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2013 Year in Review

July 4, 2013

Edison State College ranked in the Top 100 across several categories for Community College Week's annual Top 100 Associate Degree and Certificate Producers. The results cover the 2011-2012 academic year.

Fred Langdale aka Gator Fred had a great time at the Big Cypress Reservation. The Moore Haven teenager lost his arm to an alligator earlier.

LaBelle's Fallen Heroes Benefit honoring the memories of Marine Staff Sgt. Christopher D. Strickland and Chief Warrant Officer Robert Hammett Jr., two local men killed in action in 2008, was planned for July 20.

July 11, 2013

With just a little over a month in his new position, County Administrator Charles Chapman said he was "hungry" to make positive changes happen for Hendry County.

Felda Community Civic Association presented scholarships to Cory Taylor (who will study nursing at FGCU), Gennifer Raulerson (an education major at South Florida State College), Kindall Tindall (who will study nursing at Edison State College) and FCCA Scholarship Chairman Reuban Rodriguez.

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LaBelle High Schools Employees of the Year

LEFT: Rhonda Kosh is LHS' 2014 Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Kosh put in a great deal of extra time this summer making sure that LHS students and teachers had a seamless start to their school year. She has also been tremendously helpful in helping us figure out how to properly address our exceptional students and she has taken on a big responsibility in helping to lead the RTI/MTSS team. She's done all of this while continuing to meet our students' mental health needs. She's put on several senior workshops and will be a driving force behind our graduation and awards nights. Mrs. Kosh was also named teacher of the month for October. **CENTER:** Lisa Hegley is LHS' 2014 Employee of the Year. She ALWAYS has a smile on her face and is ALWAYS willing to stop whatever she is doing to assist with any questions or needs students or staff may have. Mrs. Hegley is very hard working and dedicated to her job at LHS. She interacts with students very well. She genuinely cares for each individual student that visits guidance. If you're having a bad day just go to her, she will turn your day around. **RIGHT:** Heath Daniels is LHS' 2014 Brilliant Orange Award winner. Mr. Daniels has stepped right into his new position and hit the ground running. He's done a tremendous job of helping students and staff find resources for their programs. He's also stepped up to volunteer and help solve other new teacher's problems when necessary. Mr. Daniels has taken on an important leadership role in LHS' Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) club. He and his students have reopened the Cowboy Closet as the Cowboy Café and it has been a terrific success. He has also been quick to adopt new programs into his class.

SW county planned development under scrutiny

by **Patty Brant**
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Public input into the proposed Sector Plan for future development of 23,500 acres in the Southwest area of the county was high at the December 10 county commission meeting in LaBelle.

During his presentation Mitch Hutchcraft, Vice President Real Estate for Kings Ranch, reiterated several times that proposed developer Consolidated Citrus, LP, was only asking

the county to transmit the document as a privately initiated application to establish a Sector Plan future use category to the Department of Economic Opportunity. Sector Plans are meant to encourage long range planning for specific areas.

In his overview Mr. Hutchcraft said the document is a 50-year growth plan, The Local Planning Agency (LPA) had already recommended transmittal to the state for comment.

A Sector Plan has two steps: a comprehen-

sive plan amendment to establish the general framework for future land uses and a detailed specific area plan to address impacts and necessary mitigation.

The plan includes two distinct areas - the West Planning area, bounded on the south by the Collier County line, Lee County to the west, the Lee/Hendry landfill and Rodina Sector Plan to the north and the Felda Community Planing

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area to the east. The Eastern Planning area is smaller, about 3,697 acres, which abuts the Dinner Island Ranch Wildlife Management Area.

The sector plan includes areas of urban development, long term agriculture and conservation and has an estimated build out of 50 years.

The land use program includes six districts:

- Employment District (which would potentially include hotel, industrial commercial and attached residential areas);
- Village District (which would potentially include commercial, attached and detached residential and Heritage Estates and Village Center);
- Neighborhood District (commercial, attached and detached residential and heritage estates, including Neighborhood Center (commercial and attached residential);
- Rural District (for detached residential, heritage estates and limited commercial)
- Agriculture District (for long term agriculture);
- Natural Resources District (for long term conservation/open space).

Each district would have its own density and intensity restrictions.

Mr. Hutchcraft noted that the West Planning Area has been determined not to have regionally significant natural resources so would be dedicated to more urban uses. The Eastern Planning Area is surrounded by agriculture, conservation areas and is located in an area with regionally significant resources. It would be designated as agriculture and natural resources, with only 21 single family employee dwelling units.

Several existing PUDs would be allowed to continue mining, recreational and agricultural uses, he said. A number of infrastructure impacts are to be addressed later.

Transportation, including the future roadway system, existing roadway network, future road needs plan, potable water and sanitary sewer, schools, drainage and water management are all to be determined as the process unfolds.

In addition, a detailed analysis of beneficial impacts on the county is included in the sector plan.

According to Mr. Hutchcraft, the project will generate \$4 billion of taxable value, with a \$282.7 million ad valorem tax collection over 30 years (figuring a 7.7209 millage rate).

The Local Planning Agency (LPA) heard the plan on November 20 and raised several concerns, including that the East Planning Area may be positioned as a "trade off" for anticipated development on the West side and questioned if other 5,000 acres Sector Plans could combine to meet the 15,000 acre requirement. They voiced concerns about spotty development and inconsistent patterns of growth. The LPA noted that the East Planning area could fulfill the conservation uses without being in the Sector Plan. The area is prime panther habitat and targeted for public acquisition. They also wondered if the density in the East area was being transferred to the West section.

Other concerns were raised about school

plans, how central water and sewer requirements would be applied, as well as oil and gas exploration issues.

Public speakers at the BOCC meeting shared their concerns:

The transportation plan did not reflect the Rodina plan

There isn't enough detail to provide appropriate levels of assurance and did not think it was appropriate to wait.

They did not agree with the approach of having two non-contiguous planning areas and complained that the applicant had not been responsive to their requests for information.

Several members of the public supported the Sector Plan, including Bill McDaniel of Lazy Springs park, representing PDJW, LLC Tri-County Mine PUD.

Mr. Hutchcraft said the guiding principles for the Sector Plan included consideration of natural resources, agriculture and economic development. He stated several times that the applicant has been responsive to other property holders and sensitive to private property rights.

Other public comments came from Dr. Stan Andrews, who was concerned that the Sector Plan could open the door to the controversial practice of fracking to explore for oil.

Brad Cornell of Audubon near Corkscrew Sanctuary said it is important to connect with adjacent areas like Collier County Rural Land Stewardship, Rodina and that the watershed needs protection, along with ag and natural resources. He noted that "smart growth is possible."

Michael Murphy, representing CPI growers group, felt the east parcel is of concern and has not been adequately reviewed.

Kate English, representing Garden Gate Citrus which owns 625 acres between Church Road and the county line north of CR 82, supported the sector plan.

Matthew Schwartz noted the critical area for rare, vanishing wildlife adjacent to primary panther habitat.

Ralph Brooks, attorney for The Conservancy, said it is important not to put roads through panther areas.

The commissioners opted to approve the transmission of the plan to the state, but reiterated that the transmittal is not an approval of the plan.

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Rumors about a possible absorption of the Clewiston Police Department by Hendry County Sheriff's Office (HCSO) once again surfaced and the talks were confirmed by City Manager Al Perry.

July 18, 2013

Incumbent Greg Bone retained his seat as City of LaBelle Tax Collector/Commissioner by a very wide margin in the July 16 election over newcomer to public elections, 25-year-old Brent Stevens received 63 votes.

LaBelle's Fallen Heroes Benefit honoring the memories of Marine Staff Sgt. Christopher D. Strickland and Chief Warrant Officer Robert Hammitt Jr., two local men killed in action in 2008, was planned for July 20. The event begins at 11 a.m. at VFW Post 10100, next to the LaBelle Rodeo Grounds, south of Cowboy Way.

The Talkin' Monkeys Project had become a Service Learning Center for colleges and universities throughout the world. It is registered with FGCU and Edison College locally, but the educational primate sanctuary was recognized internationally as a learning center.

July 25, 2013

Flavio Lopez was getting ready to tackle the Ivy League at Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island. Just 18, Flavio graduated with the LaBelle High School Class of 2013.

At the July 16 Rec Board meeting, Recreation Director Ramiro Rodriguez surprised three of those LaBelle powerhouses of community sports with special recognition: Darrell Harris, Dave Lyons and Don Davis.

August 1, 2013

County commissioners kept the preliminary TRIM figure (the working figure counties use to set the final millage rate every year) to 7.7029.

The Bonita Bay Group sponsored its 40th Habitat for Humanity home. It's one of two homes sponsored by the company this year in Hendry County.

August 8, 2013

The board was working with the DAV on funding issues for transporting veterans to

VA appointments.

Senator Dwight Bullard District 39 made a brief appearance at the board meeting to update them on the past Legislative session and, as a new senator, familiarize himself with all areas of his large district.

A LeHigh Acres woman was killed on US 27 Monday morning, August 5, near the entrance to Flaghole.

August 15, 2013

The LaBelle Fire Department responded to a boat fire at the Port LaBelle Marina. in Glades County, Ortona FD also responded. The boat was fully involved upon the firefighters' arrival.

August 22, 2013

Johnny Hammett, father of Chief Warrant Officer Robert Charles Hammett, who died in a Baghdad bombing June 24, 2008, along with Brianna and Beth Church, the sister and mother of Marine Staff Sgt. Christopher Strickland, who died in Afghanistan June 25, 2008, defusing a roadside bomb, sat quietly as a new memorial for LaBelle's Fallen Heroes was dedicated August 3.

Zachary Reyna reached the mile stone 13th day as he valiantly fought against PAM, a deadly brain-eating amoeba. His parents kept the anxious and praying community informed about his condition on Facebook.

August 29, 2013

An outpouring of love from the LaBelle community and beyond helped raise over \$33,000 at the August 24 benefit for young Zac Reyna, who bravely battled a brain-eating amoeba since August 3. Sadly, he lost the struggle after a tremendous fight.

Habitat for Humanity welcomed the Solis family into their new home on August 9. The modest three-bedroom home would make a big difference in the lives of the family, who had been living in a two-bedroom, single-wide trailer.

Up Close from a Distance, a play by Chuck Wood, was the Firehouse Community Theatre's choice in its first ever play writing contest. It was hoped the Clarence "Bud" Jones Play writing Competition will be an annual contest, open to members in good standing of the Arts of the Inland artistic group. The contest was named in honor of the late Clarence "Bud" Jones who taught English at Clewiston High School for 20 years.

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September 5, 2013

The Hendry County Board of County Commissioners had a visit from Florida Rep. Matt Hudson at their August 27 meeting. Rep. Hudson served with Sen. Dwight Bullard as the Hendry County Legislative team. The two collaborated on a local bill for Central County Water District and secured new laptop computers for local libraries, including Barron Library in LaBelle, Clewiston and Harlem Libraries and allow residents to access government services online.

The board presented Rep. Hudson with the Association of Small Counties Leadership Award.

After the grueling weeks of pain and prayer, Zac Reyna's family, friends and community relied on each other one more time as they gathered to tell him goodbye.

Saturday services began in the LaBelle Middle School gym, normally the scene of so much laughter and cheering. On August 31, it provided protection from the searing heat as Zac's family and friends gathered to celebrate his life, cut short after his brave battle against the brain-eating amoeba that eventually took him away.

September 12

Two of Hendry County's Ag Agents were honored for their accomplishments at the University of Florida IFAS Extension Professionals of Florida Annual Meeting and Professional Improvement Conference. Dr Mongi Zekri, multi-county Citrus Extension Agent IV received one of two Dallas Townsend Extension Professional Enhancement Awards IFAS. Hendry County Extension Director and multi-county Vegetable Extension Agent Gene McAvoy was honored to receive one of two Wells Fargo Extension Professional and Enhancement Awards that UF/IFAS were awarded this year.

The Kiwanis Club of LaBelle had a special guest at their meeting. State Representative Matt Hudson is one of 120 State Representatives. He represents House District 80 which includes Hendry County and parts of Collier County (East of I-75). He is on several committees including Healthcare Appropriations and Health and Human Services.

September 19, 2013

Residents had their say once again at the LaBelle City Commission meeting September 12, underlining their aversion to using tax dollars on a proposed city owned golf course. Hearing vehement arguments against the plan, the county commission gave up the idea of assessing LaBelle businesses to help fund the project, but left open the possibility of finding private means to accomplish the goal. The proposed golf course would be situated on one section of the Sports Complex north of the ball fields currently being constructed on Forrey Road.

September 26, 2013

Local agriculture representatives were raising some concerns about the decision by University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) to "repurpose" the IFAS Research Center in Immokalee as a

demonstration center.

October 3, 2013

City of LaBelle residents would pay 3.1046 mills for city taxes for fiscal year 2013-14. The final millage rate was set by the city commission at a special meeting on September 24.

St. Matthew's House was looking at purchasing the old Hendry Corrections Institution site outside of Immokalee to relocate its Justin's Place, a residence for its men's substance rehabilitation operation.

October 17, 2013

After five years, Hendry-Glades would soon have that safe harbor again for victims of domestic violence. Recently, United Way held a ribbon cutting ceremony for the new women's shelter.

Timothy Eugene Alexander, Jr., was arrested by Lee County Sheriff's Office on a warrant from Hendry County on charges of Sexual Battery. On the same day, Glades County Sheriff's Office arrested a second subject, 18-year-old Joshua Dale Bryan of Glades County on the same charge. Alexander was a former LaBelle firefighter.

October 24, 2013

Hendry County's own Dallas Townsend was one of four honorees recently named to the Florida Agriculture Hall of Fame by Commissioner of Agriculture Adam H. Putnam. These individuals had made outstanding contributions to Florida's agriculture industry and mentored future leaders in this field.

October 31, 2013

Thirty-one-year-old Timothy Alexander Jr.'s problems with the law continued. Hendry County Investigators assisted the State Fire Marshal's Office in arresting him on Arson charges, stemming from a vehicle fire in March 2013.

Gov. Rick Scott appointed Michael Swindle of Clewiston to fill the county commission seat vacated by Al Perry, who resigned to avoid any conflict of interest due to his position as Clewiston City Manager.

Kim Hamilton was a new member of the Talkin' Monkeys Project Board of Directors. She is Senior Assistant to State Representative Matt Hudson, and a long time friend and volunteer at the educational primate sanctuary.

November 7, 2013

The LaBelle Chamber of Commerce said adieu to longtime directors Randy Daniels, Nancy Hendrickson and former Executive Secretary Sara Townsend.

Yet another Hendry County teenager was lost in a tragic traffic crash. Early Sunday morning, November 3, 19-year-old James Adam Barfield died when his vehicle struck a pine tree.

November 14, 2013

Dante Karr and Martha Ramirez were chosen LHS Homecoming King and Queen.

At Veterans Day ceremonies, new American Legion Post 130 Commander Kindermann pleaded for an all encompassing welcome for all veterans. He noted the "changing face" of American's veterans, to include all ethnicities, faiths and backgrounds. He also touched on modern intricate world relations

saying that today, those countries American engages with are less likely to be deemed "enemies" as partners against the extremists in their countries.

November 21, 2013

Every birthday is special, but Ms. Evelyn Foss celebrated her 106th with friends and family at Oakbrook Nursing Home.

Hendry County's state legislators, District 80 Representative Matt Hudson and District 39 Senator Dwight Bullard, were in LaBelle for the annual Legislative Delegation meeting Monday to hear first-hand where local residents feel they should put their efforts in the upcoming Legislative Session.

November 28, 2013

The agriculture community pushed back against the University of Florida's plan to scale back the IFAS Center to a demonstration facility only. They managed to get the university to delay any action for now.

December 5, 2013

The Board of County Commissioner's (BOCC) Nov. 19 meeting marked newly appointed Commissioner Mike Swindle's first meeting on the board. Swindle was active during the meeting, seconding several of the motions, and said afterward that he felt "very comfortable" and "prepared," thanks to the help of the other commissioners.

December 12, 2013

Ofir Drori, world renowned fighter for

animal rights, visited The Talkin' Monkeys Project in Pioneer Plantation, taking time from his trip from Camaroon, Africa, to Washington, D.C., and New York City where he receive high international awards for his work against poaching, killing and kidnapping endangered animals.

December 19, 2013

There were lots of reasons for excitement at the Economic Development Council Education Improvement Task Force's annual Captain Hendry dinner December 9. It's the time of year for exciting things to happen, after all, but the evening exceeded all anticipation, garnering much needed funds to support local education.

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.

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.

December 26, 2013

County employees making at or below \$40,000 per year received bonuses. it was a welcome addition to many after several years of belt tightening.

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LaBelle Masons Open For Public Installation

A rare public opening of LaBelle Lodge #379 will be held January 4, 2014 at 1 p.m. for the installation of officers for the coming year. Twelve men from the Greater LaBelle area have been selected by the Lodge's membership to serve in presiding positions. They are: Nicholas Fidanza, WM; Greg Gunter, SW; Leonard Richardson, Jr. JW; Thomas Boardman, SD; Tony Weems, JD; William Nordstrom, Treasurer and Organist; Jerry Hubbard, Secretary; Phillip Keyes, Chaplain; John Schlitter, Marshall; Adrian Sanchez, SS; Jim Cianfrani, JS; and Bob Eltzroth, Tyler.

While many of Freemasonry's rituals are closed to public scrutiny, others are open

including the annual installation of officers. Freemasonry is the world's longest existing fraternity and functions in most countries in the world. The LaBelle Lodge has been serving this community since 1978.

Freemasonry is not a religion but a moral institution, established by virtuous men with the praiseworthy design of recalling to our remembrance the most sublime Truths. The fraternity teaches brotherly love, charity, and patriotism.

A reception will follow the installation. LaBelle Lodge #379 is located a block north of Cowboy Way and Main Street on Jaycee-Lions Drive.

'America At War' comes to LaBelle

The LaBelle Heritage Museum continues its special speakers series through a partnership grant with the Clewiston Museum and the Florida Humanities Council, bringing nationally acclaimed scholar and actress Betty Jean Steinshouer to LaBelle City Hall, 481 West Hickpochee Avenue (State Road 80) at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, January 8, 2014. The event is free and open to the public.

Steinshouer has toured the Chautauqua circuit since 1988, bringing one-woman shows on authors from Willa Cather to Laura Ingalls Wilder to Harriet Beecher Stowe to audiences in 43 states so far. What she does has been called "tour-de-force theatre" as well as "grassroots scholarship."

Spending decades researching each of her characters, Steinshouer seeks to present them as a tapestry to each audience. "America at War" is "memory woven together with history," as she portrays three women authors who experienced World War I and World War II.

Act One will be presented in the persona of Willa Cather, who is one of America's most beloved authors for her classic novels, *O Pioneers!* and *My Antonia*. Yet it was an obscure novel about her cousin's heroism on the battlefields of France in 1918 that brought Cather the Pulitzer Prize in 1922. One of Ours tells the story of "the war to end

all wars," from a woman's perspective, and Cather reflects on the continued ruination of Europe by the march of the Third Reich.

Act Two is told from a Florida view, in Steinshouer's depiction of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings, author of *The Yearling* and *Cross Creek*. Rawlings served as an enemy plane spotter and saw her husband go off to drive an ambulance on the Burma Road. She corresponded with many soldiers and with Eleanor Roosevelt herself, by the end of the war.

Act Three will transport the audience to occupied France, where we will meet Gertrude Stein, the world's most famous refugee, whom the Nazis both feared and hated, because of who she was and her worldwide reputation. She and Alice B. Toklas narrowly escaped being arrested and taken to concentration camps, hiding near the Swiss border for more than four years while the Germans prepared to raid their art collection back in Paris.

After spending approximately 20 minutes with each author, Steinshouer will open a discussion of how World Wars I and II differ from today's war on terrorism, and how they are the same. She will answer questions on her research and how she came to develop "America At War" at the request of the Florida Center for the Book.

Community Briefs

Pizza at the Legion

VFW Post 10100 will be serving Home-made Pizza on Friday, January 3, 2014 starting at 11:00 a.m. There will be Karaoke by Chris and Bettyann at VFW Post 10100 on Saturday, January 4, 2014 at 5:00 p.m. Please bring a covered dish. Remember Charcoal Broiled Hamburgers every Saturday from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Bingo every Sunday at 2 p.m. Please don't forget that the 2014 dues are now due.

Patrick Smith's Florida

LaBelle Heritage Museum presents a showing of Patrick Smith's Florida: A Sense of Place at its 7 p.m. Thursday, January 2, 2014 meeting, held at LaBelle City Hall, 481 West Hickpochee Avenue. Museum members and guests can enjoy a trip through the Florida of the 1930's and gain a rare glimpse into the mind of the author of *A Land Remembered* who preserved a Florida that once was, but which never again will be. Admission is free, and attendees are asked to enter the rear door of City Hall directly into the Commission Chambers. Copies of this 56 minute video will be available for sale for \$22 at the end of the meeting. Members and prospective members may also pay dues and receive 2014 membership cards. See www.labellemuseum.org for a copy of the membership application/dues renewal form.

Historical Hendry!

Butch Wilson, Curator of the Clewiston Museum, will be sharing information about Historical Hendry at Riverside Retreat, Tuesday, January 14, 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. Come and experience the ancient history - fossils and so much more - of our area, then step forward in time to the rich input by humans. Butch always presents a fun, fascinating program. This is a free event. Pack your own lunch. For more information and to register, contact the camp office at 863-675-0334.

Genealogy lecture planned

Seats for the DNA Genealogy lecture, January 21, 2014 with Kathleen Callanan are limited. Reserve yours now by mailing \$15 check to GFWC LaBelle Community Woman's Club, c/o Tina Noel, 480 Grant St. LaBelle, FL 33935-4811. The lecture with

include handouts of this dynamic field that is continually changing. Starting at 6:30 p.m. this lecture will be one of a kind. Any questions, please call 863-673-1144 or email tinanews@gmail.com.

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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.

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!

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LES Student Wins Second Place in Poster Contest

Kiana Rodriguez, a fifth grade student at LaBelle Elementary School, won second place in the "2014 Picture This As A Career Calendar" contest. This contest is sponsored by the Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board, Inc., and fifth grade students

across the district were invited to enter. Students were required to creatively express their career aspirations in written and poster form to be eligible to win. Kiana's poster is included in the 2014 Calendar, which her Art teacher, Mrs. Strickland is holding in the picture. Kiana received a certificate and gift card for earning second place in the contest.

Church Briefs

Overcome addiction

Overcomer 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.

Revelation Kingdom

The Great Adventure Bible Study "Revelation Kingdom Yet to come" is about to begin. The study will be at Our Lady Queen of Heaven, 355 South Bridge Steet. January Bible Study Schedule Location Parish Office/

School Building JR High Class Room. Each Session will go approximately two hours

Session 1: Jan 9th 2013 Introduction to Revelation: The Kingdom yet to come 7 p.m.

Session 2: Jan 16th 2013 Revelation Chapter 1 Introduction and Inaugural Vision 7 p.m.

Session 3: Jan 23rd 2013 Revelation Chapter 2-3 Letters to the Seven Churches 7 p.m.

Session 4: Jan 30th 2013 Revelation Chapter 4-5 Creation and Redemption 7 p.m.

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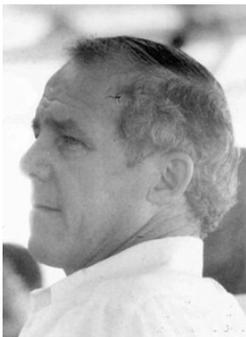
Healing Waters Family Life Center invites you to visit their new website at hwflc.org.

Obituaries

Dr. James A. Culligan, 78

LABELLE — Dr. James A. Culligan passed away peacefully on Dec. 21, 2013.

He was born Oct. 24, 1935 in Schenectady, N.Y. to Robert and Hazel Culligan. He grew up in Miami and graduated from Miami Jackson High School in 1953. He received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture from the University of Florida and became an agricultural teacher in LaBelle for 10 years.



The primary love of his life was his family, which includes his wife of 58 years, Terry and his children, Greg, David (Lorraine), Dennis (Neysa), Kathy (Lee) and Karen, along with his eleven grandchildren Christopher (Stephanie), Tyler (Tayler), Kristen, Matt, Jessie, Lindsey, Kori, Michael, Turner, Wesley and Katelin; three great-grandchildren; brother Bill Culligan (Carol); brother-in-law Frank Sutera (Joyce) and nieces, nephews and cousins.

He is predeceased by his parents and brother, Bob Culligan.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the FL Chapter of FFA at flffa.org. A "Celebration of Life" will be held Saturday, Dec. 28, 2013 at 11 a.m. at Hodges Funeral Home 14046 5th Street in Dade City, FL.



BUSINESSES COMMERCIAL WASTE MANAGEMENT & RECYCLING REQUIREMENTS

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

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



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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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UES Students of the Month for November and December



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K-2 grade first row from left: Pedro Zamudio, Daniel Rasgado, Kenny Brooks, Wyatt Hall, Michelle Castellanos, Kevin Wilson, Noah Alvarado and Alondra DeLeon. Second row from left: Francisco Paz, Darlen DeSantiago, Kayla Kuhl-Adorno, Eduardo Rodriguez and Abraham Estrada.



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3-5 grade Julissa Casiano, Acela Ramirez, John Mesa, Destiny Vega, Aaron Acevedo, Serena Louissant, Matthew Brummett, Sandra Martinez and Jose Jimenez, Not pictured are: Kady Pool, Flora Casiano and Tyler Nisbet.

Community Brief

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.

New museum Web site

The new LaBelle Heritage Museum Web site <http://www.labellemuseum.org/> is up and running thanks Pat Johnson. Bookmark <http://www.labellemuseum.org/> as a favorite site and archive the old web site

Spuds

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Caloosa Belle/Patty Brant

Caring for our four-legged friends

The Caloosa Humane Society provides a temporary home to some of mankind's most loyal friends, unwanted dogs and cats. The shelter currently has some 50 animals in its care - 30 dogs and 20 cats. On November 28 the Caloosa Belle put on a fundraiser with sponsorships for various shelter animals. Independent Newspapers Florida President Tom Byrd, left, recently delivered a check for \$210 to the shelter from the sponsorship drive. Tricia Boone of the shelter, along with 12-13 week old Amy, a cur mix currently making her home there, gratefully accepted the check. Amy is looking for a permanent home. She is partially blind with a sweet disposition and will be about 50 pounds when she is full grown.

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American Legion delivers over 600 Christmas dinners

**By Matthew Kindermann
Special to the Caloosa Belle**

The cooking began on Sunday, December 22nd, when 4 turkeys and 6 turkey breasts were thawed, sliced, and arranged into individual servings. The next day, the Ladies Auxiliary descended into the kitchen, each armed with their own mixing bowl and beater from home, in order to mix and bake forty-four sheet cakes. Then, on Christmas Eve, the stuffing and mashed potato mix was prepared in baking containers, and stored in the many refrigerators to await the big day.

Christmas Day started at 3:00 AM for some volunteers as the cooks arrived to make the coffee and turn the ovens on. A dozen pots of coffee, and a few hours later,

the sun was up, the turkey and stuffing had baked together into a single mass of tender, juicy, goodness, and all forty-four cakes were topped with icing, cut into twenty-four single servings each, and all packed into individual boxes. At last, the packing volunteers began to arrive, all 111 of them. These folks, from all areas of the county, not just LaBelle, but also Felda, Palmdale, Alva, Fort Denaud, Clewiston, Ortona, and Moore Haven, gave up a good portion of their Christmas Morning to come together and help box over 600 meals for local area veterans, shut-in's and other mobility limited residents who otherwise would not get a hot holiday meal.

Of course, the event could not have happened without the help of the donors! Each

meal that went out was accompanied by a small Christmas card that thanked each individual and business donor that helped make everything possible. With all the other charities vying for support during this season, it is very special to have so much support for a small, local event that makes such a big difference in the lives of those who most cherish it; and more so since this event requires that support so early in the season when the food orders have to be made and paid for before the deliveries can be arranged and accounted for.

When everything was ready to be boxed, the American Legion Commander said grace, thanking all the volunteers for their

time, taking special notice of the heavenly sacrifice that was made to make this season possible, and remarking how grateful of a community we have that so many can come together for a special day to help others. With that, the assembly line started with each volunteer carrying a to-go box past the hot turkey, buttery mashed potatoes, and steamy gravy, where the meals were quickly put together and arranged in large boxes by travel destination. Then, the drivers took these boxes of meals, added the requisite number of cakes and salads, and off they went to make their deliveries to those glad to receive them. It took about two hours to package what took four days to prepare.



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Volunteers served the crowds who came to the Legion on Christmas Day.



Submitted photo/Matt Kindermann

Volunteers are putting the finishing touches on 44 cakes.

Dr. Jacob Glock - Providing Gynecology Services in Clewiston and LaBelle

Dr. Jacob Glock is now providing gynecology services in Clewiston and LaBelle.

With over 25 years of practice, Dr. Glock is dedicated to delivering high quality, individualized professional care with compassion and respect to the women in our community.

Dr. Glock received his undergraduate and medical degree at the University of Florida, Gainesville and St. Georges University School of Medicine, respectively. He completed a residency in internal medicine at the Greater Baltimore Medical Center, a residency in Obstetrics and Gynecology at the Orlando Regional Medical Center/Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children and Women, and a fellowship in reproductive endocrinology and infertility at the University of Vermont College of Medicine in Burlington. He is Board Certified in Obstetrics and Gynecology and Board Certified in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility.



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LMS November and December Students of the Month



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NOVEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FROM THE 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).



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DECEMBER STUDENTS OF THE MONTH FROM THE 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).

Lorini named Senior Choices new President/CEO

Senior Choices, Inc. the Southwest Florida Area Agency on Aging has announced the selection of Marianne Lorini as the new President and CEO.

"Marianne will be an asset to Senior Choices and we are confident she will move the agency forward in fulfilling its mission," said Ron Luchino, President of Senior Choices Board of Directors. "Her knowledge and understanding of the issues important to senior citizens as well as the disabled community will ensure our continued success well into the future."

Hailing from Ohio with more than 30 years of non-profit experience, Marianne

previously served as President and CEO of a regional non-profit hospital association. She has her Executive MBA from Case Western Reserve University and is a former board member of the Area Agency on Aging 10B and the Red Cross of Summit and Portage Counties, both in Ohio.

Marianne not only brings skills and expertise to the position, but also possesses a strong passion and commitment for building collaborative relationships with others throughout the community. She now resides in Fort Myers with her husband Thomas and is excited to connect with each of you as she settles into the position.

Cowboys Basketball Team off to great start at 11-2

The season began with two nice wins at Immokalee and at East Lee County. After a loss to Community School of Naples the Cowboys rattled off five straight wins before losing again to Bishop Verot. Since the Verot loss the Cowboys have won four straight including three in a recent Holiday Tournament at Canterbury. The three wins were by an average margin of 20 points against Donahue, Evangelical Christian and Gateway.

While the Cowboys are very young with five sophomores (Jordan Lopez, T.Y. Reed, Marcellous Mitchell, Omar Bahamundi and Grant Gillman) and one freshman (Michael Lopez) they also have very strong leadership from the captains, senior Mark Sloan and junior Danny Keller. Elias Ingebrigtsen, a senior from Norway has also provided a flair of international basketball to this LaBelle team. The other seniors are Alfredo Mar, Manny Taylor and E.G. Gonzalez who all three have contributed at different times for the Cowboys. Junior Jose Ramos rounds out the Varsity team and is also the tallest player at 6'5".

The Cowboys are a balanced team

with five guys averaging between 6 and 12 points per game. The Cowboys are averaging 64 points per game and play very hard defensively to make up for a lack of size. The Cowboy starters are Mark Sloan at 6'3", Danny Keller at 6'2", Grant Gillman at 6'0", Jordan Lopez at 5'11" and Alfredo Mar 5'9".

The Cowboys have had four different players lead the team in scoring with E. Ingebrigtsen once, A. Mar once, J. Lopez once, D. Keller 4 times and G. Gillman 4 times.

Come out and support these young men as they are off to one of the best starts for LaBelle basketball in the past ten years. They are fun to watch and it looks like Coach Kelley and Assistant Coach Zach Ward are enjoying the boys and have them playing with passion.

The next games are January 3 at home against Estero at 1 p.m., January 6 home against Dunbar at 6 p.m., January 9 at Lake Placid at 6 p.m. and January 10 at Clewiston at 6 p.m.

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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.

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

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

Public Notice

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR TAX DEED Chapter 197.512 Florida Statutes

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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.

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

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

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

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

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. DISSTON ISLAND CONSERVANCY DISTRICT 458592 CN/GCD 12/19,26/2013 1/2,9/2014

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

REQUEST FOR BIDS FOR CONSTRUCTION SERVICES REGARDING FELDA MSBU STORMWATER SYSTEM IMPROVEMENTS IN HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA BID No. 2014-06

OPENING DATE AND TIME: January 16, 2014, at 2:00 p.m.

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

A copy of the Instructions and Bid Documents can be obtained from the Hendry County Purchasing Department, located at 640 S. Main St., LaBelle, Florida (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 33935.

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

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

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

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

Hendry County, Florida (the "County") hereby provides notice, pursuant to Section 197.3632(3)(a), Florida Statutes, of its intent to use the uniform ad valorem method of collecting non-ad valorem special assessments which it is considering levying within the East Hendry County Recreation Municipal Services Benefit Unit, within the unincorporated area of the County, on commercial properties for recreational purposes within that area commencing with the Fiscal Year beginning on October 1, 2014, and continuing each year until discontinued by the County. The County will consider the adoption of a resolution electing to use the uniform ad valorem method of collecting such assessments authorized by Section 197.3632, Florida Statutes, at a public hearing to be held at 5:00 p.m. on January 14, 2014, at the Clewiston City Hall, Commission Chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida. The meeting is open to the public. All interested persons are invited to attend and be heard. Such resolution will state the need for the levy and will contain a legal description of the boundaries of the real property subject to the levy. Copies of the proposed form of resolution, which contains the legal description of the real property subject to the levy, are on file at the County Attorney's Office, 110 Broward Avenue, LaBelle, Florida. If a person 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 interprete que hable español para participar en esta reunion, por favor pongase en contacto con Myra Johnson al (863) 675-5240.

Karson Turner, Chairman BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA 458021 CN/CB 12/19,26/2013 1/2,9/2014

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.

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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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Barbara S. Butler Clerk of Circuit Court Hendry County, Florida 458463 CN 12/19,26/2013 1/2,9/2014

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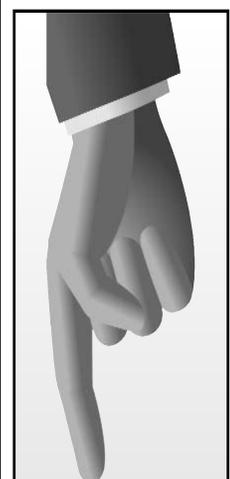
LEGAL NOTICE The following vehicles will be sold at public auction on January 7th, 2014 at 10 am at Clewiston Towing 600 E Sugarland Hwy Clewiston FL 33440:

- 2002 Ford, VIN# 1FAFP38382W267771
1993 Toyota, VIN# 4T1SK12E5PU276223

We have the right to refuse any and all bids 458979 CN 1/2/2014

Public Notice

NOTICE: AUCTION on Friday January 10, 2014 at 9:00 a. m. at 1233 N. W. Avenue L, Belle Glade, Florida. Property of: Dorothy Walker: Bike, Bed Spread, TV cart, Miscellaneous boxes. 459250 SUN 1/2,9/2014



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NOTICE OF MEETINGS FOR 2014
CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT

Central County Water Control District Board Meetings will be held at the District Conference Room located at 475 S. Cabbage Palm Street, Montura Ranch Estates, Clewiston, Florida, 33440 on the following dates and times:

Meeting	Date	Time
Workshop	01/20/2014	2:00 P.M.
Workshop	01/22/2014	2:00 P. M.
Board Meeting	01/22/2014	7:00 P. M.
Board Meeting	02/26/2014	7:00 P. M.
Board Meeting	03/26/2014	7:00 P. M.
Board Meeting	04/23/2014	7:00 P. M.
Board Meeting	05/28/2014	7:00 P. M.
Board Meeting	06/25/2014	7:00 P. M.
Board Meeting	07/23/2014	7:00 P. M.
Board Meeting	08/27/2014	7:00 P. M.
Board Meeting	09/24/2014	7:00 P. M.
Annual Landowner	Will be advertised	
Board Meeting	Will be advertised	Following LO
Board Meeting	11/26/2014	7:00 P. M.
Board Meeting	12/17/2014	7:00 P. M.

Pursuant to the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act, any person requiring special Accommodation to participate in these proceedings should contact the District at (863) 983-5797 at least five (5) days prior to the date of the proceeding.
Dated this 2nd day of January 2014.
BY ORDER OF THE
**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE
CENTRAL COUNTY WATER CONTROL DISTRICT**
459276 CN 1/2,9,16,23/2014

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CERT. NO.	YEAR	DESCRIPTION	NAME IN WHICH ASSESSED
2732	2010	1124333-0100000820	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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Dated this **11th day of December, 2013**.

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

458456 CN 12/19,26/2013 1/2,9/2014

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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

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Hendry County, Florida

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

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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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458454 CN 12/19,26/2013 1/2,9/2014

Community Briefs

DAV flea market

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

Moving for Better Balance

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 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.

SCF meeting

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

American Legion fish fry

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

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

Lot 2, 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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458457 CN 12/19,26/2013 1/2,9/2014

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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

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

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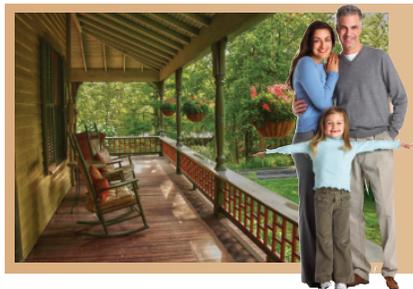
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Submitted photo

Arena fooball action

LaBelle's own Rey Hernandez will begin playing his second year with the champion Tarpons Florida Indoor Football team. This past June he helped the team with the championship against Corpus Christi. The former LaBelle High School Cowboy graduated in 2008 where he played for Coach Ron Dunbar. He has also been a volunteer coach with the Cowboys soccer and girls basketball as well as football since graduating. "I appreciate the opportunity to show what I've got," Rey said.



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COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL \$55,000 - 1/2 Ac. Commercial Lot on Davis St. \$65,000 - Commercial Corner - across from new soccer fields. New stucco, electrical & insulation. Partial remodel needs you to finish. \$89,900 - Location, location, location! Commercial office bldg in the heart of LaBelle. Over 2,200 sq. ft. with idea set up for executive offices. Opportunity is knocking! \$102,250 - 4+/- Ac. Zoned PUD, could be commercial or multi family, next to store in Port LaBelle. \$169,000 - SR 80 Corner 1/2 Ac, B-1 w/billboard income. \$189,900 - Vacant 2 ac. on SR 80, west of town \$199,000 - Commercial/Industrial Bldg on S. Bridge St. Over 4,000 sq. ft. Can be divided. \$295,000 - Retail/Office building, great location. Approx. 3,220 sq. ft on 1.14 acres. Across from County Courthouse. \$641,203 - Railroad access in Moore Haven. 29+/- ac. close to Hwy 27 & river. Water & sewer nearby.	WATERFRONT \$139,000 - Over 1 ac. on the river, Ft. Denaud Rd. \$295,000 - Two story 2/3.5 home on historic Ft. Denaud Rd. with 200' of river frontage. \$399,000 - Highest elevation along the river w/600 porch. 3/2 home includes RV garage & 2 car attached garage & a finished basement for future apartment. \$550,000 - Spectacular 7 Ac Pasture w/Oaks, 500 ft on the River. Great investment, future land use 3 units per ac. \$692,000 - Riverfront pool home on 6.5 acres. Loads of features inside and out, including 2 docks plus boat basin. Upgraded appliances and much more. \$999,900 - Commercial waterfront motel located on Intracoastal waterway. 5.2 ac!
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LOTS & LAND
\$6,400 - Moore Haven Yacht Club
\$27,000 - Corner lot with plenty of room to build. 3.7+/- acres.
\$59,900 - Sky Manor Estates 1.77 acres located on Ft. Denaud Rd.

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RECIPE OF THE WEEK!

From Southern Heritage Real Estate

YELLOW RICE CORN CASSEROLE

INGREDIENTS

- 1 small pkg. yellow rice
- 1(8 oz) carton sour cream
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 can water chestnuts, drained (roughly chopped so you don't have such big pieces)
- 1 can Mexicorn or whole kernel corn
- 1 stick margarine
- 1/2 cup chopped onions
- 1 cup grated cheese (for topping)

DIRECTIONS

- Preheat oven to 350°
- Cook rice according to directions
- Transfer cooked rice to large mixing bowl
- Combine and all remaining ingredients with rice and mix well
- Transfer mixture to 13" x 9" x 2" baking pan
- Sprinkle cheese on top
- Bake for 30 minutes

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- 3/2 on 10+/- acres in Muse. Spacious living room, family room, fireplace and much more. **\$129,900.**
- Nature's beauty on 3 in 5.10+/- acres in a beautiful pond, half wooded and priced to sell. **\$60,000.**
- 3/2 on 1.3+/- acres located close to town **\$100,000.**
- Immaculate 3/2 manufactured home on .25+/- acres with over 1,726+/- living area, spacious master suite, bedrooms and kitchen. **\$42,000.**
- 3/2 with 1,248+/- sq. ft of living area and a beautiful fenced porch, fenced yard. **\$33,500.**

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LOTS

- 5+/- acres located outside of LaBelle **\$39,000.**
- .29 +/- acre in Belmont S/D. Priced to sell at only **\$33,150.** Possible seller financing.
- 2.5+/- acres in Ladeca. Cleared and ready to build. **\$15,000.**
- .17+/- acre lot in Moore Haven **-\$2,250.**
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