

# Caloosa Belle



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## 2013 Year in Review

### January 3, 2013

Hendry County Sheriff's Office Narcotics Investigators, assisted by Clewiston Police Department, conducted two simultaneous search warrants Thursday, December 20, 2012 and arrested ten other individuals after a three month investigation.

The 12 arrests and two search warrants were part of an investigation that began in September 2012.

Two local high school seniors will head back to school with a new educational tool this semester. Ashley Lee, a senior at LaBelle High School, and Donald Wilson, a senior at Moore Haven High School, both received a donation of a computer from Arlene Betancourt of the United Way, through the High School High Tech program. The program provides jobs for post secondary students, drop out prevention and services for disabled students.

The 2007 arson-murder case against Vernon Dwayne Stevens was coming to trial.

Vernon Dwayne Stevens was arrested in 2007 in connection with the death of 60-year-old Epitacio Antonio Hernandez-Beltran. Stevens was charged with second de-

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## Santa comes for county workers

by Patty Brant  
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At its December meeting the commission heard from Sheriff Steve Whidden, who requested the county find any way possible to provide all county employees who make under \$40,000 for a special bonus. He said Sheriff's Office employees have not had a raise in seven years.

Commissioners Janet Taylor and Don Davis supported the idea. While Commissioners Karson Turner and Michael Swindle were sympathetic, they were concerned about the county's anemic budget.

Commissioner Swindle was appreciative that the county's employees have "stuck with us" but compared a bonus at this time to putting a "bandaid on a broken leg." He was afraid it would be financially irresponsible and preferred looking for a more permanent fix to the problem of employee salaries. The motion to try to find money in the budget for a \$500 bonus for lower earning county employees passed 3-2, with Commissioners Turner and Swindle voting against it.

Chairman Turner did not want to set a precedent and said he is looking to raise the county's tax millage next year. Commissioner Swindle wants to put employee salaries as the top priority next year.

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## Relay for Life

Relay for Life kicked off its 2014 event at a party held at the Hendry-LaBelle Sports Park off Cowboy Way behind the EMS station on December 7. Nikki Yeager rang the bells at the event, combining the importance of fighting cancer with the fun of the holiday season.

## Sign up for Relay for Life 2014

This past year LaBelle Relay for Life brought in over \$47,000 to fight cancer locally, even though the event itself was pretty much rained out - evidence of the great need to find a cure for cancer.

Relay for Life members are busy planning its 2014 event - "The Grinch Stole Christmas and Gave It To LaBelle" is our theme and the goal for 2014 has been bumped up to \$50,000.

On December 7 the committee put on a great kick off event to ramp up enthusiasm.

Relay for Life events are being planned and will be here before you know it. Cooking for a Cure was

new this past year and was a great success. Look for the 2014 version February 8 at Langford Ford. Everyone is invited to participate or just attend.

April 26, 2014 is the big day. It will all take place at the LaBelle High School football field. You can sign up for a team, participate in fundraisers like the Cooking for a Cure.

It's easy to keep up with LaBelle's Relay for Life. Just check out the Relay for Life LaBelle website and their Facebook page.

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gree homicide - willful kill or murder while engaged in a felony offense, arson first degree of a dwelling or building with people present and robbery.

The Hendry County advisory committee for the Port LaBelle Utility System, often referred to by its acronym, PLUS, was to hold a public hearing January 9, in the Hendry County Courthouse Commission Chambers to discuss a possible rate increase.

### January 10, 2013

Hendry Regional Medical Center's laboratory was awarded accreditation by the Accreditation Committee of the College of American Pathologists (CAP), based on the results of a recent on-site inspection.

A 62-year-old man was being held in Hendry County Jail after allegedly shooting

at law officers. Revis Calvin Napier was arrested January 1 and charged with aggravated assault with a deadly weapon without intent to kill, improper exhibition of a firearm or dangerous weapon and resisting an officer/obstruction without violence.

The Hendry County Constitutional officers, newcomers and returnees, took the oath of office for the next four years Tuesday, January 8, administered by Hendry County Judge James D. Sloan. Those sworn in were: returning Tax Collector Peggy Hampton, returning Property Appraiser Phillip Pellether, new Supervisor of Elections Brenda Hoots, returning Clerk of Courts Barbara Butler, returning Sheriff Steve Whidden and Judge Sloan.

### January 17, 2013

LaBelle water customers would soon feel the effects of the latest installment of the 95 percent water rate increase required by the USDA, which made available over \$13 million in loans and \$7 million in grants for a new state-of-the-art water plant. LaBelle city

## Bonus

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In the end, funds were located for the bonuses and reached eligible employees in time for Christmas.

### Chapman

County Administrator Charles Chapman got the thumbs up on his performance over his first six months in the office. The commissioners approved his first evaluation.

The board also accepted the 2012-13 annual report.

### Use of county facilities

Commissioners ended up tabling a discussion on rules for using county owned facilities. Specifically concerns centered around clean up of facilities and allowing alcoholic beverages.

They will take up the discussion again in January. Hendry-LaBelle Rec Director Ramiro Rodriguez appeared before the commission to explain problems he's had renting out county facilities, including the disposal of trash.

Chairman Turner noted that recycling

bins are needed at school fields to limit waste collection.

### Eagle Farm

A Planned Unit Development (PUD) amendment to an existing ordinance for the operation of a mine and horticultural operation off SR 80 near Hendry Isles Blvd. approved by the LPA was brought before the county commission.

There was no opposition to changing Saturday operations to retail only - trucking and bagging only, no grinding - and off road sales only, 400 feet away from the road. The board also approved the plan.

### FDOT five year plan

The county approved the Florida Department of Transportation's five year plan. Chairman Turner made sure all Hendry's "hot button issues" with SR 80, the "lifeline to Southwest Florida" were addressed.

The next regular meeting of the county commission will be in Clewiston January 14.

commissioners passed the rate increase at their January 10 meeting. The rate increase was part of a total package required to enable the city to replace its antiquated water treatment plant. The action allowed the process to continue so that construction on the new reverse osmosis plant may begin.

An 18-year-old LaBelle High School senior, Ryan Hellard, was transported to Lee Memorial Hospital in critical condition Monday morning, after a one-vehicle crash on Palm Beach Blvd. (SR 80) in Lee County. He later expired from his injuries. Four others were also injured in the crash.

North Fort Myers- Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc. reported an increase in the number of individuals served in 2012 through Goodwill's various community programs and services in Lee, Collier, Charlotte, Hendry, and Glades Counties. Over 30,000

people were served during the year- a record for the organization.

Local organizer Karen Bilcsik and a handful of enthusiasts were enjoying a new pickleball court at the Community Civic Park, and ready to introduce other LaBelle folks to the popular new game.

### January 24, 2013

The Hendry County Board of County Commissioners unanimously voted to raise Port LaBelle Utilities System rates to the tune of 20 percent. .

Hendry County investigators were looking into the death of 66-year-old Boisy E. Jackson of Clewiston. They responded to Mr. Jackson's home after getting a call from his employer who was concerned about him after he didn't show up for work.

## Call for artists, craftsmen and writers

Saturday, February 1, 2014 is the date for the 3rd Annual Inland Arts & Music Festival at Barron Park, LaBelle. The festival runs from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Artists, photographers, sculptors, artisans, craftsmen and writers are invited to participate and sell at this outdoor event. Barron Park is located along the beautiful Caloosahatchee River on the east side of SR29 at Fort Thompson Road in historic LaBelle, Florida.

Food vendors will be on-site, including an early Rotary Pancake Breakfast. Live music will be performed in the Gazebo

throughout the day and children will enjoy the wandering characters. Public admission is free. Vendor set-up will be on February 1st beginning at 7:00 a.m. and must be completed by 9:00 a.m. Tear down will be after 3:00 p.m. Deadline for reserving vendor space is January 24th. A 10x10 space for Arts of the Inland members is \$30; Non-member rate is \$60. For further information contact LaVon Koenig, Arts of the Inland at artsinland@gmail.com or call 239-303-5849. Applications are available at www.artsoftheinland.com.

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## January 31, 2013

Commissioners discussed amendments to the Rodina Sector Plan for a planned community south of LaBelle to ensure that it includes sites for public schools and private schools as well as is compliant with road Level of Service requirements. The motion to approve the revised comprehensive plan policies passed unanimously.

Locals celebrated the opening of the LaBelle Dog Park. Dogs and their owners waited a long time for that day, but those years have paid off. The park has lots of open space for dogs large and small to just be dogs. Areas for large and small dogs are separated by a fence, helping ensure that everybody will play nice.

A jury returned a guilty verdict on all three counts - first degree murder, arson and battery with a deadly weapon - in the state's case against Vernon Stevens. He had pled not guilty. The 12-member jury found that Stevens was culpable in the 2007 death of 60-year-old Epitacio Antonio Hernandez-Beltran. Stevens did not take the stand in his own defense.

## February 7, 2013

Aqua Isles Mobile Home & RV Retirement Community held their 3rd Annual Chili Cook-Off on January 23.

February 7, Hendry County's top teachers were honored at the annual Golden Apple Teachers Recognition Dinner at the LaBelle Civic Center. Ten teachers are being honored, with the top Golden Apple teacher to be announced. Honorees were: Pamela R. Cooper, Upthegrove Elementary, 5th Grade; Kristine Cottrell; Country Oaks Elementary, Title I Resource K-2, nine years; Dustin Ledford LaBelle High, Geometry, Geometry Honors, AP Statistics, four years; Bonnie Fieckert LaBelle Middle School, Exceptional Student Education, 11 years, Country Oaks Elementary, Edgewater High; Fred Hubbard LaBelle Elementary, Mathematics and Science, 10 years, also worked at Eastside Elementary

Keri Alford Westside Elementary, 5th Grade Inclusion, history; nine years also worked at Clewiston High School; Robin Worley Clewiston Middle, Algebra I Honors, Algebra I, Math Grade 8, over 40 years; Kristine Petersen Clewiston High, Criminal

Justice, E-911, 14 years, SWFL Public Safety FDLE, taught DARE in Hendry County Schools; Tamara Parrish Central Elementary, 1st Grade, 19 years, also worked at Eastside Elementary and Ahfachkee Day School; Denise Gibson

Eastside Elementary, 4th Grade, 17 years, also worked at Ahfachkee School.

The United Way of Hendry & Glades and its 34 partner agencies operating in Hendry and Glades counties are helping local residents every day. Three United Way Houses in LaBelle, Clewiston and Moore Haven serve as central locations where residents can access many services with one visit.

## February 14, 2013

A 59-year-old Clewiston man, Magdiel Davila, died in a car crash February 9 on SR 80 east of Al Don Farming Road. His passenger, Emilia Martinez De Davila, 58, of Clewiston sustained minor injuries.

Of all the things 2013 Hendry County Golden Apple Teacher Keri Alford had imparted to her students, there is one that student Brittany Thomas will never forget. She introduced her own personal Golden Apple Teacher at the annual Golden Apple Awards dinner February 7.

Habitat for Humanity of Lee and Hendry Counties would be breaking ground on a new Habitat home in Port LaBelle on February 16, 2013. The wall-raising was for the second of two Habitat homes being built in Hendry County this fiscal year. Volunteers were needed for the construction effort, which begins with the wall-raising at 8:00 a.m. on the home site Dolphin Circle.

Queen contestants 2013 contestants were: Jessica Smith, Ashley Curry, 2012 Queen Mallory Allen, Kayla Keller and Michaila Kelly.

After their January 24 finding of Vernon Stevens guilty of first degree murder in the 2007 killing of Antonio Beltran, the jury made its decision on his fate on February 7. The jury returned with a recommended sentence of life without the possibility of parole.

On Sunday, February, 24, the St. Matthew Missionary Baptist Church would celebrate its Annual Black History Program. The event would include a day of recognition and acknowledgment of the accomplishments of African Americans. This year's theme is "The Ambition and Courage to Succeed."

## February 21, 2013

Bright, cheerful, thoughtful and gener-

ous. Those characteristics may pertain to a lot of people, but none quite like the 2013 SCF Grand Marshal Mary Bartoshuk.

It's hard to put Mary into a single category.

The LaBelle area was founded on good, hard working folks from many places. Strands from many families have intertwined. Among them the 2013 SCF Pioneer Benjamin Franklin Guy family, which came from Georgia to the Kissimmee area.

The 2013 Gulf Coast Citrus Association's Brilliant Orange Award for first-year teachers went to: Brooke Barnes a third grade teacher from Central Elementary School; Charlene Bowen, fourth grade teacher at Upthegrove Elementary; Kristin Mann, fourth grade teacher from Eastside Elementary School; Shannon Springs, medial specialist from Westside Elementary and Katie Wilson, band director at Clewiston High School. They are pictured with Gulf Coast Citrus Association Executive Vice President Ron Hamel.

## February 28, 2013

City of LaBelle water customers would have to absorb another rate increase. The residential fixed demand rate was to increase from \$20.30 to \$24.36 and the commodity charge from \$2.63 to \$3.16 per gallon.

## March 7, 2013

Coach Bell recently was awarded the Winning Youth Football Award, given by Winning Youth Football, a coaching information service designed to help coaches

succeed. The LMS coaching staff had bought into the WYF procedure and it paid huge dividends as the Broncos went from a 2-6 season Coach Bell's first year to a 7-1 2012 season.

Coach Bell, had been coaching in LaBelle since the late '80s.

Superintendent Paul Puletti presented Terri Garcia with the 2013-Hendry County School-Related Employee of the Year. The LaBelle school employees were: Bernadine Gutierrez - Custodian - Upthegrove Elementary School, Patricia Overbaugh - Food Service - Upthegrove Elementary School, Tracy Nobles - Clerk/Typist - LaBelle High School, Kevin Allen - Head Custodian - LaBelle Elementary.

Morgan Pepitone, the daughter of Mike and Jennifer Pepitone would graduate from LaBelle High School that spring; however she has already graduated Edison State College with her AA degree.

She was also working towards her Bachelor's Degree at Edison State and currently the President of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society at the Edison State College Hendry/Glades Center. On February 25 Morgan received a letter of Appointment to West Point Military Academy and has since accepted the appointment and is scheduled to report the summer of 2013.

## March 21, 2013

Fr. David Jackson was officially ordained as an Episcopal priest on Sunday, March 17, 2013 at All Souls in North Fort Myers in a joint worship service

The LaBelle High School Class of 2013

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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 Kaelyn. 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.

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was shaken by another tragedy. On Monday afternoon, March 18, senior Margarito Reyes died when he lost control of the 2005 Dodge pickup truck he was driving.

### March 28, 2013

The county commissioners were getting an earful about their plans for Airglades Airport and the delay in finding a new county administrator.

Two young men died in a crash on A Road March 22. Three men were traveling eastbound on A road in a 2003 Cadillac CTS when it traveled onto the south shoulder into a ditch. The front right of the vehicle struck the em

bankment and caused the vehicle to overturn. All three occupants were ejected. The driver, Tomy Olivarez, 21, of LeHigh and passenger Epifanio Hernandez, 26, of Naples, died from their injuries.

With the decision by international developer Panattoni Development Company to market and develop Americas Gateway Logistics Center in Moore Haven, the master planned, 6,700-acre, international intermodal logistics center was being prepared for tenants and to generate new jobs in southern Florida.

### April 4, 2013

The future of Airglades Airport remains a sticking point for the county commission and for AIA, the private group interested in procuring it. A representative of AIA, the group interested in taking over Airglades, stepped up to explain its position.

The airport was to be a public/private partnership in which AIA has already put some \$3 million. In a recent discussion, the FAA pointed out a list of issues with the plan to privatize Airglades. Without reconciliation of these FFA issues soon, AIA would "pull the plug" on the deal, he told the board.

An 81-year-old LaBelle woman died March 31 in a traffic crash in Moore Haven.

Violet Raulerson was driving a 2003 Crown Victoria eastbound on US 27 approaching the intersection of 10th Street in Moore Haven when she veered off the roadway and struck a crosswalk sign on the south shoulder.

Eight out of 300 people summoned for jury

duty showed up. And it just went downhill from there, with nine out of 450 people summoned on Tuesday showing up, and 22 of the 1,650 people summoned for Thursday arriving.

Though they were able to hold a trial on Thursday with the 22 jury members who were present, it cost a total of \$792 in postage to send out all of the summons.

"In the past those who have not shown up to serve on jury duty have not been penalized, though the court does have the jurisdiction to do so. Penalties would have to be enforced.

Abby Arnold won the title of Miss T.E.E.N. Florida 2013. She competed in interview, swim suit, gown and on stage question, and won most photogenic, Abby is only 16 years old and already making herself known. She is a student at LaBelle High School, a member of the V.F.W. 10100 Junior Ladies Axillary, Country Rythem Cloggers, and the 2012 Swamp Cabbage Princess.

### April 11, 2013

A Clewiston woman died April 3 in a two-vehicle crash on US 27 west of CR 720. Martha Prado, 37, was pronounced dead.

In another fatal crash that took place at 8:37 p.m. March 30 on CR 833 east of CR 846, Darren Jim, 18, of Clewiston died. He was driving a 2000 Polaris ATV westbound in the eastbound lane of CR 833.

Princess contestants were: Emma Wills, Carli Ford and Mackenzie Wills, Madeline Mayo, Trinity Carncross and Brilee Cochran. Junior Miss contestants: Camryn Nash and Kaylee Wills, Stormy Alexander and Haylee O'Bannon. Little Miss contestants: Gracyn Mayo, Novie Kohutek. Back: Kara Alexander, Tatianna White and Cassidy Boston. Not pictured: Brooke White and Ryley Bowan.

### April 18, 2013

With over two years of work by the county and AIA on the deal to privatize Airglades Airport, the commissioners opened the way for the plan to continue.

At their April 9 meeting in Clewiston, the county commissioners unanimously approved the much-discussed agreement with Airglades International Airport LLC (AIA).

### April 25, 2013

Folks pay a total of nine cents in county taxes per gallon of gas at Hendry County gas stations - including a six cent fuel tax, two cents of a possible five-cent fuel tax, and a one-cent fuel tax.

Eight cents of that total came up for re-

newal at Tuesday night's regular commission meeting and the board voted to continue them.

An interlocal agreement governs the dispersal of the six cent fuel tax among the county and the Cities of LaBelle and Clewiston. That agreement was approved early (a public hearing on the dispersal is required every two years).

The six cent tax itself would be in place through December 31, 2020. Both cities indicated they approved the current dispersal agreement: Hendry County 65 percent; Clewiston 20.67 percent; LaBelle 14.33 percent.

The Talkin' Monkeys Project hosted the Science and Environmental Club of Edison College for a day of learning and eco-friendly gardening. T

he group of students, accompanied by Dr. Henry Hermann, Professor of Biology, arrived with enthusiasm and packed lunches. They had planned to spend the day!

### May 2, 2013

The LaBelle Little League Senior Brewers & Major Cardinals, along with the Major Yankees, played in the Tournament of Champions and all advanced to the regional Semi-Finals and won against all of the other Senior and Major teams in District 18 which includes LaBelle, Immokalee, Alva, Fort Myers Beach, Bonita, San Carlos and Lehigh Acres.

Derek Bass was the latest LaBelle High School athlete to sign with a college. "It's been a long road but I feel like I'm just starting," he said after signing with Berry

A young Miami woman died April 25 in a three-vehicle crash on SR 80 that blocked traffic from both directions while authorities rendered aid and cleared up the debris. The crash occurred at 4:04 p.m.

### May 9, 2013

The LaBelle Little League Cardinals did something no other team from LaBelle and District 18 had ever done. They won the Urban Initiative Florida State Jamboree in Tampa!

On May 3 LaBelle High School saluted its 2013 graduating seniors going into the military.

Friends and family crowded into the library to recognize the work these young men and women have already done and the commitment they were making to their future and to the future of America.

### May 16, 2013

Ms. Brittany Baker, graduate student in Mental Health Counseling, received the \$2,000 June S. Stillman Endowed Memorial Scholarship for Libraries Student Assistants and USPS Staff for the academic year 2013-2014.

Only two names would be on the City of LaBelle's July 16 ballot. Brent R. Stevens, 25, challenged incumbent Greg Bone, 50, for his office as Commissioner-Tax Collector for the City of LaBelle. Mr. Bone had served in that office since August 2007.

The citrus industry got juiced up with the news that Coca Cola planned to plant 25,000 acres of new orange groves in several counties, including Hendry. Polk and DeSoto counties, are also part of the plan. Coca Cola's total investment will be at the \$2 billion level.

### May 23, 2013

Hendry and Glades counties were especially hard hit with traffic fatalities in just the first four months of 2013. Traffic deaths in Hendry County for the first three months of 2013 had already surpassed all of 2012.

LaBelle firefighters worked from 8:45 p.m.-1 a.m. over the night of May 15-16 battling the blaze that destroyed this home at 4090 Rainbow Circle. The structure was fully involved and the roof partially collapsed as firefighters arrived, five trucks from LaBelle and a tanker of water from Pioneer Plantation.

### June 6, 2013

The May 28 county commission was new County Administrator Charles Chapman's first, and the board approved an amended employment agreement with him.

The agreement was terminable by either party at any time with or without cause. His salary was \$121,000 annually. plus benefits and wafurnished an automobile for county duties. According to the agreement, if the contract is terminated for any reason other than misconduct, Mr. Chapman will receive two months pay plus all accumulated annual leave. The county would pay his health insurance for two months covered by the severance pay.

Balloons filled the sky as the newest Class of LaBelle High School, their families and friends celebrated their first moments

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## Hometown support

**November 2 Langford held another successful Drive 4 UR School event to raise money for LaBelle High School. It's simple and painless. All folks have to do is come to Langford Ford during the event and take a 7-10 minute test drive. LHS received \$20 for each test drive. Recently, Pat Langford presented a check for \$1,460 from the event to the school. The money raised will be used to help purchase a new football scoreboard for the Cowboy stadium. Pictured from left: LHS Athletic Director David Kelley, LHS Principal Jose Roquett, Pat Langford and Dean Lori Perkins.**

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as graduates. Before releasing the traditional red balloons, students released a balloon in tribute to each of their three missing classmates: a pink balloon for Kayla Cheyenne Johnson, and blue ones for Ryan Hellard and Margarito Reyes.

They also reserved an empty chair with a photo and mementoes of their lost friends and Principal Lucinda Kelly called out each name in its proper order of their classmates.

Two young LaBelle men were found guilty of robbing a home invasion and convenience store robberies in September of 2011.

Sergio Gomez and Francisco Busatamante, both 18, were each sentenced to 11 years in the Florida Department of Corrections by Judge Mason.

Derek Bass and Tyler O'Ferrell shared the honor of LHS Valedictorian with outstanding GPA's in a rigorous course of studies and exceptional test scores. Brennah McVey earned the title of Salutatorian with the same dedication to her studies.

### June 13, 2013

Glades County had seen its sixth fatal crash this year. According to the Florida Highway Patrol, the one-vehicle crash took place June 7 at 5:17 p.m. on CR 721 north of SR 78.

Governor Rick Scott extended a hand to Hendry County Friday, June 7, as he came to meet constituents here. The governor spent the morning meeting with hometown folks at the Courthouse.

Jerry Schauer would receive his Eagle Award at a special ceremony on June 15 at Carlson Memorial United Methodist Church. Jerry is the son of Frank and Elizabeth Schauer of LaBelle.

He had earned 21 different merit badges as well as the God and Country religious

award. He has held leadership positions such as Chaplain Aide, Patrol Leader and Senior Patrol Leader. His Eagle scout Service project consisted of planning, organizing and supervising the installation of an information kiosk at the LaBelle Nature Park.

Glades County had its sixth fatal crash this year. In all of 2012, there were a total of four. The one-vehicle crash took place June 7 at 5:17 p.m. on CR 721 north of SR 78.

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Afterward Gov. Scott said he will take those concerns back to Tallahassee to find out if these individual issues may be part of a larger problem that needs to be addressed.

### June 20, 2013

Abby Arnold, 16-year-old sophomore at LaBelle High School, was leaving for Houston, Texas, to compete in the Miss T.E.E.N. United States pageant June 24-29. In March Abby became Miss T.E.E.N. Florida 2013, where she was also deemed most photogenic.

Glades County experienced another fatal crash June 15 on SR 78E and Banana Grove Road, an unidentified man died in a three vehicle crash, the seventh traffic fatality on Glades County roads for the year. There were just four Glades traffic fatalities in all of 2012.

### June 27, 2013

FHSAA Academic All-Stater Derek Bass, the son of Richard and Tammy Kay Bass had a 4.0 grade point average.

He earned four varsity letters in basketball along with three in football and baseball. He was a class representative all four years of high school and a member of the National Honor Society.

The Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) also named Derek a Simon Scholar-Athlete of the Year.

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

**Petition Number:** SE13-0005

**Applicant:** James D. Hull, represented by AIM Engineering & Surveying, Inc.

**Resolution Title:** A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, GRANTING A SPECIAL EXCEPTION TO ALLOW THE CONTINUATION OF EARTH MINING ON TWO ACRES +/- IN THE GENERAL AGRICULTURE (A-2) ZONING DISTRICT; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICT, SEVERABILITY, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

**Location:** Along the east side of CR 833, approximately 6 miles south of CR 832.

**Property size:** mine site is approximately 2 acres.

**Request:** The applicant is requesting a Special Exception to allow the operation of an earth mine operation and to sell the excess material.

**Legal description of subject property:**

### DESCRIPTION

**A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 46 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:**

**COMMENCE AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 3; THENCE S89°55'48"W ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 3 FOR 977.49 FEET; THENCE S00°04'12"E LEAVING SAID NORTH LINE FOR 1739.58 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE HEREIN DESCRIBED PARCEL; THENCE S03°11'52"W FOR 307.00 FEET; THENCE N86°48'08"W FOR 250.00 FEET; THENCE N03°11'52"E FOR 389.98 FEET; THENCE S68°26'24"E FOR 263.41 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. CONTAINING 2.00 ACRES MORE OR LESS.**

**BEARINGS ARE BASED UPON THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 46 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST HAVING A BEARING OF S89°55'48"W.**



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Hendry County Local Planning Agency

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of County Commissioners

## Church Briefs

### Good Shepherd December schedule

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

### Overcome addiction

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

### Mysteries of faith

The Mysteries of our Faith Are Revealed in Revelation: The Kingdom Yet to Come! Filled with vivid imagery, apocalyptic visions and mysterious figures, Revelation is one of the most intriguing books in Scripture. We read it wondering, "Who is the Beast? The Lamb? The Dragon? When will all this take place?" It leaves us with a number of questions. But, as its name implies, Revelation is intended to REVEAL the divine mysteries to us. It pulls

back the veil of heaven and shows us the glories of the Kingdom of God. And in midst of this vision we discover something amazing. We see how our faith, our liturgy, and our worship are a participation in the liturgy of heaven.

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

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

The Study will be at Our Lady Queen of Heaven, 355 South Bridge Street LaBelle.

### New Web site

Healing Waters Family Life Center invites you to visit their new website at [hwflc.org](http://hwflc.org).

## Obituaries

### Billie Jo Gaskins, 75

LABELLE — Billie Jo Walker Gaskins, of Venus, Fla., went to rest and be with her Lord on Dec. 18, 2013, in Lehigh Acres after a courageous 14 year battle with cancer.

Billie Jo was born March 2, 1938, to the parents of James Thomas and Linnie Belle Kirby Walker in McMinnville, Tenn. She met and married the love of her life, Thomas Gaskins, Jr on Oct. 16, 1971 in Nashville, Tenn. She graduated from Lipscomb University in Nashville, Tenn. She worked for 20 years for Alico first as an administrative assistant, finally working as a Corporate Secretary. Billie Jo was a member of Central Church of Christ for many years. Billie Jo never met a stranger; she always made a friend anywhere she went.

Billie Jo leaves behind her loving husband of 42 years, Thomas Gaskins, Jr of Venus; two wonderful sons and their wives, Thomas Gaskins, III and his wife Jennifer, of Labelle and James Gaskins and his wife Elise, of Lake Placid; six of the greatest, adorable loving grandchildren anyone could ask for, Sadie, Thomas,

Walker, Summer, Lily Jo and Wesley; two brothers, James Morris Walker and Larry Thomas Walker both of McMinnville, Tenn.; and a host of extended family and friends.

Celebration of Billie Jo's life will be held at noon on Saturday, Dec. 21, 2013, in Central Church of Christ of LaBelle with Minister Steven Hildebrand officiating. Visitation will be Friday, Dec. 20, 2013, from 6 to 8 p.m. in Akin-Davis Funeral Home, LaBelle. Interment will take place in Oak Ridge Cemetery in Arcadia immediately following the celebration on Saturday.

In lieu of flowers, Billie Jo's family has requested donations to the following charity organizations: Mt. Dora Christian Home 301 West 13th Avenue Mt. Dora, Florida 32757, Florida Cancer Specialist Foundation (FCS Foundation), 4371 Veronica S. Shoemaker, BLVD, Fort Myers, Florida 33916, Hope Hospice-Development Office, 9470 HealthPark Circle, Fort Myers, Florida 33908, Florida Sheriffs Youth Ranches, Inc., P.O. Box 2000, Boys Ranch, Florida 32064

Celebration Arrangements are being handled by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.

## Community Briefs

### Quit smoking now

Quit Smoking Now is a statewide tobacco cessation program, sponsored by the Florida AHEC Network. This program consists of six 1-hour sessions, once a week, that help local tobacco users obtain the knowledge, support and tools needed to quit for life:

Session A: Tobacco: Friend or Foe?

Session B: Managing Addiction

Session C: Let's Quit now!

Session D: Develop a Plan for Life - Without Tobacco!

Session E: Relapse Prevention

Session F: Congratulations, Now Stay the Course

Classes will be at Hendry Regional Convenient Care Center starting January 7, and at Hendry Regional Medical Center starting January 8.

Free Nicotine Replacement Therapy (Gum, Patches & Lozenges for those eligible). \*Registration is Required to Join\*

877-819-2357. To register or for more information call: Everglades AHEC at 877-819-21357 or 561-688-9591. For more information about our program, please visit: [www.eahectobacco.com](http://www.eahectobacco.com).

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**Petition Number:** SE13-0004

**Applicant:** St. Matthew's House, Inc., represented by Neale Montgomery, Pavese Law Firm, and D. Wayne Arnold, Q. Grady Minor and Associates, P.A.

**Location:** 1563 Oxbow Drive (plus two adjacent parcels), LaBelle, FL

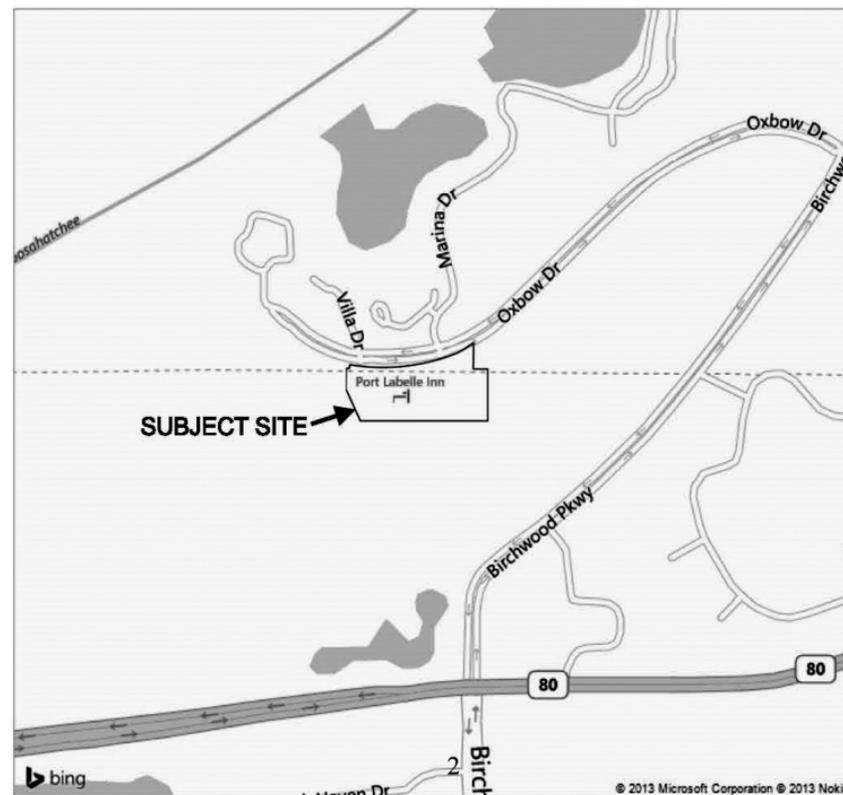
**Project size:** 7.62 +/- acres

**Request:** The applicant is requesting a Special Exception to allow religious and institutional uses within the General Agriculture (A-2) and High Intensity Commercial (C-3) zoning districts. Specifically, a substance abuse recovery program including training for the participants will be operated along with a conference center.

#### Legal description of subject property:

#### DESCRIPTION

PORT LABELLE INN - HENDRY COUNTY  
A PORTION OF THE LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORD BOOK 793, PAGE 520 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA;  
AND  
A PORTION OF THE LANDS DESCRIBED IN OFFICIAL RECORD BOOK 795, PAGE 724 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA;  
BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS;  
A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN SECTIONS 1 AND 2, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA;  
BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWEST CORNER OF SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, THENCE RUN SOUTH 89°39'31" EAST ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 1, A DISTANCE OF 99.19 FEET TO THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THOSE LANDS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 795, PAGE 724 OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA; THENCE RUN ALONG THE BOUNDARY OF SAID LANDS FOR THE FOLLOWING TWO (2) COURSES AND DISTANCES; LEAVING SAID NORTH LINE, SOUTH 00°36'52" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 349.86 FEET; THENCE NORTH 89°38'33" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 99.11 FEET TO A POINT ON THE EAST LINE OF SECTION 2, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST; THENCE CONTINUE ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID LANDS AND THE SOUTH LINE OF THE LANDS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 793, PAGE 520 OF SAID PUBLIC RECORDS, IN AND THROUGH SAID SECTION 2, NORTH 89°38'33" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 787.71 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE LANDS DESCRIBED IN SAID OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 793, PAGE 520; THENCE ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID LANDS FOR THE FOLLOWING TWO (2) COURSES AND DISTANCES NORTH 22°55'38" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 230.98 FEET; THENCE NORTH 00°00'19" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 137.37 FEET TO THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 2; THENCE RUN ALONG SAID NORTH LINE SOUTH 89°39'31" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 875.85 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING;  
CONTAINING 7.62 ACRES, MORE OR LESS



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## New classes offered at Barron Library

LABELLE, FL – Are you unemployed, or underemployed? Would you like to learn a new trade or learn basic computer skills? Through the generosity and grant from Southwest Florida Community Foundation, Barron Library has partnered with Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida to offer both Cake Decorating Classes and Basic Computer Classes.

The Cake Decorating Class will begin Thursday, January 9, 2014, and will meet weekly for two months. Sessions will be two hours each week, from 3:00 – 5:00 PM, at Barron Library.

Basic Computer Class will also be offered in January, beginning, Friday, January 10. This class will meet once per week for two months, and will be from 2:00 – 3:00 PM, also at Barron Library.

To register for either of these classes, please call Magdalena Flores, Job-Link Coordinator for Goodwill Industries, at 863-675-0114 to schedule an appointment.

## Florida's Surgeon General launches new website

Tallahassee - The Florida Department of Health announces the launch of the State Surgeon General's Worksite Wellness Recognition Program. The program recognizes more than 400 organizations that have achieved a third party award or recognition for workplace wellness during the 2013 calendar year. These organizations will receive a letter and certificate from the Department to acknowledge and thank them for the steps they have taken to make Florida the healthiest state in the nation.

Full-time workers in the U.S. who are healthy greatly reduce their chance of developing chronic health problems. Building a healthy workforce allows Florida's businesses to minimize the current rate of absenteeism caused by unhealthy employees. Today, health-related absenteeism causes an estimated loss of more than \$153 billion in productivity annually.

To learn more about the State Surgeon General's Worksite Wellness Recognition Program, please visit [www.HealthiestWeightFL.com](http://www.HealthiestWeightFL.com).

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Follow us on Twitter at @HealthyFla and on Facebook. For more information about the Florida Department of Health please visit [www.FloridaHealth.gov](http://www.FloridaHealth.gov).

## Reminder: Flu vaccination is important for pregnant women

The Florida Department of Health (DOH) in Hendry and Glades Counties reminds pregnant women, and those looking to become pregnant, that the 2013-2014 flu season is underway and to make sure they get vaccinated against influenza.

The DOH recommends that all individuals six months of age and older receive the flu vaccination each year. It is especially important for pregnant women to be vaccinated due to the increased risk of complications associated with contracting the flu while pregnant. The Florida DOH has received several reports of pregnant women with influenza-like illness from around the state, including one confirmed death and four severe cases in which women have been admitted into critical care units. The flu vaccination is safe and will protect the mother, the unborn child, and will also help protect babies during the first months after birth.

"It is highly advised that pregnant women receive the influenza vaccination either before or during pregnancy," said Dr. Celeste Philip, Deputy Secretary for Health and Deputy State Health Officer for Children's Medical Services (CMS). "Flu can be a serious health concern for both the expecting mother and their unborn child. Pregnant women should take all precautionary steps possible to protect themselves and their babies against influenza

this season."

Additional flu prevention steps include washing your hands often, keeping your hands away from your face and covering your mouth and nose with a tissue when sneezing and coughing. Symptoms of the flu include headache, fever, severe cough, runny nose or body aches. If you are experiencing any of these symptoms, see your primary care provider immediately for guidance on treatment. For more information on pregnant women and influenza, visit <http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/vaccine/pregnant.htm>

Flu vaccines are offered in many locations, including doctor's offices, clinics, health departments, retail stores, pharmacies, health centers, and by many employers and schools. It is important for you and your family members to get a flu vaccine every year. Check with your health care provider, your local county health department or visit <http://www.floridahealth.gov/prevention-safety-and-wellness/flu-prevention/locate-a-flu-shot.html> to search for a location to receive a flu vaccine.

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To learn more about the Florida Department of Health please visit [www.FloridaHealth.gov](http://www.FloridaHealth.gov).

## Thank you

### Ortona Community Building

Thanksgiving and pride best described our seeing the opening of the Ortona Community Building and Library.

Years of planning and work made it possible. The history of Ortona before and after 1980 has profited by many devoted and capable people. It has been a pleasure to be a part of it.

Those individuals now have generously and capably built on that history with the addition of this beautiful and wonderfully useful building and grounds.

Glades County support has been much appreciated. What a beautiful season to celebrate!

*Paul and Anna Sturtevant*

## Benefit account established for Joshua Rimes

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.

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### WINTER SEMESTER 2013-2014

January 7, 2014-March 27, 2014

#### NIGHT-TIME CLASSES

#### Tuition (Check or Money Order)

Course	Course Number	Days	Begin Date	End Date	Time	Resident Tuition	Non Resident Tuition	Teacher	Bldg/Rm
ABE	9900004-211	Mon&Wed	01/08/14	03/26/14	6:00pm-9:00pm	\$30	\$120	Cathy Charneski	LHS-15-012
ABE	9900004-212	Tues&Thur	01/07/14	03/27/14	6:00pm-9:00pm	\$30	\$120	Kevin Lutkenhaus	LHS-15-012
GED Prep	9900026-211	Mon&Wed	01/08/14	03/26/14	6:00pm-9:00pm	\$30	\$120	Cathy Charneski	LHS-15-012
GED Prep	9900026-212	Tues&Thur	01/07/14	03/27/14	6:00pm-9:00pm	\$30	\$120	Kevin Lutkenhaus	LHS-15-012
ESOL	9900040-211	Mon&Wed	01/08/14	03/26/14	6:00pm-9:00pm	\$30	\$120	Irma Alaniz	LHS-15-008
ESOL	9900040-212	Tues&Thur	01/07/14	03/27/14	6:00pm-9:00pm	\$30	\$120	Rebecca Pratt	LHS-15-008

#### CONTINUING WORKFORCE EDUCATION CLASSES

#### Tuition (Check or Money Order)

Course	Course Number	Days	Begin Date	End Date	Time	Resident Tuition	Teacher	Bldg/Rm
Sub								
Teacher	N/A	T.B.D.	T.B.D.	T.B.D.	8:30-3:00pm	FREE	Helen Burton	T.B.D.

\* Other classes may be offered provided sufficient enrollment.

Registration Fees will be collected at the time of enrollment and are non-refundable

Proof of Recidency is now required!

For more information on classes and registration, please call (863) 612-0706 or (863) 983-1511

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## Christmas Joy at First Bank Of Clewiston

First Bank of Clewiston LaBelle Branch and the LaBelle Chamber of Commerce joined in a holiday social December 3. A good crowd gathered at the bank to share some good food and better companionship. TOP LEFT: Ron Zimmerly, Mark Lapp, Gail and Phill Pelletier enjoying the gathering. TOP RIGHT: Teacher Bobbie Spratt and First Bank's Kim White enjoyed the company at the bank's annual holiday social December 3. BOTTOM: First Bank's Carey Soud thanked the crowd for attending the bank's social and presented some good news.



Submitted photo/Sylvia Guzman

## West Glades Christmas Extravaganza

West Glades School was the site of a Christmas Extravaganza on December 10. Families were treated to an evening of holiday entertainment presented by Mr. Paul's music and band students. Teachers shared Reading Tips with parents and all students received a free book, along with a thesaurus for each family. AVID students presented a skit to enlighten parents about all they are learning in their class. It was a delightful evening and the staff would like to thank all those who attended.

*Wishing you a  
Happy and Safe New Year!*

FROM HENDRY REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

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### 'Fishing' for a great holiday

"Elf" Jenny Dyess and her little friend anxiously wait to what was on the end of his fishing line at the December 7 Christmas in the Park celebration, put on by the LaBelle Chamber of Commerce.



Submitted photo

### All aboard for a great Christmas

Grandma's Grove residents are still talking about the Polar Express engine in their annual Christmas parade. Fashioned by David Frandsen and David Mayer, the spectacular unit, which was bedecked with Christmas lights, took the men 160 hours to put together, using all recycled materials. The engine's wheels went around, a bell was mounted and the engine even pulled a coal car behind it. The whole thing was built on a golf cart and is waiting in the park for another parade planned for the season. Last year's parade entry by these men was a flying sleigh complete with Rudolf, which now graces Mr. Frandsen's roof. This is the third year Grandma's Grove has put on a Christmas parade for park residents



Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant

### View from the top

This little girl's excitement showed as she found a cold, wet seat at the top of the snow pile at Christmas in the Park Dec. 7. Note the very Southern Spanish moss hanging in the oaks behind the very Northern snow. Could Santa have been a little confused? Or is anything really possible at Christmas time?

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### LMS November and December Students of the month

LEFT: Back Row from left: Oswaldo Beltran (6th); Freddy McLymont Davis (7th); Brandon Perez (8th). Front Row from left: Genesis Madrid (6th); Jordyn Perkins (7th); Deanna Martinez (8th). RIGHT: Back Row from left: Blayne Boyett (6th); Ramon Fibueroa (7th); Freddy Mendez (8th) Front Row from left: Jazmine Santillana (6th); Madelyon Lofton (7th); Melanie Garza (8th)

# Scholarship offers LaBelle High students opportunity

Graduates of LaBelle High School are offered an opportunity students at many other high schools don't get – a scholarship to Edison State College.

The Isabella Curtis Scholarship is available to LaBelle High School students who live in Hendry or Glades counties, have attended LaBelle High School for two years and graduate with a minimum high school grade point average of 2.0. Students must take advantage of the scholarship during the academic year immediately following their high school graduation. The Curtis scholarship supplements any other federal aid a student receives ensuring that the total costs of tuition, fees and books are covered for the student.

To be successful in college students need to prepare. Edison State College offers support services to all students, including those who receive the Curtis Scholarship.

The first year of college is an exciting new experience that is different from attending high school. Edison State provides a wide range of support services to help students

adjust and succeed. At the Hendry Glades Center, student group activities designed specifically for Curtis Scholarship students help them identify and learn how to overcome common issues many college students face. These activities help them become more engaged and active in college life, improving their opportunities for success.

All of our Edison campuses including the Hendry Glades Center have academic success centers which provide various services to students, including tutors and study skills materials for various college courses. Students taking advantage of these services become more successful in their courses of study.

The Hendry Glades Center will host an information session for high school graduates and their parents to explain how the Curtis Scholarship can help them cover the costs of attending Edison State College at 6 p.m. on Thursday, February 20. The Hendry Glades Center will also hold monthly FAFSA workshops from February to May for any student who needs assistance with their Free Appli-

cation for Federal Student Aid forms.

A college education is a life changing opportunity. By taking advantage of scholarship opportunities and the various services Edison State College provides, LaBelle High

School students can find themselves on the path to academic and career success.

Brooke Goehring is the Assistant Director of the Edison State College, Hendry/Glades Center.

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# A review of the 2013 LaBelle Cowboys

by Coach Christopher Siner

The LaBelle Cowboys football team ended its season as District runners-up. They lost in the first round of the playoffs to Cocoa. Their overall record was 3-8. It was Coach Siner's first year at LHS.

Offensively, the Cowboys were led by Senior RB Danny Robinson, who ran for 1,510 yards and 13 TDs this year. Danny set the single game rushing record with 327 yards against ECS in week two. The offensive line, led by Marshall University commit, Caleb Rimes was a solid group. Along with Rimes

were seniors Andy Castillejo, Dalton Longenecker, Victor Mendez and junior Alan Varela. The group contributed to the Cowboys having over 2,500 yards rushing this year. QB AJ Ayala led an improving passing game with senior WRs Jorge Betancourt and Eduardo Gonzalez. Michael Lopez, a freshmen, provided a big spark on offense and special teams.

The Cowboy defense was an improving bunch as the year progressed. The front four of seniors Rimes, Mendez, Jerome Baxter and junior Garrett Coker provided a steady pass rush, as well as playing the run. The

Linebackers were led by Senior Robinson and juniors Jesse Cavazos and Glenn Burton. The defensive backfield was made up of playmakers Betancourt, Gonzalez, Jesus Karr and Michael Lopez.

Overall it was a step in the right direction for the Cowboys. Even though their record didn't show it, they were in some very close games and made the playoffs for the first time since 2007. The goals for next year will be to improve on their record and make it back to the playoffs. The Cowboys want to thank all their families and sponsors for making this year a successful year.

## 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](mailto: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.



Photo by Jeri Lynn Merritt



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## EMPRESAS COMERCIALES GESTIÓN DE RESIDUOS Y REQUISITOS DE RECICLAJE

Ordenanza del Condado de 2010-18 exige que la explotación comercial y empresas tienen una cuenta de la eliminación de residuos con los contratistas de la licencia del condado .

Además, los esfuerzos para reciclar papel, plástico, cartón, periódicos, guías telefónicas, metal y / o se requiere de vidrio . Usted podría ver una reducción en los costos generales de disposición simplemente reciclando . Por favor, llámenos y le ayudaremos a empezar o mejorar la calidad de su programa.

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Gracias por sus esfuerzos de reciclaje y no dude en hacernos saber su sugerencias para mejorar nuestro programa



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## BUSINESSES COMMERCIAL WASTE MANAGEMENT & RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS

County Ordinance 2010-18 requires that Commercial Operations & Businesses have a waste disposal account with County Franchise Contractors.

In addition, efforts to recycle paper, plastic, cardboard, newspaper, telephone books, metal &/or glass is required. You could see a reduction in overall disposal costs just by recycling. Please call us & we'll help you get started or improve your program.

We can also assist with your hazardous waste management needs.



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For those of you who are avid recyclers & consistently have more recycle materials than your recycle containers can hold, please know that you may use a cardboard box for the excess, since it is recyclable as well. Plastic bags are not approved containers, as they are not an accepted material by our end recycler. You may also call for an additional container.

Thank you for your recycling efforts & feel free to let us know your suggestions for improving our program.



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## Public Notices

### Public Notice

#### NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED

##### Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2730	2010	1124333-0100000740	Albert Harari

Lot 74, SKY VALLEY, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 6, Pages 191 and 192, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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

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### Public Notice

### Public Notice

#### 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 as may be levied by the District, with said method of collection to be carried out in accordance with Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes.

The Board of Supervisors will hold a Public Hearing on January 14, 2014 at 11:00 A.M. at the District Office, located at 1995 West Hwy. 27, Clewiston, Florida 33440, the purpose of which is to consider the adoption of a Resolution authorizing the District to use, in accordance with Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, the uniform method of collecting such non-ad valorem assessments as may be levied by the District.

In 2014, the District may adopt and levy new non-ad valorem assessments for the District's fiscal year 2014/2015, some or all of which may continue for more than one year, with said assessments being upon some or all of the lands located within the District's boundaries. The non-ad valorem assessments which will be adopted for the District's fiscal year 2014/2015, will be levied by the District in order to provide necessary funds for the following reasons:

(a) Construct, acquire, operate and maintain all works of the District for drainage, irrigation and water control, including but not limited to, canals, ditches, laterals and roads, pumps and culverts, and for those purposes set forth in Chapter 298, Florida Statutes and Chapter 2000-447, Laws of Florida, and/or

(b) Such other lawful obligations and purposes which the District is empowered to provide as authorized by law.

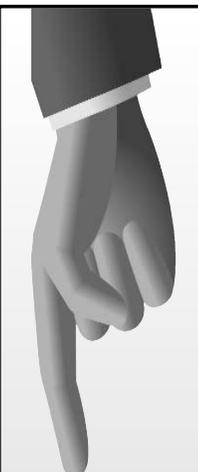
Interested parties may appear at the Public Hearing to be heard regarding the District's use of the uniform method of collecting such non-ad valorem assessments in accordance with Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes.

If any person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at the Public Hearing, such person will need a record of the proceedings and for such purpose said person may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made at their own expense and which record includes the testimony and evidence on which the appeal is based.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special accommodations to participate in this Public Hearing, because of a disability or physical impairment, should contact the District at (863) 983-8544 at least five (5) calendar days prior to the Hearing.

DATED this 12th day of December, 2013.

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**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
3362	2010	2014329-01000710030	Advanced Capital Development Corporation-Hammock Inc

Lot 3, TALL PINES SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 162, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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Barbara S. Butler  
 Clerk of Circuit Court  
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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2732	2010	1124333-01000008020	Albert Harari

Lot 82, SKY VALLEY, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 6, Pages 191 and 192, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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 Clerk of Circuit Court  
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**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 197.363(2)(g), 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 decides 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 intérprete que hable español para participar en esta reunión, por favor póngase 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

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
3363	2010	2014329-01000710040	Advanced Capital Development Corporation-Hammock Inc

Lot 4, TALL PINES SUBDIVISION, according to the plat thereof recorded in Plat Book 6, Page 162, Public Records of Hendry County, Florida.

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
3361	2010	2014329-01000710020	Advanced Capital Development Corporation-Hammock Inc

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 Clerk of Circuit Court  
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**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
3483	2011	3014334-01001600030	Harold Robinson

Lots 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22, in Block 160 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.

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**Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the **TC 10 L, 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
3302	2010	1244334-A0000152000	Patrick A Clark

A parcel of land located in the South 1/2 of the North 2/5 of the East 1/2 of the East 1/2 of the Southeast 1/4 of the Northwest 1/4 of fractional Section 24, Township 43 South, Range 34 East, more particularly described as follows:

Commencing at the North 1/4 Section corner of said Section 24, run South 0 degrees 18' 10" East along the North South 1/4 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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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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 Clerk of Circuit Court  
 Hendry County, Florida

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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  
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Public Notice

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS**

Notice is hereby given that the Local Planning Agency of Hendry County (LPA) will hold a public hearing on the following petition on **January 15, 2014, at 6:00 p.m.**, at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, Florida. The LPA will determine if the application is consistent with the Hendry County Comprehensive Plan and will review the application for consistency with the Hendry County Land Development Code.

The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) will conduct two separate public hearings on the LDC amendment: 1) **January 28, 2014, at 5:05 p.m.**, at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 East Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, FL; and 2) **February 11, 2014, at 5:05 p.m.**, at the City of Clewiston, Commission Chambers, 115 West Ventura Ave., Clewiston, FL. The recommendations of the LPA will be considered by the Board of County Commissioners at these hearings.

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

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

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

Applicant: Hendry County Board of County Commissioners

**Ordinance Title:** AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE HENDRY COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, SECTION 1-53-3.7, AGRICULTURAL TRANSITIONAL DISTRICT; SPECIFICALLY TO DEEM NON-VESTED, NON-CONFORMING LOTS (IDENTIFIED ON OCTOBER 22, 2013) AS VESTED, AND REMOVE THE VESTED RIGHTS DETERMINATION PROCESS FOR NON-CONFORMING LOTS OF RECORD; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, INCLUSION IN CODE, AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Orvell Howard, Chairman  
 Hendry County Local Planning Agency

Karson Turner, Chairman  
 Hendry County Board of County Commissioners

458836 CN/CB 12/26/2013

**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
542	2011	1324229-A0000200000	Properties of S & O Inc

Beginning 256 feet East of the Southwest corner of the Southeast Quarter of the Northeast Quarter of Section 32, Township 42 South, Range 29 East, thence North 209 feet; thence East 207 feet; thence South 209 feet; thence West of the Point of Beginning; lying and being in Hendry County, Florida. Less the Right of Way for State Road 29 and Less the South 35 feet for the Right of Way for Noble Road

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 **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

458462 CN 12/19,26/2013 1/2,9/2014

**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
3553	2010	2024329-670000F0900	Marcus Simmons + Luther Garry Priestler

Commencing at the 1/4 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' 38" 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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Barbara S. Butler  
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 Hendry County, Florida

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Public Notice

Public Notice

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION GRANTED TO BIO NITROGEN CORPORATION**

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 14, 2014, at 5:00 p.m., in the Clewiston City Hall, Commission Chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida, to consider an ordinance relating to the Ad Valorem Tax Exemption granted to Bio Nitrogen Corporation entitled as follows:

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION GRANTED TO BIO NITROGEN CORPORATION PURSUANT TO ORDINANCE NO. 2013-18 TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE BENEFITED PARTY TO BIONITROGEN PLANT FL HENDRY, LLC; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

The meeting is open to the public. All interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Hendry County Commission with respect to any matter discussed at such 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.

A copy of the proposed Ordinance is available for inspection on weekdays between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Office of the County Attorney, 110 Broward Avenue, LaBelle, Florida.

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

BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
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# Community Briefs

## Come to yoga

Come to yoga at Maple Corner Club-house 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.

## MCA events for December

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.

## 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.

## 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

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**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. 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
3696	2010	3024334-05300302370	Forrest D Burnett & Betty J Burnett

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, recorded in O.R. Book 331, Pages 545 through 610, inclusive of the Public Records of Hendry County, Florida, and subsequent amendments thereto.

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 **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

458453 CN 12/19,26/2013 1/2,9/2014

**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, for the adoption of the following ordinance:

**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.**

A copy of the proposed Ordinance is on file at the Glades County Clerk of Court's Office, 500 Avenue J, Moore Haven, and Florida 33471.

IF A 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.

All interested parties are invited to attend and be heard.  
458590 GCD 12/19,26/2013

### 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 Fel-da, 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 (for 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 33995.

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.

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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.

## Bingo is back!

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

## Small Business Development Center here to help

SBDC is available for one-on-one consulting to help with your small business needs. Whether you are a start-up, growing, or need to make some changes the SBDC will help you

find direction. Call Janice at 239-860-8592 for a LaBelle or Clewiston appointment.

## American Legion fish fry and breakfast

Join the American Legion for its fish fry every Friday, 5-7 p.m.  
Check out buffet breakfast the first and third Sundays every month, 699 SR 80W.

## 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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# New portal provides one-stop for all water resource permitting information

TALLAHASSEE – The Florida Department of Environmental Protection, along with the state's five water management districts, recently launched Florida's Water Permitting Portal. This portal provides information about all water resource permitting in Florida in one place. The agencies have integrated existing online services with the portal, providing one place for residents and businesses to go to determine what permits may be needed and from which agency. The website will continue to add new features to enhance and simplify online access and make the work more transparent.

Governor Rick Scott said, "Our number one priority is growing more jobs and opportunities for Florida families, and DEP's portal will help streamline the permitting process for businesses so we can create more jobs and be better stewards of our natural resources."

This new online system is an open door for residents, local governments and the private sector to find information and assistance from the Department and water management districts. The water permitting portal enables users to apply for commonly issued authorizations, permits, certifications and renewals, pay fees and submit monitoring reports and other compliance documentation. It's also a great place to get information about compliance and other water program information.

"The Department of Environmental Protection and the water management districts are focused on creating an effective regulatory process for all Florida citizens," said DEP Secretary Herschel T. Vinyard Jr. "Educating Floridians on the regulatory process is key to the success of these efforts."

The portal allows visitors to electronically

apply for permits and other authorizations including:

- Environmental Resource Permits (and authorizations to use state-owned submerged lands, where applicable).
- Consumptive and Water Use Permits.
- Well Construction Permits.
- Works of the District Permits.

"By helping Florida's businesses and residents understand when and how to apply for permits, the Water Permitting Portal serves as a great tool for continually providing excellent customer service—which is an important priority of the District," said Jon Stevenson, Executive Director of the Northwest Florida Water Management District. "Through our continued focus on improving service and efficiencies, the District has reduced our processing time by more than 40 percent for consumptive use and 80 percent for environmental resource permits over the last two years."

"The website provides easy format for the public to determine basic permitting information," said Ann Shortelle, Executive Director of the Suwannee River Water Management District. "This website is very helpful and allows anyone with a computer to search a single website for consumptive use and environmental resource permit information."

"Online access to permitting provides an important benefit to citizens looking to manage different types of applications from the comfort of their business or home," said Robert Beltran, Executive Director for the Southwest Florida Water Management District. "It's important to provide citizens efficient and effective access to these services to make it easier for the public to interact with water management districts."

"The statewide E-permitting site makes accessing water resources permitting information far more convenient for the public," said Hans Tanzler III, Executive Director of the St. Johns River Water Management District. "This is one more step in our work to add transparency to our permits and data."

"The new permitting portal exemplifies our shared focus on excellent customer service," said Blake Guillory, Executive Director of the South Florida Water Management District. "It also supports the significant progress we've made in achieving statewide consistencies in the entire regulatory process. The process recognizes regional technical differ-

ences while streamlining and simplifying the administrative application and process."

This new service is provided in keeping with efforts to conduct more paperless business. Applicants are able to apply for permits by submitting the application and associated materials online instead of having to submit paper copies to the Department. This will save time and money for applicants as well as staff. In addition to eliminating the cost of printing and mailing permit application documents, application fees for online submissions are reduced, and are entirely eliminated for self-certifications.

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## For the community

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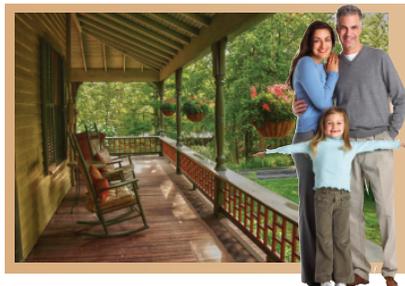
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## Bethlehem Revisited

On December 14 and 15 members of the First Christian Church provided another realistic representation of the town of Bethlehem the way it might have looked on a very special night over 2,000 years ago. Members built replicas of shops from the time period and manned them, showing visitors the way life looked at the time of Christ. RIGHT: At the Dye Shop Connie Shewmaker, with "shepherds" Riley Hudson, 9, and brother Austin, 5, explained the difficulties of simply dying fabrics in ancient times. LEFT: At the Bethlehem Bakery Glenda O'Bannon and Bridgett McDonald explained the importance of bread - the Staff of Life - in the ancient world and the many ingredients that were used.



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## RECIPE OF THE WEEK!

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### ALMOND BARK DELIGHT

#### INGREDIENTS

- 4 cups Rice Chex
- 4 cups Wheat Chex
- 4 cups Corn Chex
- 4 cups Cheerios
- 1 can peanuts
- 1 can mixed nuts
- 1 can raisins
- 1 can pretzels

- 1 1/2 lbs. almond bark

#### DIRECTIONS

Melt almond bark over double boiler (or 2 minutes in microwave). Do not overcook. Stir frequently while melting. Immediately pour over mix, mixing thoroughly. Spread out on wax paper. When cool, break into smaller pieces.

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