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## Hendry County seeks prices on a line of credit

County leaders want to address long list of capital improvements

By Chris Felker  
INI Florida

Before getting down to a serious discussion of needed repairs to county buildings and capital improvement projects that have been waiting for action, Hendry County commissioners disposed of a noncontroversial matter first at a special meeting June 22.

In a pair of 4-0 votes, they assented to a change order adding \$942 to the overall \$2.3 million cost of the LaBelle Airport terminal building and then to authorizing County Administrator Charles Chapman to execute any future changes costing less than \$10,000. Public Works Director Shane Parker said staff requested the addition of two hose bibs to service the exterior of the terminal, which will require Florida Department of Transportation approval that he noted is expected based on their conversations. If for some reason it's not approved, he said, the cost would be paid out of the airport's budget. Construction is being done under a contract with O-A-K/Florida Inc. of Fort Myers, with

AECOM Technical Services Inc. of Tampa as project engineer.

The second action was taken to avoid construction delays caused by any other needed changes in any projects because the board will not meet again until July 24. Commissioner Emma Byrd was listening in via telephone, but could not vote.

The commissioners then had a very long discussion concerning their 2017-18 capital improvement schedule, which includes several large projects they've been talking about but have not prioritized plans for because of a lack of available financing and because of the continuing impact of Hurricane Irma on Hendry's finances.

On the schedule are: \$40,000 in repairs to the Hendry County Sheriff's Office, including air conditioners plus courthouse security measures; \$480,000 for courthouse and other miscellaneous repairs, with \$60,000 coming from sources other than county taxpayers' funds; \$500,000 for Historic Courthouse work, all from a grant; \$70,000 for the Health Department building in LaBelle; \$10,000 for the library; \$100,000 for the Clewiston sub-office building; \$10,000 for the Harlem Civic Center; and \$250,000 for the Dallas

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## HCSO seizes Altair Training Solutions for new owner

By Captain Susan Harrelle  
Special to the Caloosa Belle

On June 19, 2018, Hendry County Sheriff Steve Whidden received, from the court, a Writ of Possession Instantly ordering Sheriff Whidden to seize all of the property named in the writ and turn it over to the new owner and remove any persons on the property known as Altair Training Solutions, a regional training facility with an address of 31101 Nafi Dr., Immokalee. This training facility is the former site of Hendry Correctional Institute.

Due to the size of the facility and the type of training being conducted there, Sheriff Whidden felt that the safest way to do this was to organize an operation and enact the Mutual Aid Agreement, per statute.

Lee County Sheriff's Office, Collier County Sheriff's Office, SW Florida Regional Bomb Squad, Florida Wildlife Commission, ATF and Homeland Security Investigations assisted Hendry County Sheriff's Office with personnel and assets. 73 law enforcement officers were briefed on the situation and entered the property securing all buildings. Once that was done, the property was turned over to the new owners.

The lender sued Altair and others in a foreclosure and they were awarded. The property was sold at auction on May 30. As a result of the sale, the writ was issued.

ATF seized several firearms that were in violation and a small amount of explosive ordinance was seized by the bomb squad.

There were no arrests made at this time.



Courtesy photo/John Cassani - Calusa Waterkeeper  
Heavy rainfall in May and June followed by hot summer weather has led to increased reports of algal blooms and cyanobacteria blooms in South Florida, like the shot above of the bloom moving down the Caloosahatchee River at the LaBelle Bridge.

## Algal blooms reported throughout the area

By Katrina Elsen  
INI Florida

Heavy rainfall in May and June followed by hot summer weather has led to increased reports of algal blooms and cyanobacteria blooms in South Florida.

Cyanobacteria, commonly referred to as "blue-green algae" is not actually algae.

A combination of hot weather, low salinity, nitrogen and phosphorus can cause algae and cyanobacteria to grow rapidly; this is called a "bloom." Laboratory tests are required to determine what types of algae or cyanobacteria are in a "bloom."

Some — not all — species of cyanobacteria produce toxins under certain conditions. Species that can produce toxins do not always do so.

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is monitoring what is believed to be a massive cyanobacteria bloom on Lake Okeechobee.

According to oceanographer Michelle Tomlinson of the NOAA National Ocean Service, they have been monitoring satellite photos of the lake since the start of June.

Ms. Tomlinson shared the following information about the images:

- A series of satellite images acquired on June 12, 20, 21, and 24 show the progression of a cyanobacterial bloom in Lake Okeechobee.

- On June 12, about 3 percent of lake area was covered by cyanobacteria blooms. Most of the blooms appeared along about a mile off the eastern shore.

- On the June 20 image, the bloom was observed to be covering about 49 percent of the lake surface area, mostly in the southwestern quadrant of the lake with some bloom accumulation along the northwestern shore.

- There was a decrease in bloom areal extent on June 21 of about 22 percent, where the bloom was observed along the eastern part of the lake. The decrease was likely due to wind mixing cyanobacteria cells down into the water column and not the disappearance of the bloom. These cells float back to the surface when winds subside.

- The latest image from June 24 shows the maximum cyanobacterial bloom extent observed in the month of June so far.

- The bloom was observed to be covering almost the entire lake area, excluding a narrow stretch along and about 6 miles off the eastern shoreline. Pronounced bloom accumulation was observed along the eastern shoreline.

"The algorithm we developed for the imagery is showing cyanobacteria blooms,"

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B. Townsend Agricultural Building, all from a grant. The total amount is \$1.46 million, with \$810,000 coming from grants or other sources.

According to the staff's Capital Needs Analysis, those account for a little more than a quarter of the total costs the county faces for bringing its facilities to a better functional and safety level. Deputy County Administrator Jennifer Davis ran through the list.

After recent discussions of work needed at county cemeteries, staff provided cost estimates for them: Fort Denaud Cemetery expansion phase one, \$300,000; Ridgeland and Harlem cemeteries, \$100,000; and overall cemetery landscaping and renovations, \$100,000. Other items cited in the analysis are: \$2 million for the Historic Courthouse exterior; \$900,000 for Administration Courthouse facade work and \$200,000 for long-

term courthouse security; \$300,000 for the courthouse parking lot and expansion; \$350,000 for jail projects, including roof work, interior repairs, plumbing fixture replacements, administrative wing repairs and an LP gas motor for a fire pump; and \$50,000 for Clewiston sub-office work. The total is \$4.3 million, but \$300,000 is available from the budget for the courthouse facade, so the county is looking at \$4 million worth of needs.

Ms. Davis explained: "These are all estimates; of course, we feel like they're close for conversation purposes, but once you all make a decision on how you want to proceed, all these numbers would be firmed up ... and everything would have to come back before you before it was approved."

Mr. Chapman wanted to clarify, about the financing that will be sought: "What we'll be looking at is not a bond, where we take out a lump sum and we're paying back interest on that lump sum. We'll get a line of credit up to a certain amount, and you only pay for that which you draw down, plus interest."

After staff presented voluminous information about all the projects and needs, County Board Chairman Mitchell Wills summarized, "We're to the point now where we just need to come together and let's fix these facilities and get them to where they need to be."

The board then passed several motions by unanimous votes. The first directed the county engineer to move forward with a guaranteed maximum contract price of some \$265,000 for the east courthouse facade repairs. Next, commissioners authorized Administrator Chapman to approach financial institutions and price out a line of credit of up to about \$6 million. After their discussions, commissioners and staff arrived at an estimated "total needs" price of

about \$5.37 million, but the board imposed no cap, instead asking Mr. Chapman to find out whether rates would vary depending on a potential total amount sought.

He, in turn, committed to work from the schedule he and staff had presented. "We will do our best to move this as aggressively as possible. My guarantee to the board is that this will be a part of the package with the budget that you move to adopt at public hearings in September."

Chairman Wills said he wanted to make the situation clear to the public: "This isn't a hard cost, this isn't drilled down yet; this is just an estimate to get us moving forward to get to that place where we'll know what the hard numbers are and then we can move from there."



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Graduates of the 2018 Hendry Glades Adult Leadership Program are, from left, Lisa Walker, Emily Hunter, Belinda Smith, Luke Davis, Yara Sanchez, Libby Pigman, Matthew Howard, Kristi Biffar, Jennifer Lesley and Melinda Abreu.

## Leadership program's Class of 2018 graduates

By Lisa Walker

Special to the Caloosa Belle

The Hendry Glades Adult Leadership Program of 2018 had its graduation ceremony on Wednesday, May 16.

For participants, this program introduces, educates and provides hands-on experiences to various establishments in Hendry and Glades counties that ultimately make us who we are.

The leadership training consists of an eight-month-long course connecting and developing professional participants with the objective of becoming better aware, more knowledgeable and more engaged in their community.

Anyone who is interested in joining the Hendry Glades Adult Leadership Program for 2019 should contact Leslie Leiva at [leslie-leiva@qualityelectriccontracting.com](mailto:leslie-leiva@qualityelectriccontracting.com) or Tuesday Tritt at [tritt@first1bank.com](mailto:tritt@first1bank.com).

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## Greater LaBelle Chamber of Commerce 1st Annual Hendry County Business Expo & Job Fair

**LaBelle Civic Center**

**June 28, 2018**

**5:30pm to 7:30pm**

**Public is Invited**

**Admission is Free**

# Algae testing takes time, says Dept. of Environmental Regulation

By Katrina Elsen  
INI Florida

Algae is part of the natural ecosystem in lakes, rivers and streams worldwide. Algae is ever-present in Lake Okeechobee, even when it is not visible in a bloom; boaters and fishermen are used to seeing algae in the water column or blown about by the winds.

Since the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers began releasing water to the east through Port Mayaca lock and to the west through the Moore Haven lock, coastal officials have voiced concerns about the algae that may be in the lake water. In 2016, algae from the lake was blamed for seeding the massive harmful algal blooms that plagued the Treasure Coast.

So far this year, a small patch of wind-blown algae was found near the Port Mayaca Lock on Lake Okeechobee, on June 5. Toxin levels were very low at 0.6 parts per billion. The World Health Organization considers levels below 10 ppb to be safe.

At the June 7 Water Resources Analysis Coalition meeting, Chad Kennedy of the Florida Department of Environmental Regulation explained that FDEP takes samples whenever algal blooms are reported, but it takes four days for the FDEP staff to analyze algae samples.

"This isn't something that you can do, run through a machine and get an instant number," he said.

"This is something folks have to do analysis on and quality assurance and quality control to make sure the information is accurate," he explained.

"If algae is present, it is not necessarily synonymous with toxins present," he said.

Mr. Kennedy said that the Corps of Engineers has personnel monitoring the locks and levee every day. In addition, water management personnel are out on the lake col-

lecting samples. It's a big lake, he said. FDEP also seeks the public's help to monitor algal blooms.

"If you see an algae bloom, please call 855-305-3903. Please leave a message and we will call you back and get details about the bloom," he said. He added that algal blooms can also be reported on the FDEP website.

Mr. Kennedy said FDEP is looking for ways not only to monitor algal blooms but to treat harmful algal blooms when they occur.

He said FDEP put out a Request for Proposals (RFP) in March.

FDEP has about 60 people — scientists and individuals — "who said they had a solution to this problem," he said.

"Unfortunately, we only had four responses to that RFP when it really came right down to brass tacks," he continued.

"We have to protect the water. We are not going to let people disperse chemicals or anything like that which is going to have an adverse effect on the whole resource just to get rid of the algae.

"We had two responses that were deemed complete," he said. "Unfortunately, they did not respond to all the aspects of the RFP in a manner that the department felt comfortable moving forward with."

Mr. Kennedy said FDEP is working on a new RFP. "We are actively seeking people who can clean up and actively respond to these blooms if we do have a toxic bloom," he said.

"If you know someone that has a technology that is scalable and can be deployed on an ad-hoc, as needed, response, we are looking for that.

We are looking for ways to respond and clean up, not just monitor, algal blooms," he said.

# Veterans Wall Groundbreaking set

The LaBelle Veteran's Memorial Park Committee would like to invite the members of the community and City Officials to an Official ground-breaking ceremony this Saturday, June 30th at 9 a.m. to mark the spot where the new granite wall will be placed. The Veterans and volunteers involved are excited to have this project get underway and look forward to its completion this fall. This project has taken several months to date, and it has taken several years to raise the necessary monies to purchase.

The LaBelle Veteran's Park is a partnership of the American Legion Post 130,

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10100, The City of LaBelle and its many generous supporters. The monies raised for this park has come from the donations of bricks, business sponsors and the Fallen Heroes Benefit held each July.

If anyone is wishing to have a veteran's name on the wall that does not currently have a brick they can go to the American Legion Post 130 or the VFW Post 10100 to fill out a form at a donation of \$100.00 before August 1st to have it engraved on the first go around. Forms will also be available that morning at the park.

## Community Brief

### Hendry County Business

#### Expo and Job Fair

The Greater LaBelle Chamber of Commerce is sponsoring a Business Expo and Job Fair on **Thursday, June 28**. It will be held at the LaBelle Civic Center between the hours of 5:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. The public is invited to attend, and admission is free.

The event is designed to be both a Business Expo and a Job Fair. A Business Expo is the perfect way for local business owners to showcase their business and products to local customers. Business owners who are in need of more employees may also find the Job Fair to be of help. According to Diane Fianza, the Executive Director of the LaBelle Chamber, "Hendry County has many wonderful businesses, but many times local customers do not know these businesses are here and available to them. This venue is the perfect opportunity for businesses to connect face to face with the community, and customers, they serve."

For more information, or to register for a reserved space, please contact Diane at the Chamber at 863-675-0125, or by e-mail at [ichamberofcomm@embarqmail.com](mailto:ichamberofcomm@embarqmail.com).

### PRIMARY ELECTION Books Close

REGISTER TO VOTE: For the August 28, 2018, Primary Election at the Supervisor of Elections Office, LaBelle Courthouse, the Clewiston Office, any Drivers License Office, Public Assistance Office and all Public Libraries. The Voter Registration Books close on Monday, July 30, 2018 at 5:00 p.m.

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Brenda Hoots  
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## Never Play Music Right Next to the Zoo

These children were acting out parts to the story, *Never Play Music Right Next to the Zoo*, book by John Lithgow. The puppet "Rockin Rabbit" is hanging over the top. The story is about a little boy (played by "Rockin Rabbit") who goes to an outside concert and falls asleep. He dreams that as the music plays the animals escape from the zoo one by one, each with an instrument, and join the orchestra. These children were each playing a part of one of the animals from the zoo.

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# Sharing our transformational stories is a powerful way to spread the message of Love

I know what it's like to experience a huge transformation in your life and want to shout it to the world! You feel so inspired to share a message with the people that you know and care about, but you don't know how to start or what to do or say!

The desire to make a difference in the world and to serve in a big way is palpable but the task of figuring out how to start can seem very daunting!

I remember being in that exact headspace just over one year ago, when I decided to take a leap of faith and enroll in the Spirit Junkie Masterclass with my teacher Gabrielle Bernstein in New York City.

I remember her teaching from the stage the very first night of the weekend long training; "When we own our power it inspires others to do the same." In that moment I realized that, though my story was at times messy and uncomfortable to talk about, it was powerful. I learned how to own the power of my story and how to share it!

That was a huge revelation for me. I had been putting so much pressure on myself by trying to figure out how to do deep and meaningful work in the world, and I hadn't even thought of just "sharing my story".

The truth is: sharing our transformational stories is one of the most POWERFUL ways to spread the message of Love to the world.

In January of 2017 I was just a few months sober and was dedicated to 'showing up for myself' because I'd heard that terminology thrown around, and even though I didn't know exactly what it meant or exactly what I was showing up to or how I should dress for the occasion, I was committed to not waking up hungover anymore or being sick all night.

I was tired of everything being hard, nothing being easy, and everyone taking me as a drunken joke. Above all I was scared to death that the emotional baggage that I'd been procrastinating on unpacking since my Grandmother's death, Mother's suicide, other Grandmother's death, Father's death, and Grandfather's death (yeah I really wanted to emphasize how many deaths I was dealing



**Hunting Happiness  
With Val White**

the people died and I got drunk... for five years.

Of course, not ALL of that five years were spent drunk; there were snippets of lucidity peppered here and there between embarrassment, slurred words, and extreme hangovers. In those moments of brief sobriety I was catching a glimpse of what was to come, by some inspired hope for what may be in my distant future, if only I could figure out what it meant to get sober long enough to 'show up for myself'.

In my moments of clarity I would read some good self help books that had been recommended by Oprah on Super Soul Sunday. I had figured out that there had to be a better way of living... and even though it scared the bejeezus out of me I was ready to figure out how to look for that way.

I had heard of Gabrielle Bernstein when I was working for a self help blog in Los Angeles five years earlier and I'd recently been reminded of her when I saw her on Super Soul Sunday. I had read one of her books entitled "May Cause Miracles" and I thought to myself... 'if she can go from being a drug addict, to make something of her life and, in turn help others to make something of their lives... then I can too.'

So, in the newness of sobriety and with a hope that surpassed my fear, I set the intention that I was going to be her student

(with) would take me to places that I didn't know how to cope with; hence - all the drinking I'd been doing for the past five years.

If you knew me before January 2017 you remember this version of me. You remember when all

and learn everything that she did... so that I could follow suit.

When I arrived, in June of 2017, to the SVA theater in New York City, the energy was palpable. I couldn't believe I had made the investment of time, resources, or energy into myself to be there. I was shaking with nerves and I felt like I may throw up. Somewhere inside my internal GPS I heard a voice that said "You've got this. You're exactly where you're supposed to be." I knew that my life was about to change.

What I didn't realize is how QUICKLY my life was going to change. I returned from NYC, after that weekend, elated; my energy was swirling around like a tornado and I had so many inspired ideas I didn't know what to do, but I trusted and took action.

I put together my website, created a digital course, and launched it as a group coaching program.

BOOM! I had stepped into my purpose of sharing my light and my story with others and I would never, ever go back to being a victim of my circumstances again.

I have since grown my business as a life coach, spiritual teacher, motivational speaker, yoga instructor, and writer!

I have people stopping me on the street or in Walmart almost every time I go shopping to tell me how inspired a "Hunting Happiness" article has been to them and it validates the work that I do... but hear this: The sharing of my story is not to brag. The sharing of my story is not for self promotion. The sharing of my story is to inspire you to tell yours. Remember when we own our power it gives others to do the same.

By sharing my story I have helped countless others along their own path. It is my prayer that by reading my story this week, you will have the courage and confidence to start owning the power of your own beautifully flawed, broken and put back together story. The world needs you to step up to your purpose as a Happiness Helper!

Share your light, my friends

## Letter to the Editor

### LaBelle Middle Receives Letter of Recognition

We would like to commend the staff and students at LaBelle Middle for their outstanding support of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society's Pennies for Patients program. LaBelle Middle School received a letter from the Pennies for Patients program honoring this support. The school raised and donated \$1,661.64 to the program. This is the second year of participation. This year's donation was an increase of over \$500 from last year. The letter

thanked the school coordinator, Lea Burnside, as well as the staff and students for their commitment and generosity.

The school also recognized classes for their participation. Mrs. Scrugg's class raised almost \$400 and earned a pizza and ice cream party. Four classes that raised over \$200 were recognized as well. Ms. Perry, Ms. Hall, Ms. Snyder, and Mrs. Murphy's classes earned a pennant for their classroom. Way to go Broncos!

Iris Borghese, Ph.D.

Principal

LaBelle Middle School

## Community

### Bake Sale Planned

Ortona Community Association's Children's Program has started.

The children will hold a Bake Sale to raise funds for their program activities.

Please come to buy some delicious goodies at our Bake Sale!

We hope to see you on **Wednesday, July 4 at the LaBelle Walmart from 10 a.m. to noon.**

### Credit Counseling for Homeownership

The Home Ownership Resource Center of Lee County,

Inc. ("HORC") in collaboration with Hendry County Housing and State Housing Initiatives Partnership ("SHIP") will be hosting credit counseling classes to assist prospective home buyers with the opportunity to improve credit scores. One on one Counseling will be available at HORC's office by appointments only, after taking the class.

Classes will be held on a quarterly basis as follows:

**Tuesday, July 17, 2018,  
5:30 to 7:00 p.m.**

**Tuesday, October 16, 2018,  
5:30 to 7:00 p.m.**

Location: Dallas B. Townsend Agricultural Center, 1085 Pratt Boulevard, LaBelle, FL 33975.



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## Amateur Radio Club EM Reservists

The Big Lake Amateur Radio Club EM Reservists participated in nationwide training "Field Day" in Clewiston May 23 and 24. The training is intended to demonstrate the ability of Amateur Radio to function in the event of civil emergency using only generators for power. This year Hendry County Reservist licensed operators succeeded in reaching 1K mile radius to amateur radio operators in Puerto Rico, New York state, Wisconsin and Texas. Picture are Big Lake Radio Club members (l-r) David Hegley, Frank Harris Sr, Lori M Shula, Edward Radke, and CPD officers Iliia Movalli and Darrin McNeil.



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## Drummond speaks to Kiwanis

Attorney, Kevin Drummond P.A. who grew up in LaBelle and also became an Eagle Scout before graduating LaBelle High School was a guest speaker at the June 5th LaBelle Kiwanis meeting. Kevin explained to Kiwanis members and guests about probate proceedings, the rules governing formal probate administration and summary administration in the State of Florida. Pictured: Attorney Drummond whose office is in West Palm Beach, LaBelle Kiwanis President Sue Williams, and Nikki Yeager, a Past President for Kiwanis.



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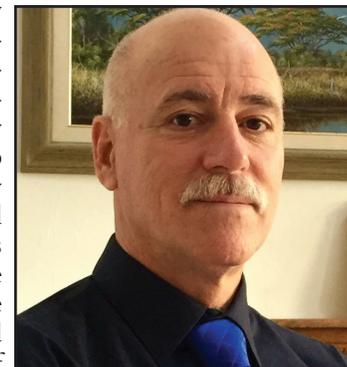
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## "Hi" My name is Kenneth C. Diaz

I have over 31 years in government serving my community and the public as a Firefighter/Paramedic. For my last 10 years of that time I was assigned to Miami International Airport. I was elected to the Hendry County MSBU board in the early 90's. Born in Tampa raised in Miami I moved to Hendry County in 1984 for the peace and harmony our community offers. My wife and I have raised a family of 4 children in our community. This is our home town and I'm running for a spot on the Hendry County Commission to protect what we have, help manage growth, and bring much needed experience into our government and to the Board of County Commissioners.



One of the many opinions I have is Airglades Airport should not be sold. Instead we should be the ones developing it, not private investors. If we sell our airport Hendry County citizens stand to lose billions of dollars in future county revenue. Lost revenue forever that would in turn reduce property taxes and provide seriously needed community benefits. Our community should think more about our future and our children's futures. Selling our most important assets should never be an option for us. We can not allow these things to happen anymore. Developing our assets for now and the future should be paramount for our leaders. After all, that is their job! Our Hendry County Officials are incorrect if they sell our airport to US Sugar and their group of investors. We can build it ourselves! The Hendry County Commission needs to stop being lazy and develop Airglades Airport ourselves.

Long term politics are harming our communities. More than 20 years in office is too long for anyone and I think it's time for new blood in district 2.

*Thank you,  
Kenneth C. Diaz*

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## Church Briefs

### Movie Night Planned

First Baptist Church of LaBelle is hosting a free movie night on June 29 at 6:30 p.m. The movie is "I Can Only Imagine", the true story behind the beloved song. Movie night is open to the public, so bring your friends and neighbors to 330 N. Main Street. Any questions, call 863-675-2171.

### Kids Stars and Stripes parade

The First Baptist Church of LaBelle will be hosting a "Stars and Stripes Kid's Parade" on the 4th of July starting at 3:00 PM. We are asking for children to participate in the parade by walking or decorating their bicycles, scooters, or wagons in RED, WHITE and BLUE. The parade line up is at 3:00 PM at the church. A parent's registration form is required and can be picked up and returned at the church office from 8 to 4:30 Monday through Friday. Deadline for parade registration is June 30.

### VBS at First Christian Church

Come sail away with First Christian Church on a tropical adventure! Vacation Bible School will be held on July 9 - 13, from 9:00 to 12:00. We are located on the corner of Lee and Ford Streets. The "Shipwrecked - Rescued By Jesus" theme is full of bible adventures, games, music, and treats! For more information call, 863-675-1366.

### Who will I obey?

VBS at El Faro Assembly will begin on July 2 and run until July 6 for ages 3 to 18. The classes start at 9 a.m. and run until 12:30 p.m. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m.

El Faro Assembly is located at 431 Bryan Avenue LaBelle, FL 33935. For information call 863-843-0264.

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(REGISTRATION WILL START AT): 8:30 AM

### Gran Campaña Garden of Prayer

LaBelle Community SDA Ministries extends our 11 a.m. Sabbath morning Pastoral Garden of Prayer to anyone and everyone whose mind is heavily burdened. You know how heavy your situation is. James 5:16 reminds us to pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous man has great power and wonderful results. You can join our prayer list of over 100 by sending your family's name to P.O. Box 1885 LaBelle, FL 33975.

**Pastor Rupert A. Balfour, PhD**



Courtesy photos/Karen Hildebrand

### Busey was at Barron Library

Daniel Busey played his violin and talked to the children about how a stringed instrument makes music. He also let the children try their hand with his violin and fiddle.

## Obituaries

### Marlene Summerall Grillo, 77

LABELLE — Marlene Summerall Grillo passed away June 23, 2018 in LaBelle.

She was born April 18, 1941 in Tampa, to the late Clyde and the late Edith Marie (Thompson) Summerall, Sr.

Survivors include her children, Debbie (Cary) Grillo Haerlin, Terri (Mike) Grillo-Cross, Tony (Lori) Grillo, Cathy (Steve) Grillo and Lonnie (Donnie) Gore; step-sons, Frank Grillo and John Grillo and families; sister, Joyce Boatright; grandchildren, Tommy, Michael, Ben, Skeeter, Michele, Robert, Cassie, Dillon, Josh and Bruce; numerous great-grandchildren and many extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her husband, Al Grillo.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, June 26, 2018, 10:30 a.m. at Akin-Davis Funeral Home in LaBelle. Pastor Bill Maddox officiated. Visitation was for 30 minutes before the funeral at Akin-Davis Funeral Home-LaBelle. Interment followed in Ortona Cemetery, Moore Haven.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.

View obituaries from the past month at <http://www.legacy.com>



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# Medicare Savings Programs can reduce insurance costs for seniors

More than 2 million older Americans are receiving letters from the Social Security Administration about programs that could help pay their health care expenses. Recipients of these letters are likely eligible for Extra Help, a low-income subsidy program for Medicare Part D prescription benefits, or other Medicare Savings Programs.

The Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida (AAASWFL) wants to reassure seniors that these letters from the Social Security Administration are legitimate. Recipients are encouraged to contact the SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) program to determine if they are eligible and receive application assistance.

SHINE Medicare counselors provide free, unbiased, and personalized assistance with Medicare, Medicaid, prescription drug plans, and long-term care insurance. Offered locally through the Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida, SHINE empowers seniors, their caregivers, and family members to make informed decisions about health care coverage. SHINE is a volunteer program of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs and part of the national SHIP Program.

"About 12 million people nationwide use one of these programs to help cover the costs of medications, copays, deductibles, and Medicare premiums," explains Camilita Aldridge, SHINE Liaison with AAASWFL. "About 180 people in Glades and Hendry

Counties will receive these letters. If you found one of these letters in your mailbox, SHINE may be able to help you save hundreds or even thousands of dollars on your health care. With healthcare costs continuing to rise, these programs can be a lifeline for older adults with limited incomes."

AAASWFL provides SHINE counseling services at locations across Southwest Florida. To make an appointment with a SHINE counselor, call AAASWFL's toll-free Elder Helpline at 1-866-413-5337. A list of counseling sites can also be found on the SHINE website: [www.floridashine.org](http://www.floridashine.org).

The Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida is a nonprofit organization serving Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hendry, Lee, and Sarasota Counties. AAASWFL is the state's designated Aging and Disability Resource Center for Southwest Florida. The organization is committed to helping adults ages 60 and over and people with disabilities to live with independence and dignity in their own homes and communities. More information is available at [www.aaaswfl.org](http://www.aaaswfl.org) or by calling the toll-free Helpline at 866-413-5337 (866-41-ELDER).

Courtesy photo

## LaBelle's Nature Park

Along the Caloosahatchee River in LaBelle hides a wonderful little park full of surprises. This small park is nestled in the midst of the growing city of LaBelle. The park has a walking trail, the loop a half mile long is bursting with many extensions leading you in different directions to explore the wondrous park. It is home to an assortment of wildlife, 55 QR code along with interpretive signs present information about the trees and plants that grow beneath the shade of the bromeliad-draped live oaks and tall cabbage palms. There are benches to perch on to watch the birds.

This park also has a small treasure chest hidden among the



trees. It is a Geo Caching container, it is a green plastic tool box that you find with the help of your cell phone. You must sign up, it's simple, free and lots of fun. <https://www.geocaching.com>. If you plan on taking a trinket out of the box please replace it with something else. Small trinkets like football trading cards, a Cadillac insignia, hot wheels, a set of earphones, a wildlife keychain, a ruler and a clip. These are all things found in the box previously. The page you will look for is called "Lost in LaBelle" A cache by Missouri Mule and Lady Bug.

From SR 80 in LaBelle, turn north onto Hardee Street. Continue to the end of the street and make a left. The park entrance and trailhead parking is immediately on your left. Please note there are No restrooms.



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# Algal

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Ms. Tomlinson explained. “So it is separating out the cyanobacteria from any other background algae in the lake. There may be some non-harmful phytoplankton mixed in there, but what you are seeing is the concentration of the cyanobacteria.”

According to Dee Ann Miller of the Florida Department of Health: “Some — not all — blue-green algae can produce toxins that can contribute to environmental problems and affect public health. Little is known about exactly what environmental conditions trigger toxin production. Over time, these toxins are diluted and eventually break down and disappear. Persistent blooms are routinely monitored and retested. Because you cannot tell if algae is producing toxins by looking at it, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) coordinates with the water management districts and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to routinely sample observed and reported algal blooms and test for algal identification and toxin levels.”

Results posted by FDEP as of June 26 found no toxins in the samples collected in Lake Okeechobee since June 6. Earlier this month, very low levels of toxins of less than 1 microgram per liter were reported in samples from small blooms just off Lake Okeechobee’s east shore. The World Health Organization considers levels under 10 micrograms per liter as safe for recreational contact.

Samples were collected from various areas around the lake on Monday. Testing takes about four days.

NOAA is also tracking algae blooms in other areas of the country, such as Lake Erie and the Gulf of Maine.

On June 22, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers changed the lake release schedule so that releases are measured at the Franklin Lock and limited the flow to 3,000 cubic feet per second (cfs). That’s about 1.6 billion gallons per day. Most of the water flowing through that lock is now from local runoff, not Lake Okeechobee.

For example, on June 25, the local basin runoff made up 2,028 cfs — more than two-thirds of the flow going through the Franklin Lock.

On June 25, releases at the Moore Haven Lock were 1504 cfs, so the flow to the Caloosahatchee estuary that day was about half lake water, half local basin runoff.

To the east, flow into the C-44 Canal from Lake Okeechobee has been reduced as well. That flow is measured at the St. Lucie Lock, so it includes water from the lake which enters the canal at Port Mayaca, as well as basin runoff that flows into the C-44 Canal between Port Mayaca and the St. Lucie Lock. In addition, the corps is pulsing the flows to allow the tides to flush out the estuary. On June 25, flow to the St. Lucie Lock was just 195 cfs. Flow going through the St. Lucie Lock was 1,245 cfs. On June 26, flow from the lake at the Port Mayaca lock was 1,754 cfs.

On June 18, an algal bloom was reported on the Caloosahatchee River near the LaBelle bridge. According to the FDEP tests, the bloom was mixed algae (not cyanobacteria) with no dominant species in the sample. No toxins were detected.

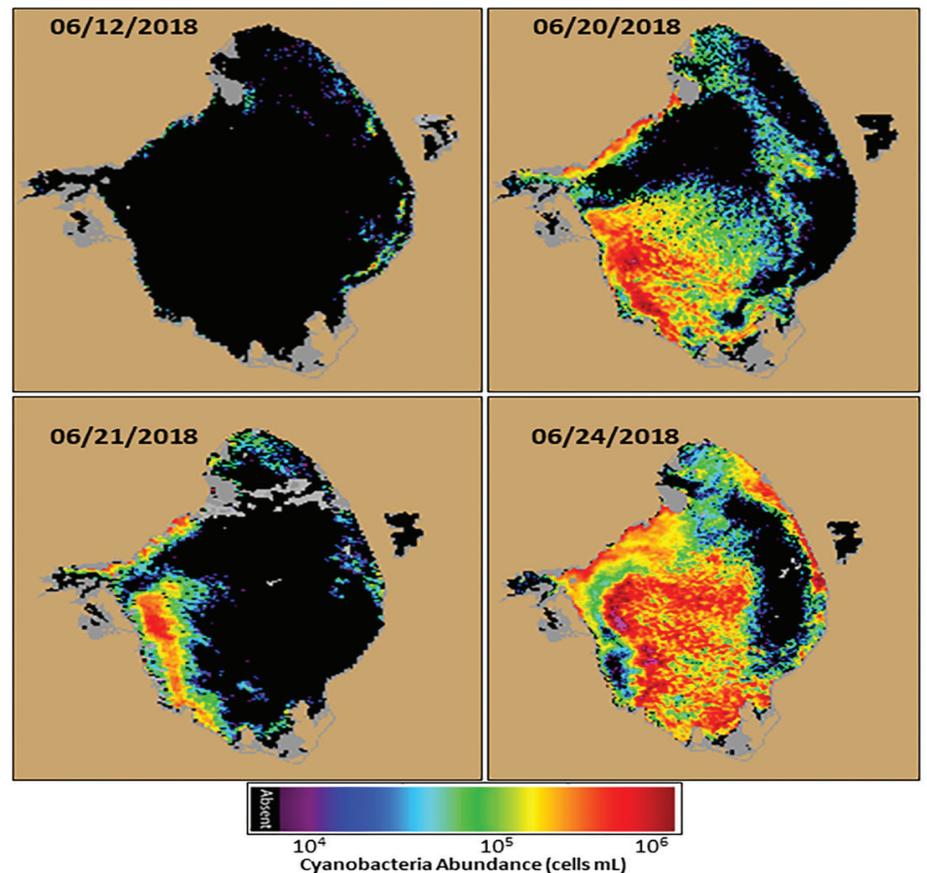
The most recent sample of algae near the St. Lucie Lock on June 21 found the dominant species was microcystin aeruginosa (a form of cyanobacteria). No toxins were detected. A sample taken June 19 at Port Mayaca found the same type of cyanobacteria. No toxins were detected.

A number of algal blooms were reported on Lake Okeechobee and connecting waterways on June 25. It takes four days to get test results, so the type of algae or cyanobacteria is not yet known.

FDEP investigated an algal bloom June 25 at the Ortona Lock. Dense mats of algae were observed at the surface along the canal bank. Algae was visible across the entire canal.

FDEP also investigated an algal bloom June 25 at the Alva Bridge. They found some surface algae which was sampled. They also collected samples at the Franklin Locks and the 41 bridge.

NOTE: Algal blooms and cyanobacterial blooms look alike; it takes a microscope to tell the difference. Cyanobacteria are prokaryotic organisms (a microscopic single-celled organism that has neither a distinct nucleus with a membrane nor other specialized organelles) where as green algae are eukaryotic organisms (an organism consisting of a cell or cells in which the genetic material is DNA in the form of chromo-



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The graphic above shows the bloom progression through the lake.

somes contained within a distinct nucleus.) occur naturally in freshwater worldwide. According to the Environmental Protection Agency, both algae and cyanobacteria There are thousands of species of algae and thousands of species of cyanobacteria.

## Adult Drug Court services are re-established in Hendry County

LABELLE – Adult Drug Court is being re-established in Hendry County. Effective July 1, 2018, the Center for Progress and Excellence, which is a subdivision of Elite DNA, will provide professional alcohol and drug treatment services for adult drug court participants. In February 2015, Hendry County’s Drug Court Program was discontinued due to the previous treatment provider’s inability to secure adequate funding for services.

Research shows that drug courts work. Treatment courts not only help participants, but also the whole community. Drug

court programs have proven to help break the cycle of addiction in individuals with alcohol and drug problems and help them become productive members of society.

Adult Felony Drug Court is a multi-phase diversion program offered in lieu of incarceration. Non-violent offenders who have committed crimes related to their substance abuse or dependency, and who qualify, may choose to receive specialized outpatient substance abuse services, stay in recovery and become productive members of society. The program typically takes 12 to 19 months to complete.

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# Community Briefs

## Veterans Memorial Wall

Update to the LaBelle Veteran's Memorial Park. The bricks currently in the park are deteriorating and any plans to replace them were too costly, and it was decided to erect a granite wall to hold the veterans names and their branch of service. A list of the names can be found here <https://caloosabelle.com/human-interest/the-names-that-will-go-on-the-veterans-wall>. You can email DAV member Bob Kirkwood at [bobkirkwood9@gmail.com](mailto:bobkirkwood9@gmail.com) to make a correction. No phone calls will be accepted for corrections. The cutoff date for any corrections will be **August 1, 2018**, any errors found after that date will be permanently engraved on the wall.

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## Barron Park House Closing for summer

The Barron Park House Gallery and Gift Shop will be open until the end of June at

which time it will close for the months of July and August for maintenance. In the meantime, take an opportunity to come by and view the art work of our skilled artists. The gift shop offers many creative gifts, greeting cards, craft items and art work for a very reasonable price. The Gallery hours are noon to 5:00 Thursday thru Sunday. Hope everyone has a good summer. See you in September!

8300. Dining room is open to the public and smoke free.

## Relay of Life Needs You

Relay of Life LaBelle needs you! They are looking for teams! Churches, schools, non-profits, businesses, clubs and friends! For more information call Vicki Reynolds, Event Lead at 863-234-2405 or Amanda Dreszer, Community Manager at 239-297-5484. Join them in the Fight against Cancer.

## Glades Soil And Water District Board Meeting

The Glades Soil and Water Conservation District will hold its regularly scheduled Board meeting on **June 28, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.** in the main room of the Dallas B. Townsend Agricultural Building. Meetings are open to the public.

## Yard sale for the animals

The Caloosa Humane Society is holding a yard sale on **Sat. June 30 from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** with many new items including lots of furniture, karaoke machine, fancy wine opener, upright freezer, model ships, and much more of our usual items. Have fun and help support our mission and the animals in our care. Location: 390 North Bridge St. (behind and in the LaBelle Auction building, corner of North Bridge St. and Park Ave.) For more info call 863-675-0997.

## Swamp Cabbage Festival Committee Meeting

The Swamp Cabbage Festival will meet the first Monday of each month in preparation for the 2019 Festival. The meetings are open to the public as well as anyone interested in volunteering. Please join us at LaBelle City Hall, 481 W Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, FL 33935 at 6:30 p.m. For more information, call our office at 863-675-2995. Meeting Dates: **July 2**, August 6, September 10, October 1, November 5, December 3 and January 7.

## Playing now at the Firehouse Community Theatre

MONSTER IN THE CLOSET directed by Kylie Bancroft and Valerie Shough is the next play. **Play dates are: June 29 and 30 at 7 p.m. and July 1 at 2 p.m.** For more info call 863-675-3066 (leave a message) or online at [www.firehousecommunitytheatre.com](http://www.firehousecommunitytheatre.com).

## American Legion Events

Happy Hour Monday - Friday 11a-6p.  
(April through September, Fish Fries are only held the First Friday of each month)  
**June 30 - Saturday - 9 a.m.** Veterans Park; Ground Breaking Ceremony to mark the spot where the new granite Veteran's Wall will be placed in Veterans Park. Everyone involved is excited to have the project underway with completion scheduled this fall. August 1, 2018 is the cutoff to add or correct names for the wall.  
**July 6 - Friday - 5-7 p.m.** Fish Fry with assortment of fish, shrimp, crab cakes and chicken with cole slaw, baked potato or French fries and roll \$9. Homemade desserts by the American Legion Auxiliary are available \$1/slice to support our Veterans. Karaoke begins at 7 p.m. Dining room is smoke free and open to the public.  
"Like" our Facebook page to get all the weekly updates, the newsletters and calendars on our website at [www.legionpost130.com](http://www.legionpost130.com)  
American Legion Post 130 Meetings: (All Members welcome)  
**July 4 - Wed - 7:30 p.m.** American Legion Riders meeting  
**July 5 - Thurs - 6 p.m.** DAV (Disabled American Veterans) meeting  
**July 11 - Wed - 6 p.m.** Sons of the American Legion meeting  
**July 19 - Thurs - 7 p.m.** - American Legion Family Installation of Officers  
American Legion Post 130 is located at 699 SR80 West, across from the Shell station. For further information call 863-675-

## Hendry/Glades Unmet Needs Coalition: July Meetings

Do you have unmet needs resulting from Hurricane Irma and have exhausted all other resources? Please contact us to find out what support may be available for you and your family Contact Hendry/Glades Unmet Needs Coalition Coordinator: Terri Miazga Phone: 813-892-5021 Fax: 863-675-9393 E-mail: [hgunc133@gmail.com](mailto:hgunc133@gmail.com) c/o LaBelle United Way House 133 N. Bridge Street LaBelle, FL 33935. Non-profit representatives and other interested parties who would want to help Hendry and Glades County residents with unmet needs because of Hurricane Irma are invited to meetings at the following location and date: First United Methodist Church located at 331 West Osceola Avenue Clewiston, Florida 33440 on **Friday, July 6, at 1 p.m. and Friday, July 20, at 5:30 p.m.**

## Parkinson's Support Group

The Parkinson's Disease Support Group meeting at the Hope Senior Center on Cowboy Way on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month, has voted not to meet in the months of July or August. Although not formally meeting, support is always available by calling 843-342-8013. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 11, 2018.

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

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1 White House family  
2 Respect that's "paid"





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## Recently at the Rotary

On Tuesday, June 19, the Rotary Club of LaBelle heard a presentation from Ron Hamel, the Executive Vice President of the Gulf Citrus Growers Association. The Association represents growers and farmers in Southwest Florida and advocates on various issues that are important to the industry, including legislative issues and research funding. From Left to Right: Ron Hamel, Gulf Citrus Growers Association, Rotarian Norm Todd, and Fred Kobie, President of the Rotary Club of LaBelle.

## School Briefs

### LHS Algebra Boot Camp

Do you need to pass the Algebra 1 EOC or PERT for a Graduation Requirement? Do you need a half credit in Algebra 1 to boost your GPA? If either of the following situations apply to you, then you need to attend the Algebra Boot Camp in July. Students have found more success with passing the PERT and this is your last chance to pass the PERT before the state no longer accepts scores in August. Mr. Ledford and Mr. Lee have helped over 90 percent of students who attend summer school to pass the PERT! The boot

camp will be at LaBelle High School from **July 9-July 27 (Mon-Fri)**. Please expect to be at the school from **7:45 a.m.-1:30 p.m.** If you have any questions please contact Tammy Bass at 863-674-4120.

### Cowboy Day

LaBelle High School's Open House will be held on **August 8**. The schedule is as follows: **9th Grade- 8:00-10:00 a.m.**  
**10th Grade- 10:00 AM-12:00 p.m.**  
**11th Grade- 1:00-3:00 p.m.**  
**12th Grade- 7:00 p.m.**

## Barron Library Happenings

ROCK YOUR WORLD AT BARRON LIBRARY – **Tuesday, July 3 at 10:30 a.m.**, with presenter, Mrs. Margaret England, featuring Gopher Turtles.

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME HAS MOVED . . . to **Wednesday mornings at 10:45**. Bring your little ones for fun stories and projects.

STEAM projects available, a different projects each week, for elementary and middle school students. STEAM stands for science, technology, engineering, art, and math. Projects will be out and available during regular library hours, with the exception of Tuesday mornings, due to summer program.

FLORIDA SUNSHINE STATE BOOKS for 2018/2019 are now available.

40 DAYS OF READING – selection lists available to pick up, or follow the library on Facebook to view daily readings. Keep read-

ing during the summer so you are on point when school begins again in the fall.

SEWING FOR BEGINNERS – ages 14 and up, sign up today. There is a one-time class fee of \$10 for five sessions.

QUILTING CLASS will begin **Thursday, July 5, 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.** There is a one-time class fee of \$10 for five sessions.

CHESS CLUB – Offering a time for experienced players to compete, and also an opportunity to learn how to play, **every Monday evening from 5:39 – 7:30 p.m.**

BARRON BOOK CLUB – Book selection for July is *Bel Canto*, by Ann Patchett. The club meets the **second Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m.**, at the library, next meeting **July 9**. Everyone is welcome!

**July 30** - "Creating an Underwater Abstract" painting workshop, presented by Heather Caldwell.

## Important alligator safety advice

Alligators become more active during warm weather months, and it's not uncommon to see them throughout the state. Most interactions consist of seeing alligators at a distance. However, if you have a concern about a specific alligator, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) urges you to call their toll-free Nuisance Alligator Hotline at 866-FWC-GATOR (392-4286).

Although alligator bite incidents resulting in serious injury are rare in Florida, the FWC recommends taking precautions when having fun in and around the water. Alligators inhabit all 67 counties in Florida and can be found anywhere there is standing water. Re-

duce the chances of conflicts with alligators by swimming only in designated swimming areas during daylight hours. Also keep pets on a leash and away from the water.

Because alligators control their body temperature by basking in the sun, they may be easily observed. However, the FWC urges people to keep their distance if they see one. And never feed alligators because it is dangerous and illegal.

The FWC also works to keep Floridians and visitors informed, including providing advice about Living with Alligators.

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### RECIPE OF THE WEEK SUBMITTED BY SOUTHERN HERITAGE REAL ESTATE

**Herbed Linguine with Shrimp**

**Ingredients**

- ½ cup half and half
- 3 TBLSPN freshly chopped basil
- 2 TBLSPN freshly chopped parsley
- 2 TBLSPN shredded Parmesan
- Salt and Pepper to taste
- ½ pkg linguine cooked al dente
- ½ lb shrimp, cooked and peeled

**Preparation:**

In a large skillet over medium heat, combine half and half, basil and parsley, Parmesan and salt and pepper. Add Linguine, tossing gently to coat. Cook 5 minutes; stir in shrimp. Cook 1 additional minute or until thoroughly heated, Remove from heat, stir in sour cream.

Quick, easy and good. Enjoy!

## Community Briefs

### VFW Post 10100

ALL DINNERS FOR JULY ARE \$6.00!!

**June 28, Thurs.** Crab Cake Dinner with ALL the Fixin's. Serving will begin at 5:00 p.m. and the cost is \$6.00.

**July 3, Tues.** Warm up to Independence Day, Dinner Complimentary BB Chicken, bring a side cover dish. Dinner AT 5:00 p.m. Buck Shot is in the House. Music will begin at 6:00 p.m.

**July 6 Fri.** Meatloaf by Chuck and Mary.

Serving will begin at 5:00 p.m. and the cost \$6.00

**July 7, Sat.** Karaoke with Chris and Betty Ann, Music will start at 5:00 p.m.

**July 13, Fri.** Pork Steak Dinner. Serving will begin at 5:00 p.m., cost is \$6.00.

**July 19 Thurs.** Lasagna Dinner. Serving will begin at 5:00 p.m., cost \$6.00.

**July 20, Fri.** Karaoke with 2 Sharps. This is cover dish dinner. Music will begin at 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

**July 28, Sat.** Chicken and Rib Dinner.

Serving begins at 5:00 p.m. and cost is \$6.00. Free Juke Box on Fri. nights from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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8:00 p.m. Happy Hour: Mon.-Fri. 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

1st Thursday of every month House Committee Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

1st Thursday of every month Veterans Regular Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

2nd Wednesday of every month The Auxiliary Meeting at 7:00 p.m.

Bingo every Sunday at 2:00 p.m.

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