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Chamber banquet Monday

Monday night, October 21, is the night for the LaBelle Chamber of Commerce annual banquet. Just \$25 per ticket will provide a great meal and an enjoyable evening; \$250 for a table of eight. You can still get tickets from any chamber director or at the chamber, across from the Courthouse at SR 80 and Bridge Street.

The LaBelle Civic Center will be all dolled up for the event. Keynote speaker Florida State Representative for District 80 Matt Hudson will fill us what's happening in Tallahassee.

Find out the Chamber's choice for 2013 Citizen of the Year and also find out first hand who will be honored as the Business of the Year.

Remember, chamber members are invited to set up a table to sell their products/services. Non-members may set up for \$100 or become a chamber member. All vendors must bring their own table and set up. (Note: A \$25 ticket will still be required to eat!)

Nonprofits can also set up for free to hand out their materials.

Of course the meal is always a treat - roast pork or turkey, dirty

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Government default: Feeling the pain

by **Patty Brant**
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As Democrats and Republicans inch closer to bridging their differences or, as of press time, closer to financial default, the country's fiscal paralysis is making itself felt, even into the small corners of the country, like Hendry County.

The efforts of families and individuals trying to recover from the most serious recession the country has seen since the Great Depression are being stymied. Local residents and businesses find themselves at the mercy of poli-

tics.

Maybe worse, they all know that, even if a compromise is struck before the deadline, it could only prove to be a temporary respite along a continuously rocky path. It ain't over till it's over.

Local entities are hard pressed for answers on just how this government impasse will affect them.

Since the beginning of October, when the government began turning off the financial spigots, local government, business and individuals have had to try to adapt, while waiting for the other shoe to fall.

Here's how some area governmental and large private groups are coping:

Public Schools

Hendry County Superintendent of Schools Paul Puletti said the district has been "watching closely" the way developments were unfolding. Should the government actually shut down, it would not affect classrooms. However, it could affect federal programs including migrant education, Title programs (enhancement) and possibly after school programs.

RCMA

The story is a little tougher for the Redlands Christian Migrant Association,

RCMA Director of Communications & Marketing Bill Coats said no tangible effects had been felt as yet, but RCMA staff was concerned.

"It could be a major problem if this goes on till Nov. 1 when RCMA's funding cycle begins," he noted. The federal government is the largest single funder of Head

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Hope glimmers for area abuse victims

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It's very difficult to protect women and children in an abusive home. It's even harder when there is no shelter for them to escape to when they finally try to make that break.

After five years, Hendry-Glades will soon have that safe harbor again for victims of domestic violence.

Recently, United Way held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new women's shelter. Of course, for safety reasons the location is not published.

The old shelter, closed in 2008. It was an old cracker house with just two bedrooms, so many local women and children had to be relocated to Fort Myers. Even when women made the difficult decision to leave their relationship, they often ended up returning to this dysfunctional situation because they could not leave their job and didn't want to uproot their children.

The shelter can also be used for

victims of human trafficking.

When Arlene Betancourt of United Way heard about the building, she soon made it a point to check it out. Finding it perfect for a women's shelter, she wasted no time in contacting Jennifer Benton, CEO of Abuse Counseling and Treatment (ACT).

At the recent ribbon cutting,

Hendry County Administrator Charles Chapman called the shelter a "tremendous asset" and praised the partnerships that made it possible. "When we do stuff together, unbelievably cool stuff happens," he pointed out in his speech.

He called the United Way's partnership with the county a "key piece" for this county with "rich

opportunities" to fulfill its overall mission.

He compared agencies like the United Way and Salvation Army to "spark plugs" of the community that make the county run.

He called upon men to focus on women and children's opport-

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Submitted photo/Susan Mercedes

Representatives of area agencies recently cut the ribbon for a new women's shelter. At the center of the photo, cutting the ribbon are Act Counseling and Treatment CEO Jennifer Benton, Hendry County Administrator Charles Chapman and Arlene Betancourt of the United Way.

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Start.

Throughout the state, the total children affected by this potential disaster is 1,853 for Redlands Christian Migrant Association alone.

Numbers provided by Mr. Coats explain that the impact in the Immokalee-LaBelle area, if no funds are available, RCMA employees will be laid off and families will go without child care. This would affect 238 children and 72 staffers in Collier County; 59 children and 26 staffers in Hendry County and 23 children and several staffers in Glades County.

According to Mr. Coats, Head Start and Early Head Start operate year round or through the school year. They are funded through June 30, 2014. These programs fund 138 children and some four-fifths of our staff in Glades County; 183 children and two-thirds of our staff in Hendry County; but only 32 children and some 10 staff members in Collier County.

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nities and embrace them - to redefine masculinity and take responsibility for abusive situations.

The shelter will be one piece in the overall structure of a program that will protect "the health, safety and welfare of our most vulnerable," he added, noting that "abuse funnels into other problems."

"The challenge is to connect, grow and foster partnerships. Each life has an echo effect," he said, each of us needs to "do his own part to make an impact."

For her part, Jennifer Benton CEO of ACT, who has been with the program for 17 years, noted that ACT is back in Hendry-Glades - and in a better state than when it left. Last year, ACT served 135 clients in Hendry-Glades, mostly through outreach.

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rice, green beans, salad and dessert. Social hour - beer and wine from 5-6 p.m. Serving begins at 6 p.m. followed by the speaker and awards presentation.

Directors for 2014 will be installed, including several new ones.

Don't forget, **Christmas in the Park** is just about seven weeks away! This annual holiday treat for LaBelle's kids is scheduled for Friday, December 6. It's awful hard for Santa to provide snow, in nice warm places like LaBelle, so help Mother Nature come up with cold white stuff by providing a donation. (Just how sure are you about that naughty or nice thing? This might be a good time to rack up some points for yourself with Old St. Nick!) You can play weather man and get on Santa's good side. Just call the chamber at 675-0125 to make a donation.

The Florida Office of Early Learning is funded through November. School Readiness funds pay for 51 children and roughly a dozen staff in Collier County; 15 children and several teachers in Hendry County. and no programs in Glades County.

In Immokalee, he said migrant and seasonal programs were most at risk. These contracts began on Nov. 1, 2012, and end Nov. 1, 2013. They must be refunded by November 11 for service to be uninterrupted. "If Congress functions properly, all new contracts will be okay," Mr. Coats noted.

Some RCMA centers don't use federal money per se- they are funded by the state from federal monies.

If Congress does not reestablish funding by Nov. 1 RCMA schools will not open on Nov. 11. Generally, RCMA centers open the second week of November and close in early June.

This year, three RCMA centers closed in Florida, due to the sequester. Some year round centers also closed for the summer throughout the state, and some programs were lost. This past Spring RCMA lost 5.25 percent of its federal funding.

RCMA receives 90 percent of its funding from the federal government and ten per-

cent from the state.

Collier County's three charter schools, including Immokalee Community School, are part of the county district, funded by the county, so their funding should be intact.

Last May the federal sequester cut backs forced some RCMA schools to close two weeks early. RCMA has seven centers in Immokalee; four in Hendry County; and three in Glades .

Hendry County

Hendry County Director of Finance Jennifer Davis said a government shutdown could affect the county's ability to fulfill required responses for grant applications and prevent the timely submission of supporting paperwork for ongoing grants. She said county staff will have to be mindful and try not to "fall between the cracks."

Federal grants contribute to Housing and Urban Development Section 8 programs. Staff will also have to keep an eye on some state grants, which are often federal "pass through" grants.

City of LaBelle

For the City of LaBelle, Finance Director Ron Zimmerly said federal funding for its USDA Rural Development funding for its new water treatment plant is secure.

Just weeks ago, the City of LaBelle closed out the \$13 million loan portion for its new water treatment plant funding (which ended June 21) and is entering the \$7 million grant portion.

However, a federal shutdown could put

ongoing construction in jeopardy. The inability of USDA to send funding transfers would halt the required monthly construction inspections, and stop construction.

Mr. Zimmerly said, if the shutdown occurs, "I don't know what will happen with contractors. We may have to go to a bank and seek a loan to pay them, if bank will do it. If not . . .? And what if the city got an interim loan, the deadlock continues and the city cannot repay that loan?"

Agriculture is also suffering because of the lack of services from government agencies. USDA offices in Gainesville and West Palm Beach, as well as the Natural Resources Conservation Office in Hendry closed Tuesday, October 9, with employees furloughed.

Local businesses which have government contracts could also face layoffs.

Yet another potential problem for local governments - a backlog when the government does reopen.

Recreation

Locally, affected campgrounds are Ortona South Campground near Moore Haven and Franklin Campground North in Alva along with Clewiston Visitor Center, WP Franklin South Recreation Area in Alva, Ortona North Recreation Area in Moore Haven and St. Lucie South Recreation Area in Stuart. Certain essential staff continued to work.

Whether or not the federal government defaults, the future is far from secure. For the foreseeable future, there will still be too many questions, not enough answers.

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Fire Prevention Week Activities

LaBelle Fire Department would like to thank all the firefighters that took part in Fire Prevention Week and also to Smokey Bear and his friends from Florida Forest Service. LaBelle firefighters took their fire preven-

tion mission to the kids again this year, trying to keep them safe.

They also had a special visit from Forestry's Smokey Bear.

The firefighters presented fire safety information, in full gear, to children throughout the city - at Kid City, LaBelle Elementary School, Upthegrove Elementary School, Country Oaks Elementary, First Baptist Pre-

school and Big Smiles. ESE students got a special visit, too!

The children saw firefighters in their gear so they won't be afraid of them.

The students also got to meet Smokey Bear from the Department of Forestry and practice their all important safety actions - crawl low under smoke and Stop, Drop and Roll.



Submitted photos/Amy Perez



Two men charged with sexual battery

On Wednesday, October 9, 2013, 31 year old Timothy Eugene Alexander, Jr., was arrested by Lee County Sheriff's Office on a warrant from Hendry County on charges of sexual battery.

On the same day, Glades County Sheriff's Office arrested a second subject, 18 year old Joshua Dale Bryan of Glades County on charges of sexual battery.

According to arrest records, on October 1, a 16 year old victim, along with family members, came to the Hendry County Sheriff's Office to report she had been invited to attend a party on Timothy Alexander's Limousine Party Bus and had been forced to have sex with Alexander and Bryan.

At the end of the evening, the party bus parked at a private residence in Hendry County where the passengers got off the

bus and began to socialize in the yard and in the home. After nearly everyone had left the bus, the 16 year old victim and Bryan were supposedly left on the bus alone. At this time the forcible attack allegedly occurred.

On Monday, October 7, Hendry County Investigators filed for and received an arrest warrant for Timothy Eugene Alexander, Jr. and Joshua Dale Bryan on charges of Sexual Battery.

Alexander has been released on \$150,000.00 bond, wearing a GPS tracking device attached to him as a condition of his release. As of Wednesday morning, Bryan was still in custody at Hendry County Jail.

The Fort Myers News-Press reported that Alexander was fired from the South Trail fire station in Lee County as a result of pending internal disciplinary charges.

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Addressing Anger: Positive and negative aspects

Winston Churchill is credited for saying, "A person is about as big as the things that make him angry."

With that said, what is the fuse that lights your fuse?

When it comes to defining anger one definition states it is "a feeling of displeasure caused by a real or an assumed wrong, ranging from irritation to rage." It short, most of the time anger is a response to a perceived or genuine threat. Anger often stems from personally wanting control. It is true that anger is often based on exaggerations and is seated in a "strike back/get even mode."

Interestingly, the Bible tells us in James 1:20, "Man's anger does not bring about the righteous life that God desires." Of course, this statement is in reference to a person who loses control of his or her anger.

There are at least two observations that can be stated about anger. First, anger can have some positive aspects. For example, it can be motivational to bring about good changes. Also, on more than one occasion, even Jesus became angry. While it is important to note that He never lost control of His



Les Morgan

emotions, He did become angry. On those occasions, it was always righteous indignation.

Another positive aspect of anger is that it can be helpful in breaking bondages. People make shifts in their lives because they become mad about a personal issue and get determined to bring about change. Indeed, anger is a God-given emotion, and 1 Thessalonians 5:23 says, "May the God of peace sanctify you completely and may your whole spirit, soul and body be preserved blameless at the coming of Lord Jesus Christ."

Anger can likewise have negative aspects. When anger is bottled up internally it hurts us personally. If the issues (s) are not resolved, anger may do permanent damage. This is why David writes in Psalms 37:8 that a person should "refrain from anger and turn away from wrath: do not fret; it only leads to evil."

It is a truthful saying that anger is a difficult emotion to manage. Proverbs 14:17 reminds us that "a quick-tempered man does foolish things."

The reality is that anger is much like tea – the longer it steeps the stronger it gets. If we respond impulsively, we usually do so in a self-preservation mode with a hasty response. If anger lies beneath the surface, resentments can grow very deep.

Likewise, it is important to understand that anger can be displayed in several ways. These displays include, but are not limited to, the following: secretive behavior, manipulation, self-blame, self-sacrifice (refusing help), detachment, obsession, evasiveness, extreme aggressiveness, etc...

What does the Bible say about anger? There are many passages that teach us about this emotion. For example, Proverbs 29:11 says "A fool gives full vent to his anger, but a wise man keeps himself under control." Proverbs 19:11 exhorts people that "A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense." Ecclesiastes 7:9 likewise claims, "Do not be quickly provoked in your spirit, for anger resides in the lap of fools." In Proverbs 15:1 we read, "A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." Proverbs 15:18 calls this to the fore-front: "A hot-tempered man stirs up dissension, but a patient man calms a quarrel." In Colossians 3:8 we read, "But now you must rid yourselves of all such things as these: anger, rage, malice, slander, and filthy language from your lips." James 4:1-2 gives these words, "What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? You want something but don't get it. You kill and covet, but you cannot have what you want.

You quarrel and fight. You do not have, because you do not ask God." Proverbs 16:32 gives this truth: "Better a patient man than a warrior, a man who controls his temper than one who takes a city." Moreover, Jesus said in Matthew 5:22, "But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. Again, anyone who says to his brother, 'Raca,' is answerable to the Sanhedrin. But anyone who says, 'You fool!' will be in danger of the fire of hell."

In light of this important subject, it is essential to ask some crucial questions. First, what pushes your buttons? What people, topics or situations cause you to get steamed? However you answer those questions, remember the teaching from Ecclesiastes 7:9, "Do not be quickly provoked in your spirit, for anger resides in the lap of fools."

Another question every person needs to ask is, "How Do I Handle Anger?" No one can maintain the anger internally forever. It has to get out. Find someone to talk to about your struggles. If you speak when you are mad, you will make the best speech you will ever regret.

You don't want to go that direction!

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

Use proper methods to prevent salmonella infection

TALLAHASSEE – The Florida Department of Health has confirmed four cases of salmonellosis, linked to Foster Farms chicken, has affected an individual in Florida.

The Department is working together with the CDC and USDA in the ongoing investigation.

Three cases reside in Miami-Dade County and the fourth case was reported in Brevard County.

"Individuals who have eaten the suspect chicken and experience symptoms like diarrhea, fever, and abdominal cramps should seek medical attention," said Dr. Anna Marie Likos, Division of Disease Control and Health Protection Director.

"The Department will continue to monitor the situation and inform the public as new information becomes available."

Salmonellosis is an infection with Salmonella, a group of bacteria (germs) that can cause illness in humans.

Most persons infected with Salmonella develop diarrhea, fever, and abdominal cramps 12 to 72 hours after infection.

Salmonella infections usually resolve in 5-7 days and often do not require treatment other than oral fluids. Persons with severe diarrhea may require rehydration with intravenous fluids.

Antibiotics are not usually necessary unless the infection spreads outside of the intestines.

What can I do to prevent salmonellosis?

- Cook poultry, meats (including ground

meats) and eggs thoroughly. Using a meat thermometer is the only way to be sure you have cooked meat to a proper temperature.

- Do not eat or drink foods containing raw eggs or raw (unpasteurized) milk.

- If you are served undercooked meat, poultry or eggs in a restaurant, don't hesitate to send it back to the kitchen for further cooking.

- Wash hands, kitchen work surfaces and utensils with soap and water immediately after they have been in contact with raw meat or poultry.

Use one cutting board for raw animal proteins and another for other foods to avoid cross-contamination.

- Be particularly careful with foods prepared for infants, elderly, and immunocompromised.

- Wash hands with soap and water after handling reptiles, birds, or baby chicks and after contact with other pets or pet feces.

- Avoid direct or indirect contact between reptiles (turtles, iguanas, other lizards, snakes) and infants or immunocompromised individuals.

- Do not work with raw poultry or meat and handle an infant (e.g., feed, change diaper) at the same time.

For more information, visit: <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/Environment/medicine/arboviral/Zoonoses/Salmonella.html>

Or, visit the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) at: <http://www.cdc.gov/salmonella/>

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Submitted photos

Fabulous, dahling!

It was a who's who of Hollywood from across the decades as some of the biggest names in the entertainment business showed up to mingle with the cream of area residents.

TOP: Cousin Minnie Pearl Brenda Barnes and Wizard of Oz Scarecrow Glen Roberts.

BOTTOM: At the Hendry County table, back row, from left: Arlene and John Bettancourt, Judy Paskvan, Brenda Barnes, Janet Papinaw, Gail and Phil Pelletier. Front row, from left: KC Lynn and friend Ashley, Hendry County Commissioner Janet Taylor and friend Darlene White.

Fun with the 'Hollywood' crowd at celeb dinner

It was a fun evening with silent auction items and "celebrity" waiters doing crazy things to entertain the crowd and raise money for kids!

The event is an annual fundraiser for Childcare of Southwest Florida.

Children's Garden of LaBelle and Harlem Academy of Clewiston are owned and operated by Child Care of Southwest Florida.

Childcare of Southwest Florida is the region's leading child care resource. It was established in 1967 as a private, non-profit organization and is led by a volunteer board of directors.

Money raised at this event helps to support the children in our community with scholarships for childcare...Child development needs to start as early as possible..."Kindergarten is too late"

Brenda Barnes was one of the "Celebrity Waiters" for this event.

She was dressed up as "Cousin Minnie Pearl". The Hendry County Table Theme was "The Grand Ole Opry".

Hendry County Commissioner Janet Taylor and Property Appraiser Phil Pelletier were just a couple of the guests to represent Hendry County.

The event was held Saturday, October 5, 2013 from 6:30pm to 10pm at the Harbor-side Event Center in Downtown Fort Myers (River District).

Other "table themes" included: Duck Dynasty, Wizard of Oz, Ace Ventura (Jim Carey), Forrest Gump, Sonny & Cher, Blues Brothers, a Mad-Scientist, and even Elvis!



Veterans: Get ready for Military Ball in November

Show your support for those who have and those who continue to keep our nation safe.

Come to the first ever Veterans Military Ball on Veterans Day, November 11, at the LaBelle Civic Center.

Enjoy an evening of food, fun, fellowship and a musical show by the Firehouse Singers, song by Andrew Sparrow and a special military speaker,

Followed by music for dancing and listening provided by Sheriff Whdden and the Posse Band. Veterans are encouraged to wear their uniform if possible or their member cover,

The evening will be packed with special activities:

6 p.m. (1800) Social hour with a cash

bar

6:45 (1845) p.m. Opening ceremony, dinner catered by Cracker Cookin' and Catering

8 p.m. (2000) A musical tribute to the military presented by the Firehouse Theatre, produced by Nick Fidanza

8:30 p.m. (2030) Special guest speaker

8:45-10 p.m. (2045 to 2200) Music and dancing

Tickets are just \$25 and may be purchased at American Legion Post 130, VFW Post 10100 and from DAV members. Call Karan at 863-673-6024.

Proceeds from this terrific event will go toward the LaBelle Veterans Park.

For questions contact Tom or Linda Corbitt at 863-612-0868.

School Briefs

LMS Fall Book Fair almost here!

The Scholastic Book Fair will be held in the LMS Library Media Center October 28–November 1 each school day. Please come and check out the large selection of books, posters, pens, pencils, and other fun things! All sales from the Book Fair will benefit the school library and purchase more items for students to check out and read. You can also pre-order and buy the latest Wimpy Kid Book, Hard Luck, which will be released November 5.

LMS PTO meeting scheduled

The October meeting for the LaBelle Middle School PTO has been rescheduled to Oc-

tober 22, at 6 p.m. in the LMS library. Please mark your calendars and plan accordingly. Guest speakers will be Mrs. Karen Johnson, Reading Coach and Mrs. Lynn Moore, media specialist. These ladies will be sharing important information about the reading program being used at LMS.

Please plan to attend so you are in the know on your child's school.

Reunion de PTO

La junta de PTO se reprogramado para el 22 de Octubre a las 6 pm en la biblioteca de la escuela LaBelle Middle. Las señoras Lynn Moore, bibliotecaria, y Karen Johnson, coach de lectura hablan de importante informacion del programa de lectura de esta escuela. Por favor planea asistir para estar bien informado.

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Teen fills life with promise

At just 17, Katelyn Steelman is a young lady on her way to what will surely be a very productive life.

A well-rounded young lady, she plays volleyball defensive specialist (DS), softball and soccer at LHS. She's been playing volleyball for 6 years, including time as LaBelle Middle School Bronco and on a travel team.

She has spent four years on the Hendry County 4-H meats judging team which placed 5th at Nationals in 2012.

She is also dual enrolled at LHS and Edison State and will receive her diplomas from both schools next May. Her ESC diploma will be a general AA. Not sure what she wants to do with her life yet, she's looking at studying law at the Florida State University or ag at the University of Florida. An enterprising young lady like this may even find a way to combine the two.

With so many activities filling her days, Katelyn still finds time for hobbies like hunting and fishing with her family. She seems to be driven to squeeze the most out of every minute of her day.

Even so she can say, "I don't know what I'd do if I didn't play volleyball."

Katelyn's parents are Pam and Grant Steelman.

After she finishes her education she said she'd like to return to LaBelle. She wants

to be here for little brother's high school years.

Katelyn said she tries to encourage others to find useful activities but, in the end she said, "it's your own decision."



Katelyn Steelman

Suncoast Surgery Center earns three-year accreditation

Local Ophthalmologist Jonathan M. Frantz, MD, FACS, is pleased to announce that the Accreditation Association for Ambulatory Health Care, Inc. (AAAHC) has awarded Suncoast Surgery Center in Fort Myers another three-year term of accreditation. Status as an accredited organization means that Suncoast Surgery Center has met nationally recognized standards for the provision of quality health care set by AAAHC.

Suncoast Surgery Center was surveyed in July of this year by AAAHC, the leader in ambulatory health care accreditation with nearly 5,000 organizations accredited nationwide.

The survey is consultative and educational, presenting best practices to help an organization improve its care and services. In a letter to Dr. Frantz, AAAHC's Accreditation Committee stated: "The dedication and effort necessary for an organization to be accredited is substantial and the compliance with those standards implies a commitment to continual self-evaluation and continuous improvement."

"Everyone at Frantz EyeCare played a vi-

tal role in helping Suncoast Surgery Center meet the AAAHC standards," explained Dr. Frantz. "Our team of experienced surgeons, registered nurses, anesthesiologists, and support staff have been extremely supportive of this process," he added. "We are proud to have met the challenge of accreditation; it challenges us to find the best ways to serve our patients, and it is a constant reminder that our responsibility is to our patients and the quality of care we provide."

A state-of-the-art outpatient surgery center, Suncoast Surgery Center opened in 2000 and is fully licensed by both the State of Florida and the Agency for Health Care Administration (Medicare). In May of this year, Suncoast Surgery Center was selected, for the fifth consecutive year, for the Best of Fort Myers Award in the Ambulatory Surgery Center category by the U.S. Commerce Association (USCA). Nationwide, only one in 1000 2013 award recipients qualified as five-time awardees.

Among the surgeries performed at Suncoast Surgery Center are bladeless laser cataract removal, YAG lasers, glaucoma surgery, eyelid surgery and facial cosmetic procedures. Suncoast Surgery Center is located adjacent to Frantz EyeCare's main office at 12731 New Brittany Blvd., Fort Myers. Frantz EyeCare also has offices in Cape Coral, Punta Gorda, Lehigh Acres, and Naples. For more information about Suncoast Surgery Center or Frantz EyeCare visit www.bettervision.net or call the main office at (239) 418-0999.



Jonathan M. Frantz

Get ready for the big 2013 rib cookoff

Barbecuers, start your fires!

The Give Back Committee's second annual Rib Cookoff is coming up. October 26 at Barron Park.

As any barbecue fan will tell you, conjuring up the most succulent ribs is a culinary art form - one that rib chefs and coneseurs take seriously.

Besides the allure of the perfect barbecued ribs, locals can enjoy live music, entertainment and kids events.

For just a \$2 entry fee you can take part in a traditional cake walk. If you would like to donate a cake, please call Chelsey at 863-227-1227.

Got a hankerin' to take part in a Hog Squealin' Contest? Try your hand (or more accurately voice) at this event.

For a \$3 entry fee you could win a prize worth \$300! All ages welcome. Entrants

will be judged on their best hog squealing imitation.

The event begins at 3 p.m.

Of course, great prizes go to the winners that place in the cook-off. Mike and Lori Cox with MC Ventures have donated a custom made grill worth over \$3,000, which will be raffled off over the next several weeks.

The group is already accepting all registrations for cook-off teams, sponsors and vendors.

Money raised will be used to support Parks and Recreation, as well as some other worthy causes.

Last year three deserving local families were helped.

For more information please visit us on Facebook or on our website at www.hendrycountygiveback.com.

Church Briefs

Harvest Festival

Eastside Baptist Church will have its annual Harvest Festival Saturday, October 19, from 3-6 p.m.

Revival with Dr. Elvin Boles will be October 20-23 at 7 p.m. nightly.

Christian Men to meet

The October meeting of The LaBelle Gathering of Christian Men will be held at First Christian Church in LaBelle, located at 138 Ford Ave. at 7 p.m., on Monday, October 21, and hosted by LaBelle Revival Center.All

men of LaBelle are invited to join us for dinner and a message.

For directions or information please call Clay Townsend at 863-674-0699.

Help with food drive

The Salvation Army is in need of rice and beans, both in one pound packages.

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Future bright for ESC Hendry-Glades Center

Change is on its way at Edison State College. During its September meeting, the Edison Board of Trustees voted to approve a new college name: Florida SouthWestern State College or FSW. The change is not instantaneous and must still go through the legislative process. Once approved, the new name will go into effect on July 1.

While saying farewell to the Edison name that has identified us for over 50 years will be bittersweet, here at the Hendry Glades Center, we look forward to the possibilities it will bring. To us, the new name represents inclusion as it adds more focus on our entire region and total college community, not just the coastal communities for which Edison is known.

The college won't be giving up its past entirely. To keep ties with our history and namesake, the Lee Campus will become the Thomas Edison Campus, and college officials are exploring the return of our college athletics program—the Buccaneers. The coming year will truly be an exciting time for our college.

Edison State College also received some exciting news when we learned that we were awarded a nearly \$1.5 million grant that funds educational programs for skilled jobs in rural communities. Hendry and Glades counties will benefit as the Hen-

dry/Glades Center expects a portion of the grant to be used here. Currently, we are researching potential local programs that may be funded by the grant to benefit our community's future workforce. The Center expects to add more staff to support the new programming.

The Hendry/Glades Center experienced enrollment growth this fall. While enrollment numbers remained flat across the institution, ours grew. Our student population increased seven percent, and the total course load taken by students increased 12 percent. Our growth can be attributed to two things we've done this semester to improve services to the Hendry and Glades county communities. First, we've increased the variety of course offerings by adding some high demand courses that previously required students to travel to other campuses to complete. Secondly, we've provided more services to our Curtis Scholarship students in helping them apply and complete the necessary paperwork to receive the scholarship. It is a credit to our local student services staff and the support of the College's academic administration that we have been able to expand our reach to the Hendry and Glades communities.

Jeff Gibbs is the Director of the Edison State College, Hendry/Glades Center.

Open house week at Edison November 4-7

October 2, 2013 – Fort Myers, FLA – Edison State College will host Open House Week, November 4-7, from 4 p.m. until 7 p.m. All events are free to attend, and each day will feature a particular Edison State College location so that guests who wish to see more than one campus have the opportunity to do so. Attendees are encouraged to register online for a fast-pass through check-in at www.edison.edu/openhouse. Specific dates and locations are as follows:

- November 4 – Hendry/Glades, 1092 E Cowboy Way, LaBelle, Building A
- November 5 – Charlotte Campus, 26300 Airport Rd., Punta Gorda, Building J
- November 6 – Collier Campus, 7007 Lely Cultural Pkwy., Naples, Building M
- November 7 – Lee Campus, 8099 College Pkwy., Fort Myers, Building U

"Edison State College offers multiple programs that prepare students to enter the workforce upon graduation," said Dr. Christine Davis, Vice President for Student Affairs and Enrollment Management. "At our open house events, students will learn more about these academic programs and the support services we offer to assist students in reaching their personal and professional goals."

While at the Open House, visitors will

receive information about the admissions process, academic programs, financial aid, scholarships and additional funding information. The events will offer campus tours, free give-a-ways, snacks, entertainment, as well as the opportunity to meet with current students, faculty and staff. On the Fort Myers Campus visitors will also have an opportunity to visit the on-campus residence hall, Lighthouse Commons.

For more information about the Open House and to register for your fast-pass through check-in visit www.edison.edu/openhouse. Registration for Spring 2014 begins on Monday, October 21.

Celebrating –more than 50 years of excellence, Edison State College is Southwest Florida's largest, most accessible and ranked nationally as one of the most affordable institutions of higher education. Serving more than 24,000 students per year regionally, nationally, and internationally, students are also active in a wide variety of clubs and programs that cater to their interests. Nationally, Edison State is ranked 45th among associate degree producers and 26th for its prestigious associate producing Nursing program. For more information please visit www.edison.edu.

Family Math Night at ESC

October 8, 2013 – Fort Myers, FLA – Edison State College and Lee County Math Council present "Family Math Night" on November 19 from 5:45 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. at Edison State College in Fort Myers. Students in grades Kindergarten - 10 are encouraged to attend this free family-oriented event centered on fun math games.

The purpose of the event is to show students and parents that Math is fun! Attending families will play games created by Edison State College School of Education Teacher Candidates.

This free event is open to anyone interested in attending, but students are encouraged to register at familymathnight@edison.edu. This event will take place in building U, room 102 on the Fort Myers Campus.

"Learning mathematics successfully requires a joint effort between home and school.

Research shows students that work cooperatively with their parents have higher academic achievement," explained Mary

Robertson, Professor of Mathematics Education at Edison State College, and the event organizer. Robertson is an expert in the field. She has been a Mathematics teacher for the past 29 years, having taught at the middle school, high school, and college level.

For questions about Family Math Night at Edison State College, please contact Mary Robertson at (239) 432-5212 or email mar-robertson@edison.edu.

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ESC welcomes vets, families

October 9, 2013 – Fort Myers, FLA – Edison State College is offering a Veteran and Military Family Information Session from 6:00 - 7:30 p.m. on Monday, October 21. The session is designed to help Veterans learn more about the financial aid and related benefits available for them at Edison State.

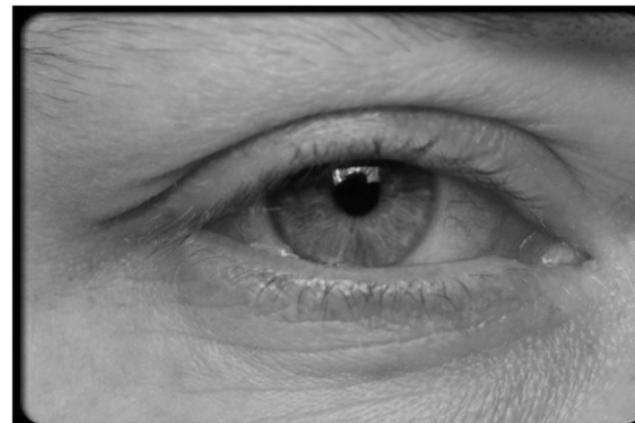
"Our active and retired veterans do so much for our country, and we want to make sure they know of all the benefits and services available to them here at Edison State College," said Denise Thompson, Veterans Affairs Specialist at Edison State College. "Edison is proud to welcome our veterans and wants to help them achieve their professional goals for their futures."

This event will allow attendees to learn about Edison State College and all of the unique benefits active duty, veterans, and dependents may qualify to receive. This presentation will outline the many programs of study, student support services, financial aid and other relevant topics to becoming a student at Edison State College. Guests will be able to meet with several Edison State Col-

lege departments, staff and students which include: Veterans Affairs Office, Admissions Office, Financial Aid, Student Services, Adaptive Services, Academic Advising, Academic Success, Career Services, current student veterans, and others.

For more information, or to RSVP, contact Adela Lozano by calling 239-432-7360 or emailing adela.lozano@edison.edu. To learn more about the Veteran Services offered at Edison State College, visit www.edison.edu/veteranservices.

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ESC nursing program selected to test program

OCTOBER 1, 2013 – NAPLES, FLA – Recently, the Nursing Program (ASN) at Edison State College School of Health Professions (Collier Campus) served as a beta tester for Laerdal Medical's new SimView program, a debriefing system that is programmed into SimMan patient simulators. Edison's nursing program was one of six sites in the world chosen to test the program.

SimMan patient simulators are programmed with healthcare scenarios so nursing students can experience the same situations they might experience in real-life hospital settings. The SimMan also mimics reactions of human patients. They can talk, blink their eyes and react to light, register blood pressure, and create heart and lung sounds. Students can also perform therapies including CPR, IVs, and defibrillation on the simulators. Following completion of the scenarios, the students are debriefed on what they experienced, what they did right and wrong, and how they can improve the next time.

"Patient simulators give our nursing students the chance to practice and increase their confidence before they begin their clinical training on real patients in hospitals," said Mary Pasquinelli, Clinical Coordinator. "It helps them become more comfortable at the bedside and allows them to experience the consequences of their mistakes without harming a real person. Patient simulators are so advanced that in Florida, 25 percent of clinical hours can be achieved with clinical simulation."



Submitted photo
Edison State College nursing students Albert Trevino and Nancy Cesar learning their craft.

cal simulation."

With the SimView debriefing program, cameras are placed in the simulation room and record audio and video of the students

as they work through the scenarios. The recordings are then saved to a network and can be pulled up in the classroom so the students can watch the scenarios and monitor

their progress. This allows students to see exactly what occurred during the scenarios without having to rely on their memories and perceptions of what happened.

"Through Edison State College's participation, we learned even more about the SimView program than we had anticipated," said George Korol, South Florida Territory Manager, Laerdal Medical. "We went through a few upgrades due to their findings before we released the program. The college was significant in helping us arrive at the final version."

"The SimMan and SimView program have helped me become more confident in my nursing education and skills," said nursing student Megan Ferguson. "Being able to practice nursing scenarios with my own tools, experiencing what can go right and what can go wrong with a patient, and then having the opportunity to watch and learn from my mistakes will help me be more knowledgeable and calm when I begin my hospital clinicals with real patients."

Dr. Marie Collins, Dean of the School of Health Professions, Edison State College, added, "this global impact of simulation education at Edison State College demonstrates the college's commitment to ensuring that we offer the best training for our professional graduates."

Community Briefs

Small Business Development Center here to help

SBDC is available for one-on-one consulting to help with your small business needs. Whether you are a start-up, growing, or need to make some changes the SBDC will help you find direction. Call Janice at 239-860-8592 for a LaBelle or Clewiston appointment.

Narcotics Anonymous meetings

NA meetings are held at the United Way Building, 133 North Bridge Street. each Monday from 6-7 p.m. It is an open meeting and anyone having a desire not to use narcotics or any other substance is free to attend this meeting. For more information, individuals may contact Chad at 239-878-1136.

Property Appraiser staff

The Hendry County Property Appraiser's field staff will canvass the area of LaBelle over the next several months for the five year review process to verify that all information regarding your property is as accurate as possible, and to assist in creating a fair and equitable tax roll. They will be driving county vehicles, have Property Appraiser shirts and I.D. badges. No interior inspections are required, so it is not necessary for you to be home for them to do their inspections. Any questions or concerns, please contact their office at 863-675-5270.



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Florida Representative visits LMS

by Arleth Ortiz

Matt Caldwell, a Florida state representative came to visit LaBelle Middle School's seventh grade on October 1, 2013. LaBelle Middle School invited Rep. Caldwell (R-79) to help the students become prepared for the State of Florida Civics End of Course exam.

Representative Caldwell and the Constitution play an important part in civics. He explained the Constitution and its parts. "If you get the basics, the Constitution will seem simpler." Rep. Caldwell came to LMS

with the goal of giving students a better understanding of the government.

The students of LMS appreciate Rep. Caldwell coming. He taught the seventh graders many new things about the Constitution and the government. With only forty-five minutes he taught LMS's seventh grade with a slide show and microphone. His speech was very informative and pleasant. The seventh graders thank Rep. Caldwell for coming to visit. Hopefully, the students will remember everything when it is time to take the End of Course exam.



Submitted photo/Jodi Higginbotham

LMS September Students of the Month

Back row from left: Michael Ordonez; Harvey Castro; Tyler Burton. Front row from left: Katelyn Mann; Arleth Ortiz; Alondra Reyna.

Community Brief

Attention, 2nd Infantry Division veterans

The Florida Branch of the Second Indianhead Division Association will have its annual reunion in Titusville, Florida on October 18-20, 2013 at the Best Western Space Shuttle Inn. All veterans of the 2nd Infantry Divisions are invited. For more information, call the branch secretary-treasurer, Donald Calnan, at (561) 742-5379 or send an email to 2ida.mail@charter.net.

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Lee Memorial Health System Welcomes New Physician Priscilla M. Ndiang'ui, FNP-BC

Priscilla M. Ndiang'ui, FNP-BC, a board-certified family nurse practitioner, will begin seeing patients at the Lee Physician Group office, located at 930 S. Main Street, LaBelle, Fla., on Monday, Oct. 21, 2013.

Ms. Ndiang'ui earned a Bachelor of Science in nursing at William Paterson University in Wayne, N.J., as well as a Master of Science in nursing at Florida Gulf Coast University in Fort Myers, Fla. She has experience working with adult patients of all ages.

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Community Briefs

Widows to meet

The Widows Support Group October 17 at 11:30 a.m. for lunch at the Contrera's Mexican Restaurant. All widows welcome.

Kiwanis Kid's Day

Kiwanis Club of LaBelle will present Kiwanis Kid's Day on Saturday, October 19, at Barron Park from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. It is a fun-filled day especially for children ages 3 to 12 years of age with bounce houses, games, stuffed animals, face painting and lots more. Free popcorn and sno-cones plus for a small price, pizza, hot dogs, nachos, and drinks. The Showtime Cloggers will show off their talents, along with many other local entertainers. Mary the clown will give out free candy and smiles! There will be raffle tickets (2 for \$1.00) for a chance to win a girl's or boy's bike, a boy's or a girl's trike or a Mountain Bike!

The Masons and Sheriff's Dept. will be processing the official IDs for children - free. Families will receive a CD with all of the information, including a picture of the child and finger prints, plus a laminated ID tag. No information is retained in the computers. Many local agencies, businesses and community partners will be set up in the Park to provide fun things and educational information for kids and their families. Don't miss this great event...See YOU in the Park!

Legion News

Congratulations to Matt Kindermann and thank you for stepping in as commander for American Legion Post 130. Also, welcome back Snowbirds! Come and check out the new lounge prices and look for specials.

Movies in LaBelle

The Firehouse Community Theatre will present Poltergeist Friday, October 25 at 7:30 p.m. at the theater, 241 N. Bridge Street. Costumes are strongly encouraged.

On select Fridays the theater will showcase old and new movie classics for grown ups only. Admission is \$5. Beer, wine, sodas and snacks will be available for a small donation. For information call 675-3066 or email: laura@firehousecommunitytheatre.com.

Winter Bazaar

The GFWC LaBelle Community Woman's Club is planning its Winter Bazaar for Saturday, November 23, from 9 a.m.-4 p.m. This will be held at the clubhouse on State Road 80 in LaBelle. Booth Rental rates are \$20 inside and \$10 outside for non-members, rates for members are \$15 inside and \$5 outside. (To join call Elvia Rodriguez at 863.675.5765 or 863.885.4237). For more information, contact Jan Taylor at 863-673-9485 or 863-675-2114.

Networking breakfast

The LaBelle Networking speaker this month will be Ron Baliton, a Certified Financial Planner With Seacoast National Bank. He will provide valuable information on how you can have "Income for Life." Hosted by Seacoast National Bank, 17 N. Lee Street,

October 16, 7:30-9 a.m. Please R.S.V.P. to 863-675-2300 if you plan to attend.

Medicare open enrollment

SHINE Medicare Open Enrollment events are scheduled throughout Hendry and Glades.

Oct. 31, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Hope Connections Clewiston, 1200 WC Owens Ave.

Nov. 15, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Hope Connections Moore Haven, 501 First Street, Moore Haven.

Nov. 22 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Hope Connection LaBelle, 475 E. Cowboy Way.

Please bring your Medicare ID card and your list of medications with dosage information. For more information please call Senior Choices Helpline at 1-866-413-5337. Medicare open enrollment period is October 15-December 7.

Gardeners to meet

The LaBelle Garden Club will meet Monday, October 28, at 7 p.m. at the Dallas Townsend Center. Guest speaker will be Gene McAvoy, Director/Regional Vegetable Agent IV at The University of Florida Hendry County Extension. He will teach how to start seeds and transplant them successfully. This is the season for starting your vegetable gardens so the talk will be very timely (for instance, did you know pepper seeds won't start in a media containing peat moss!) Gene will also answer any and all questions. Bring a friend. Refreshments served, (Bring a treat if you'd like to share something) If you have a plant to exchange - or produce from your garden - Great - if not come anyway, you'll come away with one or more plants. For more information, call President Dave at 928-274-0464 or Nikki at 239-564-2005.

Couponing Capers with Caroline

Tuesday night, the GFWC LaBelle Community Woman's Club's monthly meeting was abuzz with voices as local resident and Couponing Queen Caroline Martin-Neel explained the ins and outs of coupon clipping. She has a wealth of knowledge and is very willing to share. Caroline is on a mission to save money, share what she knows and give back to the local community. Her bubbly personality kept the diverse group of club

members and guests fully engaged in the topic. Her personal views and convictions are totally aligned with the GFWC mission both nationally and within GFCW LaBelle Community Woman's Club.

The Woman's Club is entering its eighth year as a member club of the General Federation of Woman's Clubs and has a strong history of community involvement. We serve the community by giving back and Tuesday night was an example of how fun and educational that sharing can be. We meet the second Tuesday of the month September through May at 6:30 p.m. for social time with our program beginning at 7. A business meeting follows. We will be having a different program every month and guests are always welcome. Please "Like" us on Face Book and visit our webpage at <http://gfwclabelle.org/>.

Animals found

Last week, the Hendry County Sheriff's Office recovered three Shetland ponies from LaDeca and three horses from LaBelle. If you have lost any livestock, please call the Ag Unit at 863-805-5000 or 863-674-5600.

Wharf Walk

The City of LaBelle invites everyone to its Wharf Walk November 1, from 5:30-9 p.m. This celebration of downtown LaBelle will include music, food and beverages. Come to the riverside DeSoto Ave., beginning at Main Street and ending at Barron Park. There will be a ribbon cutting and tree planting at the new wharf at 6 p.m.

Mini Health Fairs-October

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 Homecare Outreach program at 863-233-1305

Hope Connections LaBelle-Friday, October 18 2013 11 a.m., Cowboy Way LaBelle, Ace HH #: 299991018.

Hope Connections Moore Haven Monday, October 21, 2013 at 11:30 a.m. 691 US 27 NW Moore Haven, Florida 33471. Ace HH License #299991018.

Hope Connections Clewiston Florida Thursday October 24, 2013 at 11 a.m. next to the John Boy Auditorium in Clewiston. Ace HH License #29991018.

Memory Mobile coming

The Florida Gulf Coast Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association Memory Mobile will be at the Hendry County Health Dept., 1140 Pratt Blvd., Tuesday, October 22, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Information on Alzheimer's Disease, referrals to community resources, care consults, memory screenings and Alzheimer's caregiver training. All services are free. No appointment necessary.

For information or to schedule a memory screening contact Cindy Canales, Program Specialist, at 863-385-3444 or email canalesesc@alzflgulf.org.

MCA October events

October 17, regular monthly meeting, 7 p.m. Special guest will be Lori Ward, Glades County Property Appraiser and Donna Storter Long, Glades County Commissioner. Refreshments will be served. MCA meets on the third Thursday of the month.

There will be no Jam Session on the fourth Saturday. Jam Sessions are usually the second and fourth Saturday of the month. Everyone is welcome to come and play.

All events open to the public and will be held at the Muse Community Center Bldg. on Loblolly Bay Road (Hwy. 720)

Come out for a fun evening and meet your neighbors. Refreshments will be served. For further information call 863-674-0467.

SBDC: Build your business on Facebook

Join the SBDC at Barron Library Wednesday, October 23, 8-10 a.m. for the second session of a program on using Facebook to build your business. Learn the importance of profile and business pages, of targeted tools to reach and maintain client awareness, building clientele, why image is important, and understanding your Target Market.

Learn to post different content to Facebook on both your profile and business pages. You will learn how to develop content, create alerts that bring sharable content to you, image source and staying within established guidelines, and create a social media schedule.

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Thursday October 24, 2013 from 6-7:30 p.m. come to this social media learning session at Bridge Street Coffee & Tea, 23 Fort Thompson Avenue.

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- Learn Business Best Practices
- Market Your Business in Less Time with More Impact
- Share Ideas

Seating is limited, so click the Register Now! link below to save your spot. Register now.

If you have any questions in advance or need assistance with registration, we're just a phone call or email away! robyn@simplifiedtech.biz 239/210-9643.

Hope HealthCare Services hosts Rainbow Trails Camp program

FORT MYERS, Fla. (Oct. 10, 2013) – Hope HealthCare Services, dedicated to comfort and support for individuals and families facing life-limiting illness, offers assistance to youngsters coping with the loss of a loved one through its upcoming Rainbow Trails Camp program.

Scheduled Friday, Nov. 8 to Sunday, Nov. 10 at Riverside Retreat in LaBelle, the free program, available to all children ages 6-16, provides an understanding of the grief process, skills to cope with grief and loss, and an opportunity to memorialize and say goodbye to loved ones.

"Saying goodbye is difficult for all of us," said Mary Tilson, camp coordinator. "Rainbow Trails believes in helping children cope in a loving and creative manner in order to help them deal with the loss of their loved ones."

The campers will be picked up by bus from the HealthPark office and transported to the LaBelle camp on Friday, returning Sunday afternoon. Upon arrival, campers are greeted by and introduced to the counselors, who are Hope professionals, school counselors, teachers and volunteers who have completed a special Rainbow Trails education series. The camp itinerary is filled with creative, stress-reducing activities including crafts, swimming and singing.

"While Rainbow Trails may have a serious purpose, campers will have plenty of fun," said Tilson. "During this time, children will connect with new friends, have fun while growing as an individual, and enjoy an experience they will never forget."

For more information about Rainbow

Cowboy yard sale

LaBelle High School's Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) and the Cowboy Closet school store will hold a community yard sale fundraiser on October, 19. The funds from booths go toward student travel and scholarships. The sale will take place at the high school in the East parking lot. 4050 E. Cowboy Way. All groups, businesses and individuals are welcome. The cost to participate is \$15/space. Please contact Mr. Heath Daniels to reserve your space at danielsh@hendry.k12.fl.us.

American Legion fish fry

Friday Fish Fry is every Friday 5-7 p.m. Sunday breakfast will be the first and third Sunday of the month starting in October as well. Open to the public.

Bull Pit Ministry presents

'Buck Out'

Summer is over. Please join the Bull Pit Ministry for Buck Out with some family fun at the LaBelle Rodeo Grounds, Food, fun, entertainment and vendors. "Jesus loves the tough ones, too!"

VFW news

Remember Charcoal Broiled Burgers every Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Bingo every Sunday at 2 p.m.

VFW Post 10100 will pay the initial dues for recently discharged qualified veterans. The Post will also pay for the membership of those currently serving in harms way. Those not qualified for VFW membership should look into joining the Men's Auxiliary or AM-VETS Post 2012. If you have membership questions call the Post at 863-675-8008.

Interested in genealogy?

Are you one of the millions interested in your family tree? Do you think about it and don't know where to start? Upcoming meetings of the GFWC LaBelle Community Woman's Club genealogy lecture series will November 19 and December 17. at 6:30-8 p.m. Space is limited. The lectures with handouts will be conducted by Brian Mulcahy, Research Librarian. The lectures are limited to the first 25 with a ten dollar donation. For more information and to reserve your spot, contact Tina Noel 863-673-1144 or tinasews@gmail.com.

Bingo is back!

Bingo is back at Our Lady Queen of Heaven at 7 p.m.. Early bird 6:45. Time to get in the swing again!

DAV flea market

Come out every Saturday to the Disabled American Veterans flea market, off Martin Luther King Blvd. Lots of deals - lots of items - lots of fun! Call 239-728-5332 for more information.

Rodeo in Brighton

The Second Annual Swamp Doggers Hog Round Up will be held at Fred Smith Rodeo Arena at the Brighton Seminole Indian Reservation on November 1-3 2013. The participants and their dogs will hunt all weekend and arrive at the arena on Sunday afternoon, November 3 to weigh in their catches. On the day of the weigh in, to make it exciting for spectators, the arena will be hosting several activities that everyone is invited to attend. These events include an open archery competition, a Red Ryder BB gun shoot for the kids, and a BBQ Rib & Swamp Cabbage cook-off. Local companies will be bringing buggies to display to the public and we encourage any vendors that are interested to set up a booth and enjoy the day with everyone! We are asking that anyone wishing to participate in any of these events at the arena to secure your entry by 4:00pm on October 28th just so we know how many to expect.

For more information regarding our activities on this day, feel free to give Fred Smith Rodeo Arena a call at 863-467-6039, an e-mail at KendraMurphy@semtribe.com, or checkout rezrodeo.com.



Trails Camp or to apply, contact 855-454-3104 or visit www.hopehospice.org/rainbowtrailscamp. Additional information will be provided during parent orientation on Oct. 21.

Hope HealthCare Services – recipient of the 2012 Business Ethics Award presented by the Uncommon Friends Foundation – is a registered d/b/a of Hope Hospice and Community Services, a not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) status community-based agency, nationally recognized as a leader in providing high-quality, innovative care. Hope Hospice, a program of Hope HealthCare Services, is accredited by the Community Health Accreditation Program, the national leader in improving the quality of care in the home-care industry, and is a recipient of the nationally acclaimed Circle of Life Award for excellence and innovation in patient care. For more information, call 855-454-3100 or visit www.HopeHCS.org.

Register for Moore Haven's Art in the Park

MOORE HAVEN, Sept. 17, 2013 -- Area artists and craftsmen are cordially invited to exhibit and sell their original work at the 8th annual "Art in the Park" in Moore Haven, Saturday, January 25, 2014, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The event is non-juried and free.

Painters, sculptors, photographers and handcrafters are encouraged to reserve their place now.

The venue is the Glades County Library and adjacent park by the Caloosahatchee River in Moore Haven's Historic District.

The library's address is 201 Riverside Drive.

Parking is free and convenient. Exhibitors are responsible for their own setups.

Sponsored by the Glades County Public Library and its Advisory Board, the purpose of the event is simple: Bring artists and county residents together in a relaxed setting. There will also be music and food.

To reserve your place or for more information, call Mary Booher, Director of Libraries: 863-946-0744.



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HENDRY COUNTY PUBLIC SAFETY COORDINATING COUNCIL
Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Public Safety Coordinating Council will hold a meeting on October 25, 2013, at 11:30 a.m., at the Hendry County Administration Office, Conference Room #1, 640 South Main Street, LaBelle, Florida. The meeting is open to the public.
If a person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Please note that matters may be discussed at the meeting which are not on the prepared agenda for the meeting.
Si necesita la asistencia de un interprete que hable español para participar en esta reunion, por favor pongase en contacto con Myra Johnson al (863) 675-5240.
Karson Turner, Chairman
Hendry County Public Safety Coordinating Council
454540 CN/CB 10/17/2013

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **RJS Realty LLC**, the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:
CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED
493 2008 1334528-A000020000 Delta Aggregate, LLC
The North one-half of Section 33, Township 45 South, Range 28 East, Hendry County, Florida. LESS the West 60 feet thereof. SURFACE RIGHTS ONLY.
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 **www.hendry.realforeclose.com**, at **11:00 A.M.**, on the **Third Thursday** in the month of **November, 2013**, which is the **21st day of November, 2013**. Dated this **9th day of October, 2013**.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
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454516 CN 10/17,24,31;11/7/2013

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
The Area Housing Commission of Clewiston, LaBelle, and Hendry County will hold the Regular monthly meeting on Thursday, Oct 24th at 5:00 P.M. at The Green-tree South Community Center in LaBelle, Florida, Hendry County. The Purpose of the meeting is to conduct the general business and consider any other matter that may be brought before The Housing Commission. Any person or persons wishing to appeal any decision made at such meeting must ensure that a verbatim record is made upon which the appeal is to be based. The meeting will include and business before the "Hendry County Non-Profit Housing, Inc." 454862 CN/CB 10/17/2013

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4153 2010 4104329-03021290140 SSA Development LLC
Lot 14, Block 2129, of PORT LABELLE UNIT 3, a Subdivision according to the Plat thereof, as recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 73, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Richard III, LLC**, the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:
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492 2008 1334528-A000010000 Delta Aggregate, LLC
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT **Lake LaBelle, LLC**, the holders of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon. The certificate number, year of issuance, description of property and the name in which it was assessed are as follows:
CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED
4557 2009 4104329-09023260270 John C Swearingen
Lot 27, Block 2326 of PORT LABELLE UNIT 9, a Subdivision, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 144, of the 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.
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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED
4555 2009 4104329-09023260230 Kenwood Homes Inc
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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED
2985 2010 1144334-0100000210 Judy Lockmiller
Lot 1, in Twin Lake Subdivision, a subdivision in a portion of Section 14, Township 43 South, Range 34 East, as recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 91 and 92 of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.
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Belle Glade, FL
30 Acre Agricultural Parcel for lease (S.R.715) - 5 year term. All lease offers must be submitted in writing and received by 5:00 p.m., October 28, 2013. For information and offer requirements contact: The School Board of Palm Beach County, Planning and Real Estate Services
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Central County Water Control District
Montura Ranch Estates, Florida
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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED
1350 2010 1364331-010000N0140 Crystal I, LLC
The Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter, Section 36, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. (Also known as Lot 14, Block N, Pioneer Plantation, an unrecorded subdivision.)
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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED
2985 2010 1144334-0100000210 Judy Lockmiller
Lot 1, in Twin Lake Subdivision, a subdivision in a portion of Section 14, Township 43 South, Range 34 East, as recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 91 and 92 of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.
TOGETHER WITH a 1977 PARKER double-wide Mobile Home having Identification Nos. 5050A & 5050B, Title Nos. 14361373 & 14361374, and RP Decal Nos. R396829 & R396830, which is permanently affixed to real property.
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| 1348 | 2010 | 1364331-010000M040 | Ella III, LLC |

The Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 36, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. (Also known as Lot 4, Block M, Pioneer Plantation, an unrecorded subdivision.)

TOGETHER WITH a 1987 FLEETWOOD single-wide Mobile Home having Identification No. LFLSEIAH097013286, Title No. 45226356, and RP Decal No. R0310182, which is permanently affixed to real property. (Lien Holder: Nancy L. Winch)

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| 1605 | 2010 | 1144432-A0001860000 | Pedro Martinez |

The South one-half of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter, Section 14, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida; Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. (Also known as Lot No. 2738 of Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.)

and

The North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter, Section 14, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida; Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. (Also known as Lot No. 2739 of Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.)

TOGETHER WITH a 1970 BILTMORE single-wide Mobile Home having Identification No.: FLA0V05406481, Title No.: 8425976 and RP no.: R0309856, which is permanently affixed to real property.

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The Florida Trail Association Fisheating Creek Subchapter 2013-2014 meetings will be held the fourth Tuesday of each month October through April at 7 p.m. at the Glades County Historical Society's Westergaard House, 270 Avenue L, Moore Haven, FL. On US 27 in Moore Haven turn at the courthouse, go three blocks to Avenue L, turn left and go several blocks to brown house with white trim.

The public is invited to participate in

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| 1758 | 2010 | 1224432-01000040050 | Orlando Naranjo Sr TR & Aida Naranjo TR |

Lot 5 in Block 4 of Montura Ranch Estates, First Subdivision, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Pages 37 through 39, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

TOGETHER WITH a 1993 CREATIVE single-wide Mobile Home having Identification No.: SMM3368, Title No.: 65527193 and RP No.: R0638438, which is permanently affixed to real property.

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| 2179 | 2010 | 1254432-A0001680100 | Jaime & Mirta Rivas |

The North 1/2 of the West 1/2 of the North 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. (Also known as Lot No. 509, in Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.) Subject to an easement for ingress, egress and utilities over and across the West 30 feet thereof. Subject to existing oil, gas, and mineral reservations, conditions, restrictions zoning, ordinance, enforceable easements of record, and subject to taxes and assessments of Central County Drainage District.

TOGETHER WITH a 1993 TRIUMF single-wide Mobile Home having Identification No. 13826110, Title No. 73433892, and RP Decal No. 2494630, which is permanently affixed to real property.

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| 1164 | 2010 | 1234331-A000030100 | Jessie B Witt Est |

Parcel of Land in unsurveyed Section 23, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida, being more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northwest corner of said Section 23; thence South 02 degrees 44' 04" East, along the west line of said Section 23, a distance of 237.38 feet; thence South 89 degrees 31' 30" East, a distance of 1912.80 feet to the Point-of-Beginning of this description; thence continuing South 89 degrees 31' 30" East a distance of 171.00 feet; thence South 01 degree 44' 39" East, a distance of 254.99 feet; thence North 89 degrees 31' 30" West, a distance of 171.00 feet; thence North 01 degree 44' 39" West a distance of 254.99 feet to the said Point-of-Beginning of this description.

TOGETHER WITH a 1990 JEFFERSON single-wide Mobile Home having Identification No. 126112342, Title No. 49349074, and RP Decal No. 12172878, which is permanently affixed to real property.

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| 1244 | 2010 | 1334331-A000820100 | Henry R Timms |

The Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 33, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. LESS the North 20 feet thereof. Subject to an easement for an access road over the West 30.00 feet thereof. (Also known as Tract No. 266 of Pioneer Plantation, an unrecorded subdivision.)

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| 1346 | 2010 | 1364331-010000E0060 | Luis Gonzalez + Orlando Puche |

The Southeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 36, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. (Also known as Lot 6, Block E, PIONEER PLANTATION, an unrecorded subdivision.)

The Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 36, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. (Also known as Lot 7, Block E, PIONEER PLANTATION, an unrecorded subdivision.)

The Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 36, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. (Also known as Lot 8, Block E, PIONEER PLANTATION, an unrecorded subdivision.)

The Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 36, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. (Also known as Lot 9, Block E, PIONEER PLANTATION, an unrecorded subdivision.)

The Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 36, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. (Also known as Lot 10, Block E, PIONEER PLANTATION, an unrecorded subdivision.)

TOGETHER WITH a 1987 WESTFIELD single-wide Mobile Home bearing Identification No.: AFLWF1AG480712917, Title No.: 50594938, and RP Decal No.: R0585921.

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| 1379 | 2010 | 1294332-A0000230000 | Pahokee Environmental Center Inc |

The East one-half of the NW one-quarter of the NE one-quarter of the NW one-quarter, of Section 29, Township 43 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Less road dedication of 25 feet on the North side of the tract.

The West one-half of the NE one-quarter of the NE one-quarter of the NW one-quarter, of Section 29, Township 43 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Less road dedication of 25 feet on the North side of the tract.

The West one-half of the SE one-quarter of the NE one-quarter of the NW one-quarter, of Section 29, Township 43 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida.

The East one-half of the SW one-quarter of the NE one-quarter of the NW one-quarter, of Section 29, Township 43 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Less road dedication of 25 feet on the South side of the tract.

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| 1699 | 2010 | 1154432-A0001470000 | Carlos Mato |

The South 1/2 of the Southwest 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of the Northeast 1/4 of the Southwest 1/4 of Section 15, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. (Also known as Lot No. 2540, in Montura Ranch Estates, an unrecorded subdivision.)

TOGETHER WITH a 1986 SANDPIPER single-wide Mobile Home having Identification No. FLFL1AF407010459, Title No. 42457643, and RP Decal No. R0700283, which is permanently affixed to real property.

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meetings and activities.

On Tuesday October 22nd Carol Hoffman-Guzman will present an entertaining educational program on "Native Plants," Carol Hoffman-Guzman. She has a 35+ year history working with nonprofit, faith-based and arts organizations. Her educational experience includes academic studies in visual arts, art history & indigenous art, with a BA in anthropology at Cornell University (Ithaca), Columbia University (NYC). Carol also has Masters in Theology, and a PhD in Sociology (race & ethnicity), all of which help inform the cross-cultural and diversity vision of programming at the Arts at Saint Johns artsatstjohns@bellsouth.net

For information contact: Margaret England 863-517-0202. mleighhouse@embarqmail.com

Visit the Fisheating Creek Subchapter Florida Trail Association on Facebook for information about the FTA South Regional Conference to be held at Fisheating Creek November 15-17.

SADD/SWAT teens attend leadership event

During the last weekend of September 45 local students attended a retreat at Dayspring Conference center in Ellenton, FL. These students were selected because of their commitment to their local SADD/SWAT chapters. Students from LaBelle High School, Clewiston High School Moore Haven Junior/Senior High and West Glades School learned leadership qualities, learned about themselves and learned about looking for the hidden potential in others.

The retreat began with ice-breakers and getting to know you activities on Friday Night. Our facilitator Mr. Happy kept the students engaged and worked with the students on group skills, social skills, listening, and of course leadership.

On Saturday students split up into groups and worked a low-challenge obstacle course. Here they learned about teamwork, delegation, and trust. They also learned that real leaders recognize the best in others and allow other team members opportunities to shine as well. Later that afternoon the students got to push themselves past their fear on the high ropes course. Here they had a choice to attempt an obstacle 25 feet up! Many of the students stepped out of their comfort zones and completed at least one obstacle.

All of the groups learned about drugs and the teen brain. But, our focus this year was on marijuana. Students were split up into groups based on their county and school and worked together to prepare presentations they felt they could give to the community. On Sunday morning before coming back home the students delivered their presentation to each other while receiving feedback from their peers. The students did so well, that one of the groups is currently scheduled to speak to the LaBelle Rotary Club later this month about "medical" marijuana and marijuana in the workplace.

Celebrate Florida's 500 Birthday Bash

Are you getting excited about Hendry County's Celebrate Florida 500 bash?

Five hundred years ago this year - in 1513 - Ponce de Leon first set foot on North America, and he did it in what is now our home - Florida!

Hendry County's Heritage Festival is our chance to shed a spotlight on our own unique contribution to Florida.

Hendry's celebration will take place at the LaBelle Rodeo Grounds on November 9, beginning at 9 a.m. The fun doesn't end until after the last cowboy hangs up his spurs at the rodeo.

There will be booth space available for communities, churches, food vendors and exhibitors for profit and non-profit groups, musicians and historians free of charge.

The covered pavilion may be filled but tents will be available for vendors/exhibitors

throughout the Rodeo Grounds. Organizers need to know how many vendors will need electricity for their booth. If you want to be in a 10x10 tent, those will have those available.

FYI: Good weather has been ordered and November can be very nice!

Ponce de Leon is credited with bringing cattle, horses and citrus to Florida on his second expedition and the cracker cattle and ponies of today can be traced back to that time. These days history reveals a dark side to the European "discovery" of this continent, but the fact remains that there is much to be celebrated as well.

That's what the Hendry County Heritage Festival is all about - celebrating what is best about our forefathers (and foremothers!) contributed to our own history. The hope is that every area of the county will join in this

once in a lifetime experience. There are lots of traditions and "lost" arts to celebrate. Do you share a common community, ancestry, faith, industry or talent? Can you give today's residents a meaningful look back at life in "the old days" of Hendry County?

Organizers are hoping people with talents that reflect those days will share their stories and their skills.

Does your family have a "coat of arms?" Do you have any old photographs to share? Can you weave palm fronds into hats? Can you whittle? Can you make sour orange pie? Play a fiddle?

This will be a great opportunity to be a part of a unique event. If you have a good

idea, the committee would love to hear it.

A poster contest is now under way to create a design and promote Viva Florida 500 - Hendry County Heritage Festival that will be suitable for promotional materials and T-shirts. This is open to all ages. For contest rules and applications for booth space, exhibitor registration etc., send an e-mail request to jpapinaw@hendryfla.net.

Time for Hendry County to shine. Whether your ancestors have been here since the area began to open up or you are a recent arrival, everybody has a story - and everybody loves a good story.

The Hendry County Heritage Festival is our story. What could be better than that?

Rough night for the Cowboys

The LaBelle Cowboys had a disappointing night on the field last Friday, October 11, losing to Riverdale 48-7.

"We had a hard time with their speed," commented Cowboy Head Coach Chirs Siner. "They were a big school and wore us down in the second half." He had praise for Danny Robinson, who ran for 114 yards that night and has racked up over 1,000 yards on the season. Michael Lopez started at quarterback for an injured AJ Ayala and ran for a touchdown. This Friday night LaBelle faces Avon Park, the most important game of the year. "If we win it, we are going to the playoffs," coach said, "We have to have a great week of practice."



submitted photo/Marlana Lopez

Read for the Record

Country Oaks Elementary Kindergarten and Pre-K students celebrated Read for the Record on October 3. This campaign highlights early literacy in an effort to promote reading and decrease the achievement gap. This year the campaign highlighted the story of Otis, by Loren Long. Otis is a classic story about a friendly little tractor. To celebrate, students participated in various activities that supported the ideals addressed in the story. We even had our own "Otis" that showed up to surprise the students. Mrs. Talada's Pre-K class is pictured above. Thank you to Everglades Farm Equipment for supplying Otis.

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- Immaculate! Move in ready 3/3 home in Port LaBelle. Features living space of living area, dining room and dining room **\$87,000**
- Recently remodeled and priced to sell! 1,100+/- sq. ft. office building centrally located in LaBelle. **\$79,900.**
- 4/3 pool home on 55+/- acre in the heart of LaBelle. Features 3,000+/- sq. ft. of living area, attached carport, indoor brick BBQ grill. **\$79,900**
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- \$69,900** - 3/2 in Moore Haven Yacht Club 1200 Sq Ft.
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EXECUTIVE HOMES

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- \$725,000** - Riverfront pool home on 6.5 acres. Loads of features inside and out, including 2 docks plus boat basin. Upgraded appliances and much more.

HOMES

- \$57,900** - 3/2 family home on nice lot. Galvalum roof, new stucco, carpet and paint.
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Sport Shorts

Caloosa Chase 5k and Kids Fun Run

The 19th annual Caloosa Chase 5k will be held at LaBelle High School on Saturday, October 19, at 8 a.m. This is an open race for runners of all ages and abilities in the community to join in. Tee-shirts will be given to 5k participants as well as awards to age group winners. Following the 5k, there will be the kids' one mile fun run. Kids love to run, let's let them at it! All fun run participants will receive a finish ribbon for participating. The "Caloosa Cup" will be awarded to the elementary school with the most student participants!

The cost for the 5k is \$15. Race applications can be picked up at the front office here at the high school. The kid's fun run is \$5.00 to enter. Remember all monies raised go to support the LaBelle High School Cross Country team. Make sure you stick around for the awards, as the Caloosa Chase is renowned for its excellent door prizes! As history has shown, the Caloosa Chase often marks one of the first truly cool autumn

mornings of the year, making for excellent running! See you there! For additional information call 675-3128 (evenings) or the school 674-4120 ext. 276.

Time for Junior Pro

This year the Junior Pro season will be dedicated to LaBelle's own Zac Reyna, a five-year participant who loved the game of basketball. The season is cranking up and the league is seeking coaches, assistant coaches and sponsors. If you're interested in helping out, call Darrell Harris at 673-5475 or 675-2565. Sign ups will be held at First Baptist Church. Call Preston Long at 673-3044 or Pat Langford at 675-1686.

Junior Pro has four divisions: K-2 will be at the LHS gym Saturday mornings; B (grades 3-5); A (grades 6-8) and Girls (grades 3-8). Sign ups will be at UES gym on a date to be announced. Junior Pro information will also be announced at all LaBelle elementary schools. The cost will be \$10 for the first child and \$5 for each additional child in the family.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK!

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CINDY'S FAMOUS CHICKEN DIVAN

Step 1: Bone & skin 2-3 pounds of chicken. Tear into bite size chunks.

Step 2: In a saucepan, combine 2 cups milk, 2- 8 oz packages of cream cheese, 1 1/2 cups parmesan cheese, 1 tsp garlic salt, 1 tsp salt. Stir over medium heat until smooth.

Step 3: In a greased crock pot, cut up 2 pkgs of 10 oz thawed broccoli & place in bottom. Pour 1 cup of cheese sauce over broccoli. Put chicken on top and pour in rest of cheese sauce.

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