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Still Shopping LaBelle

by Janice Groves

I hope you decided to take my challenge of shopping locally to heart. The past four weeks have been loaded with ideas of what to buy. I had a couple people ask why names of stores were not included in the articles. Well, first of all, this little project is not an advertisement for specific stores, but a promotion of LaBelle retailers. So, the idea was to get you out, looking around, and finding things you never thought you would find. This is a practice in community support.

So, here we are, it is December now and I read somewhere that Thanksgiving was so late in November it caused the shortest shopping season in a long time. As you read this, there are only three weeks before the big day.

If you want a new idea, why not think about the service businesses in LaBelle. Buy your mother or favorite gal a trip or two to a salon for a new do; or, maybe, a manicure or pedicure to make her feel special.

What about a good detail for a car? Everyone wants their car to look shiny and new. Several detail

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Rehab program planned for Port LaBelle

by Patty Brant
Caloosa Belle

A Naples based Christian organization has a contract to purchase the Port LaBelle Inn, with plans to use the facility as a drug rehab center.

According to Vann Ellison, President and CEO of St. Matthews House, the organization filed a zoning request with Hendry County in October and he expects to close the deal in early Spring.

Recently St. Matthews House also expressed an interest in purchasing the old Hendry Cor-

rectional Institution, located outside Immokalee. Mr. Ellison said the state has still not expressed an interest in selling that facility to St. Matthews House. However, he said such a deal is "still on the table."

The plan is to provide St. Matthew's House's successful residential drug rehabilitation program, Justin's Place, on one floor of the Port LaBelle Inn, and use the other as a convention center for church groups and so on. He said that, in this respect, the use will be very similar to the inn's use now.

Port LaBelle Inn has some 23 rooms on each of the inn's two floors. Mr. Ellison said the program will accommodate some 60 residents in shared rooms. Clients do not have single rooms because the program relies on the community aspect to help the healing process and build a sense of cohesion among clients.

Justin's Place is a voluntary program - no court ordered clients. Residents in the program may have no active warrants and must not be in any trouble with the law. Justin's Place is not for court-ordered rehabilitation and no one with medical issues is allowed.

It is not a detox facility, he pointed out.

The program attempts to deal with the core issues that lead a client to a reliance on drugs or alcohol.

Mr. Ellison said he understands that people in LaBelle may be concerned about the rehab facility coming to town, but said he believes this fear is based on not understanding the Justin's Place program.

The program has been operating in Naples for some time, where he said they have an open relationship with the Collier County Sher-

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Scent of Christmas

Christmas trees fresh from the cold country - nothing else looks or smells quite so much like Christmas. Lawrence O'Ferrell has been delivering Christmas trees to LaBelle from North Carolina for over 25 years, starting off with the LaBelle Fire Department. Isabella Perez, an 8-year-old LES second grader, helped unload a Christmas tree from over 850 Frasier's that arrived just before Thanksgiving. These trees will be sold at Miss Patty's Consignment Store and by the LaBelle Kiwanis. Isabella is pictured assisting Jason Hull.

2014 Relay Kick Off

This year's Relay for Life Annual Relay Kick-off Party will be held Saturday, December 7, from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at the Hendry-LaBelle Sports Park off Cowboy Way behind the EMS station. "The Grinch Stole Christmas and Gave It To LaBelle" is our theme. Everyone is invited to come out for an amazing day of fun, food, prizes and lots of Grinch Games and Treats! Bring your friends, family, neighbors, team or just yourself and get ready to enjoy a great event!!

Bring a new unwrapped toy to the kickoff to donate to a child suffering from cancer that will spend Christmas in the hospital.

We will also be having a Cookie Exchange! Bring two dozen home made cookies if you want to participate!

Can't wait to see you there! Please RSVP to: Kasey kathryn.nawskon@cancer.org, 239-936-1113x3915 or call Anthony at 863-449-0750 for more information.

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Christmas Fun



Christmas in the Park!

The Christmas parade kicks off the holiday season December 6. Line up at the old U-Save at 5 p.m. and follow it down to Barron Park for the annual Chamber of Commerce Christmas in the Park celebration. There will be snow to delight the kids as well as lots of games and entertainment and food will be available.

Oh, yeah . . . did I mention Santa will be there? It's the place to be!

Breakfast with Santa

Bring your children and get into the Christmas Spirit. Saturday, December 14, Santa will be visiting the LaBelle American Legion

Post 130 from 8-11 a.m. The American Legion Auxiliary will be serving a pancake and sausage breakfast with milk, orange juice and coffee, Free for children 8 and under, \$3 for adults and 9 years and older. Santa will have a gift for boys and girls 8 and under. The Legion is on SR80, across from the Shell Station. Everyone is invited.

Giving tree

The City of LaBelle invites area residents to choose a name from the Giving Tree, located in the lobby at City Hall, to share Christmas joy. Tags are marked with the name of a local nursing home resident and a suggested gift idea for that person.

Just pick a name, find an appropriate gift, wrap it with love and return it to City Hall by December 20. Sharing the true spirit of Christmas couldn't be easier.

Drug free holiday celebration

You are invited to the Hendry Tobacco-Free Partnership/Drug Free Hendry Coal-

ition Holiday Celebration December 12, 4:30 p.m. at Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church, 310 Campbell Street. Discussion items: Hendry TFP By-Laws Update, Officer Elections, Upcoming Trainings, Recruitment/12 Sectors. Please bring a covered dish and e-mail what you are bringing to valarie.james@flhealth.gov. For information please contact Valarie James at 674-4041 ext 128 or Bianca Ross at 674-4041 ext 143.

Legion Christmas dinners

The American Legion Post 130 members prepare and volunteers deliver 500-600 meals to local needy families and shut-ins (those confined to their homes by illness, disability or lack of mobility). If you know of anyone who should receive a delivered meal, notify the Post of their name, correct address, phone number & how many meals to be delivered. Must be on the Christmas Dinner Delivery List by Monday evening, December 23rd. Drop names off at the American Legion Hall, or call the Post at 863-675-

8300 or Nikki at 239-564-2005.

Volunteers are invited to help assemble or deliver meals on Christmas Day. It is an experience you will treasure so come volunteer and enjoy the fellowship of others and spread the Christmas Spirit. Christmas Day, arrive between 9 and 10. Call if you can help on Tuesday before Christmas.

Fundraiser for Larry Woosley

The LaBelle Gathering of Christian Men is sponsoring a Benefit Pork Dinner for our President, Larry Woosley, who has just undergone brain tumor surgery.

December 21 at Barron Park beginning at noon. The menu includes pulled pork, baked beans, cole slaw, roll and iced tea. A wide variety of desserts will be available. Cost per-ticket \$8. Donations may also be made to the Woosley Family by calling the following: Ronnie Revells at 863 675 1967, Mark White at 239 707 6137 or Dave Alexander at 863 675 0500.

Donations may also be dropped off or tickets purchased at Oak Realty, 233 N. Bridge Street, LaBelle or dinner tickets may be purchased from any LaBelle Gathering member.

Spread cheer with manatee, sea turtles decal

Choose a Christmas gift that helps protect Florida's manatees and sea turtles. With a \$5 donation, you can receive a manatee or sea turtle decal from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC).

Order the decals online at MyFWC.com/ManateeSeaTurtleDecals or ask for them at local county tax collectors' offices. Decal donations support conservation of manatees and sea turtles, including research, rescue, rehabilitation and management efforts.

Manatees and sea turtles were among the native wildlife seen by Ponce de Leon and his crew. Ponce de Leon also designated a cluster of islands 70 miles west of Key West as Las Tortugas, because of the many sea turtles nesting there.

Purchase of a "Save the Manatee" or "Helping Sea Turtles Survive" license plate is another way to celebrate and protect these imperiled species. Go to BuyaPlate.com.

For more on manatees, go to MyFWC.com/Manatee.

For more on sea turtles, go to MyFWC.com/SeaTurtle.

Rehab

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iff's Office.

Justin's Place is a rigorous residential program. Clients are not allowed to have cars or leave the property without permission and are strictly supervised, he said.

Many of their clients come from good families, Mr. Ellison said. They are screened so there are no sex offenders and no one with medical and psychological issues.

Understanding the feelings of the community, Mr. Ellison said, "We don't want them there either. It's destructive to an effective recovery program."

The facility is staffed around the clock.

Justin's Place is a "one strike you're out" program. If a client slips up, they are automatically returned where they came from, Mr. Ellison said.

Staff ensures that they have no access to alcohol or drugs and there are lots safety nets, he added.

The program at Port LaBelle Inn will not be a homeless shelter although St. Matthews House does have some in Immokalee and Naples.

The program includes approximately seven months for a client at PLB Inn, who would then transition to a Naples Justin's

Place apartment complex for 60-90 days. While there, they are employed at the St. Matthews House thrift store or a catering program and are paid a little over minimum wage and eventually look for work or enroll in school.

Clients then attend recovery meetings at St. Matthews apartment complex for up to two or three years to complete the program.

He said the group has not yet decided if it will change the name of the facility in LaBelle.

Mr. Ellison said that the program will bring to the community the standard jobs for a convention center, including security and maintenance personnel. He was emphatic that Justin's Place is not a methadone clinic or drug replacement therapy, which he said are not appropriate for this program.

He also noted that these facilities are not big users of public services like law enforcement and EMS, nor is it a psychiatric program.

It's approach is consistent with a 12-step program. He said the Justin's Place programs have a stable, secure population and are assets to their communities.

Shopping

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businesses are located in LaBelle. Or, give them an oil and filter change. Who wouldn't like to receive that?

How about a good lawn manicure? Give your special someone lawn service for a few months or a year.

Get someone's doggy a shampoo and pretty ribbon on the collar.

Arrange for someone to receive a bouquet of flowers once a month.

Buy tickets to entertainment or membership in a worthy organization. Donate to a local charity.

Help your special someone to get fit with a membership in a gym or aerobic exercise at a studio. What about Yoga lessons?

Everything mentioned can be found in LaBelle.

It isn't always the traditional gift that makes the recipient happy. Think "outside the box" and come up with something that will knock their socks off.

I enjoyed doing some shopping on National Small Business Day for shopping locally. There were lots of people out that day. I hope you took advantage as well. Christmas is just around the corner. Have fun and "shop local."

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING HENDRY COUNTY INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Industrial Development Authority will hold a meeting on December 16, 2013, at 2:00 p.m., at the Clewiston City Hall, Commission Chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, 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 espanol para participar un esta reunion, por favor pongase en contacto con Myra Johnson al (863) 675-5240.

Hendry
County Industrial Development Authority
Dave Lyons, Chairman

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NOTICE OF BOARD MEETINGS HENDRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Hendry County Board of County Commissioners' regularly scheduled meeting of December 10, 2013, will be held at 5:00 p.m., at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida, and the December 24, 2013 meeting has been canceled. A special meeting to discuss land use matters will be held on December 17, 2013, at 9:00 a.m., at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida.

The meetings are open to the public. If a person decides to appeal any decision made 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. Please note that matters may be discussed at the meetings which are not on the prepared agenda for the meetings.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING HENDRY-CLEWISTON RECREATION BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry-Clewiston Recreation Board will hold a meeting on December 16, 2013, at 4:00 p.m., at the Clewiston City Hall, Commission Chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida. The meeting is open to the public.

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Hendry-Clewiston Recreation Board

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NOTICE OF SPECIAL BOARD MEETING HENDRY COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The Hendry County Board of County Commissioners' will hold a special meeting on December 17, 2013, at 9:00 a.m., at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida, to discuss issuance of bonds by the Hendry County Industrial Development Authority for the BioNitrogen project.

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.

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Plan to attend Capt. Hendry Dinner

The Hendry County Education Improvement Task Force, under the Economic Development Council (EDC) mission is to find ways to improve the education process right here. The Captain Hendry Dinner, coming up on Monday, December 9, is one of the most important annual events presented by the Hendry County Economic Development Council.

EDC Executive Director Gregg Gillman said a short video presentation at the dinner will highlight the importance of that task and accent the ways it is working toward that goal.

Mr. Gillman wrote and received a \$25,000 Department of Economic Opportunities grant to form a strategic plan outlining goals, objectives and tasks that will lead Hendry County into the future.

The EDC has helped recruit teachers to Hendry County, paying for hotel rooms for good prospects while they look around the

area. Mr. Gillman has also taken several out to lunch and drove them around the community in the hope that they will bring their talents here.

That's what it's all about, bringing great quality teachers to Hendry County, he said. From 5:30-8:30 p.m., Monday, December 9 the Captain Hendry House will be the backdrop for an enjoyable evening that supports the very serious business of education.

An array of appetizers by Forrey Grill, luscious dinner by Cracker Cookin' & Caterin', light music and both silent and live auctions will all complete the evening.

Tickets are \$50 each and benefit the Hendry County Education Improvement Task Force.

For tickets and information you can contact any Hendry County EDC members or Jennifer Price at 675-6007 Jennifer@Hendryedc.com.

Deputy sustains minor injuries in hit and run

A LaBelle man was arrested early in the morning November 30 by the Florida Highway Patrol and charged with felony hit and run, driving without a driver license and stopping in the roadway. The crash Ignacio Giron Arregwin, 45, allegedly caused happened to be with a Hendry County Sheriff's patrol unit.

According to the FHP report, at about 12:30 a.m. Arregwin was driving a 2000 Ford Expedition east on Cowboy Way approaching Carlyle Street. Deputy Clifton George Green, 25, was traveling behind him when, for no apparent reason, the Expedition suddenly stopped in the roadway. The deputy failed to stop in time and the front of his 2014 Ford Taurus collided into the rear of the Expedition.

At that time, Arregwin fled the scene, turning south onto Carlyle Street. Deputy Green called in the crash but was unable to follow in his disabled vehicle. EMS transported Deputy Green to Lehigh Regional

Hospital where he was treated for minor injuries and released.

Deputy S. Harrynarine arrived on scene and put out a BOLO on the Expedition. About 20 minutes later the vehicle was found .3 miles away at Arregwin's residence on Favor Street, backed into the driveway with the damaged rear end near the house. Arregwin was apprehended and was charged by FHP.

Deputy Green was treated for minor injuries at LeHigh Regional Hospital and released.

Neither Arregwin nor his passenger, 49-year-old Antonio Caballero, also of LaBelle, was injured. Both had been wearing seatbelts.

The patrol unit sustained \$15,000 worth of damage, and the Expedition \$3,000 in damage.

It is unknown if alcohol played a part in the crash.

Arrests

Clewiston

Carlton Moore Henderson, 38, was arrested December 1 and charged with a moving traffic violation driving with a suspended license habitual offender and battery touch/strike. C. Green was arresting officer.

Mae McCormack, 43, was arrested November 30 and charged with aggravated battery causing bodily harm or injury. J. Perez was arresting officer.

Jamaal Pascal, 20, was arrested November 28 and charged with possession of cocaine, possession of cocaine with intent to sell and operation without a valid license. SPD Officer R. Herrera was arresting officer.

Kianna Summer Quinn, 16, was arrested

December 2 and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill. A. Campbell was arresting officer.

Robert Earl Payne Sr., 43, was arrested December 1 and charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon, burglary of a dwelling, structure or conveyance armed and cruelty to a child that could result in physical or mental injury. R. Maldonado was arresting officer.

Aariel B. Little, 14, was arrested December 1 and charged with aggravated assault with a weapon without intent to kill and battery touch/strike. M. Yeomans was arresting officer.

Everglades restoration a high priority for FWC

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), at its meeting Nov. 20 in Weston, presented a position paper designed to help guide Everglades restoration.

The position paper provides guidance on how to resolve habitat and wildlife issues as the FWC and partners work together on Everglades-restoration efforts.

This document is an important tool for managing the habitats and species in this complex ecosystem.

In the position paper, FWC biologists provide science-based information regarding the timing, distribution and flow of water throughout the Everglades ecosystem.

It also provides data collected over the past 60 years demonstrating how fluctuating water levels impact the wildlife and habitats in this ecosystem.

"It's all about the quality, quantity, timing and distribution of water," said FWC Commissioner Ron Bergeron. "Our approach is adaptive and based on six decades of in-the-field science."

Extreme high and low water events negatively impact the ecosystem's native wildlife and habitats.

For example, extreme high water levels are detrimental for terrestrial species such as panthers, deer, bobcats and raccoons.

High water conditions reduce the amount of available food sources and indirectly may

lead to the spread of disease.

Extremely low water levels can also have negative impacts such as peat fires that can cause long-lasting damage to tree islands and other plant communities.

Returning the water flow back to a more natural state will have positive impacts for native plants and animals.

"We need flexibility in dealing with extreme high or low water events because either means sudden death for the Everglades ecosystem," said Bergeron.

"We need to have the tools and policies to manage emergency water events so that we can keep the Everglades alive during the largest restoration effort in the world."

FWC staff will continue to protect fish and wildlife resources by participating in planning meetings and providing comments, review and input into future decisions about Everglades restoration.

To learn more about the FWC's major wildlife management area in this ecosystem, the Everglades and Francis S. Taylor WMA, visit MyFWC.com/Viewing and select "Wildlife Management Areas" then "Explore by Name."

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You can offer forgiveness as a gift this Christmas season

by **Les Morgan**

I have been a pastor since 1981. When you are in this line of work you never get away from encountering the deep issues of the lives of people. That is a sacred trust granted by those with deeply seated personal matters.

Perhaps you know someone who is facing conflict with another person. Or, perhaps that is something you are sorting through yourself. Recently I found a story written by another professional who walks through personal issues with people. She is a nurse, who, at the Christmas season a few years ago, shared the following.



Les Morgan

The hospital was unusually quiet that bleak January evening, like the air before a storm. I stood in the nurses' station on the 7th floor and glanced at the clock. It was 9 p.m. I threw a stethoscope around my neck and headed for room 712, last room on the hall. Room 712 had a new patient. Mr. Williams. All alone and silent about his family.

As I entered the room, Mr. Williams looked up eagerly, but dropped his eyes when he saw it was only me, his nurse. I pressed the stethoscope over his chest and listened. Strong, slow, even beating. Just what I wanted to hear. There seemed little indication he had suffered a slight heart attack a few hours earlier.

He looked up from his starched white bed. "Nurse, would you--" He hesitated, tears filling his eyes. Once before he had started to ask me a question, but had changed his mind. I touched his hand, waiting. He brushed away a tear. "Would you call my daughter? Tell her I've had a heart attack. A slight one. You see, I live alone and she is the only family I have." His respiration suddenly speeded up. I turned his nasal oxygen up to eight liters a minute. "Of course I'll call her." I said, studying his face. He gripped the sheets and pulled himself forward, his face tense with urgency. "Will you call her right away--as soon as you can?" He was breathing fast--too fast. "I'll call her the very first thing," I said, patting his shoulder. I flipped off the light. He closed his eyes, such young blue eyes in his 50-year-old face. Room 712 was dark except for a faint night light under

the sink. Oxygen gurgled in the green tubes above his bed. Reluctant to leave, I moved through the shadowy silence to the window. The panes were cold. Below a foggy mist curled through the hospital parking lot. "Nurse," he called, "could you get me a pencil and paper?" I dug a scrap of yellow paper and a pen from my pocket and set it on the bedside table.

I walked back to the nurses' station and sat in a squeaky swivel chair by the phone. Mr. Williams' daughter was listed on his chart as the next of kin. I got her number from information and dialed. Her soft voice answered. "Janie, this is Sue Kidd, a registered nurse at the hospital. I'm calling about your father. He was admitted tonight with a slight heart attack and--" "No!" she screamed into the phone, startling me. "He's not dying is he?" "His condition is stable at the moment," I said, trying hard to sound convincing.

Silence. I bit my lip. "You must not let him die!" she said. Her voice was so utterly compelling that my hand trembled on the phone. "He is getting the very best care." "But you don't understand," she pleaded. "My daddy and I haven't spoken in almost a year. We had a terrible argument on my 21st birthday, over my boyfriend. I ran out of the house. I-I haven't been back. All these months I've wanted to go to him for forgiveness. The last thing I said to him was, 'I hate you.'" Her voice cracked and I heard her heave great agonizing sobs. I sat, listening, tears burning my eyes. A father and a daughter, so lost to each other. Then I was thinking of my father, many miles away. It has been so long since I had said, "I love you." As Janie struggled to control her tears, I breathed a prayer. "Please, God, let this daughter find forgiveness." "I'm coming. Now! I'll be there in 30 minutes," she said. Click. She had hung up. I tried to busy myself with a stack of charts on the desk. I couldn't concentrate. Room 712. I knew I had to get back to 712. I hurried down the hall nearly in a run. I opened the door. Mr. Williams lay unmoving. I reached for his pulse. There was none.

"Code 99. Room 712. Code 99. Stat." The alert was shooting through the hospital within seconds after I called the switchboard through the intercom by the bed.

Mr. Williams had had a cardiac arrest. With lightning speed I leveled the bed and bent over his mouth, breathing air into his

lungs. I positioned my hands over his chest and compressed. One, two, three. I tried to count. At 15 I moved back to his mouth and breathed as deeply as I could. Where was help? Again I compressed and breathed. Compressed and breathed. He could not die! "O God," I prayed. "His daughter is coming. Don't let it end this way." The door burst open. Doctors and nurses poured into the room pushing emergency equipment. A doctor took over the manual compression of the heart. A tube was inserted through his mouth as an airway. Nurses plunged syringes of medicine into the intravenous tubing. I connected the heart monitor. Nothing. Not a beat. My own heart pounded. "God, don't let it end like this. Not in bitterness and hatred. His daughter is coming. Let her find peace." "Stand back," cried a doctor. I handed him the paddles for the electrical shock to the heart. He placed them on Mr. Williams' chest.

Over and over we tried. But nothing. No response. Mr. Williams was dead. A nurse unplugged the oxygen. The gurgling stopped. One by one they left, grim and silent. How could this happen? How? I stood by his bed, stunned. A cold wind rattled the window, pelting the panes with snow. Outside--everywhere--seemed a bed of blackness, cold and dark. How could I face his daughter? When I left the room, I saw her against the wall by a water fountain. A doctor who had been inside 712 only moments before, stood at her side, talking to her, gripping her elbow. Then he moved on, leaving her slumped against the wall. Such pathetic hurt reflected from her face. Such wounded eyes. She knew. The doctor had told her that her father was gone. I took her hand and led her into the nurses' lounge. We sat on little green stools, neither saying a word. She stared straight ahead at a pharmaceutical calendar, glass-faced, almost breakable-looking. "Janie, I'm so sorry," I said. It was pitifully inadequate. "I never hated him, you know. I loved him," she said. God, please help her, I thought.

Suddenly, she whirled toward me. "I want to see him." My first thought was, Why put yourself through more pain? Seeing him will only make it worse. But I got up and wrapped my arm around her. We walked slowly down the corridor to 712. Outside the door I squeezed her hand, wishing she would change her mind about going inside. She pushed open the door. We

moved to the bed, huddled together, taking small steps in unison. Janie leaned over the bed and buried her face in the sheets. I tried not to look at her, at this sad, sad good-bye. I backed against the bedside table. My hand fell upon a scrap of yellow paper. I picked it up. It read, "My dearest Janie, I forgive you. I pray you will also forgive me. I know that you love me. I love you too. Daddy."

The note was shaking in my hands as I thrust it toward Janie. She read it once. Then twice. Her tormented face grew radiant. Peace began to glisten in her eyes. She hugged the scrap of paper to her breast. "Thank You, God," I whispered, looking up at the window.

A few crystal stars blinked through the blackness. A snowflake hit the window and melted away, gone forever. Life seemed as fragile as a snowflake on the window. But thank You, God, that relationships, sometimes fragile as snowflakes, can be mended together again--but there is not a moment to spare. I crept from the room and hurried to the phone and called my father. When he answered I said, "I love you."

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

School Briefs

COE chicken dinner benefit

Country Oaks Elementary will have a chicken dinner benefit for long time LaBelle resident, Jay Dana, who is battling cancer. His wife Heidi Dana has been a teacher at COE for many years. It will be Friday, December 13, from 5-7 p.m. for drive-thru, in the parent pick up line at COE. Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased at COE. Menu: grilled chicken quarter, coleslaw, baked beans and bread. Baked goods also for sale.

You may call Country Oaks for more information at 863-674-4140.

Thank You

LaBelle Commons

The residents of LaBelle Commons wish to thank the United Way for the wonderful Thanksgiving dinners that were so kindly given.

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Church Briefs

Visit Bethlehem

Mark your calendars for a big event! First Christian Church will be creating a Night in Bethlehem, a hands-on Holy Land experience. The event will take place Saturday and Sunday, December 14 and 15, from 4:30 7:30 p.m. Go back in time and experience the sights and sounds from Jesus' days. Enjoy the music and visit Baby Jesus. We are located at the corner of Lee and Ford Streets. There is no admission and a light meal is served. Come and enjoy!

Gospel sing at Big Red Barn

There will be a gospel sing at the Big Red Barn, 7500 West U.S. 27, Clewiston, this Friday, Dec. 6, starting at 7 p.m. For more information contact Billy or Judy Swindle at 863-983-7256. A love offering will be accepted. The gospel singers are hometown boys, Henry and Roy Pelham.

Overcome addiction

Overcomers Addiction Classes are at

Christ Central in LaBelle, 540 First Ave, every Thursday at 7 p.m. A Christ-centered 12-step recovery group addresses addictions and those affected by them. For more information call the CCL office at 675-2100 or group leader Jamie at 239-872-8821.

Church plans yard sale

El Faro church will be having a yard sale on Saturday, December 7, starting at 8 a.m. on their church grounds: 431 Bryan Avenue. The items sold will be: clothes for adults and children, some small pieces of furniture and food. For more information call Pastor Valentin at 863-843-0264.

La Iglesia El Faro estara teniendo una mini pulga el sabado, 7 de diciembre empezando a las 8 a.m. en el parqueadero de la iglesia 431 Bryan Avenue. Cosas por venta: ropa para niños y adultos, pedazos chicos de furnitura y comida. Para mas informacion llama al Pastor Valentin al 863-843-0264.

Good Shepherd Dec. schedule

Thursday, December 5: 9:30 a.m. Healing

Service Eucharist; 10:30 a.m. Bible Study Sunday, December 8: Eucharist 9:30 a.m. Deacon Nancy Smith

Thursday, December 12: 9:30 a.m. Healing Service Eucharist; 10:30 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, December 15 Eucharist 9:30 a.m. Deacon Nancy Smith

Thursday, December 19: 9:30 a.m. Healing Service Eucharist; 10:30 a.m. Bible Study

Sunday, December 22: Eucharist 9:30 a.m. Deacon Sandy Johnson

Tuesday, December 24 Christmas Eve: Eucharist 7 p.m. Rev Dr David Jackson

Sunday, December 29: Eucharist 9:30 a.m. Rev Dr David Jackson; Memorial Service for George Albert.

Mysteries of faith

The Mysteries of our Faith Are Revealed in Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come! Filled with vivid imagery, apocalyptic visions and mysterious figures, Revelation is one of the most intriguing books in Scripture. We read it wondering, "Who is the Beast? The Lamb?

The Dragon? When will all this take place?" It leaves us with a number of questions. But, as its name implies, Revelation is intended to REVEAL the divine mysteries to us. It pulls back the veil of heaven and shows us the glories of the Kingdom of God. And in midst of this vision we discover something amazing. We see how our faith, our liturgy, and our worship are a participation in the liturgy of heaven.

In Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come you will learn the keys to understanding this mysterious book. You will see how heaven is made mystically present to us in the Mass. You will see how the images and events of Revelation make sense in light of our Catholic faith. Most importantly, you will learn how the book of Revelation can be a source of inspiration and encouragement as we strive to live our faith in the world.

Join us for Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come at Our Lady Queen of Heaven in the Parish Office beginning January 9, at 7 p.m. and continuing every Thursday until April 3, 2014. For more information or to register for the study call Eric Myer at (863) 517-1096. Registration is until December 15.

Obituaries

Carl Wayne Baker

LABELLE — Carl Wayne Baker, of LaBelle, died Nov. 13, 2013, after a very short battle with cancer that he swore wasn't from the cigarettes. He came to LaBelle at a young age and fell in love with his new home. He felt blessed being part of such a great community.

Carl loved a good hotdog, peanuts with a bottle of coke, a good fried spam sandwich with Hellman's mayo, going camping anywhere, anytime, The Miami Hurricanes, Ducky Dynasty, cookies, ice cream and Jamison Irish Whisky. Not necessarily in that order.

He "hated oatmeal and bad politicians." He was a great builder of golf clubs, grilling chicken and made a "mean" spaghetti sauce. He was a MacGyver of making things work; making everyone feel appreciated; and always liked being the first to welcome someone new to one of our clubs. He never met a stranger, only a new friend.

Carl was a portrait of a man who loved every minute of his 74 years. His laughter was infectious and witty remarks were never in short supply, even at the end he was still making us laugh and looking for a "cheap feel". He traveled the world during his life, always looking for a new adventure.

Carl was a Vietnam Veteran. He served in the U.S. Army and belonged to the 82nd Airborne and Signal Corps. His status as a Hero by his family was something he was never quite comfortable with holding. He was a former Hendry County Deputy and teacher. He was a Master Printer and repaired presses throughout the world. He was proud volunteer of the Legion Boy's State, Honor Guard and Hope Hospice Valor Program.

Please join his family and friends for a celebra-



tion of life at the LaBelle VFW 10100 supported by the American Legion Post 130 and LaBelle Moose 2398, Saturday, Dec. 7th, 2013 at 3 p.m. He would love for everyone to share their funny stories, lift a beverage and laugh about the good times. Anyone wishing to cry or collect money please send condolences.

Carl will be missed by his wife and friend of 30 years, Cindy Pearce-Baker; sons, David Baker (Gracie), Ocala, Sheldon Smith (Aom and Lily), Khor, Al Khawr, Qatar; and daughter, Carla White, Pervis Miss.; his Louisiana family, Mary Beth and Rob Pearce; kids and all of their extended family; sister-in-law, Patricia Thompson (Jim) Mallard, Iowa; brother-in-laws, Shawn Pearce, John LaBadie and their families, Mich.; sister, Denise Sampson (Ken), Kingman, Ariz.; cousin, Jewel Mazza, Orange, Texas; his LaBelle family, the O'Bannon's and the Middletons; along with his grandchildren, nieces, nephews and many, many friends.

Leo J Cavin, 90

LABELLE — Leo J. Cavin, of LaBelle, passed away Nov. 25, 2013 in LaBelle.

He was born Feb. 28, 1923 in Minneapolis, Minn., to the late Daniel Patrick and the late An-

nette (Vigouroux) Cavin.

He is survived by daughters, Juanita (Walt) Shirley, Cheri (Darrell) Christenson; and son, William (Janet) Cavin; brother, Bob (Laura) Cavin; sister-in-law, Geraldine (Nate) Johnson; brother-in-law, Byron Bacon; eight grandchildren; twelve great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Margie; and his sister, Marie (Cavin) Tooley.

A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, Dec. 8, 2013 at 2:00 p.m. at Whisper Creek RV Resort Recreation Center, 1887 North State Road 29, LaBelle Florida 33935.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be sent to Animal Rescue Inc., 463 East Lincoln Avenue, Labelle FL 33935 in honor of Leo.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle. Family and friends are invited to sign Leo's online guest book at www.akin-davis.com.

Curtis 'Dale' Moore, 60

LABELLE — Curtis "Dale" Moore passed away late Monday evening the 25th of November. He

was 60 years young and had battled cancer for two years.

Dale was special, he could light up a room with just a smile. An amazing husband, father, friend and son, he never met a stranger. Twenty years ago he embraced two step daughters as his own. Dale loved golf, fishing and playing the bass guitar and we are sure that he is playing in the most wonderful place of all right now. His time with us was amazing, exciting and a new adventure every day.

Dale is survived by his wife; two stepdaughters; a daughter; two grandchildren; three siblings; and his mother.

A celebration of his life will be held on January 25th, 2014 at his home.

Details will be provided later this month.



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Community Briefs

Captain Hendry Dinner

The Hendry County Economic Development Council invites everyone to the annual Captain Hendry Dinner Monday, December 9, from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at the Captain Hendry House, 512 Fraser Street.

Enjoy the Signature Appetizer presentation by Forrey Grill with delicious dinner and desert by Cracker Cookin' & Caterin'. Music with a silent and live auction will round out the fun evening. Tickets are \$50 each. Contact the Hendry County EDC board members or Jennifer Price at 675-6007 (Jennifer@Hendryedc.com). The evening will benefit the EDC Improvement Task Force.

Humane society annual meeting December 14

Caloosa Humane Society Annual Meeting starts at 10 a.m. on December 14. The meeting will be located at 1200 Pratt Blvd. LaBelle.

The Caloosa Humane Society is also holding a BIG yard sale on Sat., December 7, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. We will have lots of Christmas stuff! We have many new items, come shop and support our homeless pets at the shelter! We also need donations of salable items for our yard sales.

All proceeds go directly to benefit the animals at the shelter. The yard sale will be held at Park Avenue behind the LaBelle Auction Co., 390 North Bridge St. For more information call 675-0997. The animals thank you for your continued support.

Come to Glades RV Resort craft show Saturday

The fourth annual Christmas Craft and Gift show at the Glades RV Resort with be on Saturday, Dec. 7, from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. The Resort is located just off Hwy. 80 between Hwy. 27 and LaBelle. Watch for our Glades signs as well as signs directing to the location of our Activities Center.

Our January 18, 2014 show will feature vendors from other RV resorts and towns in Glades and Hendry counties as well as items by our residents. To reserve a table to sell crafts or for independent sales reps contact: Eulaine Delgado at 765-271-3665 or eulainedelgado@aol.com. Cost is \$10 per table for non-residents of the Glades and \$5 for residents.

Fill Toys for Tots collection boxes

Watch for Savation Army United Way's Toys for Tots official collection boxes at these locations around LaBelle: Family Eye Care, First Bank of Clewiston LaBelle Branch, CenterState Bank LaBelle, Florida Community Bank, Seacoast National Bank LaBelle, First Baptist Church LaBelle, Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church, Healing Waters Family Life Center, Riverside Real Estate, Dollar General, Vision ACE Hardware, Langford Ford, K&M Family Pharmacy, Badcock Home Furnishings, Hendry County Tax Collector, Beef O'Brady's, McDonalds LaBelle, Moose Lodge, LaBelle City Hall, American Legion Post, LaBelle Chamber of Commerce, Spec-

tacular Eye Care, Aqua Isles and Sun Coast Credit Union and Caloosa Belle.

Widows to meet

The Widows Support Group will meet December 19, at Don's Steak House at 11:30 a.m. All widows welcome.

MCA events for December

December 14, Saturday, Country Jam Session and Pot Luck Dinner will begin at 6-9 p.m.

December 19, Thursday, will be the regular monthly meeting. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Special guest will be Donna Storter Long, Glades County Commissioner. Refreshments will be served. MCA meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month.

December 21, Saturday, will be Karaoke and Pot Luck Dinner to begin a 6 p.m.

December 28, Saturday, Country Jam Session and Pot Luck Dinner will begin at 6-9 p.m.

Jam Sessions are usually the 2nd and 4th Saturday of the month. Everyone is welcome to come and play.

All of the events are 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. For further information call 863-674-0467.

Monitor bird response

Learn about habitat management and restoration work being conducted on Lake Okeechobee.

FWC Biologist, Tyler Beck will present an informative program "Monitoring the Bird Response to Lake Okeechobee FWC's Habitat Management and Restoration" at 7 p.m. on Monday December 9 at the Clewiston Museum located at 109 Central Avenue Clewiston, (across the street from The Clewiston Inn). Everyone is invited to attend this free program hosted by Hendry-Glades Audubon.

Tyler Beck grew up in Lake Placid and has a Bachelor's degree in Biology from Florida Gulf Coast University and a Master's degree from Florida Atlantic University. His thesis work focused on the unique bird communities of the Stormwater Treatment Areas. He also worked with wading birds in the Everglades and Scrub Jays while doing an internship at Archbold Biological Station. Currently, Tyler is a Biologist for Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission in the Aquatic Habitat Restoration and Enhancement Subsection. His group is responsible for doing restoration and habitat management on Lake Okeechobee and nearby wetlands. For information contact Butch Wilson 863- 983-2870 or Margaret England (863) 674-0695 sta5birding@embarqmail.com.

Test your limits! Join the Boy Scouts!

Now is the time to join the fun and excitement of America's foremost youth program for boy. Sign-up for the Boy Scouts December 3 from 6-7 p.m. at Carlson Memorial

Baptist Church, 310 Campbell Street.

Boy Scouts is designed for boys ages 11 to 18 years old. Scouting combines outdoor activities, camping, fishing, canoeing, mountain biking, academics, and more in a fun and exciting program that helps boys test their limits!

The Boy Scouts of America comprises more than one million volunteers working together for the sole purpose of helping its nearly three million youth succeed in life.

For more information, contact Steven Nisbet Jr at 863.885.1537.

'Tools To Quit'

Tools To Quit is a statewide tobacco cessation program, sponsored by the Florida AHEC Network. This program consists of an intensive 90-minute group counseling session that provides local tobacco users with the necessary tools to develop a plan to quit for life.

Two free 'Tools are opening nearby: Hendry Regional Convenient Care Center, 450 South Main Street, LaBelle Wednesday, December 11, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Free Nicotine Replacement Therapy (Gum, Patches & Lozenges for those eligible). *Registration is Required to Join* 877-819-2357.

Give blood

The Blood Mobile will be at the Health Department in LaBelle on Wednesday, December 11, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Appointments are not required, but will help to speed up the process. There is no substitute for human blood. When you donate blood with OneBlood, you are making an immediate contribution to the health and welfare of your community.

Blood is needed by patients facing planned and unplanned medical procedures, trauma victims, cancer patients and premature babies. Your donation will help an ill or injured patient within a few days. The Blood Mobile will be parked in front of the Florida Department of Health in Hendry County, 1140 Pratt Blvd. (Off of Cowboy Way, behind the State Attorney's Office and across the street from the Dallas B. Townsend Ag Building).

Little Mr., Miss pageants

The Little Mr. and Little Miss pageant will take the stage before the big girls on February 1. Boys and girls ages 0-10 years of age

can sign up with Melinda at Langford Ford. Winners are chosen by the number of pennies ("votes") collected in jars distributed throughout the area. Jars will be picked up on January 6.

SCF meeting

The 2014 Swamp Cabbage Festival committee meets the first Monday of every month in City Hall at 6:30 p.m. Be thinking about a Grand Marshal and Pioneer Family! If you haven't already, please submit your letter authorizing you as a delegate for your business or organization so you can vote.

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.

VFW news

Remember to try Charcoal Broiled Burgers every Saturday from 11:00 to 1:30.

VFW Post 10100 holds a Turkey Shoot on the second and fourth Sunday of every month at 1:00 and Bingo every Sunday at 2:00. Remember Charcoal Broiled Burgers every Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Memory mobile coming

Memory Mobile provides information on Alzheimer's disease, referrals to community resource, care Consults, memory screenings, Alzheimer's Caregiver Training. All services are FREE. No appointment necessary.

The mobile will be at the Hendry County Health Department- Clewiston Monday, December 16, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., 1100 South Olympia Street, 33440.

For more information or to schedule a memory screening contact: Cindy Canales, Program Specialist 863-385-3444 or e-mail at canalesc@alzflgulf.org.

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Community Briefs

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 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.

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

Department of Health recognizes World AIDS Day

The Florida Department of Health joined many community partners across the state in recognizing World AIDS Day on Sunday, December 1, 2013.

The annual observance provided the opportunity to reflect on progress made in eliminating the disease and caring for those living with HIV/AIDS.

"On World AIDS Day, the Department of Health remains committed to the important work being done to increase life span and improve quality of life for those living with HIV/AIDS," said Dr. Celeste Philip, Deputy Secretary for Health and Deputy State Health Officer for Children's Medical Services (CMS).

The Department of Health's HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis Section has developed one of the nation's most comprehensive programs for HIV/AIDS surveillance, education, prevention, counseling, testing, care and treatment.

Persons can be tested confidentially for HIV throughout the state at county health departments and at local community-based organizations.

In January 2013, the Department eliminated the waiting list for the AIDS Drug Assistance Program (ADAP) - a waitlist that had reached a high of 4,100 applicants in 2011. ADAP is a state-administered program that provides HIV/AIDS-related medications to low-income HIV-positive individuals living in Florida.

In Florida during 2012, the number of HIV-related deaths decreased by 8 percent from the previous year and by 79 percent since the peak in 1995. Since 2007, HIV-related deaths in Florida have continued declining each year.

The Department launched The Faces of HIV campaign in January 2012. The project tells the stories of Florida residents living with HIV and AIDS through captivating portraits, insightful interviews.

The mobile art exhibit has been displayed

- lots of fun! Call 239-728-5332 for more information.

VFW Auxiliary plans dinner

VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post 10100 will have a chicken Parmesan dinner Friday, December 13, beginning at 5 p.m. The \$8 cost includes dessert. Come early before they run out! This is a smoke free dining room located on SR 29S by the rodeo grounds. For further information call 863-675-8008. All proceeds go to the Ladies Veteran Relief Fund.

The auxiliary meets the second Wednesday of each month at the post at 7 p.m.

HCSO finds two horses

The Hendry County Sheriff's Office Ag Unit recovered two horses that were running loose on the roadways in the Montura area last week. If you have lost any horses,

in Orlando, Fort Lauderdale, Tampa, Miami, Jacksonville, Panama City, Daytona Beach, Sarasota, Gainesville and Pensacola. The exhibit has had over 6,000 visitors, made a stop in Gainesville on December 5th, and will also stop in Ocala on December 6th and Lake City on December 7th.

"The Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County remains at the forefront of the fight against HIV/AIDS," said Lillian Rivera, RN, MSN, PhD, Administrator and Health Officer for the Florida Department of Health in Miami-Dade County. "World AIDS Day reminds us of our shared responsibility with our local partners to increase awareness and improve education."

In observance of World AIDS Day, the Department displayed a 20 foot red ribbon in front of the Historic Capitol Museum in Tallahassee from November 25 - December 2.

For more information please visit www.FloridaAIDS.org.

For more information regarding World AIDS Day and events in your local area please visit www.wemakethechange.com. You may also call the Florida AIDS Hotline at 1-800-FLA-AIDS.

Information is also available in English, Spanish, and Haitian Creole or through a text telephone (TTY) line at (888) 530-7118.

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please contact the Ag Unit at 863-805-5000 or 863-674-5600.

Legion Auxiliary plans pork dinner

Thank you to those of you who supported the Auxiliary Roast Pork Dinner, November 23rd. Come join us Thursday, December 19th, at 7 p.m. at The American Legion Post 130 on Hwy 80 West in LaBelle for the December meeting.

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 Linda at: 863-675-2086.

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!

Submitted photo

Open House for missionary

Pat (Swope) Schulz, a former resident and teacher of LaBelle, is headed for Tanzania, Africa, where she will be a headmaster of an elementary school at Moshi. This is a dream come true. All of her life Pat has had a desire to work and share the gospel on the mission field. She will be ministering to orphans and widows. "The fields are white unto the harvest..." If we don't go, who will tell them? Pat will depart shortly after Christmas. If you would like to visit with Pat, there will be an Open House on Sunday, December 8, 2013, 2-4 p.m. at the home of Lois Curtis. For more information, call 675-2691.



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Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant
Firehouse Community Theatre's Martha Pierce, left, presented Rita Abrams to the appreciative audience after the final performance of New Wrinkles last month as Linda Reecer looks on.

Award-winning playwright enchants LaBelle thespians

LaBelle theater buffs got a real treat after the final curtain call for the Firehouse Community Theatre's 21st season kickoff last month. The local production was the Florida premiere of the musical comedy, "New Wrinkles," written by the Emmy Award winning team of Rita Abrams, Morris Bobrow and Gerald Nachman and is directed by Martha Pierce.

Playwright Ms. Abrams, herself, came all the way from California for the final showing on November 17 and was kind enough to hold a reception at Port LaBelle Inn afterward.

"New Wrinkles" is about the trials and tribulations of growing old-er!

She has won two Emmy Awards, 31 ASCP Awards along with others including Associated Press, New York TV and Film Festival and Parent's Choice awards.

Her Sony/BMG comedy albums with Dr. Elmo have sold over 500,000 copies and her revue collaborations - for New Wrinkles and For Whom the Bridge Tolls - have earned her three Bay Area Theatre Critics Circle Awards.

Her musical version of Men are from Mars, Women are from Venus ran a year in Las Vegas and she has just finished composing songs for Type Talking, a musical based on the Meyers-Briggs personality profile.

Her '70s record, Mill Valley, was an international hit and her songs appear in Cunard Cruise lines' production, Crazy for Love.

McGraw-Hill's new national educational program features 39 of her songs. Her new musical of Pride and Prejudice had its world premiere in London in November 2012.

The Firehouse Community theatre's next offering is Dashing Through the Snow, a holiday offering. It is presented by special arrangement with Dramatists Play Service, Inc., New York. This festive comedy stars Meaghan Johnson, Tina Kirby, Joel Hawkins, James Shephard, Breanna Brown, Janice Groves, Barb Brandenburg-McDowell, Cassidy Pascher, Tammy Hammer, Julie

Wilkins and Timmy Smith.

The play takes place at the Snowflake Inn in Tinsel, Texas, where it's Christmas 365 days a year. It's four days before Christmas, and a parade of eccentric guests arrive at the Snowflake Inn and deck the halls with holiday hilarity. Trina, the harried yet upbeat innkeeper of this B&B, has more than she can handle coping with these nuttier-than-a-fruitcake lodgers. You'll swear this family-friendly Jones/Hope/Wooten Christmas comedy is more fun than a joyride in a one-horse open sleigh!

Showtimes are Friday, December 13, and Saturday, December 14, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, December 15, at 2 p.m., as well as the following weekend, Friday, December 20, and Saturday, December 21, at 7 p.m. and Sunday, December 22 at 2 p.m.

In order to stock our local food banks this holiday season, the Theatre will be accepting donations of non-perishable food items at each performance of Dashing Through the Snow. Please bring a canned good or other non-perishable item, and receive FREE POPCORN for the show!

Tickets for all of our productions can be purchased on our website www.firehousecommunitytheatre.com and are \$12.00 in advance, or use the ticket hotline at (863) 675-3066. Tickets sold the night of the performance are \$14.00, however, we cannot guarantee a seat if we are sold out!

The Firehouse Community Theatre is located at 241 North Bridge Street in historic downtown LaBelle; three blocks north from the intersection of SR80 and SR29 and just 28 minutes from exit 141 on I-75.

For more information on the Firehouse Community Theatre, please visit their website:

www.firehousecommunitytheatre.com or call the Ticket Hotline at (863) 675-3066.



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant

Star light, star bright

AT RIGHT: Rita Abrams spoke casually to LaBelle theater buffs after the Florida premier of New Wrinkles, which she co-wrote with Morris Bobrow and Gerald Nachman. Ms. Abrams graciously explained her background, beginning with her experience as a teacher, through the release of her international hit "Mill Valley" in the '70s and into her career as a playwright.

ABOVE: Ms. Abrams is pictured having an entertaining moment with Fran and Bob Way.



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School Matters The ABC's of Education:

Read, read and read some more

I love books and I love to read. I really do not have a favorite genre or author. I will read just about anything anywhere simply for the sake of reading! Books, magazines, newspapers, catalogs, cookbooks, shampoo bottles or social media – it does not matter to me! It is very difficult for me to wrap my head around the idea of not wanting to pick up a good book and go on an imagination inspired adventure!



Amanda Nelson

Common sense tells us that kids who read more often and are read to tend to read better and derive more pleasure from reading. It has also been shown that children who read very little and who are not read to usually have poor reading skills making reading a struggle for them. They generally try to avoid it as often as they can. You have probably heard the excuses of "it's boring, it's not important, I don't have the time, it's no fun, it's too hard." My heart breaks for this group of kids.

If you are a parent who has a child at home that hates to read then I want to throw out a few ideas that might inspire these young unenthusiastic readers!

- Read for fun! Go to the library or bookstore and let your child pick out materials that interest him. Even though he's not a child, my husband, Danny, loathes reading. When I asked him why he explained that in his line of business all he does everyday is read submittals and proposals. Okay, I get it. That does sound fairly boring. So, one day we bought a copy of Andre Agassi's autobiography titled "OPEN." In the beginning, he was skeptical that he would actually read the book. I read it first, and then passed it on to him. When he was finished we discussed the Agassi's life and he admitted that it was a good read! Score! So, this says to me, don't force certain titles or authors on your kids. Let them choose and you just might be surprised! I sure was.

- Model reading at home. That's right! Once or twice a week set aside some family time where everyone curls up with something to read! Whether it's a paper book or something that's been downloaded to your computer, Kindle or iPad it doesn't matter what you are reading as long as you are reading!

- Read on the go! If no one is prone to car sickness, read while you travel. For the youngest of readers, simply practice reading skills by "reading" the street and business signs along the way. Read the menus in res-

taurants. Read labels and advertisements in the grocery store. The possibilities are endless!

- Read aloud to your child. When a child is discouraged by his or her own poor reading skills, the simple pleasure of listening to you read, rather than struggling alone, may restore his initial enthusiasm for books and reading. This is especially important for children with learning disabilities.

- With the holiday season upon us, don't forget that books make an awesome gift idea for all ages! I was recently online using Pinterest (makoodle.com) and came across a wonderful idea! Individually wrap 25 books. Starting on December 1, allow your loved one to unwrap and read one book

each day until Christmas! They could all be holiday titles or just books you know the recipient would enjoy reading! Love it! This could also be modified for birthday months or other holidays.

I hope these suggestions show that reading with or to your child does not have to be a painful experience. Please don't set unrealistic goals, nag, criticize, bribe or judge when it comes to your child's reading abilities or reading choices. Remember to take advantage of the countless spur-of-the-moment opportunities for reading during the course of your family's busy day. As long as they are reading that is all that really matters!

Submitted photo/Sylvia Guzman

Holiday Mail for Heroes

West Glades School students in Mrs. Huysman's library classes recently participated in the American Red Cross Holiday Mail for Heroes program. This project delivers holiday cards to veterans, military families and active-duty service members at hospitals and installations around the world. Over 300 cards were boxed and mailed to send a "touch of home" to the American men and women who serve our country.



Captain M.E. Forrey to be subject of historical meeting tonight

Jayne Lofton Gourley will present a program on her grandfather Capt. M. E. Forrey, who first came to LaBelle in 1909, immediately caught the eye of 18 year old Corrine Poole, granddaughter of Mary Ann Kirkland one of the Upper Caloosahatchee Valley's earliest entrepreneurs and legends, and shortly thereafter became one of our "movers and shakers" until his untimely death from cancer in October 1927 at the age of 56. LaBelle Heritage Museum program meetings are held in the Commission Chambers of LaBelle City Hall, 481 West Hickpochee

Avenue on the first Thursday evening of the month at 7 o'clock. All are welcome to attend museum program meetings and should enter the Commission Chambers from the rear of City Hall.

Museum members can renew their dues for 2014 at the meeting and will receive a new 2014 membership card on the spot. Guests wishing to become members of LaBelle Heritage Museum can also join and receive their membership cards at the meeting.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the US Ameribank % Kingery/Crouse, Magnolia TC2 SA LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED
1008 2010 1294529-A0000010100 Norman E Taylor
That parcel herein described is situated in the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 29, Township 45 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the Northeast corner of Section 29; thence S 89 degrees 04' 29" W, along the North line of said Section 29, a distance of 118.32 feet; thence S 00 degrees 36' 34" E, a distance of 43.93 feet to the South right-of-way of S-830 and the Point-of-Beginning; thence S 89 degrees 35' 40" W along said right-of-way a distance of 158.93 feet; thence S 44 degrees 24' 57" W a distance of 70.59 feet to the East right-of-way of SR 29, said right-of-way being a curve curving to the right going South; thence Southerly along an arc, a distance of 67.81 feet; having a chord bearing S 00 degrees 39' 57" E, a long chord of 67.81 feet; delta of 00 degrees 06' 46"; radius of 34,427.48 feet to the point-of-curvature of said curve; thence continue along said East right-of-way S 00 degrees 36' 34" E a distance of 257.58 feet; thence N 89 degrees 04' 11" E a distance of 208.72 feet; thence N 00 degrees 36' 34" W a distance of 373.51 feet to the Point-of-Beginning.

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 December, 2013, which is the 19th day of December, 2013.
Dated this 6th day of November, 2013.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
456362 CN 11/14,21,28;12/5/2013

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*NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS Florida Department of Transportation Project
Bids will be received by the District One Office until 11:00 A.M. on Thursday, December 19, 2013 for the following Proposals:
E1142-R0 - Herbicide Application in Glades, Hendry County. Budget Amount: \$42,900.00
Complete letting advertisement information for this project is available on our website at http://www.dot.state.fl.us/contractsadministration/district1/ or by calling (863) 519-2559. 457192 CN/CB 11/28;12/5/2013

Public Notice

AVISO DE LA REUNION REGULAR DE LA JUNTA DE SUPERVISORES DEL DISTRITO DE CONTROL DE AGUAS DEL CONDADO CENTRAL
A través de la presente se le notifica que la Reunión Regular de la Junta de Supervisores del Distrito de Control de Aguas del Condado Central se llevará a cabo el miércoles, 18 de Diciembre de 2013 a las 7 pm en el Cuarto de Conferencia del Condado Central ubicado en 475 S. Cabbage Palm St. Montura Ranch Estates, Clewiston, Florida. El propósito de esta reunión es para tratar cualquier y todo asunto que pueda plantearse ante la Junta. Si una persona decide apelar la decisión de la Junta de Supervisores con respecto a cualquier asunto considerado en la reunión pública o audiencia en referencia a este aviso él o ella tendrá que asegurarse de que el procedimiento de apelación quede asentado palabra por palabra en el acta, en el acta se incluye su testimonio y pruebas en la cual usted fundamenta la apelación. 457341 CN 12/5 & 12/12/2013

Public Notice

AVISO DE TALLER DEL DISTRITO DE CONTROL DE AGUAS DEL CONDADO CENTRAL
A través de la presente se notifica que la Junta de Supervisores del Distrito de Control de Aguas del Condado Central llevará a cabo un taller el miércoles, 18 de Diciembre de 2013 a las 5 pm en el Cuarto de Conferencia CCWCD, 475 S. Cabbage Palm St. Montura Ranch Estates, Clewiston, Florida. El propósito de esta reunión es para hablar del Proyecto Dique, y cualquier otro asunto que se pueda plantear ante la Junta.
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NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF HENDRY COUNTY
Notice is hereby given to all interested persons that the School Board will conduct a regular meeting on December 10, 2013 beginning at 5:30 p.m. at the School Board Meeting Room, Sub-office, 475 E. Osceola Avenue, Clewiston, Florida or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard to designate certain positions for inclusion in the Senior Management Service Class within the Florida Retirement System.

Proposed positions to be included in the Senior Management Service Class may be reviewed at the Human Resource Office, Hendry County School Board, Hendry County Courthouse, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida.
DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
Patrick B. Langford, Chairman
Paul K. Puletti, Superintendent
457251 CN/CB 11/28;12/5/2013

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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED
673 2010 1174329-A0000181300 William La Fontaine Sr and Cecilia M La Fontaine
A part of the West one-half of Lot 3 of the W.T. Williams Subdivision of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 17, Township 43 South, Range 29 East, more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of the West one-half of said Lot 3, run South 33 feet; thence East 15 feet; thence South 104.45 feet to the Point-of-Beginning of land herein described; thence run East 151.29 feet; thence run South 100 feet; thence West 151.29 feet; thence run North 100 feet to Point-of-Beginning. Plotted on private survey as Lots 15 and 16.
And
Begin 15 feet East of the Southwest corner of the West one-half of the East one-half of the West one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter; thence North 100 feet; thence East 151.29 feet; thence South 100 feet; thence West 151.29 feet to the Point-of-Beginning, in Section 17, Township 43 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also a part of the West one-half of Lot 3 of W.T. Williams Subdivision of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 17, Township 43 South, Range 29 East, more particularly described as follows: Commence at the Northwest corner of the West one-half of said Lot 3, run South 33 feet; thence East 15 feet; thence South 114.45 feet to the Point-of-Beginning of land herein described; thence East 151.29 feet; thence South 50 feet; thence West 151.29 feet; thence North 50 feet to the Point-of-Beginning. This tract of land also known as Lots 17, 18 and 19 of W.T. Williams 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 www.hendry.realforeclose.com, at 11:00 A.M., on the Second Thursday in the month of January, 2014, which is the 9th day of January, 2014.
Dated this 20th day of November, 2013.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
457226 CN 11/28;12/5,12,19/2013

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Tefla Investments, the holder 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
4152 2010 4104329-03021290120 SSA Development LLC
Lot 12, Block 2129, PORT LABELLE UNIT 3, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 73, 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 www.hendry.realforeclose.com, at 11:00 A.M., on the Second Thursday in the month of January, 2014, which is the 9th day of January, 2014.
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Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
457213 CN 11/28;12/5,12,19/2013

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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED
331 2010 1304428-A0001770000 Oscar Alberto Ruiz Olmeda
The East one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 30, Township 44 South, Range 28 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 6th day of November, 2013.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
456382 CN 11/14,21,28;12/5/2013

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NOTICE: AUCTION on Friday December 13th 2013 at 9:00 a. m. at 1233 N. W. Avenue L, Belle Glade, Florida
Property of: John Elliott: Clothes, shoes and miscellaneous boxes
457480 SUN 12/5,12/2013

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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED
330 2010 1304428-A0001760000 Oscar Alberto Ruiz Olmeda
The West one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 30, Township 44 South, Range 28 East, Hendry County, Florida.
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Dated this 6th day of November, 2013.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
456379 CN 11/14,21,28;12/5/2013

NOTICE BY HENDRY COUNTY OF INTENT TO USE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTION OF A NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT FOR MURRAY ROAD MSBU
Hendry County, Florida (the "County") hereby provides notice, pursuant to Section 197.3632(3)(a), Florida Statutes, of its intent to use the uniform ad valorem method of collecting non-ad valorem special assessments which it is considering levying within the Murray Road Municipal Services Benefit Unit, within the unincorporated area of the County, on properties for road maintenance and drainage purposes within that area commencing with the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2014, and continuing each year until discontinued by the County. The County will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform ad valorem method of collecting such assessments authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, at a public hearing to be held at 5:00 p.m. on December 10, 2013, in the Commission Chambers, Hendry County Courthouse, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, Florida. The meeting is open to the public. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. Such resolution will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property subject to the levy. Copies of the proposed form of resolution, which contains the legal description of the real property subject to the levy, are on file at the County Attorney's Office, 110 Broward Avenue, LaBelle, Florida.
If a person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
Si necesita la asistencia de un interprete que hable español para participar en esta reunión, por favor pongase en contacto con Myra Johnson al (863) 675-5240.
Karson Turner, Chairman
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA
456619 CN/CB 11/14,21,28;12/5/2013

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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED
1092 2010 1144331-0100000260 Efrain A Salas
Lot 26, GREENWOOD FOREST, UNIT 1, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 5, Pages123 and 124, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.
Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.
All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.
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Dated this 20th day of November, 2013.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
457228 CN 11/28;12/5,12,19/2013

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LEGAL NOTICE
The School Board of Hendry County will be accepting sealed bids until December 20, 2013 for Bid #014-0003, Custodial Services-ORBB Building. Specifications will be available at the board's finance office at 111 Curry Street in LaBelle. Call (863) 674 4100 to have the specs faxed or mailed. The RFP documents will also be available on the school district's web site at www.hendry-schools.org.
Hendry County School Board
Patrick Langford, Chairman
457290 CN/CB 12/5/2013

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE: TIMS TOWING & RECOVERY gives Notice of Foreclosure of Lien and intent to sell these vehicles on 12/20/2013, 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.

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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED
3866 2010 4104329-02020350060 Ann Handler
Lot 6, Block 2035, PORT LABELLE UNIT 2, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 60, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.
Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.
All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.
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Dated this 20th day of November, 2013.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
457212 CN 11/28;12/5,12,19/2013

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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED
2879 2010 1314433-A0001610000 Pactiva P Capcal
The North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 31, township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5899, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.
Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.
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Dated this 6th day of November, 2013.
Barbara S. Butler
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456365 CN 11/14,21,28;12/5/2013

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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED
4227 2010 4104329-04021590040 Robert C & Patricia L Music
Lot 4, Block 2159, PORT LABELLE UNIT 4, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 86, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.
Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.
All of said property being in the County of Hendry, State of Florida.
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Dated this 20th day of November, 2013.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
457224 CN 11/28;12/5,12,19/2013

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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED
3306 2010 1304428-A0001760000 Oscar Alberto Ruiz Olmeda
The West one-half of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of Section 30, Township 44 South, Range 28 East, Hendry County, Florida.
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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Tefla Investments, the holder 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
2879 2010 1314433-A0001610000 Pactiva P Capcal
The North one-half of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of Section 31, township 44 South, Range 33 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for an access road of the West 30 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 5899, 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 www.hendry.realforeclose.com, at 11:00 A.M., on the Third Thursday in the month of December, 2013, which is the 19th day of December, 2013.
Dated this 6th day of November, 2013.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida
456365 CN 11/14,21,28;12/5/2013

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NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

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NOTICE OF WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

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NOTICE CALLING FOR BIDS Glades County Board of County Commissioners

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the **US Bank as C/F FL Dundee Lien Inv LLC**, the holder 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
554	2010	1064329-02000000290	Richard W Bell & Michelle R Kasare-Bell

Lot 29, CALOOSA ESTATES, UNIT 3, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 46, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

LESS: Begin at the Northwest corner of Lot 29 for the Point-of-Beginning and thence run S 65 degrees 38' 53" E, along the Northernly line of Lot 29 a distance of 109.67 feet; thence N 76 degrees 40' 32" W a distance of 69.71 feet; thence N 47 degrees 44' 10" W a distance of 43.35 feet to the Northwest corner of Lot 29 and the Point-of-Beginning.

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

456384 CN 11/14,21,28;12/5/2013

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REQUEST FOR BIDS
FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE REPAVING OF APPROXIMATELY 1 MILE OF CR 835, FROM 7.66 MILES SOUTH OF US 27 TO 6.65 MILES SOUTH OF US 27, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA

BID No. 2014-04

OPENING DATE AND TIME: DECEMBER 17, 2013 at 2:00 p.m.

Sealed Bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida for construction services in connection with the repaving of approximately 1 mile of CR 835, from 7.66 miles south of US 27 to 6.65 miles south of US 27, Hendry County, Florida. In order to be considered, bids must be received by the Board of County Commissioners c/o the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Attn: Barbara Butler, at the C.E. Hall Building, Room A-226, Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida, by December 17, 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, located at 640 S. Main St., LaBelle, Florida (or pick up), Post Office Box 2340, LaBelle, Florida 33975 (mailing address) or by calling (863) 675-5220 or (863) 983-1385.

Bidders are encouraged to attend the **Pre-Bid Conference** on **Tuesday, November 26, 2013, at 10:00 a.m.** at the Engineering Department, 99A E. Cowboy Way, LaBelle, Florida 33935.

This solicitation does not commit Hendry County to award any contracts, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this Bid, or to contract for any services. The County reserves the right to reject any or all submissions 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.

Hendry County is an Equal Opportunity Employer and Drug/Smoke Free Work Place.

Karson Turner, Chairman
 Board of County Commissioners
 456667 CN/CB 11/14,21,28;12/5/2013

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
3290	2010	1234334-A0000230400	Amera Mortgage Corporation

A parcel of land in Fractional Section 23, Township 43 South, Range 34 East, according to State Survey, Hendry County, Florida, described as follows:

Commencing at an iron railroad rail marking the northwest corner of said Section 23, thence run South 0 degrees 39' 51" East along the west boundary line of said Section 23, a distance of 558.95 feet; thence North 89 degrees 29' 24" East, a distance of 687.60 feet to the Point of Beginning of the description of this parcel; from this Point of Beginning, run thence North 0 degrees 39' 51" West, a distance of 128.14 feet to an intersection with the meander line of said Section 23; thence North 69 degrees 08' 32" West, a distance of 183.43 feet; thence South 0 degrees 30' 36" East, a distance of 195 feet to an iron marker; thence North 89 degrees 29' 24" East, a distance of 172 feet to the Point of Beginning.

TOGETHER WITH a 1986 KIRKWOOD single-wide mobile home having Identification No. 14602157, Title No. 42473009, an RP No. 0476639, (Lien Holder: Imperial Savings Association c/o Vanderbilt Mortgage & Finance, Inc.)

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

457225 CN 11/28;12/5,12,19/2013

Big Brothers Big Sisters kicks off campaign

FORT MYERS, Fla. (Nov. 26, 2013) – Big Brothers Big Sisters, serving Lee, Sarasota, Manatee, DeSoto, Highlands, Hardee, Charlotte, Collier, Glades and Hendry counties has launched the “100 Men in 100 Days” campaign to encourage men to become a Big Brother and volunteer with the organi-

zation. The recruitment campaign, through Feb. 8, 2014, comes at a time when there are 276 boys waiting to be matched with a positive male role model.

While Big Brothers Big Sisters accepts volunteers from all walks of life, there is a greater need for male mentors. Fifty-two

percent of the youth Big Brothers Big Sisters serves in its program are boys and 39 percent of the volunteers are men. Now more than ever, Big Brothers Big Sisters needs men to step up and start mentoring.

Mentoring is one of the most rewarding, enjoyable and simple things a volunteer can do. For as little as one hour a week, volunteers can add joy to the life of a child, and ultimately, contribute greatly to his or her potential.

Big Brother of the Year, Paul Davidson sees firsthand the impact he is having on his Little Brother’s life.

“Too few people realize, and I was one of them, that they are able to mentor a child,” Davidson said. “We just need big brothers and big sisters to choose the path of being able and willing to mentor a child. You get back so much more than you put in.”

For more information, call 855-501-BIGS or visit www.bbbsun.org.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
3204	2010	1214334-02000030020	Bobby Ray Hall

Lot 2, in Block 3 of Harlem Addition No. 6 to Clewiston, Hendry County, Florida, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 4, Pages 15 and 16, of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida

TOGETHER WITH a 2006 Liberty single-wide single mobile home having Identification No. 16L0902F41254605, Title No. 96749422, and RP No. 12531360.

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

457220 CN 11/28;12/5,12,19/2013

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NOTICE BY HENDRY COUNTY OF INTENT TO USE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTION OF A NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT WITHIN PORT LABELLE UTILITY DISTRICT MSBU

Hendry County, Florida (the “County”) hereby provides notice, pursuant to Section 197.3632(3)(a), Florida Statutes, of its intent to use the uniform ad valorem method of collecting non-ad valorem special assessments which it is considering levying within the Port LaBelle Utility District Municipal Services Benefit Unit on vacant tracts of land for maintenance of water lines within that area commencing with the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2014, and continuing each year until discontinued by the County. The County will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform ad valorem method of collecting such assessments authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, at a public hearing to be held at 5:00 p.m. on December 10, 2013, at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 East Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida. The meeting is open to the public. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. Such resolution will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property subject to the levy. Copies of the proposed form of resolution, which contains the legal description of the real property subject to the levy, are on file at the County Attorney’s Office, 110 Broward Avenue, LaBelle, Florida.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Si necesita la asistencia de un interprete que hable español para participar un esta reunion, por favor pongase en contacto con Myra Johnson at (863) 675-5240.

Karson Turner, Chairman
 BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
 OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA

456572 CN/CB 11/14,21,28;12/5/2013

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NOTICE OF INTENT TO USE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA (THE “COUNTY”) HEREBY PROVIDES NOTICE PURSUANT TO SECTION 197.3632(3)(a), FLORIDA STATUTES, TO ALL LANDOWNERS IN GLADES COUNTY OF ITS INTENT TO USE THE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING NON-AD VALOREM SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS TO BE LEVIED, FOR THE FIRST TIME, WITHIN THE COUNTY FOR THE COST OF PROVIDING FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES COMMENCING FOR THE YEAR BEGINNING ON JANUARY 1, 2014, AND CONTINUING ANNUALLY THEREAFTER UNTIL DISCONTINUED BY THE COUNTY. THE COUNTY WILL CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION ELECTING TO USE THE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTING SUCH ASSESSMENTS AUTHORIZED BY SECTION 197.3632, FLORIDA STATUTES, AT A PUBLIC HEARING TO BE HELD AT 9:00 AM ON DECEMBER 10, 2013, AT THE COUNTY COMMISSION MEETING ROOM, 2nd FLOOR, GLADES COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 500 AVENUE J, MOORE HAVEN, FLORIDA. SUCH RESOLUTION WILL STATE THE NEED FOR THE LEVY AND WILL CONTAIN A LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE BOUNDARIES OF THE REAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE LEVY. COPIES OF THE PROPOSED FORM OF RESOLUTION WHICH CONTAINS THE LEGAL DESCRIPTION OF THE REAL PROPERTY SUBJECT TO THE LEVY ARE ON FILE AT THE OFFICE OF THE GLADES COUNTY CLERK, 500 AVENUE J, MOORE HAVEN, FLORIDA. ALL INTERESTED PERSONS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND.

IN THE EVENT ANY PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION BY THE COUNTY WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER RELATING TO THE CONSIDERATION OF THE SUBJECT RESOLUTION AT THE ABOVE REFERENCED PUBLIC HEARING, A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDING MAY BE NEEDED AND IN SUCH AN EVENT, SUCH PERSON MAY NEED TO ENSURE THAT A VERBATIM RECORD OF THE PUBLIC HEARING IS MADE, WHICH RECORD INCLUDES THE TESTIMONY AND EVIDENCE ON WHICH THE APPEAL IS TO BE BASED. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT, PERSONS NEEDING A SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION OR AN INTERPRETER TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCEEDING SHOULD CONTACT GLADES COUNTY AT (863) 946-6000, THREE (3) DAYS PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE HEARING. 457526 GCD 11/28;12/5/2013

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Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2372	2010	1274432-A0000580100	Urbano Ordaz

The North one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 27, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. Subject to an easement for a drainage canal of the North 25 feet thereof. Also known as Tract 828, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES, an unrecorded subdivision.

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

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

456364 CN 11/14,21,28;12/5/2013

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
3277	2010	1234334-05000000240	Dean & Denise Manor

Lot 24, TOWER LAKE ESTATES SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 6, Pages 143 and 144, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

TOGETHER WITH a 1994 HOMES OF MERIT double-wide mobile home having Identification Nos. FLHMLCP39710660A & FLHMLCP39710660B, Title Nos. 65709230 & 65709232, and RP Nos. 0585695 & 0585696. (Lien Holder: Green Tree Servicing LLC)

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

457223 CN 11/28;12/5,12,19/2013

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
3276	2010	1234334-05000000190	Kathy L Castellanos & Benito Ruellas

Lot 19, TOWER LAKE ESTATES SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 6, Pages 143 and 144, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

TOGETHER WITH a 1995 HOMES OF MERIT double-wide mobile home having Identification Nos. FLHML2F95712516A & FLHML2F95712516B, Title Nos. 69541562 & 69541561, and RP Nos. 0638236 & 0638237. (Lien Holder: Conesco Finance Servicing Corp.)

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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Barbara S. Butler
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 Hendry County, Florida

457221 CN 11/28;12/5,12,19/2013

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2123	2010	1254432-A0000490100	McKay Properties Inc

The North one-half of the Northeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter of the Northeast one-quarter of Section 25, Township 44 South, Range 32 East, Hendry County, Florida. SUBJECT to an easement for an access road of the East 40 feet thereof. SUBJECT to an easement for a drainage canal of the North 30 feet thereof. ALSO known as Lot NO. 5113, MONTURA RANCH ESTATES.

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456366 CN 11/14,21,28;12/5/2013

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SPECIAL NOTICE
FLORIDA FOREST SERVICE

Pursuant to Florida statutes chapter 590.125, be advised that the FLORIDA FOREST SERVICE will be conducting fuel treatment (control burning, mowing or chipping) in selected parcels in the following designated areas during the period November 1, 2013-December 31, 2014. These treatments are for reducing the fire occurrence hazard and to establish fuel continuity breaks.

Township 42 - Range 29 - Sections-32

Township 43 - Range 28 - Sections- 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10, 11,12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,27,28,29,30 and 31

Township 43 - Range 29 - Sections - 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11, 12,13,14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27, 28,33 and 34

Township 43 - Range 30 - Sections 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13,14,15, 16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,24,25,26,27,28,32,33,34,35 and 36

Township 43 - Range 31 - Sections - 1,2,3,4,5,6,7,8,9,10,11,12,13, 14,15,16,17,18,19,20,21,22,23,27,28,33,34, and 35

Township 43 - Range 32 - Sections - 6, 7, 18, 19, 20, 29, 30, 31 and 32

Township 43 - Range 34 - Sections - 7,8,9,10,11,13,14,15, 16,17,18,20,21,22,23,24,25 and 26

Township 44 - Range 28 - Sections - 6, 7, 18, 19, 30, and 31

Township 44 - Range 29 - Sections - 4, 9, 14, 15 and 16

Township 44 - Range 32 - Sections - 13, 14, 15, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 34,35 and 36

Township 44 - Range 33 - Sections - 5,6,7,8 west half of 18, 19, 29, 30, 31 and 32

Township 45 - Range 29 - Sections - 8,9,16,17,20,21,26,27,28,29,32,33,34 and 35

Township 48 - Range 33 - Section - 9

If your real property is not located in the designated areas above, you need not concern yourself with this matter. Otherwise if you should have any objections or questions, please direct them to:

FLORIDA FOREST SERVICE
 10941 Palm Beach Blvd
 Fort Myers, Florida 33905
 457206 CB 12/5,12/2013

LaBelle High School Scores November 11-26

Boys basketball scores

Monday LaBelle Cowboys 57- Immokalee Indians 51

Tuesday CowBoys 69 East Lee 62

Thursday Cowboys 42 CSN 70

Girls Basketball

Monday Cowgirls 50 Immokalee 54

Wednesday Cowgirls 52 Island Coas 61

Thursday Cowgirls 42 Clewiston 48

Boys Soccer

Tuesday

Clewiston 0 LaBelle Cowboys 2

Bishop Verot 0 LaBelle Cowboys 0

Girls soccer

Bishop Verot 8 Cowgirls 0

LaBelle High School scores Nov. 25 and 26

Boys Basketball: Cowboys 61 Riverdale 49;

JV Cowboys 46. Riverdale. 52

Cowboys. 76 St. John Newmann 73;

JV Cowboys 51 St. John Newmann 44;

Varsity basketball record 4-1;

Soccer: Cowboys 2. Riverdale. 1;

JV Cowboys 4 Riverdale 1

Cowboys 8 Gateway 0;

JV Cowboys 4 Gateway 0;

Varsity soccer record 6-1

Girls

Basketball: Cowgirls 41 Riverdale 47

Soccer: Cowgirls 0 Gateway 0

Don't allow foodborne illness to spoil your holiday meals

This holiday season, the Florida Department of Health (DOH) encourages Floridians to properly prepare meals and store food in order to prevent foodborne-illness or diseases caused by eating contaminated foods and drinks.

"Preventing foodborne-illness is important to keep your family safe and healthy during the holidays and year round," said Jamie DeMent, the Department's Coordinator of the Food and Waterborne Disease Program. "Floridians should practice four simple steps to stay healthy while cooking this holiday season—clean, cook, chill, and separate."

An easy way to prevent foodborne-illness is to maintain a clean and tidy kitchen. Insist that any helping hands in the kitchen this holiday season are cleaned thoroughly and often. Wash any objects that are in contact with raw poultry – including hands, cutting boards, knives, etc. — in hot, soapy water. Also, be sure that all uncooked meat and poultry are prepared individually and separated from vegetables and cooked food. Keep all countertop and work areas clean with disinfectant spray. Those who experienced a gastrointestinal illness during the past two weeks should refrain from preparing meals for others.

Planning ahead to ensure that you have enough time to fully prepare and cook a turkey is crucial. A frozen turkey needs 24 hours to thaw for every five pounds of bird. Therefore, a 10 lb. turkey will require two days of premium thawing time before serving. Thawing your turkey in the fridge reduces the risk of foodborne-illnesses from bacteria, which multiply rapidly at room temperature or in warm environments. Stuffing your turkey prior to cooking it allows raw poultry juices to absorb into the stuffing, causing improper cooking of the turkey to occur. Be sure to thoroughly cook the turkey at 325 degrees. The turkey's internal temperature should stay at 180 degrees,

as any temperature below this can result in bacterial growth.

Experts say you should refrigerate leftovers within two hours of preparation. Leaving food out too long creates a prime breeding ground for bacterial growth. When storing your leftovers, separate raw meats, poultry, eggs and seafood into their own containers. Never leave food on the table and insist on heating up leftovers to their proper temperature of 165 degrees. Be sure to throw away food that is cloudy or mushy or food with an unusual odor. Also dispose of food that is from a leaking can or food that changes appearance, color and/or shape over a period of time.

For more information on how to keep your family safe from foodborne-illness this holiday season please visit <http://www.cdc.gov/foodsafety/>, <http://www.fsis.usda.gov/> and <http://www.fda.gov/Food/default.htm>. If you experience a foodborne-illness please report it to your local county health department or file an online complaint at <http://www.floridahealth.gov/diseases-and-conditions/food-and-waterborne-disease/online-food-complaint-form.html>

The Department works to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts.

Follow us on Twitter at @HealthyFla and on Facebook. For news story ideas, interviews, videos and more from DOH Communications visit the DOH Online Newsroom <http://newsroom.doh.state.fl.us/>.

Time for Junior Pro

If you're interested in being a referee for this year's Junior Pro basketball season, call Darrell Harris at 673-5475 or 675-2565. The season begins this month.

Everglades Winter Nationals

On Friday, December 6, at 5 p.m. and Saturday, December 7, at 1:00 p.m. Hendry County Motorsports Park will kickoff two big weekends for the kids and race fans alike. There will be bounce house a 22' slide, Smokey the Bear and Santa Claus himself will make a visit to the speedway on Saturday afternoon from 1-5 p.m. Pictures will be taken and all the kids 12 and under will be admitted absolutely free. The two weekend event will also feature the Everglades Winter Dirt Car Nationals with over \$20,000 on the line the first weekend for divers coming from all over the south east United States.

Featured the first weekend will be streetstocks, thunderstocks, modified mini stock, open wheel modifieds and the limited late

models. All adult tickets are regular price per night with children 12 and under admitted absolutely free. There will be all types of food and drink on hand and the cleanest you can have in the dirt. The speedway will also be collecting non perishable food items and toys as part of the Salvation Army's annual food drive for the needy families at Christmas. There will also be a bon fire after the races and camping will be available. The speedway is located on US 27 1 mile north of the intersection of US 27 and Hwy 80. For more information call 863-675-8888 or 863-983-3478 or go to <http://www.hendryracing.com/> and remember racing will begin at 7:30 pm on Friday at 6:30 p.m. on Saturday.

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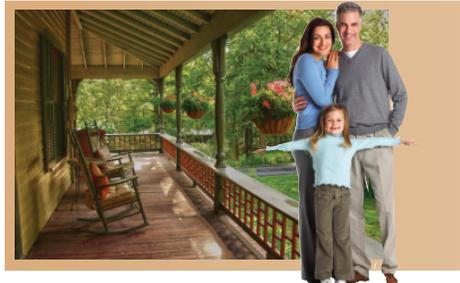
Thirty-six fourth graders at Country Oaks Elementary have been working on a mural this month to enter into the Wyland Foundation Mural Contest, "Water is Life." The Wyland Foundation encourages classrooms across the United States to participate in this mural and art challenge. Mrs. Stella Luckey, COE's art teacher, was one of the first 300 teachers to respond to the challenge and received all the supplies needed from the Wyland Foundation to complete the challenge receiving over \$150 in supplies. All Mrs. Luckey needed was students. She chose a few students from each fourth grade class to participate, totaling 36 students. They worked on the mural during the month of November, while they were in art class.



Submitted photos/Steven Nisbet

Scouting for Food 2013

Boy Scout Troop 9 and Cub Scout Pack 9 were able to donate over 300 pounds of food to the Salvation Army for the Holidays. For more information about joining the Scouts please contact - Steven Nisbet Jr 863-885-1537 or Ray Wiegand 941-323-7780



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- 1/2 cup butter, melted
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup light corn syrup
- v2 Tablespoons bourbon
- 3 eggs
- 1/2 cup semisweet chocolate morsels
- 1 cup chopped pecans or walnuts
- 1 unbaked 9 inch pie shell
- Whipped cream

- Preheat over to 350°
- Combine butter, sugar and corn syrup
- Add bourbon and eggs and mix well
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