fewer members were now interested in going to sea on life-saving missions, so they hired lifeboat crews to do this work.

The life-saving motif still prevailed in the club's decorations, and there was a liturgical life-boat in the room where the club's initiations were held. About this time a large ship wrecked off the coast, and the hired crews brought in boat loads of cold, wet and half-drowned people. They were dirty and sick. The beautiful new club was in chaos. So the property committee immediately had a shower house build outside the club where victims of shipwrecks could be cleaned up before coming inside.

At the next meeting, there was a split among the club membership. Most of the members wanted to stop the club's life-saving activities as being unpleasant and a hindrance to the normal social life of the club. Some members insisted upon life-saving as their primary purpose and pointed out that they were still called a life-saving station. But they were finally voted down and told that if they wanted to save lives of all the various kinds of people who were shipwrecked in those waters, they could begin their own life-saving station. So they did.

As the years went by, the new station experienced the same changes that had occurred in the old. It evolved into a club, and yet another life-saving station was founded. History continued to repeat itself, and if you visit that sea coast today, you will find a number of exclusive clubs along that shore. Shipwrecks are frequent in those waters, but most of the people drown.

Clearly, the purpose of a church, and a believer is to impact those within our sphere of influence with the Gospel. Apart from that, we are only operating under our own agenda, and not Christ's.

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

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Identify tree species in Florida

The Arbor Day Foundation has a booklet that helps people identify trees in a simple, step-by-step process. The booklet, What Tree Is That?, is available for a \$5 donation to the nonprofit tree-planting organization.

What Tree Is That? is a fun, easy-to-use tree identification guide that features hand-drawn botanical illustrations highlighting the distinctive characteristics of many tree species.

Nature lovers and professional arborists alike have called this pocket field guide one of the most user-friendly resources to have. Its beautiful, full-color illustrations are in precise detail to depict natural colors, shapes and textures, so users can make a positive species identification in just a few easy steps.

The Arbor Day Foundation offers this booklet to help people identify trees in Florida and throughout the Eastern and Central regions of the United States.

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step approach for identifying the species of each tree, explaining what to look for in the shape of the leaves, differences in the leaf stems and twig structures and specific characteristics of fruits, flowers, buds and bark.

"Our What Tree Is That? pocket brochure is an ideal resource for developing a greater appreciation for trees," said John Rosenow, founder and chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation.

The Arbor Day Foundation strives to help people enjoy and appreciate trees, and we feel our pocket field guide will do just that."

What Tree is That? is also available as an online interactive version at arborday.org.

To obtain a tree identification guide in full color, send your name and address and \$5 for each guide to What Tree Is That?, Arbor Day Foundation, Nebraska City, NE 68410. You can also order the book online at arborday.org.



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LMS May Students of the Month

Back row, from left: Arnulfo Villicana (6th); Kyle Holt (7th); Tristan Storey (8th). Front row, from left: Danielle Baker (6th); Angela Leos (7th); Bianca Mendoza (8th).



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Candlelighters

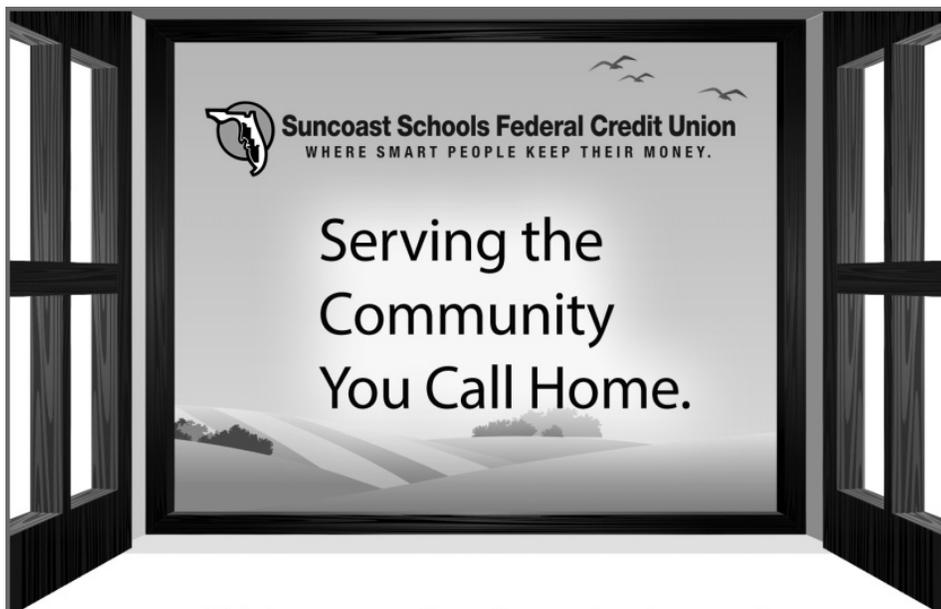
Mrs. Anderson's fifth grade class coordinated a fund raiser at Upthegrove Elementary School to raise money for children with cancer. The students got interested in raising money when Arik Molina, a student at UES, and his mother, Arlene Molina, visited their classroom to talk about Arik's successful three-year battle with leukemia. After hearing about Arik's ordeal, the students wanted to raise money to help Arik and other children with cancer. They chose Candlelighters of Southwest Florida to be the benefactor of their fundraising because Candlelighters provides activities for children to do when they are getting their cancer treatments and does many other things for the families. The students of Upthegrove Elementary raised over \$230 to donate to the Candlelighters organization!



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Upthegrove Elementary School / May Citizens of the Month

Row 1: Travis Bressette, Graci Edwards, Linzey Faz, Charlize Lopez; Row 2: Benjamin Lopez, Rogelio Velasquez, Calvin Tack, Row 3: Cali Cruz, Joey Carnevalino, Eduardo Rodriguez;; Row 4: Nadia Vasquez, Angelina Justice, Caden Rimes; Row 5: Mario Bustamante, Corenna Martinez, Emma Willis; Row 6: Gustavo Garcia, Alexis Steverson, Brandon Williams, Tatum Orr; Not pictured: Nisa Faz, Keila Herrera.



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Business and education connecting for results

The Hendry County Economic Development Council recognizes public education's role as an economic driver and assembled an Education Improvement Task Force to partner with our local school district to take on challenges affecting public education and, in turn, the local economy.

After fielding concerns from Hendry County employers in regards to a general decline in overall level of communication and interview skills, the Education Task Force put together a committee with a common goal to better prepare our students to meet the needs and expectations of their future employers.

The committee wanted to instill a grasp of what it is going to require to be successful in the post-graduation workforce and to convey that our local businesses are truly invested in them; that they want them to do well for themselves and for our community.

Gregg Gillman, President of the Hendry County EDC, responded to this challenge by inviting a group of business owners and operators to participate in a first time county-wide initiative to provide career coaching at Clewiston and LaBelle High School. "There is a growing collaborative effort taking place in Hendry County to improve the overall

quality of life, and there is no better place to start than education. The concern of our youth has always been present, it is just that now I think we are more coordinated and sitting at the same table working on solutions," Gillman stated.

Hendry County employers including Hendry Regional Medical Center/Convenient Care, Edison State College, First Bank, CPR Tools, United States Sugar Corporation/Southern Gardens Citrus, Center State Bank, SW Florida Workforce Development, Seacoast National Bank, Hendry County, McDonald's, the City of LaBelle and the City of Clewiston answered the call and joined forces to reach out to nearly 350 high school students countywide within a two-day period.

Each event began with a dynamic presentation by John Benkert, EDC Board Member and owner of CPR Tools in LaBelle. Benkert's sharp analogies made the core objectives relevant for a new generation, and his witty candor engaged his audience as he talked to the students about the objective of a resume, the importance of strong communication and interviewing skills and professional appearance.

Benkert comments, "It is important for all

businesses to help groom potential employees, but that is overshadowed by the responsibility that every business has to give back to their community and what better way to do that than to encourage and teach our local youth."

After the presentation, students were given the opportunity to interact with local employers in small groups. Students heard from the people who hire locally about the importance of communicating professionally, of punctuality and attendance and of maintaining a clean driving and criminal record. They learned about the short-term and long-term job opportunities available locally and, most importantly, about what the employers expect from the job candidates they hire.

The information the students received from the presentation and business exposition was recapped through a simulated interview skit that illustrated appropriate and inappropriate communication skills and appearance.

Students watched Gillman interview fellow Task Force member Stephanie Busin as she presented the unsuccessful job candidate. His narrations pointed out the issues that factored into the candidate not being chosen for the job. Gillman then interviewed Bianca Ross of Drug Free Hendry County, who was the successful candidate, and helped the students draw comparisons between the two.

Stephanie Busin, committee chairperson, said, "Grassroots initiatives like Career Coaching Day are important and effective



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Students talking to employers.

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Gillman wants to encourage more involvement from parents, the business community and even Hendry County citizens who want to become part of the solution to improve Hendry County education. Email Gillman at Gregg@hendryedc.com.

The Hendry County EDC is a public/private not for profit corporation established in 1997 to promote economic development within Hendry County, Florida. 644 S. Main Street, P.O. Box 2518, LaBelle, FL 33975 (863) 675-6007 www.hendryedc.com.

Church Briefs

Caloosa Baptist to Host VBS

Caloosa Baptist will be holding its annual Vacation Bible School week June 24-28, each evening from 6:30-8:30. The theme this year will be "Fun Fair Everywhere." A big red and white tent will be set up as part of where the activities will be held. There will be fun games, lots of children, good snacks, exciting things to learn about from other parts of the world and some awesome surprises.

This VBS is for children preschool (K-3) - Grade 4. All children those ages are encouraged to attend. To register, please stop by the church office located across the street from City Hall (formerly Flora & Ella's), or call at 675-HOPE.

Super VBS

Grace Baptist Church will have a "Super" Vacation Bible School Monday, June 24-28, from 7-8:30 p.m. each evening. There will be super prizes, true stories, games and super crafts. Each child, ages 5 year-fifth grade who comes each night, can squirt the leader with a Super soaker water dispenser. This super event will take place at Grace Baptist Church, 4200 NE Eucalyptus Blvd. Call 675-3349 or 863-885-4471 for more details and information.

This is a super opportunity to make this summer one of the most memorable. Don't miss out. Calling all Super children!

Obituaries

Lois Shotwell, 91

GRACEVILLE — Lois Shotwell passed away, Friday, June 7, 2013 at the home of her son in Naples, Fla.

Mrs. Shotwell was born in Woodbury, N.J. on Sept. 25, 1921, living in Graceville since 1972.

Mrs. Shotwell served as Secretary and Registrar for the late Dr. Walter Draughon at the Baptist Bible Institute 1973-1987. A member of the American Legion Auxiliary and the First Baptist Church in Graceville, where she enjoyed her "Gleaners" Sunday School Class, WMU, Twix and Tweens, and the Ladies Exercise Class. She also participated with a local group of ladies regularly to play Dominoes and other games. Quoted from a close friend of the family, Mrs. Shotwell, "What a beautiful expression of the reality of Christ was seen so visibly and tangibly in you!"

Funeral services were held at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 15, 2013 at the First Baptist Church of

Graceville with Rev. Tim Folds officiating. Burial followed in Marvin Chapel Cemetery with James & Lipford Funeral Home in Graceville directing. Family received friends at the funeral home Friday, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m., also Saturday 9 a.m. until time of service.

Flowers were accepted or those wishing can make memorials to the Baptist College of Florida 5400 College Drive Graceville, FL 32440 or First Baptist Church P.O. Box 565 Graceville, FL 32440.

Preceded in death by her husband Clark H. Shotwell, Sr.; parents Frank and Stella Haibach Guba, Sr.

Survived by her children Clark H. "Chip" Shotwell, Jr and wife Karen, Naples, Fla., Dr. Barbara "Bobbi" Sheffield and husband David, Virginia Beach, Va.; brother Frank Guba and wife Jane, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.; seven grandchildren, seven great grandchildren.

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Community Briefs

Kiwanis supports education

The LaBelle Kiwanis Club is accepting applications for adult scholarships through July 1. The Kiwanis Club of LaBelle believes in education and awards annual scholarships to adult students which are selected by the club's scholarship committee. The scholarships are designed to recognize and support local adults looking to achieve higher education. The scholarships are applied towards the student's tuition.

Applications can be picked up and dropped off at the Kiwanis Thrift Store, located at 155 S. Bridge Street. For more information, call the Kiwanis Thrift Store at (863) 675-4043.

Sign up for children's theater

The Firehouse Community Theatre is pleased to kick off their Children's Summer Theatre Program with "Fountain: The Musical." Registration for the program is this Saturday, June 22nd at 10:00am at the Theatre. Registration is \$50 for the first child and \$25 for each additional child from the same family.

Dates for this year's workshop are:

- Monday thru Thursday from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. beginning July 8.
- Performance dates of August 2 and 3 at 7 p.m and August 4 at 2: p.m.
- Our children's show is open to children from Kindergarten (must be able to read) to 14.

The Firehouse Community Theatre is located at 241 North Bridge Street in LaBelle. For more information, please visit our website: www.firehousecommunitytheatre.com.

Arts of the Inland launches 2014 rates today!

Arts of the Inland (AOI) announces new membership rates for 2014. AOI is committed to presenting and promoting the visual, literary and performing arts and with the launching of the 2014 rates, they are presenting artists with many cultural opportunities. Upcoming events include an "Artful Evening" at Keiser University on July 11, "Perceptions" judged art show on November 10 and gallery shows/sales.

Join today and receive the 2014 rates which begin at \$25 for individual artists.

Contact LaVon Koenig, President, Arts of the Inland for more information by e-mail at www.artsinland@gmail.com or call 239-303-5849. Website: www.artsoftheinland.com.

Free HIV testing

National HIV Testing Day on June 27, encourages people to get tested for HIV. Early HIV diagnosis is crucial so people who are infected can fully benefit from life-saving treatments and take extra precaution to prevent transmission to others. Almost 40 percent of people newly diagnosed with HIV in the USA have already progressed to AIDS, which means they were probably first infected years before and didn't know it.

Hendry and Glades County Health Departments will offer free HIV testing for any-

one on Thursday, June 27, from 8:30 a.m.-noon and 1-4:30 p.m. at the three clinic sites: 1021 Health Park Drive, Moore Haven; 1100 Olympia St, Clewiston; and 1040 Pratt Blvd, LaBelle. "Take the HIV Test, Take Control."

Be a school bus driver

Hendry County School District is recruiting substitute bus drivers. Training will be held July 29-August 8 from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. at the LaBelle Bus Compound, 4040 Cowboy Way. Applicants are required to have a CDL driving permit before the first day of class. Anyone interested should contact the LaBelle Transportation Dept. at 674-4115 or the Clewiston Transportation Depart. at 983-1516 to register by July 22.

Caloosa Humane Society needs your dessert!

Auction date: Thursday, June 27. at 6 p.m. All proceeds to benefit the homeless pets in our shelter. Drop off at LaBelle Community Woman's Club noon-5 p.m. Call Ellen for more details 863-517-2000.

American Legion Auxiliary June meeting:

Now is a great time to visit: July begins a 'New Year' for the Auxiliary. Next meeting is Thursday, June 20, at 7 p.m. at The American Legion Post 130 on Hwy, 80 West in LaBelle. The American Legion, the American Legion Auxiliary and all branches of the Legion solidly stand behind America and her ideals. Together we can make a difference. For more information call President Julie at: 863-674-1050 or Membership Chair, Sharon at 561-801-5843.

Turkey and ham shoot

Come to the Pioneer Plantation Volunteer Fire Department, 2499 Hendry Isles Blvd., June 28 and 29. Shooting begins at 7 p.m.

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Museum sets summer hours

LaBelle Heritage Museum, 360 North Bridge Street, will be open Fridays from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and Saturdays from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. through August 3. The museum will close from August 5 until shortly after Labor Day; however, special tours for groups of five or more may be possible at other times with a minimum 24 hours advance request either by an e-mail to labelleheritagemuseum@comcast.net or a phone call to (863)674-0034.

Mini Health Fairs-June

These health fairs are free and open to the public. Free blood pressure, weight, pulse and oxygen checks. For more information please call Tabitha Yebba with Ace Home-care Outreach program at 863-233-1305. All are open to the public.

Mini Health Fair: Hope Connections Moore Haven, Monday, June 24, 11:30 a.m. 691 US 27 NW Moore Haven. Ace HH License #299991018.

Conservationists to meet

The Hendry Soil and Water Conservation District will hold its regular board meeting June 27 at 1 p.m. in the large conference room at the Dallas B. Townsend Agricultural Bldg. Meetings are open to the public.

Widows to meet

The Widows Support Group will meet June 20 at 11:30 a.m. at the Log Cabin Barbecue. All widows welcome.

Fishing Camp comes to Riverside

Riverside Retreat and the Florida Youth Conservation Centers Network are offering a week-long day camp that focuses on freshwater angling and ecology. Children in the 3rd-8th grade will experience hands-on activities covering topics such as habitats,

species ID, choosing and catching bait, basic boating safety, casting/reeling techniques and preparing their catch....plus lots of fishing! At the end of the week, families are invited as their children show off their skills and enjoy a fish-fry! Pick-up and drop-off will be available via the LaBelle/Hendry County Recreation bus at the former U-Save in LaBelle. Scholarships are available! Contact Chelsey Hernandez at 863-675-0334 or RiversideRetreatPrograms@gmail.com for more information. Registration is available online at www.RiversideRetreatUMChurch-Camp.com.

VFW events

VFW Post 10100 will be serving a Pork Steak Dinner on Friday, June 21, at 5:00 for \$8.

Turkey Shoot Sunday, June 23, at 1:00. Bingo every Sunday at 2:00.

LHS Classes of the '80s

LaBelle High School students of the '80s are invited to a reunion June 22 at Port LaBelle Inn. For more information call Lara Conley at 863-230-0735.

HCSO recovers horses

The Hendry County Sheriff's Office Ag Unit has recovered two horses from running loose on the highways in Hendry County. If you have lost a horse, please contact the Ag Unit at 863-805-5000 or 863-674-0406.

Photo exhibit at library

Barron Library is now featuring a fine art photography exhibition by local artist, John Hutson. Please come by and see these unique photographs.

Class of '88 reunion

High School Reunion hosted by the Class of '88 - All classes invited! Making Memories on Captain JPs Steamboat Cruise. Saturday, June 22, 2013 - 7-10:30 p.m. 2313 Edwards Drive, Ft. Myers. Cost: \$40 per person. Please email scarlettbonjovi@yahoo.com if interested in attending. Details: Cash bar available, dinner will be served on board, DJ will provide the '80s entertainment so wear your dancing shoes.



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LaBelle Heritage Museum installs officers for new season



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Pictured from left: Director Addison Austin, three-year Director Linda Rider Smith, President Joe Thomas, Vice President Elinor Jones, Treasurer Ron Zim-merly and Secretary Martha Ratliffe. Irene Doub also returns as a director.

Former LHM president Addison Austin installed the newly elected officers of LaBelle Heritage Museum for the 2013/2014 program year at the annual members and guests potluck dinner and election held on the museum grounds.

Thomas also announced the long awaited move of the historic 1905 George Aiken house that was also home to LaBelle's first newspaper editor and Hendry County's first school superintendent Paul Eddy before becoming the home of the H. A. Rider family for well over 60 years as well as Judge Rider's 1935 law office is already underway and should be completed by Labor Day.

H. L. Bennett, professional engineer and

building contractor, and Stephen Risley of Oak Electric were singled out for their support of the move by donating their time, services, and materials for the move.

Thomas added the museum will gladly accept donations, either cash or in-kind, for other work involved with the move such as moving and setting up the central A/C for the Rider house, tearing down the present access ramp and deck to the Rider home and office, and other site work involved either at 150 South Lee Street or 360 North Bridge Street.

Potential donors are asked to contact LaBelle Heritage Museum, (863)674-0034, or labelleheritagemuseum@comcast.net.



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Kiwanis scholars

The Kiwanis Club of LaBelle recently held a special scholarship awards dinner for 34 LaBelle High School students. Scholarships totaled close to \$21,000! The Kiwanis Club of LaBelle is happy to support the development of young leaders in the community. All applications are reviewed by the Kiwanis Club's Scholarship Committee. The scholarships are a cash-equivalent award for the students to use for college tuition. Applications are always available at LaBelle High School, or students can pick up an application at the Kiwanis Thrift Store. A huge thanks goes to the community because the funding to support these scholarships comes from the proceeds of the Kiwanis Thrift Store. More than \$100,000 in LaBelle High School scholarships has been awarded over the past three years. The next time you clean out your closets, or have "left-overs" from a yard sale, please consider donating your items to the LaBelle Kiwanis Thrift Store so that scholarships can continue to support the local students! The LaBelle Kiwanis Thrift Store is located at: 155 S. Bridge Street in LaBelle. The LaBelle High School students that received scholarships from the Kiwanis Club of LaBelle are listed in alphabetical order: Dylan Awbrey, Selina Barron, Derek Bass, Yanira Bedolla, Trisha Bennett, Alton Burton, Ronald Burton, Clarisa Callejas, Salvador Carmona, Clayton Cooper, Alexander Hernandez, Britany Hicks, Andrew JeanBaptist, Mariel Juarez, Sarah Lapp, Cesareo Leos III, Andrea Lutkenhaus, Giovana Maldonado, Elanee Marroquin, Brennah McVey, Daniel Miller, Tyler O'Ferrell, Alexandra Pequeno, Hanan Qaqi, Diana Rodriguez, Jessica Smith, Suzanna Talada, Cory Taylor, Jordan Taylor, Brandon Toulis, Melibert Villavicencio, Brooklin Walls, Peyton Walls, and Jessica Whitman.

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Tricia Boone

Pet of the Week

As part of the Adopt-A-Shelter-Cat Month Special the adoption fee for cats will be reduced to \$25 and kittens to \$50! Danny is a beautiful young male with the softest white fur. Danny does well with other cats in the community cat room but would love to have a home of his own. Danny's adoption donation is \$25 and you can take him home with



the following additions covered: Neutered, Rabies (4 months of age), FVRCP vaccine, Heartworm/Feline Leukemia Test/FIV Test, Fecal Test, Deworming, Flea and Tick Prevention, and a Microchip. Anyone interested in Danny or any of our other homeless pets can come to Caloosa Humane Society at 1200 Pratt Blvd. and fill out an adoption application or call 863.675.0997. You can also check out our website at www.caloosahumanesociety.org and on www.facebook.com/caloosa for more information.

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servative free methylprednisolone acetate (80 mg/mL) in particular, which is compounded at Main Street Family Pharmacy, LLC., of Newbern, TN. At this time, there are no known cases of infection in Florida, but the Department will continue to work with Florida health care facilities in receipt of the products.

"Our Department is working with the facilities in receipt of the implicated products to notify all patients to ensure they are aware of any potential risk associated with the products," said State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health Dr. John Armstrong. "We will continue working with all stakeholders to ensure that Florida's residents and visitors are safe."

At this time, the list of Florida-specific facilities in receipt of the product include: Family Health Care of Chipley, The B.A.C.K. Center of Melbourne and Dr. Parvesh Bansal, also of Melbourne. DOH has notified each of these facilities and is currently working with them to notify patients who may have been exposed.

Out of an abundance of caution, the FDA

recommends all health care providers stop using any sterile products from Main Street Family Pharmacy, LLC., and isolate them until further guidance is provided.

The exact source of these adverse reactions is unknown at this time and DOH will continue working with state and federal partners throughout this ongoing investigation.

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WES 5th Grade Science Fair Winners

First place: Kirya Aguirre, second place: Leighton Steedley, third place: Lauren O'Donnell, fourth place: Kristina Noguez, fifth place: Joy Kaidor, sixth place: Sadie Gaskins and Myra Madrid, seventh place: John Quinn and Connor Robinson, eighth place: Sarah Sodrel, Windall Tindall and Lilly Collier, ninth place: Nadia Castillo and tenth place: Erick Moreno and Anthony Pequeno.



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Rotarians and economic development strategy

Margaret Wuerstle, Executive Director Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, presented to the Rotary Club of LaBelle an overview of the Southwest Florida Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy for 2012-2017. The primary focus is on these three areas: Public Arts and Culture, Agriculture Sustainability and Manufacturing competitiveness.

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Public Notices

Public Notice

EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DISTRICT NOTICE OF 2013 ANNUAL LANDOWNERS MEETING & BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all owners of lands located within the boundaries of the EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DISTRICT that pursuant to applicable laws, a meeting of the landowners of the EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DISTRICT will be held on **Friday, July 12, 2013 at 9:00 a.m.** in University of Florida/IFAS - Everglades Research and Education Center, 3200 E. Palm Beach Road, Belle Glade, FL 33430, for the following purposes:

1. Receiving annual reports and taking such action with respect thereto as the landowners may determine;
2. Election of Supervisors; and
3. Transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting.

The Board of Supervisors meeting will commence immediately thereafter and the purpose of this meeting is to adopt a budget for fiscal year 2013-2014 and to transact any and all business that may come before the Board.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at these meetings 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.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting, because of a disability or physical impairment, should contact the District's Attorney, Charles F. Schoech, at 561-655-0620 at least five (5) calendar days prior to the Meeting.

DATED this Friday, the 14th day of June, 2013.
BY: Charles F. Schoech, Asst. Secretary and Counsel to the District
446095 CN/GB 6/20,27/2013

Public Notice

STATE OF FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION NOTICE OF APPLICATION

The Department announces receipt of an application to modify an environmental resource permit (ERP) from Cemex Construction Materials Florida, LLC, File No. 0277994-005, for an existing sand mine. The applicant is requesting approval to use synthetic gypsum to flocculate suspended solids from the mine lakes at the Palmdale Sand Mine. The proposed gypsum storage area will be approximately 1.0 acre. Groundwater monitoring for the presence of various metals is proposed. A bench scale test conducted by Cemex has been done. In this modification, the area to be mined is not changing, the size of the mine boundary is not changing, additional wetland impacts are not proposed, the depth of mining is not changing, and the post-mining land use is not changing. The mine is located southeast of Palmdale, directly northeast of US Highway 27 in Sections 12 and 13, Township 41 South, Range 30 East, Glades County, Florida.

The ERP application is being processed and is available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays at the Mining and Mitigation Program, 2600 Blair Stone Road, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400.
445968 GCD 6/20/2013

Public Notice

SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the following application(s) for permit have been received for project(s) in Glades County:

US Army Corps of Engineers (Herbert Hoover Dike Culvert) P.O. Box 4970, Jacksonville, FL 32232, has submitted Application 130510-19 for a Water Use Permit to dewater on undeveloped lands. The water will be withdrawn from the Water Table Aquifer and the project is located in Section 14, Township 42 South, Range 33 East.

Interested persons may comment upon the application or submit a written request for a copy of the staff report containing proposed agency action regarding the application by writing to the South Florida Water Management District, Attn: Regulation Division, PO Box 24680, West Palm Beach, FL 33416-4680, but such comments or requests must be received by 5:00 PM within 21 days from the date of publication.

No further public notice will be provided regarding this application. A copy of the staff report must be requested in order to remain advised of further proceedings. Application status and associated documents can also be obtained by accessing the District's website (www.sfwmd.gov) and selecting the Application/Permit Search on the ePermitting page. Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an administrative hearing regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request after reviewing the staff report.
446194 GCD 6/20/2013

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: TIMS TOWING & RECOVERY gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 07/12/2013, 10:00 am at 74 S. INDUSTRIAL LOOP, LABELLE, FL 33935, pursuant to subsection 713.78 of the Florida Statutes. TIMS TOWING & RECOVERY reserves the right to accept or reject any and/or all bids.

- 2001 DODGE 1B3A546C71D231240
- 2001 FORD 1FMPU12K4LB49411
- 2006 TRAILER 1L9CW71716N383753
- 1998 CHEVY 1Y1SK5283W2405305
- 1997 TOYOTA 4T1B62K50U099571
- 1985 ISUZU JAACL1453F0710869

446046 CN 06/20/13

NOTICE TO PUBLIC

The Hendry County Hospital Authority Board of Trustees will conduct their monthly Board meeting on Monday, June 24th, 2013 at 1:00 pm in the Conference Room at Hendry Regional Medical Center, 524 W. Sagamore Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440. The public is invited to attend.
445767 CN/CB 6/20/2013

Public Notice

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446194 GCD 6/20/2013

Public Notice

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS INSURANCE & RISK MANAGEMENT RFP NUMBER: 2013-04 OPENING DATE AND TIME: JULY 11, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

City of Clewiston is seeking firms interested in providing property & casualty insurance for the City of Clewiston Board of City Commissioners. Firms properly registered in the State of Florida are encouraged to submit their proposal for consideration. All submittals (see Section IV, Submission Requirements) received in response to this RFP will be reviewed by a City Evaluation Committee. In order to be considered, submittals must be received at Clewiston City Hall 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida by July 11, 2013 at 2:00 p.m., at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses. Any proposals received after the above noted time and date will not be opened or considered.

A copy of the RFP can be obtained from the City of Clewiston Finance Department, located at 115 W. Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida 33440, or by calling (863) 983-1484 or by locating it on our web site at www.clewiston-fl.gov.

This solicitation does not commit City of Clewiston to award any contracts, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this RFP, or to contract for any services. The City 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 RFP, if it is in the best interest of the City to do so.

City of Clewiston is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Drug/Smoke Free Work Place.
446153 CN 6/20/2013

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **County of Hendry**, 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
2342	2009	1314433-A0000250000	Ismael Fernandez C/O Omar Fernandez

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 31, Township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the North 40 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for an access road of the East 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 6027, 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 Third Thursday** in the month of **July, 2013**, which is the **18th** day of **July, 2013**.
Dated this **5th** day of **June, 2013**

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
445529 CN 6/13,20,27 & 7/4/2013

Public Notice

SOUTH FLORIDA WATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICT PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Chapter 373, Florida Statutes, the following application(s) for permit have been received for project(s) in Hendry County:

Magnum Seeds, Inc (Magnum Seeds - Felda) c/o Genica Research Corporation, 5825 Sievers Road, Dixon, CA 95620, has submitted Application 130603-14 for modification of Water Use Permit 26-00520-W to irrigate 77.50 acres of agricultural lands. The water will be withdrawn from the Sandstone Aquifer and the project is located in Section 33, Township 45 South, Range 29 East.

Interested persons may comment upon the application or submit a written request for a copy of the staff report containing proposed agency action regarding the application by writing to the South Florida Water Management District, Attn: Regulation Division, PO Box 24680, West Palm Beach, FL 33416-4680, but such comments or requests must be received by 5:00 PM within 21 days from the date of publication.

No further public notice will be provided regarding this application. A copy of the staff report must be requested in order to remain advised of further proceedings. Application status and associated documents can also be obtained by accessing the District's website (www.sfwmd.gov) and selecting the Application/Permit Search on the ePermitting page. Substantially affected persons are entitled to request an administrative hearing regarding the proposed agency action by submitting a written request after reviewing the staff report.
446195 CN 6/20/2013

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NOTICE OF SHERIFF'S SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT PURSUANT TO A WRIT OF EXECUTION heretofore issued out of the Circuit Court, Hendry County, Florida, Case number: 2008-832CA on February 11, 2013 in the matter of Crop Production Services, Inc. F/K/A UAP Distribution, Inc., as plaintiff and D & G Farming, Inc., and David Herrera a/k/a David Herrera, Sr. as defendant, I, Steve Whidden, as Sheriff of Hendry County, Florida, have levied upon all the right, title and interest of the defendant, to-wit:

2004 Beige Chevrolet Tahoe, vehicle identification number: 1GNK13Z64R166936.

and on July 11, 2013, at 11:00am, or as soon thereafter as circumstances permit, I will, at the Hendry County Sheriff's Office, located at 101 S. Bridge Street LaBelle, Florida offer the above described property for sale at public outcry and sell the same, subject to ALL prior liens, if any, to the highest and best bidder for CASH IN HAND, plus Florida State Sales Tax, if applicable, the proceeds to be applied as may be to the payment of costs and satisfaction of the above described execution. The above described property may be viewed up to 30 minutes prior to the scheduled sale time by contacting Lt. Andy Lewis at the Hendry County Sheriff's office. In accordance with American with Disabilities Act, persons needing a special accommodation to participate in this proceeding shall contact the individual or agency sending notice no later than seven days prior to the proceeding at the address given on notice. Telephone (904) 257-6097; 1-9-800-955-87671 (+TDD) or 1-800-955-8770 (V), via Florida Relay Service.

Steve Whidden as Sheriff
Hendry County, Florida
By: Lt. Andy Lewis
444767 CN 6/6,13,20,27/2013

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Paul Mastrella**, 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
2875	2009	2024329-26000020150	David T. Esquivel

Lot 15, Block 2, ENGLEWOOD TERRACE SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 40, 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 Third Thursday** in the month of **July, 2013**, which is the **18th** day of **July, 2013**.
Dated this **5th** day of **June, 2013**

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
445537 CN 6/13,20,27 & 7/4/2013

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DISTRICT FOR THE ADOPTION OF THE BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2013 - 2014

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that a public hearing by the Board of Supervisors of the Everglades Agricultural Area Environmental Protection District will be held on **Friday, July 12, 2013**, at approximately 10:00 a.m. during the Annual Landowners' Meeting, which begins at 9:00 a.m. in the University of Florida/IFAS - Everglades Research and Education Center, 3200 E. Palm Beach Road, Belle Glade, FL 33430.

The purpose of this public hearing is to hear all objections to the budget as proposed, to make such changes to the proposed budget as the Board of Supervisors deems necessary and to adopt the budget as finally approved by the Board of Supervisors for the District.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at these meetings 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.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this meeting, because of a disability or physical impairment, should contact the District's Attorney, Charles F. Schoech, at 561-655-0620 at least five (5) calendar days prior to the Meeting.
DATED this Friday, the 14th day of June, 2013
BY: Charles F. Schoech, Asst. Secretary and Counsel to the District
446096 CN/GB 6/20,27/2013

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **TC 10L, 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
897	2010	1284329-0100000070	Joe Lopez & Manuel Pizana Est

Lot 7, LAKESIDE SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 173, 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 Third Thursday** in the month of **July, 2013**, which is the **18th** day of **July, 2013**.
Dated this **5th** day of **June, 2013**

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
445539 CN 6/13,20,27 & 7/4/2013

Public Notice

How fast can your car go? It can go even faster when you sell it in the classifieds.

Public Notice

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT FOR HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA PROBATE DIVISION File No. 2013-CP-43 Division Probate

IN RE: ESTATE OF JOHN GERARD MCKENNA, JR. Deceased

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATION

The administration of the estate of JOHN GERARD MCKENNA, JR., deceased, is pending in the Circuit Court for Hendry County, Florida, Probate Division, the address of which is 25 East Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, Florida 33935. The estate is testate. If the estate is testate, the date of the decedent's Will and any Codicils are September 6, 2011.

The names and addresses of the personal representative and the personal representative's attorney are set forth below. The fiduciary lawyer-client privilege in Florida Statutes § 90.5021 applies with respect to the personal representative and any attorney employed by the personal representative.

Any interested person on whom a copy of the notice of administration is served who challenges the validity of the will or any codicils, qualification of the personal representative, venue, or jurisdiction of the court is required to file an objection with the court in the manner provided in the Florida Probate Rules WITHIN THE TIME REQUIRED BY LAW, which is on or before the date that is 3 months after the date of service of a copy of the Notice of Administration on that person, or those objections are forever barred.

A petition for determination of exempt property is required to be filed by or on behalf of any person entitled to exempt property under § 732.402 WITHIN THE TIME REQUIRED BY LAW, which is on or before the later of the date that is 4 months after the date of service of a copy of the Notice of Administration on such person or the date that is 40 days after the date of termination of any proceeding involving the construction, admission to probate, or validity of the will or involving any other matter affecting any part of the exempt property, or the right of such person to exempt property is deemed waived.

An election to take an elective share must be filed by or on behalf of the surviving spouse entitled to an elective share under § 732.201-732.215 WITHIN THE TIME REQUIRED BY LAW, which is on or before the earlier of the date that is 6 months after the date of service of a copy of the Notice of Administration on the surviving spouse, or an attorney in fact or a guardian of the property of the surviving spouse, or the date that is 2 years after the date of the decedent's death. The time for filing an election to take an elective share may be extended as provided in the Florida Probate Rules.

Personal Representative: /s/ Joan Harris

Attorney for Personal Representative: /s/ Angela Abell Hill, Esq. angelahill@hilllaw.net kelseycahill@hilllaw.net Florida Bar No. 734926 1154 Lee Boulevard, Unit 6 Lehigh Acres, FL 33936 Telephone: 941-952-7996 446 CB 6/20,27/2013

Public Notice

Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AERIAL ADULT MOSQUITO TREATMENTS

Henry County will be conducting aerial adult mosquito control operations over the county as mosquito population levels warrant. These operations will continue throughout the remainder of the year. The treatments will be performed during evening hours, weather permitting. The insecticide to treat for adult mosquitoes is approved for application by the Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Florida. This operation will be conducted by Clarke.

If you have questions concerning this operation, please call Clarke at 800-443-2034 between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday through Friday, 445727 CN 6/20/2013

Public Notice

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Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
804	2007	1274331-010000N0100	FL Hendry Land Inc.

The West one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter, Section 27, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida, excluding that portion lying West of the 42 foot canal. Also known as part of Lots 10 and 15, Block N.

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

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

Unless such certificate shall be redeemed according to law, the property described in such certificate will be sold to the highest bidder at the **Clerk's Office, 2nd Floor, Administration Wing, LaBelle, Florida, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday** in the month of **July, 2013**, which is the **18th day of July, 2013**.

Dated this **5th day of June, 2013**

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court

445519 CN 6/13,20,27 & 7/4/2013

Public Notice

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
802	2007	1274331-010000N0021	FL Hendry Land Inc.

The Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter lying East of West boundary of 42 foot canal, Section 27, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, 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 **5th day of June, 2013**

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court

445517 CN 6/13,20,27 & 7/4/2013

Public Notice

Public Notice

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR MISCELLANEOUS UTILITY ENGINEERING AND/OR INSPECTION SERVICES

RFQ # 2013-22

Opening Date and Time: July 11, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

Henry County is requesting submittals from qualified engineering individuals or firms interested in providing miscellaneous utility engineering and/or inspection services.

Firms submitting must have expertise in planning, design, permitting and inspection of water, sewer and reuse facilities, knowledge of water and sewer treatment plant processes, flow analysis, and expertise in review of utility assessments and rates. Individuals and firms properly registered in the State of Florida are encouraged to submit their qualifications for consideration. All submittals (see Section IV, 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., July 11, 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, jmcalthaney@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
445570 CN/CB 6/13,20,27,7/4/2013

Community Briefs

Services growing at humane society clinic

The Caloosa Humane Society is now are special ordering diets from Hills, Royal Canin and Purina. All sizes of Trifexis now in stock, a once a month oral flea/heartworm prevention. You can schedule visits for nail trims, anal gland expression, ear plucking, medicated baths and more.

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800	2007	1274331-010000M0101	FL Hendry Land Inc.

The Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter lying East of the right-of-way of the 42 foot canal, Section 27, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Part of Lot 10, Block M.

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 **5th day of June, 2013**

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court

445516 CN 6/13,20,27 & 7/4/2013

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Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2192	2009	1364432-A0002460000	Lou's Properties Inc

The North one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 36, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Tract 4202, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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REQUEST FOR BIDS

MOWING IN HENDRY COUNTY

BID NUMBER: 2013-23

OPENING DATE AND TIME: July 1, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

Sealed Bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, for "Mowing in Hendry County". In order to be considered, bids must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C.E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by July 1, 2013 at 2:00 p.m., at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

A copy of the Instructions and Bid Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Department, by calling (863) 675-5220 or by email to jmcalthaney@hendryfla.net.

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

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Karson Turner, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners
446108 CN/CB 6/20,27/2013

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
770	2010	1264329-02000020031	Tonie Marie Tolar

The East one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter, less the North 25 feet and the East 20 feet for the road right-of-way, Section 26, Township 43 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida. ALSO known as Lot B-4, LABELLE ACRES NO.2, an unrecorded plot

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2083	2009	1354432-A0001690100	Rafael M Santi Quinones

The South one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 35, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. SUBJECT to an easement for an access road of the East 30.00 feet thereof. ALSO known as Lot No. 3758, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES.

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Dated this **5th day of June, 2013**

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1567	2008	1154432-A0009000000	Jose A Carrazzo Rossier & Aurora Guillot De Rossier

The West one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 15, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the North 80 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 3155, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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org. For more information and to reserve your orientation spot, please call Suzanne Flinn at 239-357-9889.

New museum Web site

The new LaBelle Heritage Museum Web site <http://www.labellemuseum.org/> is up and running thanks Pat Johnson. Bookmark <http://www.labellemuseum.org/> as a favorite site and archive the old web site

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Paul Mastrella 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
716	2009	1274329-01000010020	DDLS Inc

Beginning as a point 625.1 feet West of the Northeast corner of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 28, Township 43 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida; thence East 625.1 feet; thence South 1274.5 feet; thence West 521.2 feet; thence North 1278 feet to the Point of Beginning, excepting therefrom the East 30 feet for use as a perpetual road right-of-way. More commonly known as PARCEL A-2, LABELLE RANCHETTES, Hendry County, Florida.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
1133	2010	1224331-010000K0110	Saul Medina

The Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 22, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Lot 11, Block K, PIONEER PLANTATION, an unrecorded subdivision.

And

The Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of Section 22, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Lot 12, Block K, PIONEER SUBDIVISION, an unrecorded subdivision.

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Dated this **5th day of June, 2013**

Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court

445542 CN 6/13,20,27 & 7/4/2013

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
803	2007	1274331-010000N0071	FL Hendry Land Inc.

The Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 27, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida, lying East of the West boundary of the 42 foot canal.

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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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PRELIMINARY PLAT APPLICATION
HENDRY COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that the Local Planning Agency of Hendry County (LPA) will hold a public hearing on July 10, 2013 at 6:00 p.m., at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, La Belle, Florida, to consider the Preliminary Plat Application of River Landings (PL13-0001), a subdivision of a portion of Sections 21 and 28, Township 43 South, Range 28 East. The subdivision is located north of SR 80, south of the Caloosahatchee River, and is adjacent to the west side of the Riverbend Motorcoach RV Resort.

Copies of the files and information regarding the petition are available for public inspection at the Hendry County Planning and Zoning Department, 640 South Main Street, LaBelle, Florida, and may be viewed Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Interested parties may appear at the meeting and be heard with respect to the matter. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, 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.

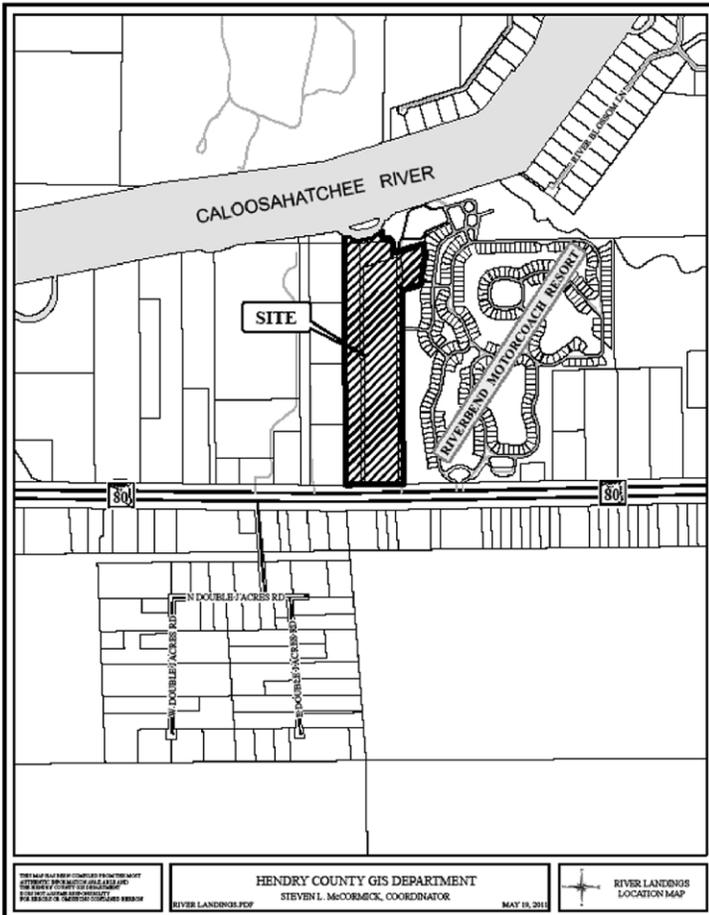
Petition Number: PL13-0001

Applicant: Tice Street, LLC, represented by Davidson Engineering

Location: 5992, 5970, 5942 West SR 80, LaBelle, FL

Property size: 30.20 acres +/-

Request: The applicant is seeking approval of a preliminary plat for a RV motorcoach development in accordance with RZ12-0007.



Orvell Howard, Chair
Hendry County Local Planning Agency

Farm Bureau to lead partnership for a new FFA state headquarters

Orlando – Florida Farm Bureau President John Hoblick has announced that the statewide organization will lead a bold partnership to build a new headquarters for the Florida FFA Association. The facility will be constructed on Florida Farm Bureau’s campus in Gainesville.

In a June 13 address before the 85th Annual FFA Convention in Orlando, Hoblick said the project is valued at an estimated \$1.5 million. The Florida Farm Bureau Federation and the Florida Farm Bureau Casualty Insurance Company will fund most of the cost. Donations from individual donors, businesses and private organizations across the state will contribute \$150,000.

“This is one of most exciting initiatives I have ever had the privilege of participating in as president of our great organization,” Hoblick said. “We have always supported leadership development programs for young people. We have also enjoyed a long and productive association with our FFA partners.”

“We want to continue the tradition of creating opportunities for our very capable FFA members,” Hoblick added. “I know that the new headquarters will be a vital resource for many decades into the future. This structure will stand as a permanent demonstration of our shared commitment to youth education and the quest for success.”

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
FINAL PLAT
HENDRY COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public hearing on the following petition on July 9, 2013, at 5:05 p.m., at the City of Clewiston, Commission Chambers, 115 West Ventura Ave, Clewiston, Florida. The Board of County Commissioners will consider whether or not to authorize the execution of the Rialto Pointe Subdivision Final Plat, a subdivision of a portion of Section 04, Township 43 South, Range 98 East. The subdivision is located on Riverbend Drive, north of the Caloosahatchee River, and is to the west of the Riverbend residential subdivision.

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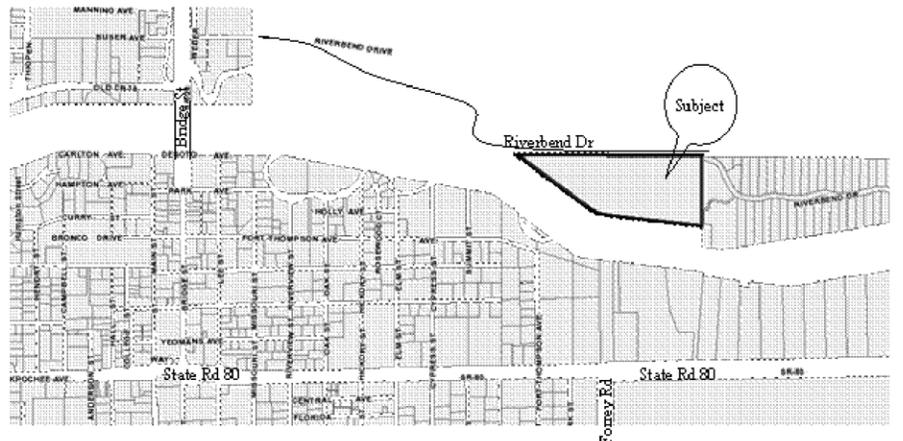
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Petition Number: PL13-0002

Applicant/Agent: TK Enterprises, LLP and Harold/Jeffrey Lazar, represented by H.L. Bennett, P.E., P.L.S. and Ms. Sherri Denning, Southern Heritage Real Estate and Investments

Location: Riverbend Drive, LaBelle, FL

Property size: 29.82 +/- acres



Karson Turner, Chairman
Hendry County Board
of County Commissioners



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Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida honored with award

North Fort Myers — Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida has been honored with a 2013 Advocacy Leader Award from Goodwill Industries International. The award recognizes a Goodwill® agency that has demonstrated leadership and commitment to advancing Goodwill's advocacy and policy efforts to further its mission of helping people secure employment and build stronger communities.

President and CEO Tom Feurig has placed a priority on relationship-building and regularly invites policymakers to tour the agency's operations including mission services, donated goods retail and contracts. State Senate Majority Leader Lizbeth Benacquisto (R-30) met with Feurig in August and toured the administrative offices, a Job-Link site, a retail store, the L.I.F.E. Academy charter school for students with developmental disabilities and Hatton B. Rogers Retirement Community. She returned in October with three of her staff members to volunteer at

the Goodwill's Trailways Camp, a sleep-over camp for adults with disabilities.

Staff members from the offices of U.S. Sen. Marco Rubio and U.S. Sen. Bill Nelson also met with Goodwill staff to learn about the many ways that Goodwill strengthens families and communities.

"Tom and his staff have done an excellent job of keeping Goodwill's mission on policymakers' radar," said Jim Gibbons, president and CEO of Goodwill Industries International. "Site visits paint a vivid picture of the Goodwill's successful business and mission services model. They are to be commended for their diligence in advocating for policies that affect the people Goodwill serves."

The award was presented at a May 15 reception in Washington, DC. The reception was part of Goodwill Industries International's seventh annual Advocacy Day — "Designing Goodwill into the Future."

About Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida:

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. For more information visit www.GoodwillSWFL.org.

About Goodwill Industries International: Goodwill Industries International is a network of 165 community-based agencies in the United States and Canada with 14 affiliates in 13 other countries. Goodwill is one of Forbes' top 25 most inspiring companies. (Forbes, 2012) Goodwill agencies are innovative and sustainable social enterprises that fund job training programs, employment placement services and other community-

based programs by selling donated clothing and household items in more than 2,800 stores and online at shopgoodwill.com. Local Goodwill agencies also build revenue and create jobs by contracting with businesses and government to provide a wide range of commercial services, including packaging and assembly, food service preparation, and document imaging and shredding. In 2012, more than four million people in the United States and Canada benefited from Goodwill's career services. Goodwill channels 82 percent of its revenues directly into its programs and services. To find a Goodwill location near you, use the online locator at www.goodwill.org, or call (800) GOODWILL. Find us on Facebook: GoodwillIntl or follow us on Twitter: @GoodwillCapHill, @GoodwillIntl.

LES June Students of the Month



Submitted photos

Front Row: Anthony Velasquez-Garcia, Carlo Zuniga, Konnor Hodge, Maria Vasquez, Sebastian Chairez, Iliaria Hernandez Middle Row: Brilee Cochran, Britany Aburto-Escobedo, Oscar Osorio, Kristina Henry, Jose Quiroz, Jacy Martinez Back Row: Carolina Dominguez-Zuniga, Alexsa Flores-Garcia, Sarah Moore, Daniel Baza, Delilah Valentin, Da'Joniah Ross, Brenda Penalzoa.



Submitted photos

Front Row: Yesenia Ramirez, Alexia Figueroa, Fernando Gutierrez, Johana Gomez, Daniel Angeles, Thomas Reitz Back Row: Logan Mathis, Ricardo Santos, Juan Briceno, Nancy Espinoza, Enrique Mora-Cabrera, Max Lofton.

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Beautiful and talented

Abby Arnold, 16-year-old sophomore at LaBelle High School, is leaving this weekend for Houston, Texas, where she will compete in the Miss T.E.E.N. United States pageant June 24-29. She will compete in a number of categories including interview, swim suit, opening number, evening gown and on-stage question. Preliminary competition begins June 26 with the finals June 29 streamed on-line at MisSTEENUnitedStates.com at 7 p.m. Last March Abby became Miss T.E.E.N. Florida 2013, where she was also deemed most photogenic. Abby is a member of the V.F.W. 10100 Junior Ladies Auxiliary, Country Rhythm Cloggers, and the 2012 Swamp Cabbage Princess. Abby is the daughter of Anna Thompson and William Arnold.

Community Briefs

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.

Legion fish fry and breakfast

Join the American Legion for its fish fry the first Friday of the month, 5-7 p.m. 699 SR 80W. They also have Bar Bingo every Tuesday.



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\$119,000 - Just north of the LaBelle bridge. Tons of room to expand. Adjoining property being sold together with this piece. Total of 1.44 acres.
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Florida's housing markets gain in first quarter of 2013

Florida's housing market gained strength in first quarter 2013 with increased closed sales, more pending sales, higher median prices and a reduced supply of homes for sale compared to the same quarter in 2012, according to the latest housing data released by Florida Realtors®.

"The first three months of 2013 demonstrate that Florida's housing market is gaining momentum and continuing to bolster the state's economy," said 2013 Florida Realtors President Dean Asher, broker-owner with Don Asher & Associates Inc. in Orlando. "More people went back to work as more jobs were created in Florida during the first quarter, and our population is also growing—which provide a solid foundation for growth in the housing market. It's taking less time to sell a home and, coupled with tight inventory, that shows buyers are eager to lock in historically low mortgage interest rates and take advantage of favorable, but rising prices."

Statewide closed sales of existing single-family homes totaled 48,976 in 1Q 2013, up 10.2 percent compared to the year-ago figure, according to data from Florida Realtors Industry Data and Analysis department in partnership with local Realtor boards/associations. Closed sales typically occur 30 to 90 days after sales contracts are written.

Meanwhile, pending sales – contracts that are signed but not yet completed or closed – for existing single-family homes rose 26.8 percent in the first quarter compared to the 1Q 2012 figure. The statewide median sales price for single-family existing homes in 1Q 2013 was \$153,000, up 13.4 percent from the same quarter a year ago.

The median is the midpoint; half the homes sold for more, half for less. Housing industry analysts note that sales of foreclosures and other distressed properties downwardly distort the median price because they generally sell at a discount relative to traditional homes.

Looking at Florida's year-to-year comparison for sales of townhouse-condos, a total of 24,655 units sold statewide in the first quarter, up 3.2 percent from the first three months of 2012. Pending sales for townhouse-condos in 1Q 2013 increased 13.7 percent compared to a year ago, while the statewide median for townhouse-condo properties was \$116,000, up 18.4 percent over the same quarter last year.

In 1Q 2013, the median days on market (the midpoint of the number of days it took for a property to sell that month) was 60 days for both single-family homes and for townhouse-condo properties.

The inventory for single-family homes stood at a 5.3-months' supply for 1Q 2013; inventory for townhouse-condos was at a 5.8-months' supply for the same period, according to Florida Realtors.

Florida Realtors Chief Economist Dr. John Tuccillo said, "In a sense, these numbers are old news since we release the monthly numbers separately. But they are important in that they confirm the sales and price trends we have seen shaping up in the market. If you look back at the quarterly numbers, comparing year to year, you see, at least in single-family sales, the steadiness of the market since 2009. We expect that the year-over-year increases we have seen for the past several years will continue into 2014."

According to Freddie Mac, the interest rate for a 30-year fixed-rate mortgage averaged 3.50 percent for 1Q 2013 down from the previous year's average of 3.92 percent, according to Freddie Mac.

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Easy and Delicious Coconut Cake

Bake one Yellow Cake as directed in a 13" x 9" pan.

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1 can Cream of Coconut &
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