

# Caloosa Belle



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## Residents nix golf course

by **Patty Brant**  
Caloosa Belle

Residents of LaBelle had their say once again at the LaBelle City Commission meeting September 12, underlining their aversion to using tax dollars on a proposed city owned golf course.

The special meeting began at 6:30 p.m.

Hearing vehement arguments against the plan, the county commission gave up the idea of assessing LaBelle businesses to help fund the project, but left open the possibility of finding private means to accomplish the goal. The proposed golf course would be situated on one section of the Sports Complex north of the ball fields currently being constructed on Forrey Road.

LaBelle's Director of Finance Ron Zimmerly took the initiative at the meeting, explaining that several business owners originally brought the idea forward to assess commercial properties for a golf course. The thinking was that the businesses would benefit from additional traffic and customers generated by the course.

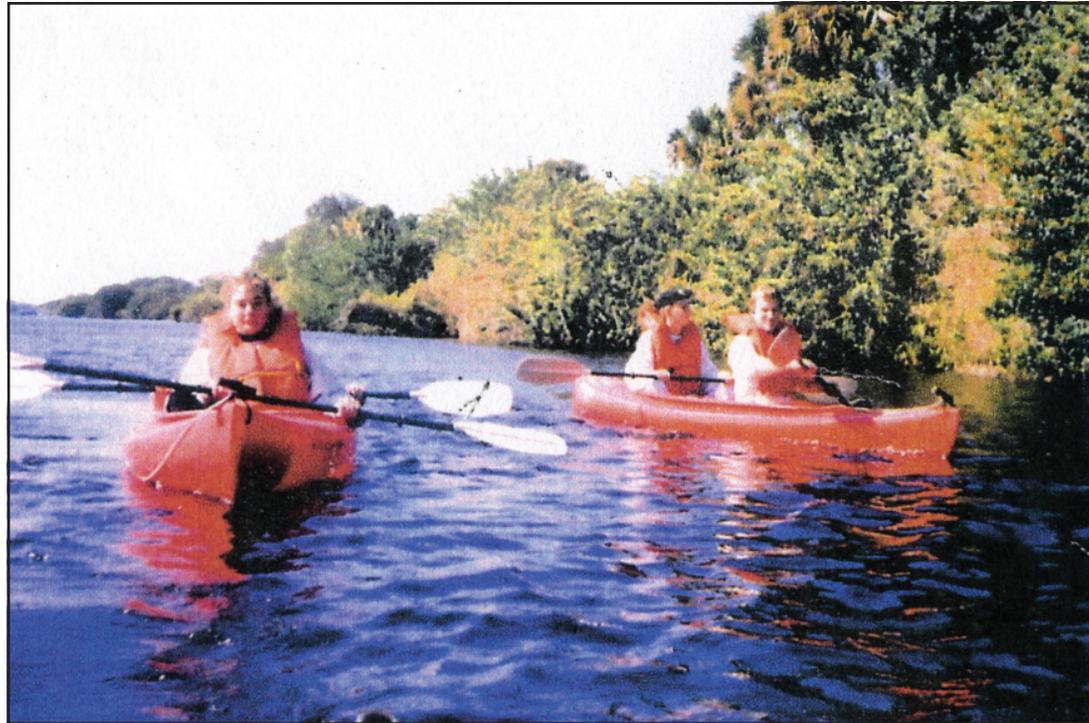
According to Mr. Zimmerly, these businessmen attributed the

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## Celebration

**Riverside Retreat hopes the community will help celebrate its fiftieth anniversary with lots of activities. See more on Page 8.**

## Caloosa Belle, Newszap.com launch online business directory

The Caloosa Belle has launched a new and expanded online business directory at its community website to serve businesses and consumers in LaBelle and surrounding areas.

The new online directory – BizSearch – lists every business in LaBelle as well as nearby shopping areas and includes such information as telephone number, location, business hours and website address.

BizSearch is available at florida.newszap.com, and consumers can access the site free of

charge from their computer and other portable devices.

The Caloosa Belle has long published dedicated community news in print, and last year introduced its free online community news site.

The site – florida.newszap.com -- features news and information about communities throughout the Hendry/Glades region as well as comprehensive calendars, photo/video posts and free classifieds.

With the introduction of BizSearch, visitors now have quick

and easy access to search information related to all types of businesses and services.

For local businesses, the new online directory provides the necessary tools to showcase their business successfully, and to generate new customers and new revenue. All basic listings are provided at no cost to a business, but for an additional fee a business can enhance its listings to include additional information such as logos, weekly coupons or specials,

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## City sets tentative millage

by **Patty Brant**  
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The LaBelle City Commission unanimously set the tentative 2013-14 tentative tax millage at 3.1046.

The board had allowed for the option of an additional .5 mills but decided to hold the line at 3.1046 since that is the figure at which the budget was balanced.

The city's 2013-14 budget is approximately \$20 million, including \$4.3 million from the general fund plus \$15.4 million in Enterprise funding. The total also reflects some \$533,000 in ad valorem taxes.

The final public hearing to set the millage rate will be Thursday, September 26, beginning at 5 p.m. in the commissioners' room at City Hall.

At that time, the board can ap-

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## Driver's License

### Division moving

The Drivers License Division is moving from its Jaycee-Lions Blvd. location to the Tax Collector's Office in the Courthouse, 25 Hickpochee Ave. The Drivers License Division will be closed beginning Friday, September 20, and reopen at the Courthouse Tuesday morning, September 24.

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## Golf

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loss of considerable business in recent years to the closing of the old Oxbow Golf Course on SR 80 and the city felt a course would be good for business and economic growth.

The city's position, he said, was further strengthened by the fact that the site was considered a prime location by several golf organizations.

The \$5.3 million cost of the course included a country club. An additional \$1.3 million would complete the rest of the entire Sports Complex, including ball fields.

The plan was to increase the recreation assessment on city businesses from \$75 to \$100 with the extra \$25 going to the sports park.

At the September 10 Hendry County Commission meeting, that board approved the \$100 recreation assessment, but not to be used for the golf course. Opponents of the golf course attended that meeting as well and were very vocal about their feelings.

City Attorney Angela Hill explained that no action could be taken at the city meeting September 12 - it was an opportunity for discussion only. She added that the plan would not be feasible without county approval anyway.

Trying to counter feelings that the golf course would be pushed ahead of the ball fields, Mayor Dave Lyons told the packed hall that the ball field will be done "no matter what."

Speakers

Former county commimssioner Bill

Maddox took the podium to say that when he was on that county board, they did due diligence on a golf course years ago, and found that public courses could not stand on their own.

Resident John Oldford quoted statistics from the National Golf Foundation which showed that a successful golf course requires some 4,000 golfers to live within a ten-mile radius of a course and termed the idea that this project could be successful, "ludicrous."

Resident Dean Tanner spoke briefly in favor of the project, which he said the city needed to "grow good young people."

Tina Noel provided a map showing 130 golf courses in Southwest Florida. She quoted statistics she researched that 60 percent of public courses have lowered their maintenance standards. She said that there is no clear feasibility study showing such a course would be successful and added that the city needs other things more.

For his part, LaBelle businessman Glen Schofield proposed a zipline, saying it would add 20 jobs and make LaBelle a destination, as well as being affordable.

Craig Bartoshuk recalled work on the passive recreation park across the river and recommended other possibilities to bring in economic growth, such as a butterfly farm or horse trails.

Businessman Steve Nisbet pointed out a discrepancy in the proposal to tax businesses by parcel. His business is located on four parcels, he said. As written, he would have to pay the recreation tax on each individual parcel, for just one business.

Commissioner Daniel Akin didn't take this lightly, telling the audience that his idea was to draw in economic activity.

Realtor Sheri Denning noted that many good good points were raised, in particular the need for a passive rec park and possibly a zipline.

Resident Chris Zimmerly also spoke for the plan, saying the city also lacks adult recreation.

At the end of the meeting, Mayor Lyons

noted that the board would continue investigating ways to make a golf course a reality, noting that city has the property and water system on site to attract a plausible private golf business.

"This can be our economic driver," he said. "If we cannot to it by special assessment we can find some other way."

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prove the tentative millage, but still has the option of reducing it, and set the final budget for the next fiscal year.

The board may also set the capitol improvement schedule and other public hearing items.

### In other business:

Acting as the Local Planning Agency (LPA), the board listened to first readings of resolutions approving a voluntary annexation of GreenTree into the city.

Other resolutions will allow for a large scale comp plan designation and rezoning of the multi-family RG-4 in the county to comparable city zoning.

The Area Housing Commission of Clewiston, LaBelle and Hendry, which owns the property, currently operates workforce housing on one parcel and plans to put senior housing on a second parcel.

The LPA recommended approval and, at the regular commission meeting the board approved the resolutions to be transferred

to the state for review.

The board will take up the questions again after hearing any comments from the state.

Sitting as the LPA, the board also approved a request to amend the Master Concept Plan for four acres located on SR 80 about a quarter mile east of Huggetts Road, allowing a Planned Unit Development on the property. The location is the site of a proposed tractor supply.

The board also signed off on a bond for new waterplant for the \$13 million loan, closing that portion of funding. Now the city can move on to use \$7 million in grant funding to complete construction.

Tim Taylor of Applied Technology Management (ATM) reported that the main contractor for the plant is on schedule.

- A lien has been filed against the Trading Post for some \$20,000 for not complying with the city's requests to address code violations.

- The board approved the use of golf carts on city roads.

## Online

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photos and videos.

A business can make simple changes to their listing on their own. To revise a listing, a business must first "claim" their listing by following the simple steps outlined at the site, or by calling 863-763-3134 ext. 4234.

For those businesses that don't currently have an online presence or web site, BizSearch can act as a company website and provide customized pages, blogs and connection to social media.

Tom Byrd, president of Independent Newsmedia Inc. USA in Florida and Caloosa Belle publisher, said BizSearch is not your typical online business directory. The key advantage to BizSearch: Its crucial connection to the company's news products and community newspapers:

"Newspaper websites are typically among the most heavily visited sites in their area because of the strong local news generally only available at that site.

That means your listing on our website will benefit from the traffic we naturally attract, and a listing in the directory will improve search engine results (SEO) for your business to show up in search engine results," said Mr. Byrd.

In addition, BizSearch will be heavily promoted in the Caloosa Belle's well-read print newspapers and our increasingly popular social media presence.

"Our print and online products com-

bine to create a powerful one-two punch that provides businesses the opportunity to make a powerful impact at an affordable price," added Mr. Byrd.

All BizSearch listings are connected to the company's online classifieds, allowing a business to link to its classified advertisement or brand its classified ads with a company logo or contact information.

In addition, all BizSearch listings are optimized to run on smartphones and mobile devices. All listings provide consumers with specific directions to a business.

Mr. Byrd said the BizSearch directories provide a valuable enhancement to florida.newsrap.com, the entry point to our community websites. In addition to local news, calendars and classifieds, consumers now have easy access to in-depth information about their local businesses.

"People crave local news, plain and simple. Of all the thousands of websites out there, studies continue to show that local news sites remain the most popular - and most visited," said Mr. Byrd. "We've been providing important community news and information to LaBelle area residents for many years, and our online community sites allow us to continue and expand that mission."

For additional information, contact a customer service representative at 863-763 3134 or emailing flbizsearch@newsrap.com

# VETERANS

**Hendry County has cancelled their contract with the LaBelle Chapter 144 DAV to transport veterans to their medical appointments.**

**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!**

**Please support us at the next Hendry County Commission meeting as we try to maintain this vital program for veterans.**

**The meeting starts Tuesday, September 24th at 5:00 p.m. in the Commission Chambers at the Court Courthouse. BE EARLY!**

**Wear a uniform for your Service organization or at least a hat identifying your military connection.**



## CHRISTMAS EVENTS



### American 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 & 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.

To go dinners must be called in and may be picked up at the Legion between 11-11:30 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 and 10 on Christmas Day. We need volunteers to deliver meals also.

### 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 Friday, December 20. Sharing the true spirit of Christmas couldn't be easier.

## Recycling schedule change for holidays

Recycling days for December 25 and January 1 for Port LaBelle, South Montura, City of LaBelle and Felda will be moved to December 28 and January 4 due to the holidays.

Recicla levante dias de 25 de diciembre de 2013 y 1 de enero para Puerto LaBelle, Sur Montura, ciudad de LaBelle y Felda se movieran a diciembre 28 de 2013 y 4 de enero debido a las vacaciones.

## Arrest Reports

### LaBelle

Mauro Solorsano Yata, 27, was arrested December 14 and charged with battery and child neglect without great bodily harm. Sgt. J. Woods was arresting officer.

Charles Lamont Covington, 32, was arrested December 13 and charged with possession of cocaine with intent to sell within 1,000 feet of a specified area schedule 2, possession of marijuana under 20 grams and possession of drug equipment.

Eddie Moses Pope, 28, was arrested December 13 and charged with aggravated battery known or should have known the victim was pregnant. Sgt. William Griffin was arresting officer.

Ira Matthew Stancel, 28, was arrested December 12 and charged with smuggling contraband introduction into a detention facility.

### Clewiston

Victor Luis Ruiz, 23, was arrested December 14 and charged with possession of harmful new legend drugs without a prescription, possession of methamphetamines schedule 1 and possession of cocaine. M. Thomas was arresting officer.

Abriel Nieto Nieto-Sanchez, 26, was arrested December 14 and charged with possession of cocaine. M. Thomas was arresting officer.

Norman Jeffrey Billie, 46, was arrested December 14 and charged with a moving

traffic violation driving with a suspended license third or subsequent. M. Thomas was arresting officer.

Denise Gilkes Wykerria, 18, was arrested December 13 and charged with aggravated battery with a deadly weapon. J. Rayburn was arresting officer.

Deon Lauren Hubert, 27, was arrested December 13 and charged with burglary with assault or battery, burglary of an occupied dwelling unarmed, possession of burglary tools with intent to use and obstruction of justice intimidate or threaten a victim, witness or informant. D. Bolt was arresting officer.

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## Government won't call to ask for money

The health department received a comment on Facebook from a woman who said the U.S. Federal Government Grants Department called and claimed she needed to pay more than \$600 in order to receive federal benefits totaling \$8,000. She paid the money, never got the \$8,000 and asked us how to get a refund of her money.

The phone call was a scam. The Federal Government Grants Department doesn't exist. More importantly, the government will never call or text you to ask for money.

Even though the woman wrote down the phone number of the caller, it can be hard to trace it back to a real person because of tricks like caller ID spoofing. This means that she probably won't be able to get her money back.

Be suspicious of any call, text, or e-mail that claims to be from the government. Scammers often use names that sound like real government agencies but aren't. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the nation's consumer protection agency, has more tips on spotting fake callers who pretend to be the government.

You can find the official names and contact information for federal government agencies in our A-Z Index of U.S. Government Departments and Agencies. Don't hesitate to contact the agency that claims you owe them money. Be sure to use the contact

information listed in the A-Z Index and not the contact information the caller or e-mail provides.

If you do get scammed, then you should file a complaint with the FTC and your state's consumer agency.

## If you drink and drive, meet your new bartenders

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – The holiday season is a time for parties and social get-togethers with family and friends. Unfortunately, it's also a time when more impaired motorists are on our highways.

The Florida Highway Patrol is urging Floridians to be responsible this holiday season and don't drink and drive. In a continuing effort to make our roads safer, FHP has announced it will join with agencies from across the nation and increase its law enforcement efforts on impaired drivers as part this month's national Drive Sober or Get Pulled Over campaign through Jan. 1, 2014.

## Protect Your Precious Cargo

### Car Seat Checkup

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## Thank You

### Thank you....Friends

There are simply no words to express my heartfelt thanks for the outpouring of support that I received and continued to receive.

My sincerest thank you to all the wonderful people who helped me get through the last few weeks and months, and to those who took the time to stop by and see Carl. A special Thank you to Tina and Shine Guy, Chu Chu and David Bloomster for always being there, day or night.

To the LaBelle VFW, American Legion and LOOM 2398 for all their help with Carl's Celebration. It truly was a team effort.

To the great grill cooks...Strick, Teddy, Yank, and The Mayor, it was awesome. Dale your Bean's as always were fabulous. Thank you, to all our friends who served and sang all afternoon. Carl loved each and every one of you. Please forgive me if I've missed someone.

Each day has been challenging for me. It always seems that in times of such personal sadness that we realize who and what are important.

Your hospitality, phone calls and cards have meant so much. I'm reassured knowing that Carl and I really did have a blessed life in LaBelle. It showed by the tremendous friends and family support given to us during

this difficult time.

Thank you for caring,  
**Cindy Pearce-Baker**

### UES Family Bingo Night

On behalf of the UES Administration and PTO, we would like to thank everyone who supported our Family Bingo Night. We are truly grateful to our outstanding community that always goes above and beyond to support our school. The evening would not have been possible without the generous donations of our local businesses and individuals.

The UES Faculty, Log Cabin, K&M Pharmacy, Sal Cal Pizza, Hungry Howie's, Martha Stephens, Randy's Garage, Debbie Wordford, Double Image- Merry, Southern Divas, Two Peas Café, Kim Rookard, Jerri Lynn Photography, Jan Colbert, McDonald's, Captain Quick Lube, Builder's Choice, Auto Zone, Contreras, ACE Hardware, Langford Ford, Forrey Grill, Nell Knott, Sandra Wryals, Winn Dixie, Susan Angelichio, BJ's Wholesale Club, Badcock Home Furnishings, Ian Sands Photography, Horace Mann Insurance, White's Furniture and Appliances. With your assistance, we had a very successful evening and are looking forward to next year.

## Success in health security

TALLAHASSEE – The 2013 National Health Security Preparedness Index (NHS-PI) provides a current snapshot of health security preparedness and indicates Florida is ready across a wide spectrum of areas including health surveillance, community planning, communications and overall preparedness. The Department's Bureau of Preparedness and Response works daily to provide expertise, leadership and support in the planning, preparation and coordination for potential health-related emergencies. This includes man-made and natural disasters. In addition, the Department collaborates with emergency management, response partners and others to ensure responders are able to effectively deliver necessary health care services where and when they are needed.

On a scale of 1-10, Florida was ranked:

- 7.3 for overall Health Security Preparedness, above the national average of 7.2.
- 7.4 for Health Surveillance, above the

national average of 7.3.

- 8.4 for Incident and Information Management, well above the national average of 7.8.

- 8.7 for Countermeasure Management, approaching the national average of 9.0.

- 6.1 for Community Planning and Engagement, which is the national average.

- 5.8 for Surge Management, which is also the national average.

The Association of State and Territorial health Officials (ASTHO), in partnership with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), coordinated input from a wide variety of stakeholders to prepare the index. More than 25 organizations and 75 stakeholders contributed to the 2013 Index, including representatives from the Florida Department of Health.

For more information about the National Health Security Preparedness Index, visit <http://www.nhspi.org/>.

# Caloosa Baptist 'Getting Back to the Barn'

This Sunday, December 22, Caloosa Baptist will be holding its morning service at the LaBelle Rodeo Grounds on Highway 29. The congregation will be sharing the facilities with the Cowboy Church that meets there each week led by Mike McDowell.



**Les Morgan**

This is an annual event designed to remind people of the setting where Christ was born when He came to the earth so long ago.

"We started this in 2007," said Dr. Les Morgan, pastor of Caloosa Baptist. "Having been a pastor for more than 30 years, I always wanted to do something unusual to help people engage in what it must have been like when the King of Glory entered our world.

That was an awesome price to pay, and it was met with the heart of love that only God could give."

At the "Getting Back to the Barn" service people come out of the traditional Sunday morning setting and enter a completely different venue from a normal worship experience.

Not only are there people who usually attend church at this unique service, but there are many who rarely, if ever, visit a church, as well.

The dress code is simple – whatever one would wear to clean a barn. Morgan will have on his blue jeans, cowboy hat, boots and a pearl-button shirt.

This year Sheriff Whidden "and His Posse" will be performing during the service. The Sheriff is well-known of his guitar strumming country-style playing and singing. Others from the two churches will be singing and playing as well.

Those who have attended previous "Getting Back to the Barn" services all seem to have a similar response.

One worshipper said, "It is something

I had always heard – that Jesus was born in a stable.

However, when I think that God's Holy Son came and was delivered among the cows, donkey, sheep and other critters, and that He did that for me, I am deeply humbled."

Jim, a volunteer worker at the church, spoke of how the first "Getting Back to the Barn" service impacted him.

"For me, it helped me understand the love of God even more. When I think that He sent His Son to earth and that He was given birth in a filthy animal stall, it really moved me. Jesus did that for me. That was powerful, meaningful, experience."

A mother of three children commented on her feelings after attending a "Getting Back to the Barn."

Her reaction was, "My children were born at Health Park in Ft. Myers. Medical teams were on standby in case there were any problems. My physician had been to medical school and was an experienced obstetrician.

"The room was sterile, and the attending staff was prepared. It was just the opposite for Mary. She was alone. Joseph may have seen calves being birthed, but he had no knowledge of delivering babies. How awesome is that?"

The public is invited to attend the "Getting Back to the Barn" service this Sunday at 10:30 at the LaBelle Rodeo Grounds.

The service will be about an hour long and will be held in the animal holding section. Please bring a folding chair.

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

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### We Pledge...

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- To disclose our own conflicts of interest or potential conflicts to our readers.
- To correct our errors and to give each correction the prominence it deserves.
- To provide a right to reply to those we write about.
- To treat people with courtesy, respect and compassion.



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### LES November Students of the Month

Kindergarten and first grade, Front Row (from left to right): Kayla Urbanowski, Kristy Wingate, Alicia Taylor, Jadan Cochran, Vasti Salas Back Row (from left to right): Sebastian Chairez-Arzola, Jose Castro, Salvador Mora-Cabrera, Kimberly Venegas, Jacob Escalante.



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### LES November Students of the Month

4th and 5th Grade Citizens of the Month:(from left to right): Joel Sanchez, Jessica Gutierrez, Alexia Figueroa, Sofia Sarabia, Kali Holt, Jose Gonzalez.



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### LES November Students of the Month

Second and third grade, Front Row (from left to right): Daniel Leyva, Yesenia Trejo-Olivera, Marlene Soto-Ibarra, Sandy Ibarra, Jennifer Cruz-Luna Back Row (from left to right): Jasmine Barrett, Fran'Naysia Jackson, Brandon Schaeffer, Chase Oliver, Bryan Corona-Hernande.



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### LES October Student of the Month

Ariana Guijosa is the October Citizen of the Month from Mrs. Pittman's 3rd grade class. Her name was incorrect in last month's issue.

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## WELCOME ANNOUNCEMENT



Higginbotham and Soud PA, CPAs is pleased to welcome Kyndel Murray and her family to the firm. Kyndel grew up in LaBelle and graduated from LaBelle High School in 2002. She and her husband, Adam, have two children, Lane and Kae-lynn. She received her bachelor's degree from Florida Gulf Coast University and her masters in accounting from Stetson University and passed the CPA exam in 2009. She also has seven years prior experience in public accounting. Join us in welcoming Kyndel to our firm as we continue to service our clients' tax and accounting needs .

## Church Briefs

### Christmas performance

International Christian Academy of LaBelle (K5-12th) 233 Clark Street, LaBelle, will be having their annual Christmas celebration tonight, 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 information call (863) 675-4227.

### Christmas Revival

NewTestament 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.; Tues-

day, December 24. at 7 p.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-Testament 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. Servicios 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.

Nuestra direccion es 300 Davis St. en las esquina de Bryan Ave. Para mas informacion o transportacion llamen al Pastor Ben Millican @ 863-673-0782, Sidronio Castillo 863-517-0377, o Jose Serrano 863-612-5426. Tengan a Jesucristo como el centro de sus vidas y juntos honraremos Su Nacimiento y Su regalo de la Salvacion.

### Good Shepherd December schedule

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

Wednesday December 25 Christmas Day. Merry Christmas to All. No Services Scheduled

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

### New Web site

Healing Waters Family Life Center invites you to visit their new website at hwflc.org.

## Obituaries

### Barbara McLelland Herring, 83

LABELLE — Barbara McLelland Herring, 83, a native of Chadbourn, N.C., and a resident of Hampton, Va. since 1952 before moving to Poquoson, Va. in 1997, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, Dec. 4, 2013.

Barbara retired in 1991 from Leggett Department Store (Belk) in downtown Hampton after 20 years. She grew up as a member of Corinth Baptist Church, Chadbourn, and became a longtime & active member of Memorial Baptist Church, Hampton. In recent years, she attended Emmaus Baptist Church, Poquoson.

Barbara was preceded in death by her parents, four sisters, three brothers, and step-daughter, Pat Duncan.

She is survived by her loving husband of 66 years, Edwin S. Herring Sr.; two sons, Edwin S. "Sam" Herring Jr. & wife Bonnie of Newport News, and Richard D. "Rick" Herring & wife Susan of Poquoson; four grandchildren, David M. Herring & wife Leigh of Powhatan, Va., Lisa H. Legeer & husband Jeff of Jacksonville, Fla., Heather H. Gauthier & husband Dennis of Poquoson, and Taylor A. Herring & wife Sabrina of Newport News; four great-grandchildren, Emily Alexander of Jacksonville, Zoe Gauthier of Poquoson, David "DJ" Herring Jr. and Kennedy Herring, both of Powhatan; brother, Edward McLelland & wife Mona of Whiteville, N.C.; and many special nieces and nephews.

In 1986, Barbara & Edwin became "Snowbirds", and spent winters at Aqua Isles MHP in LaBelle. While there she attended Eastside Baptist Church; was a member of the Red Hatters Aqua Isles Belles; was a Salvation Army bell ringer for many years; and enjoyed visits from



family and friends. She loved playing bingo, and always enjoyed being with her bingo friends in Poquoson and LaBelle. The family received friends last Friday at Claytor Rollins Funeral Home, Poquoson, immediately followed by a graveside service in the Parklawn Memorial Park Chapel, Hampton, at 3:30 p.m. by Rev. Charles R. Stacy and Rev. Milford C. Rollins. A service at Aqua Isles will be held at a later date. Memorial contributions in Barbara's memory may be made to Eastside Baptist Church, which she loved and continues to provide care and support for Edwin, to 1110 Carlyle St., LaBelle, FL, 33935. Online condolences to www.claytorrollins.com.

"Barbara loved her Lord, her family, her friends, and the wonderful life she had with all of them."

### James R Mansfield, 78

MOORE HAVEN — James R Mansfield, of Moore Haven, passed away Dec. 9, 2013 in Fort Myers after a long illness.

He was born July 25, 1935 in Burlington, N.C., to the late Ernest and the late Margaret (Campbell) Mansfield. He was a resident of the area since 1980. He was a founding member of the Muse VFD. James was also a founding member and past president of the the LaBelle Moose Lodge. He also was a member of VFW Post#10100 and American Legion Post #130 in LaBelle.

Survivors include Phyllis Mansfield; daughters, Becky Mansfield and Jennifer Mansfield; son in law, Rodney Hernandez; daughter in law, Brittney Kinney; brother, Darrell Mansfield; sister, Eleanor; sister in law, Rita; seven grandchildren; one great-great granddaughter; and many, many friends.

He was preceded in death by his son, Timmy Mansfield; brother, Ed Mansfield and sister, Ernestine Butler

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

Cremation Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.

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# SWRFPC receives tourism grant from Visit Florida

FORT MYERS - VISIT FLORIDA, the state's official source for travel planning, has awarded a Cultural, Heritage, Nature, and Rural Tourism Marketing Grant to the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC) for the 2013-2014 Fiscal Year, which began July 1, 2013.

"The purpose of these grants is to help non-profit entities and local governments stretch their tourism marketing dollars in an effort to expand cultural, heritage, rural and nature tourism activities in Florida," said Will Seccombe, President & CEO of VISIT FLORIDA.

"We were pleased that VISIT FLORIDA and Enterprise Florida selected us from among a large number of grant applicants, during their most competitive grant cycle to date," said Margaret Wuerstle, Executive Director. "These funds will be used for Our Creative Economy: Southwest Florida Regional Strategy for Public Art Project and will help us better position and market Southwest Florida as a desirable destination."

VISIT FLORIDA, a private/public partnership, is Enterprise Florida's day-to-day operating corporation for tourism.

The Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council was created in 1973 by an interlocal agreement between Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Lee and Sarasota counties. In accordance with Florida Statutes, the

agency is directed by a Council (currently 31 members) composed of 25 county commissioners and municipal elected officials, 6 gubernatorial appointees from all counties within the region, and four exofficio (non-voting) members representing the Florida Department of Transportation, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, and water management districts.

The SWFRPC mission is to work together across neighboring communities to consistently protect and improve the unique and relatively unspoiled character of the physical, economic and social worlds we share for the benefit of our future generations. The Council is a regional information clearinghouse, conducts research to develop and maintain regional goals, objectives and policies, and assists in implementing a number of local, state and federal programs. The Council serves as an advocate for the Region with State and Federal agencies, including the Legislature and Congress. In support of the SWFRPC mission, the SWFRPC is the local host for the Charlotte Harbor National Estuary Program. Visit [www.swfrpc.org](http://www.swfrpc.org) to learn more about the Council.

# 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 Baron 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.

# Benefit dinner planned for Rimes

There will be a benefit dinner for Joshua Caleb Rimes to help with medical expenses that may be incurred for the family. Caleb was injured recently in an accident and is in the hospital for an undetermined amount of time.

This community has pulled together to help many others. Let's pull together to help this young man. Thank you for your continued support. If you wish to purchase dinners in advance, please contact Lisa at 675-7297.

Caleb #66 LHS football player is a graduating senior and could use all of his hometown support. Please come out and support him and his family by buying a Cuban dinner at the U-Save parking lot in LaBelle between 6-8 p.m. on Friday, December 26. Look for the white tent with #66.

## Benefit account

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. You can drop your donation off at any office in LaBelle, Clewiston, Moore Haven, Ft. Myers or mail it to P O Box 697, LaBelle, FL 33975.

Just \$8 per plate includes roasted pork, black beans and white rice, salad, Cuban bread and sweet tea. Dessert will be available for \$1 extra. Your choices will be flan, yellow cake or chocolate cake.



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# 4-H'ers learn life lessons at mock trial

Pioneer Plantation youngsters in attorney Mary Cosmo's 4-H Club are learning about the courtroom process through mock trials. They role play as attorneys, witnesses, judges and the jury. They learn about public speaking, persuasive communication, respect of different opinions and self responsibility. The club meets weekly at the Pioneer Community Center. The 4-H Advocacy Club is open to 4-H juniors 8-10 years old, 4-H intermediate 11-13 years old, and 4-H seniors 14-18 years old for mock trial practice. Parents are encouraged to participate as jurors and witnesses.

Last year they had a mock trial with Judge Sloan at the LaBelle Courthouse, in which the kids participated in State v Deville. 4-H'er Joseph Rourks was an outstanding prosecutor, who hit a home run with his strong closing statement. Zeida Rabelo as Defense Counsel put on a great defense for the defendant, the infamous Cruella Deville (played by Samantha Bunting), who was charged with one count of puppy napping. In the end, the star witness (played by Maggie Gacula) testified with telling evidence, which resulted in a jury verdict of guilty. Cruella Devilla was then sentenced to 30 months of jail and 30 months of probation.

Mrs. Cruella Deville was then escorted out of the courtroom in handcuffs and shackles into the holding cell where she still awaits transport.

This year the kids are learning to draft their own oral arguments to be argued in our next mock trial.



Submitted photo/Mary Cosmo  
**Pictured from left: Judge Sloan with Joseph Rourks as State Attorney; Samantha Bunting as Cruella Deville; Maggie Gacula as our Star Witness; Zeida C Rabelo as the Defense Counsel; Mary Cosmo 4-H Leader; and Mrs. Rabelo as the Jury Forman.**

For Ms. Cosmo, personally, it is about being a role model to the youth in our rural area and showing them they really can be anything they want as long as they are willing to work for it. She said she also wants to show them that our small town is not

limited in opportunities but limitless in ways to create opportunities. She added that she will always remember the project, friends and lessons she learned from her own 4-H experience with great role models when she was growing up.



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## DoH expands online application

TALLAHASSEE - The Florida Department of Health (DOH) Division of Medical Quality Assurance (MQA) recently expanded its online license application capability to include the following professions:

- Pharmacist intern
- Consultant pharmacist
- Nuclear pharmacist
- Pharmacy technician in training
- Dentist
- Dental hygienist
- Dental radiographer
- Dental laboratory
- Dental teaching permits
- Dental residency permits
- Dental - health access dental
- Dental temporary certificate
- Athletic trainer
- Dietetics and nutrition
- Electrologist
- Electrolysis facility
- Acupuncturist
- Midwifery
- Emergency insect sting treatment

Applicants can access the Online License Application by going to [www.FLHealthSource.com](http://www.FLHealthSource.com)

and selecting "Apply for a License." After creating an account, applicants will have up to one year to complete the application. This online system also keeps applicants informed on the current status of their application, including any deficiencies.

The mission of the Florida Department of Health and Division of Medical Quality Assurance is to protect, promote and improve the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts. Working in conjunction with 22 boards and six councils, MQA licenses and regulates seven types of facilities and over 200 license types in more than 40 health care professions. MQA evaluates the credentials of all applicants for licensure, issues licenses, analyzes and investigates complaints, inspects facilities, assists in prosecuting practice violations, combats unlicensed activity and provides credential and discipline history about licensees to the public. For additional information about MQA please visit <http://www.floridahealth.gov/licensing-and-regulation/index.html>.



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# Kathleen Callanan to speak at LaBelle Community Woman's Club

Kathleen J. Callanan is one of our southwest Florida residents who retired here in 1995 after a most interesting career journey.

She emerged as an Author with her autobiographical book, "Unlocking the Who Within – A Journal of a Journey," in January 2013 and confirmed her new role with the publication of a how-to book on genealogy in September of the same year. Both are available at Amazon.com.

Kathleen is a Genealogy Expert with over 30 years' experience in the craft and member of the Experts Industry Association. She is also the owner of KJC Web, an internet consulting business initiated in 2001.

She is a retired electrical engineer, a former Maryknoll Sister of St. Dominic and a graduate of the University of Michigan, the University of Hawaii and the St. Joseph Institute for Japanese Studies in Tokyo, Japan. And, she did graduate studies in physics at Northeastern University in Boston.

Ms. Callanan is currently a lecturer on genealogy techniques, especially using DNA to uncover hidden cousins, as she working to connect with her own lost Irish ancestors.

During her active engineering career she co-

authored several technical papers on integrated circuit device development and had the distinction of being one of the first foreigners to deliver a technical presentation, in Japanese, before the Japan Physical Society at Nagoya, Japan.

Within the engineering community, she was elected to the College of Fellows, Society of Women Engineers, by her peers for contributions to engineering and the promotion of engineering as a career for women. She holds life memberships in the Society of Women Engineers, the Association of Old Crows, the Quarter Century Wireless Association, the American Radio Relay League under W8KKM, and the National Society Daughters of the American Revolution.

Kathleen will be the first to admit that she is now in her fifth career, that of Author and Emerging Genealogy Expert and enjoying every moment of it.

The lecture is on January 21, 2014 and the cost is \$15 preferably prepaid to LaBelle Community Woman's Club.



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- Chocolate chips
- Chopped almonds or pecans—Enough to cover the bottom of a 9x9 pan with some extra to put on top of the chocolate chips

### DIRECTIONS

Melt the sugar and butter in a heavy bottomed saucepan and bring to a boil over medium

heat. Boil for seven minutes stirring constantly. Test in cold water. When the thread cracks in cold water, pour mixture into a buttered 9x9 pan with chopped nuts in the bottom. Put chocolate chips on top. Cover to maintain the heat to melt the chocolate. Spread the melted chocolate and sprinkle with remaining chopped nuts. Let cool. Break into servings.



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## Community Briefs

### Raise funds for shelter

Abuse, Counseling and Treatment (A.C.T.) is trying to raise funds to complete improvements to an existing building in order to open a shelter for women & children victims of domestic violence, adult sexual battery and human trafficking. Come to their yard on Saturday, December 21st from 7am to 2pm. at 998 E. Cowboy Way across from Fort Knox Storage. All proceeds will benefit the shelter. Items for sale are; bikes, couches, entertainment centers, recliners, mattresses, Outside Christmas decorations, TV's, small appliances, BBQ pit & smoker, and much more.

### Quit smoking now

What is 'Quit Smoking Now'?

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Session E: Relapse Prevention

Session F: Congratulations, Now Stay the Course

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www.eaectobacco.com.

### Come to yoga

Come to yoga at Maple Corner Clubhouse Monday-Wednesday at 3:30 p.m. Call Sharyn at 609-707-0940 for a reservation.

### 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.

### Fill collection boxes

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

### 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.

### Legion Auxilary to meet

Come join us Thursday, December 19, 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.

### 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.

### DAV flea market

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

### Legion plans pork dinner

Thank you to those of you who supported the Auxiliary Roast Pork Dinner, November 23. 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.

### Garden Club holiday dinner

The LaBelle Garden Club will have a covered dish holiday dinner on December 23 at 5 p.m. at the home of Kaye Cuddeback, 1044 Dutch Court, Port LaBelle. Phone: 315-594-2160. Ham is being provided, everyone just bring a covered dish and a friend, relative or neighbor to enjoy the season."

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NOTICE OF MEETING

THE REGULARLY SCHEDULED MEETING OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GLADES COUNTY will be held on Monday, December 23, 2013 at 6:00 p.m. in the Commissioners Room, Second Floor, Glades County Courthouse, 500 Avenue J, Moore Haven, Florida.

IF A PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THE MEETING, THAT PERSON WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND 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.

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.

Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 2730, 2010, 1124333-01000000740, Albert Harari

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 4227, 2010, 4104329-04021590040, Robert C & Patricia L Music

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Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 4169, 2010, 4104329-03021320070, Racquel Tamara Bogle

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Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 458454, 2013, 12/19,26/2013 1/2,9/2014, Barbara S. Butler

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Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 3483, 2011, 3014334-01001600030, Harold Robinson

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Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 4198, 2010, 4104329-03021370310, David M Albe

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Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 2732, 2010, 1124333-01000000820, Albert Harari

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Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 458458, 2013, 12/19,26/2013 1/2,9/2014, Barbara S. Butler

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Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 458463, 2013, 12/19,26/2013 1/2,9/2014, Barbara S. Butler

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Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 457219, 2013, 12/18,12/5,12,19/2013, Barbara S. Butler

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 3361, 2010, 2014329-01000710020, Advanced Capital Development Corporation-Hammock Inc

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 3866, 2010, 4104329-02020300560, Ann Handler

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Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 4179, 2010, 4104329-03021340080, Aldaja LLC

NOTICE BY THE DISSTON ISLAND CONSERVANCY DISTRICT OF INTENT TO USE THE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTION OF NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENTS

Notice is hereby given to all owners of lands located within the boundaries of the Disston Island Conservancy District that the District intends to use the uniform method of collection for such non-ad valorem assessments...

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 457212, 2013, 12/18,12/5,12,19/2013, Barbara S. Butler

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

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Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 457216, 2013, 12/18,12/5,12,19/2013, Barbara S. Butler

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF COUNTY ORDINANCE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Board of County Commissioners of Glades County, Florida, will hold a public hearing at the regular meeting on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, at 9:00 a.m. in the County Commissioners Meeting Room in the Glades County Courthouse, Moore Haven, Florida...

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the TC 10 U, LLC, the holder of the following certificate has filed said certificate for a tax deed to be issued thereon.

Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 3696, 2010, 3024334-05300302370, Forrest D Burnett & Betty J Burnett

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Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 3204, 2010, 1214334-0200030020, Bobby Ray Hall

GLADES COUNTY FLORIDA ORDINANCE NO. 2014

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF GLADES COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 46, ARTICLE IV, OF THE CODE OF GLADES COUNTY (ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION ORDINANCE) BY CREATING A NEW SECTION 46 GRANTING AN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION TO GREENCORE, LLC; MAKING FINDINGS; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS AND SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION; PROVIDING FOR LIBERAL CONSTRUCTION; PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

That certain condominium parcel composed of Unit 237, BASS & SUN CONDOMINIUM, a condominium, and an undivided share in the common elements appurtenant thereto, in accordance with and subject to the covenants, restrictions, terms and other provisions of the Declaration thereof...

Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 458453, 2013, 12/19,26/2013 1/2,9/2014, Barbara S. Butler

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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Table with columns: CERT. NO., YEAR, DESCRIPTION, NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED. Row 1: 457220, 2013, 12/18,12/5,12,19/2013, Barbara S. Butler

DISSTON ISLAND CONSERVANCY DISTRICT

Interested parties may appear at the Public Hearing to be heard regarding the District's use of the uniform method of collecting such non-ad valorem assessments in accordance with Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes.

IF ANY PERSON DECIDES TO APPEAL ANY DECISION MADE BY THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS WITH RESPECT TO ANY MATTER CONSIDERED AT THE HEARING THAT PERSON WILL NEED A RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS, AND 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.

Public Notice

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**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
3810	2010	4104329-01020210140	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.

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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 **Catalina Tax Co, 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
3486	2011	3014334-01001700050	Karl E Larsen

Lots 8 and 9, in Block 170 of the General Plan of Clewiston, as revised September 7, 1937, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 2, Pages 71 through 78, inclusive, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida, and a ten foot strip of land off the Southeastern side of Lot 10; said strip being ten foot wide and running from the front lot line to the rear lot line and being contiguous to the common lot line between said Lot 10 and Lot 9, Block 170, according to the General Plan of Clewiston, as revised September 7, 1937, according to the Plat thereof, recorded in Plat Book 2, Pages 71 through 78, inclusive, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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Dated this **11th** day of **December, 2013**.

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

458464 CN 12/19,26/2013 1/2,9/2014

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
3553	2010	2024329-670000F0090	Marcus Simmons + Luther Gary Priester

Commencing at the ¼ corner 1,332.50 feet East of the Southwest corner of Section 8, Township 43 South, Range 29 East, Hendry County, Florida; thence N 01 degrees 19' 00" W along the 1/4 - 1/4 line a distance of 1244.77 feet; thence S 89 degrees 49' W a distance of 150 feet to the Point-of-Beginning; thence continue S 89 degrees 49' W a distance of 1154.30 feet; thence N 01 degrees 09' 28" W a distance of 113.06 feet to the South right-of-way of Edison Avenue; thence N 89 degrees 49' E along the said South right-of-way line a distance of 1154.04 feet; thence S 01 degrees 19' 00" E a distance of 113.06 feet to the Point-of-Beginning.

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 Hendry County, Florida

458461 CN 12/19,26/2013 1/2,9/2014

**LEGAL NOTICE**

The following vehicles will be sold at public auction on December 30th, 2013 at 10 am at Clewiston Towing 600 E Sugarland Hwy Clewiston FL 33440:

**1998 Ford, VIN:** 1FAPP13P1WW137593  
**2004 Toyota, VIN:** 5TDZAZ22C64S166713

**\*\*\*We have the right to refuse any and all bids\*\*\***

458622 CN 12/19/2013

**NOTICE TO PUBLIC**

The Hendry County Hospital Authority Board of Trustees will conduct their monthly Board meeting on Monday, December 23rd, 2013 at 1:00pm in the Conference Room at Hendry Regional Medical Center, 524 W. Sagamore Avenue, Clewiston, FL 33440. The public is invited to attend.

458544 CN/CB 12/19/2013

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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.

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457229 CN 11/28;12/5,12,19/2013

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

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Dated this **20th** day of **November, 2013**.

Barbara S. Butler  
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 Hendry County, Florida

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

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
3302	2010	1244334-A0000152000	Patrick A Clark

A parcel of land located in the South ½ of the North 2/5 of the East ½ of the East ½ of the Southeast ¼ of the Northwest ¼ of fractional Section 24, Township 43 South, Range 34 East, more particularly described as follows: Commencing at the North ¼ Section corner of said Section 24, run South 0 degrees 18' 10" East along the North South ¼ Quarter Section line, a distance of 1595.71 feet to the point of beginning of this description; thence continue South 0 degrees 18' 10" East, a distance of 91.30 feet; thence South 89 degrees 20' 47" West, a distance of 119.28 feet; thence North 0 degrees 18' 10" West, a distance of 91.30 feet; thence North 89 degrees 20' 47" East, a distance of 119.28 feet to the point of beginning.

Subject to County Road right of way known as Art Lawrence Road existing along the East boundary line thereof, Hendry County, Florida.

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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 **Fifth Thursday** in the month of **January, 2014**, which is the **30th day of January, 2014**.

Dated this **11th** day of **December, 2013**.

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

458451 CN 12/19,26/2013 1/2,9/2014

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.

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

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

**NOTICE BY HENDRY COUNTY OF INTENT TO USE THE UNIFORM METHOD OF COLLECTION OF A NON-AD VALOREM ASSESSMENT FOR THE EAST HENDRY COUNTY RECREATION MSBU**

Hendry County, Florida (the "County") hereby provides notice, pursuant to Section 197.3632(3)(a), Florida Statutes, of its intent to use the uniform ad valorem method of collecting non-ad valorem special assessments which it is considering levying within the East Hendry County Recreation Municipal Services Benefit Unit, within the unincorporated area of the County, on commercial properties for recreational purposes within that area commencing with the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2014, and continuing each year until discontinued by the County. The County will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform ad valorem method of collecting such assessments authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, at a public hearing to be held at 5:00 p.m. on January 14, 2014, at the Clewiston City Hall, Commission Chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida. The meeting is open to the public. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. Such resolution will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property subject to the levy. Copies of the proposed form of resolution, which contains the legal description of the real property subject to the levy, are on file at the County Attorney's Office, 110 Broward Avenue, LaBelle, Florida.

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

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

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

458021 CN/CB 12/19,26/2013 1/2,9/2014

Public Notice

Public Notice

**REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES REGARDING FELDA MSBU STORMWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS IN HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**BID No.2014-06**  
**OPENING DATE AND TIME: January 16, 2014, at 2:00 p.m.**

Sealed Bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida for construction services in connection with the replacement of 10 residential culvert crossings and ditch maintenance in Felda, Hendry County, Florida. In order to be considered, bids must be received by the Board of County Commissioners c/o the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Attn: Barbara Butler, at the C.E. Hall Building, Room A-226, Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida, by **January 16, 2014, at 2:00 p.m.**, at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

A copy of the Instructions and Bid Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Department, located at 640 S. Main St., LaBelle, Florida (or pick up), Post Office Box 2340, LaBelle, Florida 33975 (mailing address) or by calling (863) 675-5220 or (863) 983-1585.

Bidders are encouraged to attend the **Pre-Bid Conference on Wednesday, January 8, 2014, at 10:00 a.m.** at the Engineering Department, 99A E. Cowboy Way, LaBelle, Florida 33935.

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

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

Karson Turner, Chairman  
 Board of County Commissioners  
 458593 CN/CB 12/19,26/2013 1/2,9/2014

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**REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR DESIGN & PERMITTING SERVICES FOR REPLACING/WIDENING A DRAINAGE CONVEYANCE CROSSING OF WHISPER CREEK ON OLD CR 78 IN HENDRY COUNTY**  
**RFQ No. 2014-05**  
**Opening Date and Time: January 16, 2014 @ 2:00 p.m.**

Hendry County is seeking engineering firms interested in providing professional services for replacing/widening the existing drainage conveyance crossing of Whisper Creek on Old CR 78 with a new concrete culvert in Hendry County, Florida. Firms submitting must have expertise in roadway and drainage design and permitting services and construction engineering/inspection services. Proposers shall have all services available in-house or may propose multiple firms, which have joined together to provide the various required disciplinary services in order to offer a complete submission. Individuals and firms properly registered in the State of Florida are encouraged to submit their qualifications for consideration. All submittals (see Part IV, Submission Requirements) received in response to this RFQ will be reviewed by a County Evaluation Committee. The firms submitting should be prepared to make a presentation to the selection committee. In order to be considered, submittals must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C. E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle Florida by 2:00 p.m., January 16, 2014, at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

A copy of the Instructions and RFQ Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Office, by email at bhanshaw@hendryfla.net or by calling (863) 675-5222. Instructions and RFQ documents will be emailed upon request.

The solicitation does not commit Hendry County to award any contracts, to pay any costs incurred in the preparation of a response to this RFQ, or to contract for any services. The County reserves the right to reject any or all submittals received as a result of this solicitation, or to cancel in part or in its entirety this RFQ, if it is in the best interest of the County to do so.

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

Karson Turner, Chairman  
 Board of County Commissioners  
 458331 CN/CB 12/19,26/2013 1/2,9/2014

Public Notice

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**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 1044.45 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 1144.45 feet to the Point-of-Beginning of land herein described; thence East 151.29 feet; thence South 50 feet; thence West 151.29 feet; thence North 50 feet to the Point-of-Beginning. This tract of land also known as Lots 17, 18 and 19 of W.T. Williams Subdivision.

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Dated this **20th** day of **November, 2013**.

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

457226 CN 11/28;12/5,12,19/2013

**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
3277	2010	1234334-05000000240	Dean & Denise Manor

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

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

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Dated this **20th** day of **November, 2013**.

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

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# Florida's seniors need transportation independence

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. – Florida leads the nation with more than 17 percent of its population age 65 years and older, and that number is expected to continue to grow. Access to transportation is important to older Floridians who cherish their independence.

It is fitting that Florida observes Older Driver Safety Awareness Week to help ensure seniors can continue to enjoy their freedom while doing so in a safe manner.

FLHSMV offers these tips to assist older drivers:

- Plan your day so that you do most of your driving when visibility is greatest and traffic is lightest, such as mid-morning and after lunch.
- Plan the route to your destination to minimize left turns.
- Look twice both ways before making a turn or entering an intersection.
- Minimize lane changes. When you change lanes, be sure to use your signals.
- Turn the volume on your radio down or turn off the radio completely.

• Have your vision and hearing tested annually.

• Heed warning labels on medications. Even prescription drugs can impair driving and judgment.

• Consider alternative transportation options.

For more information and additional resources to help older drivers remain mobile and independent, visit the Safe Mobility for Life Coalition's website at [www.safeandmobileseniors.org](http://www.safeandmobileseniors.org).

FLHSMV is an active member of the coalition.

The Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles provides highway safety and security through excellence in service, education and enforcement.

## Community Briefs

### HCSO finds two horses

The Hendry County Sheriff's Office Ag Unit recovered two horses that were running loose on the roadways in the Montura area last week. If you have lost any horses, please contact the Ag Unit at 863-805-5000 or 863-674-5600.

### Lost pony

The Hendry County Sheriff's Office found a pony in Montura last week. For information call the Ag Division at 863-673-6111.

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Submitted photo/Glen Stacell

A wood stork is illuminated by the light of a full moon.

# New full moon tram tours launched by Friends of Fakahatchee

A wood stork is illuminated by the light of a full moon. (Photo by Glen Stacell)

Thanks to the new Full Moon Ghost Rider Tram Tours, park visitors can now see the magnificent Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park in a new light--the illumination of a full moon. The new "Ghost Rider" tram, named in honor of the famous Ghost Orchid found in the park, is operated by the Friends of Fakahatchee. The Fakahatchee is home to more orchid species than any other place on the North American continent. The Preserve is also a haven for diverse wildlife and migratory birds.

Only three Full Moon tours will be offered this season: Thursday, January 16; Friday, February 14; and Saturday, March 15. All tours start as the sun is setting, prime time for spotting some of the mammal residents of the Strand as well as birds settling in for the evening. A naturalist will lead each tour to point out interesting features of the park.

"The 24-passenger tram is high and dry and will provide an excellent platform for viewing park features illuminated by the full moon," says naturalist Glen Stacell. "City-dwellers will be amazed at how their vision changes as their eyes adapt to the moonlight."

The tram is wheelchair accessible and some seats face backwards.

The Full Moon tours leave from the ranger station at 137 Coastline Drive, Copeland, off Janes Scenic Drive. Please arrive early as the tram leaves promptly according to the following schedule:

Thursday, January 16 – Depart at 4:45 p.m., return 7:00 p.m.

Friday, February 14 – Depart at 5:00 p.m.,

return 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, March 15 – Depart at 6:00 p.m., return 8:15 p.m.

Reservations for the Full Moon tours are \$25 per person and can be made by visiting [www.orchidswamp.org](http://www.orchidswamp.org)

### Public Notice

### Public Notice

**HENDRY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULE**

SUBMITTED BY: C. Gordon Swaggerty, Jr. DATE: 1/14/14  
SUBJECT AREA: 239 Background Screening and Self-Reporting Requirements

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF PURPOSE: The proposed rule establishes the policy for background screening and self-reporting requirements.

CITATION OF LEGAL AUTHORITY: 1001.32(2), 1001.41, 1001.42, 1001.43(6), 316.027(4), 435.04, 1001.23, 1012.23, 1012.32(2), 101.2465(2) F.S., 6B-4.009(6) and 6B-1.006(5) SBER

CITATION OF SPECIFIC LEGAL REFERENCE: 1001.32(2), 1001.41, 1001.42, 1001.43(6), 316.027(4), 435.04, 1001.23, 1012.23, 1012.32(2), 101.2465(2) F.S., 6B-4.009(6) and 6B-1.006(5) SBER

FULL TEXT: A copy of the full text of the proposed rule may be obtained, without cost, at the Office of the Superintendent of Schools.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY: The proposed rule establishes the policy for background screening and self-reporting requirements.

STATEMENT OF REGULATORY COSTS: The proposed policy revision will create no additional district economic impact in excess of \$100.00 except for the costs of printing and distributions.

LOCATION OF MEETING, TIME AND DATE: Hendry County School Board Meeting Room, 475 E. Osceola Avenue, Clewiston, FL at 5:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard on January 14, 2014.

**Notice:** Inspection and copying of all written materials constituting public records submitted to the agency regarding draft rules may be obtained by request to the Superintendent of Schools.

**Notice:** The School Board may recognize any material which may be judicially noticed and to incorporate them into the record of the rule making proceeding. The School Board may incorporate material by reference into the proposed rule.

**Notice:** If you need an accommodation in order to participate in this process, please notify the Superintendent of Schools at (863) 674-4642 or at the Hendry County Courthouse, LaBelle, Florida 33935 at least 48 hours prior to the meeting or workshop.

**Notice:** If the School Board adopts the proposed rule, one certified copy of the proposed rule shall be filed in the Office of the Superintendent of Schools pursuant to 120.54(3)(e), F.S. 457099 CB 12/19 CN 12/5,12,19/2013

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Those are the truest words spoken from Thomas Edison and highly applicable in my life. As of Friday, December 13, 2013, I will be a graduate of The Florida State University and continuing my education at Georgetown University in the Fall of 2014.

Prior to graduate school I will be traveling abroad to London as an International Program student interning with the City of London Contingency Planning Corporation. The many recognizable transitions that I will be experiencing are due in great part to those

who clothed themselves in the assiduous garment of hard work to ensure that I had a loving and stable environment.

In 1990, as a premature asthmatic newborn within the Children and Families Hendry-Glades County Foster Care Division, I and my two brothers needed a home. Thankfully many angels were available to harken their hearts on Christ's children. The Rosario Family of LaBelle and the loving home of Maxine Evelyn Gilkes is where we were nurtured. These two loving families had ample support throughout the community and I am very grateful for the health care provided by Dr. Valiant. The necessity of having a village to raise a child was proven in our

case and I would additionally like to thank the late Mozetta Bell, Joyce Perkins Jones and Charlie Ford. Even today, I appreciate the reminiscent moments with Mrs. Diane Croskey, Gloria Reese and Pastor and Mrs. Bell about the details of my adolescence.

My confidence, stability and excitement for the future would not be possible without the community at large, I humbly thank you. As a change agent in society I will be attaining my Master's Degree in Urban Planning with a future career goal of working with the National Olympics to combat gentrification issues (the buying and renovation of houses and stores in deteriorated urban neighborhoods by upper- or middle-income families or individuals, thus improving property values but often displacing low-income families and small businesses pre and post-Olympic Development. Summers experienced with Daniel Fry of the Seminole Tribe of Florida gave me a great glimpse of integral community development experiences which aid in my advancement.

All in all, I am humbled and filled with gratitude for the heart of others that were willing to make sacrifices to ensure I had ample opportunities for success; I hope that I am making everyone proud.

God Bless and Thank You,  
 Van Simone Holder  
 “Enjoy, embrace, and make life memorable



Van Simone Holder

## LaBelle High School Sport Scores

### Girls Soccer

LHS 2, LHS 0  
 Clewiston 5, Bishop Verot 7

### Girls Basketball

Bishop Verot 51, LaBelle 30

LaBelle 48, Canterbury 43

### LHS Boys Soccer

LaBelle 5 LaBelle 1  
 Clewiston Bishop Verot 4

## Sport Shorts

### Pickleball is back

Yup, it's back! Come play pickleball at the Community Civic Park, located on Jaycee/Lions Drive, accessible from either Main Street or West Cowboy Way, west of LaBelle Elementary School.

Drop in Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. Pickleball is one of the most trending sports in the US combining three popular racquet sports: table tennis, tennis and badminton. It is played on a badminton-sized court with special paddles made of wood or high-tech aerospace materials and a ball similar to a wiffle ball.

A lower net and the special ball combined with key rules that allow the game to be accessible to people of all ages and abilities make the game particularly popular with seniors.

It was designed to be easy to learn and fun to play. Whether you are an experienced player or a beginner, come and play. For more information call Karen at 675-6113 or email: thepickler@verizon.net.

### Referee for Junior Pro

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

### Girls Powerlifting

The Cowgirl Powerlifting team competed in the Travis Todd Invitational in Avon Park on Friday, December 13. Multiple Cowgirls scored points for their weight class, earning them a medal.

Megan Price placed 6th in her weight class and Melanie Lopez placed 5th in hers. Fourth place finishers were Sierra Nunez, Sidney Nunez, and Christina Rosado. Third place finishers were Logann White with a combined weight of 230 and Jasmine Deleon with a combined weight of 255. The Cowgirls will compete in Sebring on January 11th to qualify for a chance to go to State.



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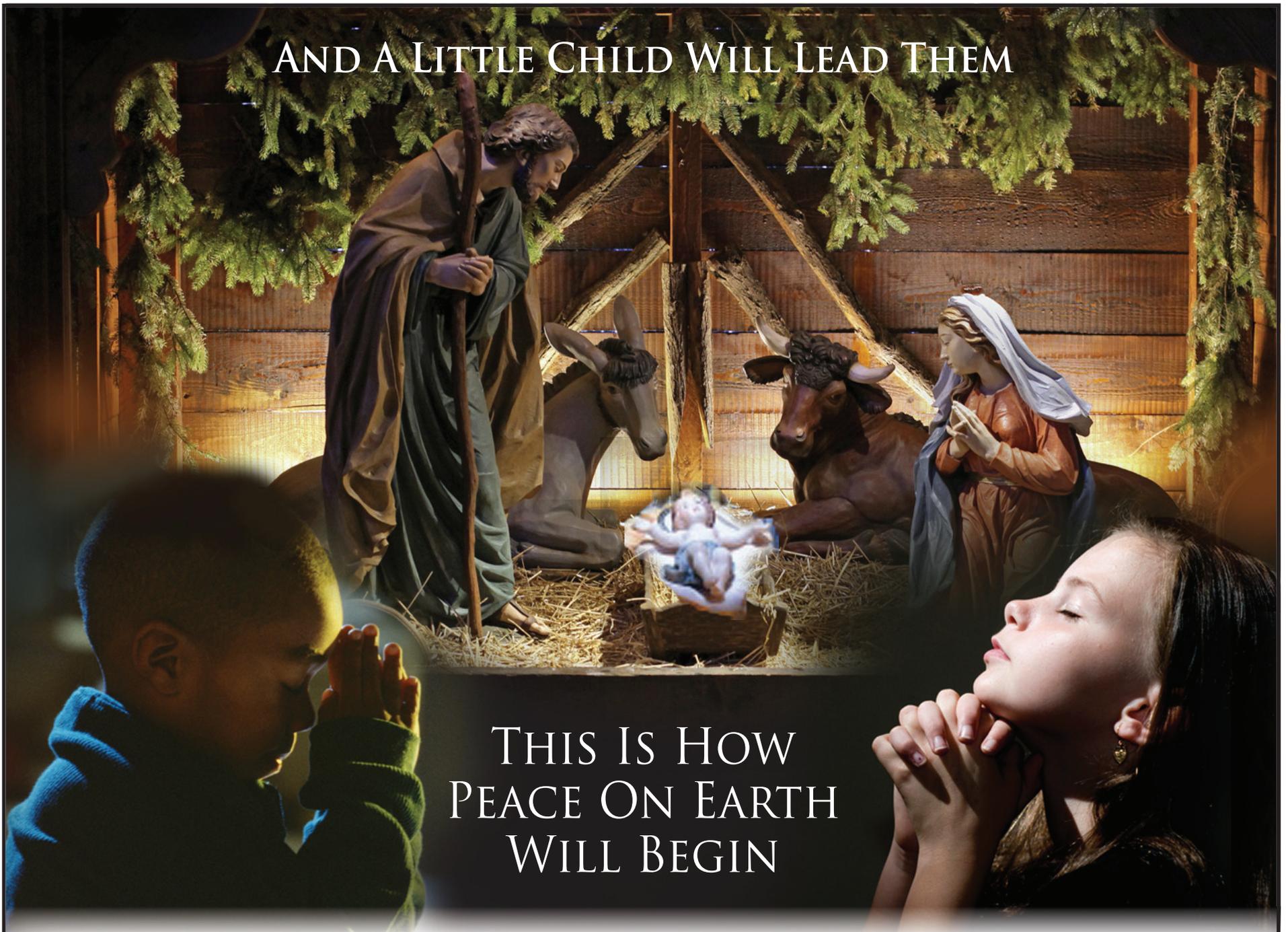
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