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LaBelle shopping: Down to the wire

by Janice Groves

You cannot go wrong with Clothes and Accessories

Tick tock, tick tock – the count-down continues. There is still time, though, to purchase gifts for those people on your list. If you read last week's article I mentioned the possibility of "knocking one's socks off" with the list of ideas I mentioned. Well, this week I am adding those socks to my list.

Everyone loves new clothes and accessories so you cannot go wrong with purchases in this category. For those on your list that live, work and play in LaBelle select western or diva style jeans; you can't go wrong with denim. Shops have shoes, boots, belts, purses, shirts, t-shirts, hats, all sorts of accessories and, yes, socks. I found all of these items for sale in LaBelle and not surprisingly, because I have spent the last several weeks looking around, I found the selections wide and diversified.

If you want athletic wear, you can find that. Kids wear? It's here, too. Special occasion? Purchase

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Christmas in LaBelle

Eight-year-old Delilah Valentin had a heart-to-heart with Santa at last Friday night's Christmas in the Park, the annual kick off to the Christmas season by the LaBelle Chamber of Commerce. The Christmas Parade led the crowd down Main Street to the park where a little snow fall had been arranged, along with lots of great games for Santa's little buddies.

Hendry students meet wildlife defender

by Patty Brant
Caloosa Belle

Passion is what makes Ofir Drori good at what he does.

What he does, is to rescue endangered creatures from those who would abuse them.

An Israeli by birth, he now lives in Cameroon, Africa, where he has dedicated himself to protecting wildlife.



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Dr. Deborah Misso, Ofir Drori and intern Kiley Gannaway.

That is a formidable goal, especially in Africa, where he says the government, including law enforcement and judges, are all in the illegal trade of endangered species.

Ofir began his danger-fraught career after being discharged from his service in the Israeli army. He opted to take a backpacking trip to Africa, a continent that had always fascinated him. His friends preferred to head off to Europe, so he went alone to his future.

In Africa he began his long-imagined trip by wandering alone in the bush country, chasing animals and inevitably getting lost. He was found by the Maasai and rescued. Living in this simple culture changed his life. He took to wandering from village to village, sharing the natives' simple lifestyles. It gave him a different perspective, different values.

He found he had a choice in how he lived his life. In choosing his own way, he learned that he got back the love he gave in a more meaningful way.

He relied on the kindness of villagers and proudly says he was never disappointed. The experience gave him new knowledge and an appreciation for various cultures.

Eventually, he was making his living by free

lance writing and photography, sometimes about the plight of native African animals. Kidnappers of both humans and animals tend to be very violent, Ofir said, and challenging them is extremely dangerous.

As a result of one of his stories, he ended up in a confrontation with runners who had kidnapped a baby chimp and were trying to sell it to Ofir.

He managed to bluff his way out of a very serious situation when they caught on to him. He pretended that he was involved in a sting operation and was calling for back up. The traffickers ended up breaking down, giving him the chimp and fleeing.

He realized he couldn't care for the baby chimp and found it a home, but that experience was the gateway to the passion of his life - protecting the natural heritage of Africa.

Ofir explained that traffickers are opportunists. Usually, they will traffic in anything that promises them money. It even extends to life-saving drugs sent by the US and other countries intended for needy populations.

It's not just wildlife that Ofir and his orga-

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nization are trying to defend. All forms of abuse are interconnected, he insists, from African elephant tusks and primates to women and children abducted for sex and cheap labor.

Organized crime syndicates are responsible, he said, and the same people dealing in drugs deal in the illegal wildlife trade and human trafficking.

Ofir is the founder and director of the Last Great Ape organization (LAGA), an NGO dedicated to conservation and law enforcement of anti-wildlife poaching. Ofir and his group have introduced a new hands-on model to fighting these crimes: arrest, convict and get prison time. Over 900 traffickers have been arrested and convicted in the past 11 years.

In fact, LAGA members made the very first wildlife protection arrest ever in Central and West Africa. Their target is one arrest and conviction per week. LAGA is currently operating in six countries.

LAGA members are activists who push to create the will to eradicate this problem from the world. Their aim is to create a deterrent to the too alluring business of trafficking.

In this extremely violent work, he said LAGA relies on the bodyguard system to protect its members as they investigate these highly charged crimes.

There is always a risk in his chosen line of work, and powerful people have regularly tried to intimidate him with threats, he said. A couple years ago one of his investigator was kidnapped and eventually rescued. At one point, Chinese traffickers in Gabon tried to bribe Ofir.

When you consider that rhino horns can bring up to \$50,000 per kilogram, you begin to get an idea of just how overwhelming the problem of trafficking is.

In the US last month to meet with the US Fish and Wildlife Agency in Washington, D.C. and for network news interviews in New York City, Ofir made a special trip to Hendry County.

As a personal favor to Dr. Deborah Misotti of the Talkin' Monkeys Project in Pioneer Plantation, this "explorer adventurer" spoke to Clewiston High School students and at FGCU during his whirlwind trip. He also toured the Talkin' Monkeys Project

grounds.

LAGA is working with the US and others, trying to build worldwide collaboration. As with so many of today's issues, Ofir notes that public awareness is key to solving this problem.

Last summer President Obama issued an executive order to bolster efforts by African governments against wildlife trafficking. The President noted that "Wildlife trafficking is a multi-billion dollar illicit business that is decimating Africa's iconic animal populations."

Dr. Misotti said she felt empowered just having been involved with Ofir and his LAGA organization. "I loved what he did and decided I could do this on a smaller scale." In fact, Dr. Misotti recently participated in a sting operation that saved two baby gibbons stolen from a home in Nebraska.

She was very pleased that this world renowned crusader for animals was willing to come here and she wanted Hendry County kids to hear him speak - "to know what they are capable of."

"This is my hero," Dr. Misotti said.

Talkin' Monkeys volunteer Craig Bartoshuk said of Ofir, "He's already got so many of us energized." Kiley Gannaway, an FGCU student intern at the Talkin' Monkeys Project began there last August and continues through December. Her goal is to become a primatologist. For her, meeting Ofir was an incalculable opportunity.

Ofir's book, *The Last Great Ape*, is a New York Times best seller and has been translated into many languages.

Ofir has gained the recognition of the world through many accolades and awards, including the Duke of Edinburgh Conservation Award from the World Wildlife Foundation's highest honor by Prince Phillip, the Conde Nast Travel Environmentalist Award, the Golden Heart Award, Future For Nature Award, the , the Interpol ECO Message Award, the Clark Bavin Award from the US fish and Wildlife Law Enforcement Division and The Shining World Compassion Award.

The awards prove that Ofir's message is being heard throughout the world and are invaluable because each one brings his message and his life's work to the forefront of a different group of people. That knowledge can be translated into the power to save the endangered creatures - animal and human - of this world.

To learn more about Ofir Drori and his organization, go to LAGA website: <http://www.laga-enforcement.org/>

Christmas Briefs

Shop at Kiwanis

At the Kiwanis Thirft Store in LaBelle, 155 Bridge Street, Saturday, December 14, 8:30-10 a.m. kids from 3-12 years old can do their own shopping. Buy quality gifts for their family members on a "friendly budget. Kiwanis members will help them shop while the adults browse and shop at the parking lot yard sale outside from 8 a.m.-noon.

Food/snack items will be available and Key Club members from LHS will wrap presents for kids so they can surprise their families on Christmas morning. One of Santa's elves will be visiting the kids as well.

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.

Legion Christmas dinners

The American Legion Post 130 members prepare a full home cooked Christmas Dinner and volunteers will deliver hot 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 and 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.

Pre-ordered To-Go Dinners may be picked up at the Legion after 11 a.m. - Please make note of it being a To-Go-& Picked-Up. Delivery meals will be sent out on delivery routes first. We would like to invite volunteers 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. Volunteers please arrive between 9 & 10 on Christmas Day. We need volunteers to deliver meals too.

Drug free holiday celebration

Come to the Hendry Tobacco-Free Partnership/Drug Free Hendry Coalition Holiday Celebration December 12, 4:30 p.m. at Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church, 310 Campbell Street, LaBelle. Please bring a covered dish. Please e-mail what you are bringing to valarie.james@flhealth.gov. For more information please contact Valarie James at 674-4041 ext 128 or Bianca Ross at 674-4041 ext 143.

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Arrest Reports

Clewiston

Angela Lynn Cornelius, 36, was arrested December 3 and charged with fraud uttering a false bank note, check, draft. CPD Officer T. Nieves was arresting officer.

Daniel Torres V, 40, was arrested December 5 and charged with a moving traffic violation driving with a suspended license third or subsequent, and resisting an officer obstruction by a disguised person. A. Garcia was arresting officer.

Roberto Rives, 21, was arrested December 8 and charged with flee/elude police failure to obey a law enforcement officer's order to stop, possession of marijuana under 20 grams, a nonmoving traffic violation expired motor vehicle registration over six months and a nonmoving traffic violation failure to register a motor vehicle. Sgt. M. Favara was arresting officer.

Jeremy Delgado, 16, was arrested December 8 and charged with simple assault threat to do violence and aggravated battery on a person 65 years of age or older. M. Yeomans was arresting officer.

Gary Wayne Adams, 56, was arrested December 7 and charged with a nonmoving traffic violation driving with a suspended license third or subsequent offense. FHP Trooper D.P. Todd was arresting officer.

Gary M. Gonzalez, 41, was arrested December 7 and charged on a warrant with battery on an officer, firefighter or EMT. Johnny R. Brown was arresting officer.

Person of interest sought in Clewiston shooting

Monday morning, December 9, 2013, at approximately 9:30 a.m., Hendry County Sheriff's Office responded to the 1200 block of Harlem Gardens, Clewiston, after receiving a call of a man being shot.

It was reported that the victim, 19-year-old Arthur Harrington of Clewiston, had been shot. He is currently in stable condition with no life threatening injuries.

Hendry County Investigators are trying to locate 29-year-old, Tafarya Deon Williams, aka Snake, Kid, Stank, Snake Kid. It was reported that Williams also received injuries and may be seeking medical attention. The shooter was reported to be wear-

ing blue colored pants and a sleeveless white shirt.

Williams was released from Florida Department of Correction on February 25, 2013 for Aggravated Assault with Firearm and Aggravated Battery. Currently, deputies are attempting to locate Williams for questioning. If subject is located, do not approach as Williams is considered armed and dangerous.

Investigators are following up on all leads. Anyone with any information is asked to contact Hendry County Detective Sergeant Kristy Herrera at 863-674-5600.

Panther shot; reward offered

The National Park Service is requesting assistance with an investigation involving the suspected illegal take of a Florida Panther that was recently found dead. The federally protected panther was found with a suspected gunshot wound on December 7, 2013, in the Turner River Unit of Big Cypress National Preserve in Collier County, Florida. Anyone with information that directly leads to an arrest, a criminal conviction, a civil penalty assessment, or forfeiture of property on the subject or subjects responsible for the suspected unlawful take of this Florida Panther may be eligible for a reward.

"The Florida panther is one of the most endangered mammals in the United States. This is a serious incident and we are asking the public to assist us with discovering details related to this incident," stated Pedro Ramos, Superintendent, Big Cypress National Preserve.

The Florida Panther is protected under The Endangered Species Act. The maximum criminal penalties for the unlawful taking of a Florida Panther are one year imprisonment and \$100,000 fine per individual. Anyone with information on the death of this panther or any others, past or future, is urged to contact Special Agent David Mayeski through NPS Dispatch at 1-800-788-0511.

Avoid holiday scams aimed at elders

Senior Choices of Southwest Florida urges everyone to take special care to avoid being exploited by scammers. You name it and someone is trying to give it away. Just provide personal information and your credit card number to get the incredible deal.

When you see these "opportunities," be reminded that if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is. Stay away from phony freebies. Never supply any personal information unless you have assurance that you

are working on a trusted website that you have accessed on your own. Scam artists know your favorite shopping websites and they know how to duplicate them.

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Help! The Season of “Ho-Ho-Ho” is told “No-No-No”

Christmas is a great time of the year. Families and friends exchange gifts. Church bells ring. Packages are sent, or personally delivered to folks who mean the most to us. It is a season unlike any other throughout the year.

Yet, there is a deeper meaning to Christmas that goes beyond the gifts, the lighted trees, and the tinsel. The true meaning of Christmas is love. John 3:16-17 says, “For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.”

The real Christmas story is the story of God’s becoming a human being in the Person of Jesus Christ. Why did God do such a thing? Because He loves us! Why was Christmas necessary? Because we needed a Savior! Why does God love us so much? Because He is love itself (1 John 4:8). Why do we celebrate Christmas each year? Out of gratitude for what God did for us, we remember His birth by giving each other gifts, worshipping Him, and being especially conscious of the poor and less fortunate.

The true meaning of Christmas is love. God loved His own and provided a way—the only Way—for us to spend eternity with Him. He gave His only Son to take our punishment for our sins. He paid the price in full, and we are free from condemnation when we accept that free gift of love. “But God demonstrated His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8).

However, not everyone affirms this teaching in Scripture. Many people perceive that there is a concerted effort to eliminate the word “Christmas” from public discourse—sort of a “war on Christmas.” The stories seem to be coming more frequently: a grade-school choir sings “We Wish You a Happy Holiday” instead of “We Wish You a Merry Christmas” for their “Winter Concert.” A library invites “holiday displays” from the community provided the displays have no religious connotation—the stable may have animals in it, but no people. It is possible to do all one’s Christmas shopping

and never see or hear the word “Christmas” in the stores.

So, what are we to do when something as precious and dear to us as our faith is assaulted? How are Christian people to respond when the season of “Ho-Ho-Ho” is assailed with legal efforts that, in essence, tell us “No-No-No” regarding our freedom to celebrate?

While there’s nothing wrong with saying “Happy Holidays” or “Season’s Greetings” when someone does so for the sole purpose of not saying “Merry Christmas,” then we are right to question what’s going on. “Why is the word Christmas censored?” We wonder as we wander through the malls. Why do some public schools celebrate everything from Kwanzaa to Labafana the Christmas witch, and ban the Nativity, all in the name of “inclusion” and “tolerance”?

One reason put forward by those seeking to avoid the word Christmas is that it would offend non-Christians. But, according to a recent Gallup poll, only 3 percent of adults in America say it bothers them when a store makes specific reference to Christmas. Read that again – 3 percent! The exclusion of Christmas, then, is not really a way to “adapt” to a more diverse culture, but a way to engineer a more secular culture.

Many times, the arguments against Christmas programs and displays are couched in political terms, but the bias against Christmas goes much deeper than that. This is primarily a spiritual battle, not a political one.

How should Christians respond? Here are some suggestions:

1) Celebrate Christmas! Let the joy of the season show in your life. Teach your family the significance of Jesus’ birth and make the Christmas traditions meaningful in your home.

2) Wish others a Merry Christmas. When confronted with a “Happy Holidays,” get specific, and wish the greeter a “Merry Christmas!” You may be surprised at how many respond in kind. Even if you’re met with resistance, don’t let it dampen your cheer. Ebenezer Scrooge’s nephew was rebuffed year after year, but it never stopped him from wishing his humbug of an uncle a Merry Christmas and inviting him to Christmas dinner.

3) Speak the truth in love (Ephesians 4:15). The Christmas season is a wonderful opportunity to share Christ’s love and the

gospel message.

4) Pray for those in positions of power (1 Timothy 2:1-3). Pray for wisdom. Pray for revival so that Christmas, instead of being “of-

fensive,” would be honored by all.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

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



Les Morgan

Letter to the Editor

Rehab center misplaced

In my eyes my sister and brother in law were the ideal parents. My sister stayed at home and raised her two sons while my brother in law worked. She was involved in all her children’s sports activities and a leader in their Church groups. I envied them. As a widow I dropped my sons off at daycare on my way to work. I got my sons to Church on Sunday and tried to be at their sports activities when I could but I always wished I could be the stay at home involved mother she was. My children turned out okay thanks be to God. Neither were ever into drugs. My sister’s oldest did get into drugs while in high school and broke her heart. He stole from her and her neighbors to support his habit until they got him help. He was never arrested and has no record. My sister paid back what he stole from her neighbors.

I now firmly believe it isn’t always how you raise them. Sometimes it is the influences they are around that lead them astray even with the best of parents.

This drug and alcohol rehab they are proposing is like the one my sister sent my nephew. There were no fences there either and he worked in a Christian based rehab center in Georgia on three of his four trips to rehab.

My sister and her husband took out a second mortgage on their home to pay for his care. He checked himself out after three weeks the first time and his dealer met him less than a mile from the facility and drove him the sixty miles back to near his parent’s home. It is a fact of life that dealers know where the rehabs are. To them it is a business and they set up shop nearby their customers.

This rehab that they want to go into Port LaBelle Inn is across the highway from our Sports Park we are building for our children. It is within close proximity of three

schools. It would be in the middle of a senior citizen community and next door and across the highway from subdivisions of heavily populated family homes.

I am not against a drug and alcohol rehab facility moving into Hendry or Glades County. A Christian base facility is the best kind in my opinion. I strongly feel Port LaBelle is the absolute wrong place for a rehab center. There is potential for that hotel and marina to expand and become a resort and bring jobs, recreation and revenue to the area and continue to pay taxes. If not, others will have to have their taxes increased to make up the loss revenue. It would take very little to make it a possible recreational resort area and give this area jobs.

This proposed facility would kill any hopes of any business growth in that area and kill new homes sales as few want to live near a drug and alcohol rehab facility regardless of who runs it. I know a woman who had a contract on her condo out there.

She wanted to move into a home in Laurel Oaks nearby. When the prospective buyer heard about the rehab idea from this paper they backed out of buying the condo. Now she can’t buy her new home in Laurel Oaks.

The rehab facility is a Christian based non-profit organization and the county would lose the business tax revenue it now receives as a hotel as non-profits organizations don’t pay most taxes. There would be few if any jobs generated since they would cook, clean and maintain the facility with the patients help. Where would people who want to come to LaBelle to visit this area stay? It is our only hotel in thirty miles or so.

I personally feel a place like the area around the Goodno Store or eastward on

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Thank You

Christmas in the Park

On behalf of the Greater LaBelle Chamber of Commerce, we want to thank all of you folks who helped out with Christmas in the Park. The City of LaBelle, Property Appraisers Office, Hendry County Sheriffs Office were a great help with the lighting and decorating along with a lot of the chamber board members and friends. T & M Portable Restrooms, Inc. are always there to help out. Thanks to the DOT for putting up the barrier around the "snow." The bounce and blow up slide were a big hit this year, thanks to Sweet Party Rental.

Thanks to Pastor Mike MacDowell (Bull Pit Outreach Ministry) for providing the sound system and the animals for the Nativity, the Hendry County Sheriffs Explorers Post 642 for an amazing job helping with the many activities and cleanup, S.A.D.D., Kiwanis, LaBelle Women's Club, City of LaBelle Relay for Life, Caloosa Belle, LaBelle Heritage Museum, Melinda Brant, CPR Tools, LaBelle Rotary, Manatee Ice, Country Peddlers, Mary Bartoshuk, and First Baptist Church.

If we have missed anyone, we apologize.

Many thanks to our monetary givers that make the "snow" possible: Wesley Hansen, Higginbotham & Soud, P.A. CPA, Hendry Rec. Board, Rotary, City of LaBelle, RL & Terri Marsh, Beck's Lemonade Shake Up's and First Bank.

We are a little shy of the amount needed to cover the "snow." We don't want to miss giving the opportunity for you to help out with this endeavor.

If you feel you would like to give to this worthy cause for the children in the greater LaBelle area, you can still make a donation to help cover our cost. Thank you.

We feel it was a very successful event and we are already making plans for next year.

Also, we want to thank Santa, Ms. Claus and the Elves.

Carmen Corbitt
Executive Secretary
LaBelle Chamber of Commerce

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Highway 80 would be a better place to put a rehab facility like this. There is open land all around and nowhere near anything that would keep them from reflecting on their path in life.

Give them the peace they need to help them get better with the grace of God. Let them build whatever they want and it would be an improvement to the area.

It would also create construction jobs for people in this area for a while. They can have animals like horses, chickens and cows and grow a garden in a peaceful secluded but beautiful rural area. It would not take long to build nor would it cost much more if any.

There is nowhere nearby a drug dealer would be able to hide out and tempt them or others. It is not near schools or recreation area children frequent and there are few homes in the area. It will be closer to the Hendry County Hospital if they need it.

I hope the Christian based rehab finds a place to move and do their good work, but

I hope they decide not to move to Port LaBelle.

We would gain nothing regardless of what the paid 'spin doctors' from the company tells us.

It took four tries in rehabs before my nephew finally got off drugs. He is now thank the good Lord drug free for four plus years, in college and working a good job until he can get his Master's degree to teach. My sister is still paying off his fees for the repeated rehab visits six years later.

Please, please don't bring this to our city. If only one child gets hooked on drugs from the influence of someone in the facility or one senior citizen has their property stolen to support a habit it would break my heart.

I hope the owner of the facility reads this and sees how damaging this could be. Making money at the expense of even one child hooked on drugs or one violated senior citizen is too high a price to pay for the owner to make a buck or two.

Linda Corbitt

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LHS Counselor's Corner

LHS Seniors and Parents:

Guidance wants to take a moment to update parents and seniors on past activities and important future events. In the month of October, seniors attended a scholarship research and career planning workshop to help them prepare for their career and academic futures. Seniors were introduced to flchoices.org, an online resource that provides college and career planning support. Seniors participated in a skills inventory, interest inventory and scholarship research. The NEXT magazine was given to all seniors. NEXT is a great resource that includes college requirements and application deadlines, college and career planners, Florida Bright Futures requirements, scholarships outside our local area, and future career planning. In addition, the following information was emphasized:

- ACT/SAT/PERT registration information
- College application deadlines
- Checking Academic Histories for ac-

curacy and comparing to trimester schedules

Extremely Important Upcoming Events for Seniors:

- December 12, 2013 Senior Essay Writing Seminar LHS 2:30-4 p.m.
- Dec. 17, 2013 Senior Scholarship Research Workshop LHS 2:30-3:45 p.m.
- Dec. 17, 2013 Apply online Florida Bright Futures floridastudentfinancialaid.org
- January 16, 2014 Financial Aid Night LHS 6:30 p.m.

Parents, please remember that your partnership with LHS Guidance is critical. Please ask your senior about flchoices.org and the NEXT magazine. Thank you for your support! Remember that Rhonda Kosh (10th and 12th grade counselor) and Erin McCullough (9th and 11th grade counselor) can be reached via email at koshr@hendry.k12.fl.us or mcculloughe@hendry.k12.fl.us respectively. Have a safe and wonderful Winter break.

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.



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Big Cypress: Fire crews prepare for 2014 prescribed fire season

Bear Island Unit, northwest corner of the Preserve

This operation will protect State Road 29 and Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge from wildfires that could occur within the national preserve north of Interstate-75 and east of State Road 29.

South of Loop Road in the Paces Dike area. Burns south of Loop Road are anticipated to be combined with burns being planned by Everglades National Park just east of the BICY/EVER boundary.

Over the next few years the National Park Service plans to burn the majority of the area east of Pace's Dike towards Everglades National Park.

The objective of the operation is to protect private properties, reduce invasive plant clusters, and improve deer habitat.

Implementation of burn operations is de-

pendent upon a variety of conditions.

The above are goals that the National Park Service aims to achieve during the prescribed fire season, which in Florida is typically from October through April.

For more information on the fire program at Big Cypress and current fire activity, go to - <http://www.nps.gov/bicy/naturescience/fire-activity-and-related-closures.htm>

Private property owners within the national preserve are encouraged to maintain a defensible fire perimeter around their structures.

For more information on the Florida Forest Service's "Firewise" program go to - <http://www.nps.gov/bicy/naturescience/fireregime.htm> and <http://www.freshfrom-florida.com/Divisions-Offices/Florida-Forest-Service/For-Communities/Firewise-Communities>.

Obituaries

Oliver Thomas Murray, 90

FORT DENAUD — Oliver Thomas Murray passed away Dec. 5, 2013 in Fort Denaud.

He was born Mar. 25, 1923 in Olga to the late Earl Randolph and the late Ruth Mildred (Jones) Murray. He served in the Navy during WWII.

Survivors include his wife, Betty Browning Murray; sons, Gerald Wayne (Donna L.) Murray, William Darrell Murray, Rodney E. (Sonya) Murray, Don L. (Michelle) Murray and Oliver Boyd Murray; sister, Helen Murray Williams of Florence, Ala.; nine grandchildren; seventeen great-grandchildren; and one great-great grandchild. He was also survived by his cousin, Hank Jones; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services were held on Monday, Dec. 9, 2013 at Community Harvest Worship Center in LaBelle, with Pastor L.W. Howard and Pastor Don L. Murray officiating. Interment followed at Fort Denaud Cemetery in LaBelle.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Florida Baptist Children's Homes or Eastside Baptist Church Mission Fund.

You may view the online obituary or leave condolences to the family at akin-davis.com.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.

Waylon Bruce Bass, Sr., 77

LABELLE — Waylon Bruce Bass, Sr., passed away Dec. 6, 2013 at home.

He was born Jan. 1, 1936 in Glendale, Fla., to the late Hubert and the late Cora Belle (Blair) Bass.

He is survived by his wife, Barbara (Carlan) Bass; two sons, Waylon Bruce Bass, Jr., and Richard A. Bass (Tammy Kay); three daughters, Cynthia B. Sanders (Bill), Sandra A. Taylor (Paul), and Charlotte B. Sykes (Tim); sister, Faye B. Massey; twelve grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on Sunday, Dec. 8, 2013 at Mount Zion Primitive Baptist Church, Felda with Elder Hollis Albritton, Jr. and Pastor Preston Long officiating.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be sent to Hope Hospice, 9470 HealthPark Circle, Fort Myers, FL 33908

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.



Submitted photo/Cliff Avery

Christmas musical celebrates the season

December 15 at 11:00 a.m. The Christmas musical, "Jesus, God of All Wisdom," written by Katherine Avery, will be presented at LaBelle Assembly of God. The narration tells of a world in disobedience to God finding the answer to what real wisdom is in a world like this. It is a mix of the traditional carols and contemporary Christmas songs. The adults and children of LaBelle Assembly will work together sharing this story from God's Word. The congregation will also be invited to sing along on some of these songs. Some of the songs are, Oh Come All Ye Faithful, Oh Little Town of Bethlehem, Born To Die, Joseph Song, and many more. Everyone is welcome, LaBelle Assembly is located on Fraser Avenue across from the, Edward Upthegrove Elementary School. For more information call 675-0900 and ask for Kathy.

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Powerlifting sixth in invitational

The LHS Girls Powerlifting team hosted the 2013 Cowgirl Invitational on Friday, December 6th. The meet saw 9 teams from the area, with over 200 girls competing. Cowgirls that placed were Sidney Nunez with a combined total of 195 lbs, Jasmine Deleon with a total of 255 lbs, Christina Rosado with a total of 250 lbs, and Melanie Lopez with a total of 235 lbs. The Cowgirls finished 6th overall, with Port Charlotte taking 1st, Charlotte taking 2nd, and Lemon Bay taking 3rd.

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Boys Soccer 9-1-1

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Girls Soccer 2-1-6

LaBelle 3, LaBelle 4
Oasis 5, Dunbar 0

Boys Basketball

Varsity 6-1
LaBelle 88, LaBelle, 80
Oasis 29, Lake Placid, 27

Junior Varsity

LaBelle 56, LaBelle, 53
Oasis 27, Lake Placid, 49

LHS Sports Scores

Girls Basketball Varsity-

Oasis 38, Lake Placid 55
LaBelle 30, LaBelle 53

Varsity Cowboys hot on court

In last week's Boy's Varsity Basketball action the LaBelle High School Cowboys played 3 home games against Oasis High School, Lake Placid High School, and Southwest Florida Christian Academy. The Cowboys won big in their first two games beating Oasis 88-28 and Lake Placid 67-26 and rode a 4 game win streak into the game against a tough SFCA squad.

In a game that had multiple lead changes and several runs by each team it was never certain who would pull out the win. LaBelle triumphed in the end thanks to some clutch free throw shooting late in the game and

won with a score of 55-50. They look to take their 7-1 record and put it on the line with another tough week.

This week they traveled to Ft. Myers to take on their rival Bishop Verot High School (4-1) in a district game that could have a huge impact later in the year when the playoffs arrive. That game took place December 10. Then on Friday, December 13, the Cowboys travel to Ft. Myers again to take on Canterbury. Come out and support your Cowboys this week as they look to continue on their winning ways versus two tough opponents.

Wrestler off to impressive start

The LaBelle High School wrestling team has traveled to Park Vista for the Kickoff Classic, to Palmetto Ridge High School for the Chase Life Tournament, ECS for the Turkey Take Down and most recently to Avon Park for their Dual Meet.

The Cowboys have had some stand out wrestlers already this season. At the ECS JV Tournament Jose Juarez, competing at the 138 pound weight class, had a third place finish. Dalton Hyser, wrestling in the 170 weight class, placed fifth.

Nyko Harrynarine, who is competing at the 152 pound weight class this season, went 5-0 this past weekend at the Avon Park Duals.

AJ Ayala, at the 182 pound weight class, finished fifth at the Chase Life Tournament where over 100 State Placers and Qualifiers

Race season ending

The Hendry County Motorsports Park will combine the Everglades Winter Nationals event into one extended day Saturday, Dec. 14. The Lil John Wheelie Magic Fire Truck and the Eagle Jet Top Gun Sprint Car Meet and Greet is the biggest intermission event of the year. Kids events like Smokey the Bear and Santa Claus himself Saturday 1-5 p.m. Pictures will be taken and all the kids 12 and under will be admitted absolutely free.

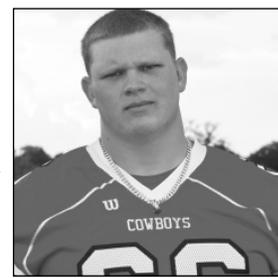
Benefit account for student

A benefit account has been established for Joshua Caleb Rimes.

Joshua is a Senior at LaBelle High School who suffered spinal injuries.

The account is at First Bank in the name of Joshua Caleb Rimes #66 Benefit Fund.

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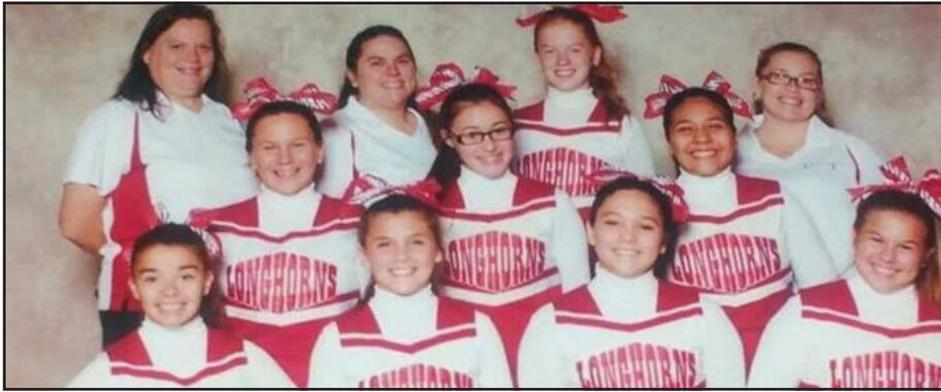
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Longhorn Midget cheerleaders headed to Nationals

LaBelle Longhorn Midget Cheerleaders are headed to Orlando for Nationals. They recently returned from Regionals in Orlando where they placed second. This is the second team to advance to nationals from LaBelle. They leave on Wednesday and perform on Friday at The Wild World of Sports inside Disney. These young ladies have worked hard all season and its paying off. Good luck to all the girls and coaches. Pictured, front row from left: Simona Flores, Jessica Koff, Angelica Cuellar, Iona Perry. Second row: Emille Perry, Gabby Horne, Miram Ruiz. Back row: Head Coach Nikki Hull, Asst. Amie Grant, Emily Grant and Asst. Coach Taylena Barnhart Rosario.



Submitted photo

LHS Drama Club travels to Gainesville

The LaBelle High School Drama Class went to Santa Fe College in Gainesville to participate in the Florida Theatre Conference. After six weeks of rehearsals, the students performed the play "The Empty Chair" in front of 16 other high schools. "The Empty Chair" focuses on the interaction of nine people who attend a small-group addictions program. As a chair sits empty and apart from everyone else, each member says their goodbyes and shares their memories of the missed member who either overdosed or committed suicide by overdose. The poignant story was told by LHS Drama members: Kylie Bancroft, Charlie Lynn, Estefania Hernandez, Olympia Abrego, Thalia Esquivel, Sandra Madrid, Zachary Muniz, Brandon Whitcomb, and Abril Aznur. While at the conference the students met 30 different college representatives and watched other schools perform different plays. The Drama Department would like to thank Mr. and Mrs. Lynn for chaperoning!



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Celebrating memories, generosity

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Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant

HRMC new CEO R.D. Williams briefly addressed the audience.



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Members of the Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church Choir and Firehouse Community Singers provided a backdrop of heart warming traditional Christmas melodies at the December 3 Lights of Love ceremonies.

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School Briefs

COE to hold 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. It will be available for

drive-thru, in the parent pick up line at COE. Tickets are \$8 and can be purchased at COE. The meal will consist of a grilled chicken quarter, coleslaw, baked beans and bread. We will also have baked goods for sale.

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

Church Briefs

Christmas Revival

NewTestaqment Baptist Church (Iglesia Bautista Nueva Testamento), would like to invite you to our Christmas Revival to hear Evangelist and chalk artist Vestor Arnold as he presents "The Word of God" in Word and Art. All services are bilingual. The person who has the most visitors with them will receive the chalk art drawing for that service. The drawing will be the theme of the preaching from God's Word. The drawings will reveal unseen images that can only be seen under a blacklight; ie: Jesus coming in the clouds. The services will be: Sunday, December 22, at 10 a.m. and 5: p.m.; Tuesday, December 24, at 7p.m.; Wednesday, December 25, at 3 p.m.

We are located at 300 Davis St. corner of Bryan Ave. For more information or transportation call: Pastor Ben Millican at 863-673-0782, James Wryals @ 863-673-1120 or Jose Serrano at 863-612-5426. Make Jesus Christ the center of your life and together we can honor His birth and gift of Salvation.

Avivamiento Navideno

Iglesia Bautista Nueva Testamento (New-Testaqment Baptist Church), les invita a nuestra Campana de Avivamiento de Navidad con el Evangelista y Artista Vestor Arnold. El presenta "La Palabra de Dios" en palabra y arte. La persona que traiga el mayor numero de invitados recibira el dibujo de la predicacion, el dibujo sera sobre el tema de la predicacion. Los dibujos revelaran imagenes que no se puede ver sin una luz negra, por ejemplo: Jesucristo saliendo de las nubes. Servicious seran: Domingo, 22 de Diciembre 10 a.m. y 5 p.m.; Martes, 24 de Diciembre at 7 p.m.; Miercoles, 25 de Diciembre 3: p.m.

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Good Shepherd December schedule

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.

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 @ 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. The fundraiser will include a Gospel Sing beginning at 1 p.m. For information contact Dave at 863-673-7954.

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. We are located at the corner of Lee and Ford Streets. There is no admission and a light meal is served. Come and enjoy!

Christmas performance

International Christian Academy of LaBelle (K5-12th) 233 Clark Street, LaBelle, will be having their annual Christmas celebration on Dec. 19, 7 p.m. This year, they will be performing "Christmas in Black and White" by Jeff Slaughter. The public is invited to attend. Admission is free. For more info call (863) 675-4227.

Christmas Worship

Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church will have two Christmas Worship Experiences. This coming Sunday, December 15, will be the Christmas Worship Concert at 10 a.m. featuring Every Generation and Style of Music, along with the Traditional Christmas Eve Candlelight service at 7 p.m. Join us this Advent Season as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.



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LaBelle Backpack Program

Volunteers add toothpaste donated by the United Methodist Committee on Relief and toothbrushes donated by LaBelle dentists Dr. Daryll Damon and Dr. Sheri Watkins to backpacks of food that go to about 100 needy elementary students each week. There are 12 teams of volunteers that pack foods requiring no cooking or refrigeration. In this photo are, from left: Cathy Perry, Donna Hull, Robin Blake and Mike Stuhlman. The students use the food over weekends between Friday's lunch and Monday's breakfast at school. The backpack program is locally run not-for-profit organized by Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church, First Baptist Church and Christ Central Church. No tax money is received. Food and cash donations are needed and people wanting to help may get more information by calling the offices at either Carlson Methodist or First Baptist. Children who develop good dental practices early in life have fewer health issues as teens and adults.



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Garage/Yard Sales

Christmas Craft Show
Sat, Dec 14, 2013
9am to 1pm
Riverbend Motorcoach Resort

FORT DENAUD - 4480
Fort Simmons Ave,
12/14 & 12/15, 8-3.
NOT JUNK Medical items: Commodes, walker, Lift/Recliner chair (3 weeks old). Furniture: craft-matic bed, couch (like new) dresser. Cleaning out many unused household items.
239-229-5166

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HUGE Parking Lot Sale!! CHEAP Prices!!!
"Early Spring Cleaning!"
Furniture, holiday items, household items, LOTS more! Items will be continuously brought out of storage so come early and come back again later to see additional items! (The money from your purchases will help us to support programs focused on kids in our local community!) The Kiwanis Thrift Store Parking Lot, 155 S. Bridge Street, LaBelle
Sat, December 14th
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LABELLE - SAT. 12/14,
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Skill set desired:

- High school diploma or GED required.
- Must be self motivated and able to function independently.
- Effective and assertive interpersonal skills, analytical ability, and problem solving skills.
- Excellent written and verbal communication Skills.
- Ability to handle multiple projects simultaneously.
- Must function effectively in a team based environment.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Word and Excel is a must.
- Computer skills in Power Point, Outlook and SAP a plus.
- Prefer A.P.P. certification.
- Prefer AA degree with 3 to 5 years purchasing experience, and/or Accounting background.

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Employment Full Time

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Full-time retail store manager with experience in sales-floor layout, personnel management, and accounts receivable. Some computer skills required. (Bilingual a plus). Interested applicants send resume to 133 North Bridge Street, LaBelle, FL 33935. (Applications also available at this address) Requirement: A written paragraph as to why you are qualified for this position



Journeyman Plant Mechanic

\$22.88 per Hour Perm Full Time

Responsibilities:
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ABOUT US SUGAR CORPORATION

United States Sugar Corporation is one of America's largest diversified, privately-held agribusiness firms. The company is headquartered on the southern shore of Florida's Lake Okeechobee. In addition to growing, milling and refining cane sugar, U.S. Sugar owns a short line railroad and its Southern Gardens subsidiary is one of Florida's foremost producers and processors of oranges and orange juice products.

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Employment Full Time

Oakbrook of LaBelle

MAINTENANCE DIRECTOR

Must demonstrate a basic understanding and knowledge of general maintenance, carpentry, painting, electricity and HVAC. Previous experience preferred.

ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF NURSING

Responsible for the planning, organization, direction, supervision and evaluation of nursing services provided in the facility. Must be a RN. Previous experience preferred.

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CERTIFIED NURSING ASSISTANTS

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Some 800 and 900 telephone numbers may require an extra charge, as well as long distance toll costs. We will do our best to alert our reader of these charges in the ads, but occasionally we may not be aware of the charges. Therefore, if you call a number out of your area, use caution.

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Merchandise

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ARMOIRE, holds 32" TV, real wood, \$40. Treadmill, belt needs oil, exc. cond., \$100. Bike rack, \$15. Hitch packer, \$50. 20 gallon tote along for RV septic, \$38. Call 863-675-1474.

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Houses - Rent

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LABELLE - 3BR, 2BA, 2 car gar, tiled floors, fenced back yard, in Port LaBelle/New Section, near schools. \$925/mo. 1st, last, sec. firm. 954-873-3322.

LABELLE - 3BR/2BA Home on River w/en-closed pool; one-half mile from LaBelle draw bridge; no pets; no smoking; \$1,000/month; \$1,000/security; references and lease. 863-675-2392.

Pretty TWO ROOM Cottage near Taco Belle in LaBelle. A/C, shaded lot, City Water; septic; furnished; no pets; no smoking. \$400/month; \$400 security; lease and references. 863-675-2392

StorageSpace Rent

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Mobile Home Rent

LABELLE - 2BR mobile home. AC. \$200 deposit. \$140 weekly. Call 863-673-3658.

Mobile Home Rent

LABELLE - one mile N. of Bridge; 3BR/1.5BA w/roof over; Room A/Cs; well & septic; storage; no smoking; references & lease; \$550/month; \$550/security; 863-675-2392

Recreation

Campers/RVs

Wanted all Travel Trailers, Motor Homes and Fifth Wheels. Any Condition, Cash paid on the spot. Call 941-347-7171

Motorcycles

2009 KAW NOMAD - 36,500 miles, new battery. Added trunk w/arm rest. Cruise Control. LED Lights. Cobra exhaust. Asking \$7000 or best offer. (863)517-0664

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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION 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)
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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457223 CN 11/28;12/5,12,19/2013

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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. REQUERIMIENTOS ESPECIALES: SI USTED REQUIERE ASISTENCIA O SERVICIOS ESPECIALES DE ACUERDO A LA LEY PARA ESTADOUNIDENSES CON DISCAPACIDADES POR FAVOR COMUNIQUESE CON LA OFICINA DE LA SECRETARIA DEL DISTRITO AL (863)983-5797, CON CINCO (5) DIAS DE ANTICIPACION DE LA FECHA INDICADA ARRIBA. DISTRITO DE CONTROL DE AGUAS DEL CONDADO CENTRAL 457343 CN 12/5 & 12/12/2013

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CERT. NO. YEAR DESCRIPTION WHICH ASSESSED
4152 2010 4104329-03021290120 SSA Development LLC
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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.
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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.
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Take notice that Hendry County representatives and the Hendry County Professional EMT & Paramedics Union representatives will conduct negotiations regarding the contract for the Hendry County Professional EMT & Paramedics Local 4520 at 9:00 a.m., December 18, 2013, at the Hendry County Administration Building, Conference Room #1, 640 S. Main Street, LaBelle, Florida.
The session is open to the public, but no public comment will be taken.
If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the County Commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings and, for such purpose, he or 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 al (863) 675-5240. 458273 CN/CB 12/12/2013

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Public Notices

NOTICE OF REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
You are hereby notified that the Regular Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Central County Water Control District will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2013, at 7 pm at the Conference Room, 475 S. Cabbage Palm St. Montura Ranch Estates, Clewiston, Florida. The purpose of this meeting is to transact any and all business which may come before the Board. If a person decides to appeal the decision of the Board of Supervisors with respect to any matter considered at the public meeting or hearing herein referred he or she may need to insure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is based. 457342 CN 12/5 & 12/12/2013

Public Notice

NOTICE OF WORKSHOP/SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Supervisors of the Central County Water Control District will hold a workshop/special meeting on Wednesday, December 18, 2013 at 5pm at the Central County Conference Room, 475 S. Cabbage Palm Street. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss any business that may come before the Board. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: IF YOU REQUIRE SPECIAL AID OR SERVICES AS ADDRESSED IN THE AMERICAN DISABILITIES ACT, PLEASE CONTACT THE DISTRICT CLERK'S OFFICE AT (863)983-5797, NO LESS THAN FIVE (5) DAYS PRIOR TO THE ABOVE STATED DATE. CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT 457340 CN 12/5 & 12/12/2013

Public Notice

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
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**. Dated this **20th day of November, 2013**.
Barbara S. Butler
Clerk of Circuit Court
Hendry County, Florida

457213 CN 11/28;12/5,12,19/2013

Public Notice

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
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.
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

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

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the **Tefa 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	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
4198	2010	4104329-03021370310	David M Albe

 Lot 31, Block 2137, PORT LABELLE UNIT 3, a subdivision 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**.
 Dated this **20th day of November, 2013**.
 Barbara S. Butler
 Clerk of Circuit Court
 Hendry County, Florida
 457219 CN 11/28;12/5,12,19/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the **TC 10L, 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
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. 16L09902F41254605, Title No. 96749422, and RP No. 12531360.
 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
 457220 CN 11/28;12/5,12,19/2013

STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
NOTICE OF PERMIT
OIL & GAS GEOPHYSICAL PERMIT
 The Florida Department of Environmental Protection (Department) gives notice of the issuance of a geophysical permit (No. G167-13) to Kerogen Florida Operating Company, LLC, 340 N. Sam Houston Parkway East, Suite 249, Houston, TX, 77060, pursuant to Sections 377.241, 377.242, and 377.243, (F.S.), and implementing Rules 62C-25 through 62C-30, (F.A.C.). This permit will allow the applicant to conduct approximately 24.7 line miles of a 2D seismic survey in northwest portions of Hendry County, Florida.
 The files associated with this order are available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at the Department of Environmental Protection, 2600 Blair Stone Rd., MS 3588, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400. The application and final order are available at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/mines/oil_gas/drill-apps.htm.
 A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's agency action may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. The petition must be filed (received) by the Office of General Counsel, Department of Environmental Protection, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, within 21 days of the publication of this notice or receipt of the written notice, whichever occurs first. The petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing.
 The failure of any person to file a petition for an administrative hearing within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. or to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party to it. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the discretion of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205 of the Florida Administrative Code.
 458267 CB 12/12/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
 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. 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
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

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the **Tefa 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	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
4179	2010	4104329-03021340080	Aldaja LLC

 Lot 8, Block 2143, PORT LABELLE UNIT 3, a subdivision 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.
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 Dated this **20th day of November, 2013**.
 Barbara S. Butler
 Clerk of Circuit Court
 Hendry County, Florida
 457216 CN 11/28;12/5,12,19/2013

NOTICE OF MEETINGS
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE
EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA
ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DISTRICT
FOR THE CALENDAR YEAR 2014
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the following is the Schedule of Regular Meetings and Annual Landowners' Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the EVERGLADES AGRICULTURAL AREA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION DISTRICT for the Calendar Year 2014. All meetings of the Everglades Agricultural Area Environmental Protection District Board of Supervisors will be held at 9:00 a.m. at the University of Florida/IFAS- Everglades Research and Educational Center, 3200 E. Palm Beach Road, Belle Glade, FL 33430.
 The purpose of the meetings is to transact any and all business that may come before the Board. If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
 Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in a meeting, because of a disability or physical impairment, should contact the District's Attorney at (561) 655-0620 at least five (5) calendar days prior to the Meeting.
MEETING DATES
 Friday, January 10, 2014
 Friday, February 14, 2014
 Friday, March 14, 2014
 Friday, April 11, 2014
 Friday, May 9, 2014
 Friday, June 13, 2014
Friday, July 11, 2014 - ANNUAL LANDOWNERS' MEETING
 Followed by the BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
 Friday, August 8, 2014
 Friday, September 12, 2014
 Friday, October 10, 2014
 Friday, November 14, 2014
 Friday, December 12, 2014
 By: CHARLES F. SCHOECH, ESQ.
 Everglades Agricultural Area Environmental Protection District
 Dated Thursday, the 5th day of December, 2013
 458110 CGS 12/12/2013

Public Notice **Public Notice**
STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
NOTICE OF PERMIT
OIL & GAS GEOPHYSICAL PERMIT
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 The files associated with this order are available for public inspection during normal business hours, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except legal holidays, at the Department of Environmental Protection, 2600 Blair Stone Rd., MS 3588, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-2400. The application and final order are available at http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/mines/oil_gas/drill-apps.htm.
 A person whose substantial interests are affected by the Department's agency action may petition for an administrative proceeding (hearing) in accordance with Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. The petition must be filed (received) by the Office of General Counsel, Department of Environmental Protection, 3900 Commonwealth Boulevard, Mail Station 35, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-3000, within 21 days of the publication of this notice or receipt of the written notice, whichever occurs first. The petitioner shall mail a copy of the petition to the applicant at the address indicated above at the time of filing.
 The failure of any person to file a petition for an administrative hearing within the appropriate time period shall constitute a waiver of that person's right to request an administrative determination (hearing) under Sections 120.569 and 120.57, F.S. or to intervene in this proceeding and participate as a party to it. Any subsequent intervention (in a proceeding initiated by another party) will be only at the discretion of the presiding officer upon the filing of a motion in compliance with Rule 28-106.205 of the Florida Administrative Code.
 458269 CB 12/12/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the **Tefa 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	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
3810	2010	4104329-01020201040	Mildred E Ring

 Lot 14, Block 2021, PORT LABELLE UNIT 1, a subdivision according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 3, Page 50, 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**.
 Dated this **20th day of November, 2013**.
 Barbara S. Butler
 Clerk of Circuit Court
 Hendry County, Florida
 457211 CN 11/28;12/5,12,19/2013

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
 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
1185	2010	1274331-010000K0120	Walter C Selph Jr & Gay Ellis

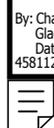
 The Northwest one-quarter of the Southwest one-quarter of the Northwest one-quarter of the Southeast one-quarter, in Section 27, Township 43 South, Range 31 East, Hendry County, Florida. Also known as Tract 12, Block K, PIONEER PLANTATION, an unrecorded subdivision.
 Less and except Gas, Oil and Mineral rights not owned by prior owner. Subject to existing easements and right of ways of record.
 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
 457229 CN 11/28;12/5,12,19/2013

NOTICE OF MEETINGS
OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
OF THE
SHAWANO WATER CONTROL DISTRICT
FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2014
YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the following is a Schedule of Regular Meetings and Annual Landowners' Meeting of the Board of Supervisors of the Shawano Water Control District for the Year 2014. Regular Board of Supervisors Meetings will be held on the 3rd Friday of each month, (unless date conflicts with a holiday, or otherwise notified). The Annual Landowners' Meeting will take place on Friday, June 6th at 8:30 a.m. All meetings will be held at the Sugar Farms Co-op, Atlantic Sugar Mill Road, Belle Glade, Florida. The dates and times are listed in the Schedule below.
 The purpose of the meetings is to transact any and all business that may come before the Board. If any person decides to appeal any decision made by the Board with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.
 Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in a meeting, because of a disability or physical impairment, should contact the District's Attorney at (561) 655-0620 at least five (5) calendar days prior to the Meeting.
 Friday, January 17, 2014 - 10:30 a.m.
 or immediately following the Gladeview Board meeting
 Friday, February 21, 2014 - 8:30 a.m.
 Friday, March 21, 2014 - 10:30 a.m.
 or immediately following the Gladeview Board meeting
 Friday, April 25, 2014 - 8:30 a.m.
 Friday, May 15, 2014 - 10:30 a.m.
 or immediately following the Gladeview Board meeting
Friday, June 6, 2014 - 8:30 a.m. - ANNUAL LANDOWNERS' MEETING
 followed by the BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING
 Friday, July 18, 2014 - 10:30 a.m.
 or immediately following the Gladeview Board meeting
 Friday, August 15, 2014 - 10:30 a.m.
 Friday, September 19, 2014 - 10:30 a.m.
 or immediately following the Gladeview Board meeting
 Friday, October 17, 2014 - 10:30 a.m.
 or immediately following the Shawano Board meeting
 Friday, November 21, 2014 - 8:30 a.m.
 Friday, December 19, 2014 - 10:30 a.m.
 or immediately following the Shawano Board meeting
 By: Charles F. Schoech, Esq.
 Shawano Water Control District
 Dated Thursday, the 5th day of December, 2013
 458176 BGS 12/12/2013

Public Notice **Public Notice**
NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the **TC 10L, 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
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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 Dated this **20th day of November, 2013**.
 Barbara S. Butler
 Clerk of Circuit Court
 Hendry County, Florida
 457225 CN 11/28;12/5,12,19/2013



Community Briefs

Sign up for health care

The Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County's Health Care Navigators are available to help uninsured individuals and businesses in Palm Beach, Martin, Hendry and Okeechobee counties to enroll in health care plans through the Health Insurance Marketplace, also known as the Affordable Care Act or ObamaCare. On Tuesday, December 17, from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. the Health Care Navigators will be at the Clewiston Public Library to assist with enrollment.

Navigators are specifically trained and certified to help you understand your coverage options so that you can find the best health options to fit your budget and health needs, while also avoiding future tax penalties. The open enrollment period runs through March 31, 2014. For more information go to getcovered@legalaidpbc.org or call toll free 800-403-9353 ext. 366.

Tai chi moving for Better Balance classes

Senior Choices of Southwest Florida will offer Tai Chi Moving for Better Balance at Hope Connections, (LJ Nobles Community Center) 475 East Cowboy Way, starting January. The 12-week course consists of one hour classes held twice weekly and will be offered on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. Participants must plan on attending both weekly sessions. The course helps older adults improve their balance and reduce the risk of falling. Participants will feel stronger, have better balance, greater flexibility and feel more confident after completing this evidenced-based Tai Chi program. Participants must be 50 years or older. There is no charge for the class, however participants must pre-register and be willing to participate in pre and post balance testing. For more information or to register for the class, contact the Senior Choices Helpline

at 1-866-413-5337. Tai Chi Moving for Better Balance was developed by Fuzhong Li, Ph.D of the Oregon Research Institute and is offered free of charge through a grant awarded by the Florida Department of Health to Senior Choices of Southwest Florida.

Hot rides

On December 17 the South Central Florida Car Club will host its monthly Hot Rides & Hot Dogs Cruise In at Barron Park, on State Rd 29 N. It will start at 5 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come and view the cars and enjoy fresh grilled hot dogs, drinks and other wonderful goodies. This month we will be collecting toys and non perishable food items for the needy. This event is held the 3rd Tuesday monthly. So crank up your ride and come and join us.

Registration is also now open for the 8th Annual Legends of the Road Super Cruise and Show to be held on Feb 22 2014. Need info call 863-634-1791.

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.

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.

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 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.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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

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.

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

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

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the **Tefa 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	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
4169	2010	4104329-03021320070	Racquel Tamara Bogie

Lot 7, Block 2132, PORT LABELLE UNIT 3, a subdivision 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.

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457215 CN 11/28;12/5,12,19/2013

Public Notice

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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

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED
Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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
673	2010	1174329-A0000181300	William La Fontaine Sr and Cecelia 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 30 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.

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Humane society annual meeting

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. 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.

Fill Toys for Tots collection boxes

Watch for Savation Army United Way's Toys for Tots official collection boxes at these locations around LaBelle: Caloosa Belle, 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, Spectacular Eye Care, Aqua Isles and Sun Coast Credit Union.

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

SFWMD expands recreation at Everglades Water-Cleaning Wetland

West Palm Beach, FL — In a continuing effort to increase access to public lands, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) has opened Stormwater Treatment Area 5/6 (STA-5/6) in Hendry County to the public for expanded recreation. Visitors to the wetland will arrive to a new parking area and trailhead with restrooms and an educational kiosk and a picnic shelter farther into the site.

The vast wetland that cleans Everglades-bound water is already popular with bird watchers and hunters during organized activities with District partners such as the Hendry-Glades Audubon Society. Now, large portions of the approximately 16,000-acre area will be open to the general public for activities such as hiking, biking and wildlife viewing.

“A remarkable diversity of birds has already made this water quality facility a renowned recreational area,” said SFWMD Executive Director Blake Guillory. “Increasing access provides new opportunities for the public to enjoy South Florida’s unique slice of nature.”

Outdoor enthusiasts can walk or ride bicycles along levees in the STA, framed by an array of wading birds, alligators and aquatic life. Existing features at the site include a boardwalk built for disabled veterans and residents.

“This is something that has been needed

for years, and to see it come together is wonderful,” said Hendry County Commission Chairman Karson Turner, who also serves on the SFWMD Water Resources Advisory Commission (WRAC). “Now, not only will the thousands of visitors we have come to this area be able to experience STA-5/6 in a more comfortable manner, but it will allow our local population to become more acquainted with this area and experience this facility in a more tangible way.”

The District has steadily increased access to the site south of Clewiston, with the first organized bird-watching program beginning in 2005 with a partnership with the Hendry-Glades Audubon Society. To date, Audubon volunteers, in coordination with the District, have hosted more than 6,700 bird watchers and photographers from across the globe on 183 individual tours at the site.

Since 2002, the District’s partners at the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission have led a series of organized waterfowl and alligator hunts at this wetland.

- New Hours of Operation
- Sunrise to sunset on Friday, Saturday, Sunday and Monday.
 - The area will be closed to the general public on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday for wetland management purposes.
 - The area will be closed on Sundays starting the Sunday before Thanksgiving until the first Sunday in February to allow for

hunting activities.

Throughout South Florida, the District provides recreational access to its public lands while continuing to manage them to support environmental restoration, water supply, water quality and flood control missions.

At present, the District owns approximately 621,000 acres of land that are open to the public. Many of these properties are in their natural state or have enhancements such as picnic tables, informational kiosks, primitive campsites and hiking trails.

For more information on recreational opportunities throughout the District’s 16-county region, visit www.sfwmd.gov/recreation.

About the South Florida Water Manage-

ment District

The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state – 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state’s five water management districts. The agency mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades.

We value your opinion. Please take a few minutes to share your comments on the service you received from the District by clicking on this link.

Shipping tips for the holidays

Time for that holiday chore - shipping gifts! Here a few tips from the UPS Store.

- Begin with the proper materials: a new cardboard box designed for shipping, professional grade packaging tape and packaging material like foam packaging peanuts or bubble cushioning (at least two inches all around).
- Include a label on the inside of the package with the destination and return addresses.
- Use a shipping option, like UPS, that

provides a package tracking number

- Take batteries out of toys, electronics, etc., before shipping and wrap them separately to avoid contact with metal.
- Seal homemade holiday treats in an interior airtight container or plastic bag before packing them. Use and expedited air service.
- Ship wrapped gifts and luggage ahead to your destination, especially if you’re traveling by air.

Community Briefs

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.

DAV flea market

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

American Legion Auxiliary to meet

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.

Legion 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.

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Christmas

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Refreshing holiday break

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. 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.

Please bring a canned good or other non-perishable item, at each performance of Dashing Through the Snow and receive free popcorn for the show!

Tickets can be purchased on our website www.firehousecommunitytheatre.com and are \$12 in advance, or use the ticket hotline at (863) 675-3066. Tickets sold the night of the performance are \$14. 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 information on the Firehouse Community Theatre, please visit their website: www.firehousecommunitytheatre.com or call the Ticket Hotline at (863) 675-3066.

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.

Shopping

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your formal wear in LaBelle.

Sometimes stores add clothing to their inventory at Christmas time when they don't ordinarily carry clothes during the rest of the year, so don't be surprised if you walk into a store and find new and interesting items that fit into the this category.

Next week I will attempt to list things that really didn't fit into the specific categories previously mentioned, last minute ideas, stocking stuffers and a wrap for the season.

Happy shopping and remember to "shop local."



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