

# Caloosa Belle



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## Palmdale family injured in SR 29 crash

By Debbie Perviss  
Special to the Caloosa Belle

An Orlando woman died from injuries she suffered in a traffic crash on Tuesday, July 3.

A Palmdale family including two children received serious and critical injuries in the accident.

A Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) news release stated that at 3:16 p.m., a 2013 BMW X5 SUV operated by Raquel Wright, 40, of Orlando was traveling southbound on State Road 29 approaching SR 78.

At the same time, a 1992 Ford F-350 truck operated by Raymond Hendry Jr., 32, of Palmdale was traveling northbound on SR 29, north of SR 78.

The SUV crossed over into the northbound lane and rotated counterclockwise. As a result, the front of the truck collided with the passenger side of the SUV. The SUV came to final rest facing east on the eastern grass shoulder of SR 29. The truck came to final rest facing east on the eastern grass shoulder of SR 29.

It was reported that Ms. Wright died from her injuries.

Mr. Hendry was transported to Lee Memorial Hospital where he has been in a medically-induced coma ever since the accident. Passenger Tucker Hendry, 11, was transported to Tampa General Hospital with critical injuries. Tucker later passed away due to his injuries.

Passengers Brooke (32 years old) and Allen Hendry (12 years old) were transported to Lee Memorial Hospital with serious injuries.

Mr. Hendry was reported not to be wearing a seat belt. Ms. Wright and the passengers in the truck were wearing seat belts.

The traffic crash was investigated by Trooper M. Sill, crash investigator, and Corporal Justin Close, homicide investigator.

If you want to donate to JR and Brooke Hendry family's care and support there are several ways you can do so.

You may donate directly to the family by dropping off donations or mailing checks made out to Brooke Hendry to Brooke Hendry c/o Gatorama, P.O. Box 248, Palmdale, FL. 33944. The management there will make sure those checks go directly to

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## Lake "O" releases are on hold indefinitely

By Chris Felker  
INI Florida

Florida Gov. Rick Scott declared a state of emergency Monday in Martin, St. Lucie, Palm Beach, Okeechobee, Lee, Glades and Hendry counties on both coasts of Florida because of algae blooms in the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee rivers.

The governor's order gives state agencies more flexibility in managing fallout from the harmful algae blooms now occurring in many of the state's lakes, including Lake Okeechobee, rivers and coastal estuaries. The emergency declaration lets the Department of Environmental Protection and South Florida Water Management District avert environmental and other restrictions against storing more water south of the lake. This will help alleviate the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' need to resume pulse releases from the lake, which were exacerbating the blooms in coastal waterways.

The governor went to Cape Coral on July 9 to make his own up-close examination of the toxic blue-green algae affecting the Caloosahatchee, its tributaries and other water-

ways in Southwest Florida. His boat tour began early that morning at Horton Park near the Midpoint Bridge in Cape Coral. He wanted to see the areas on the Caloosahatchee where he'd directed the state Department of Environmental Protection to install more water monitoring stations two weeks ago.

"I'm sure if you're a boater, if you're a fisherman, or if you just want to enjoy the water resources, it's frustrating to see this in the water," Gov. Scott said. "At the state level, we're going to continue to do everything we can. I've already asked DEP to do some monitoring stations ... so we'll have a better idea ... what exactly is causing the problems."

Releases of excess water from Lake Okeechobee to the St. Lucie rivers had been scheduled to resume Monday after the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers suspended them the previous week. But the Army Corps put a temporary halt to flows to both rivers July 8, declaring they would be suspended for at least several days and that it would "conduct a full assessment of system conditions."

"As we look at operations in the system, we believe we can pause discharges for a

short time to get additional input from staff on available options for moving water," the USACE's Jacksonville District commander, Col. Jason Kirk, said in a news release. "We have implemented higher stages in the canal along the Tamiami Trail and we have implemented deviations to generate flexibility in operations at the southern end of the system to move additional water south. We want to ensure we are using all available flexibility before we resume discharges east and west."

During Col. Kirk's visit June 21 to the dike, when it was announced that the corps would reduce flows to the east and west from the lake, Clewiston Mayor Mali Gardner discussed with officials the lake's recent high levels due to recent rainfall, fishery conditions and the algae that was producing outcries from the coasts about the lake releases.

"Everyone wants to blame Lake Okeechobee," she said. "Well, Lake O doesn't produce the water; Lake O doesn't produce the algae. We know for a fact that there's algae in Lake Kissimmee."

"Ninety-five percent of the water that

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## Captain Drew retires from HCSO Explorer Post 642

By Captian Susan Harrelle  
Special to the Caloosa Belle

On Monday, July 9, Capt. Liam Drew retired from Hendry County Sheriff's Office Explorer Post 642. Capt. Drew became a member of the HCSO Explorer Post March 16, 2012.

Capt. Drew addressed members of the post explaining the importance of the skills they will learn and friendships they will form. "I have made many friends, a couple of enemies and an ocean of memories...but it has become bittersweet for me to say that the time has come for me to move on."

Capt. Drew rose through the ranks and was promoted to the position of Sergeant in September 2015, Lieutenant in September 2016, Captain in February 2017 and became the Commander of HCSO Post 642 in August 2017.

Liam will be completing his AS at Florida Southwestern College in August of 2018 and will receive his AS in Criminal Justice. In September of 2018, he will begin attending the South West Florida Public Service Academy and upon completion of the academy he will become a law enforcement officer with the Hendry County Sheriff's Office. He will follow in the footsteps of his father who is a law enforcement officer.



Courtesy Photo/Captian Susan Harrelle

**Captain Liam Drew retires and heads to college.**



# Saw palmetto berry harvesting requires Florida state permit

By Chris Felker  
INI Florida

As of Tuesday, July 17, anyone harvesting saw palmetto berries in Florida will be required to have a "Native Plant Harvesting Permit" issued through the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (DACS), its Division of Plant Industry has announced.

Extract derived from the saw palmetto plant's berries has been the subject of research as a possible treatment for men with prostate cancer. The American Cancer Society says, however, that "available scientific studies do not support claims that saw palmetto can prevent or treat prostate cancer in humans."

But that has not stopped makers of nutritional supplements from producing one that they claim "may help prevent prostate cancer." As long as the manufacturers don't say the saw palmetto supplement "does" prevent cancer, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration cannot regulate its production and distribution. Thus, saw palmetto has become a popular supplement in recent years, raising global public demand for the product.

As a result — and after receiving comments from private and public landowners, conservation groups and other interested parties — the Florida Endangered Plant Advisory Council recently unanimously recommended that the state DACS put the saw palmetto on the department's list of com-

mercially exploited plants and to require the permit for harvest.

Any person wishing to take and sell the berries must submit their application for a Native Plant Harvesting Permit a full two weeks, or 14 days, before they intend to conduct the harvest.

Violators may be prosecuted on a misdemeanor charge if caught transporting saw palmetto berries for sale without the permit. In addition, any illegally harvested berries will be confiscated and returned to the owner. If the owner cannot be identified or located, the berries will be destroyed, according to the DACS news release.

Gene McAvoy, Hendry County director of the University of Florida/Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Extension Service,

said this prohibition of harvesting without a permit means that "it is unlawful for any person to willfully destroy or harvest such plant without first obtaining written permission from the landowner and a permit from the state."

Furthermore, he said, anyone transporting saw palmetto berries "for the purpose of sale, selling or offering for sale such plant must have a permit in his/her immediate possession." He added, "It is unlawful for any person to falsify any paperwork/document that permits another person to destroy or harvest such plant."

The native plant harvesting permit requirement also will apply to anyone transporting the berries via any public road or highway, who will be subject to a first-degree misdemeanor charge and may be arrested.

UF/IFAS Extension and the Florida DACS are advising that any landowners who are having problems with trespassers harvesting the berries should contact their local sheriff's office or call the Florida DACS at 800-342-5869.

Information on how to obtain a permit is available at [www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Plant-Industry/Business-Services/Plant-Pest-Permits/Native-Plant-Harvesting-Permit](http://www.freshfromflorida.com/Divisions-Offices/Plant-Industry/Business-Services/Plant-Pest-Permits/Native-Plant-Harvesting-Permit).

For any other questions, contact Tyson Emory at 352-395-4709 or email [Tyson.Emory@FreshFromFlorida.com](mailto:Tyson.Emory@FreshFromFlorida.com).

## Lake

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comes into Lake Okeechobee is from the north, and so we're all one connected water system, but we've got to focus on the source, and the source is north of Lake Okeechobee."

She is adamant that those blaming the lake are wrong. "People keep talking about dirty Lake Okeechobee water, (but it does) not produce the algae. We need to look at that northern storage and we need to look at the ASR (Aquifer Storage and Recovery) wells that were already approved ... and we

have to look at those estuary protection wells for emergency cases." Mayor Gardner said she appreciates that more money has been directed toward completing the hardening of the dike. "But that still does not solve the water quality issue that's coming from the north side of Lake Okeechobee. We must not forget that Lake O is the heartbeat of the Everglades, and that its natural habitat must be protected. What needs to be addressed is the amount of water coming in from the north side. It is not a natural flow into Lake Okeechobee, and it has to be modified," she said.

"That's where we should've started was the north side of the lake."

## Family

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Brooke.

Allan and Patty Register and long time friends from Fisheating Creek where Brooke has been the manager for many years along with His Vision Our Hands Ministry will sponsor a fund raiser and care campaign for the long term needs and well being of the family after August.

You may also donate through Go Fund Me at the following address - <https://www.gofundme.com/hendry-family>.

## HRMC Auxiliary Christmas in JULY Sale!

**Where:** Hendry Regional Medical  
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### Pet of the Week

Meet Sam. He's a five year old neutered male domestic short hair kitty. Right now he's our office cat and roams the shelter making sure everyone is doing their job. He'd love to come take charge at your house. If you have room in your heart and home please come and meet Sam at the Caloosa Humane Society, 1200 Pratt Blvd, LaBelle, FL 33935, or check him out our website Caloosahumanesociety.org

## Man dies in Ortona traffic crash

Special to the Caloosa Belle

A Lehigh Acres man died in a single-vehicle traffic crash Wednesday, July 4, on State Road 78 near Chiaha Lane in Ortona.

A Florida Highway Patrol news release stated that at 4:34 p.m., a 1999 Chevrolet Cavalier operated by Ronald Miller, 36, of Lehigh Acres turned to the left for a curve in the road. As a result, the car ran off the

roadway to the right. The front of the car struck standing water on the north shoulder of SR 78. The car came to final rest in the standing water on the north shoulder of SR 78, on its roof, facing east.

The traffic accident was investigated by Trooper Justin Sanchez, crash investigator, and Corporal Justin Close, homicide investigator.



Courtesy photo/Kelly Boone

### Thank you Girl Scouts

You may have noticed the flags lining Main and Bridge Street last week on July 4, they were placed there by these members of Girl Scout Troop 748, Haley Boone, Isabella Perez, Sarah Snow and Hannah Boone.



Courtesy photo/Brenda Hoots

### Need information on this years election?

An election information table is being taken all around the county by the Supervisor of Elections office, so residents will be "Election Ready". The table has already been sat up displayed at several different sites in the county - the Harlem Library, Clewiston Library, LaBelle Senior Connection, and currently a table loaded with Election Information is at Barron Library and CenterState Bank. There are voter registration forms, Vote By Mail requests forms, candidate lists, air fresheners for your car with the Election and Early Voting dates. The Supervisor's office has left the table up anywhere from a day to a month. In the future they plan on going to the Clewiston Senior Connection, Oakbrook and anywhere else they can think of.



With our future in mind, the growth and development of LaBelle will require consistent participation from the members of the city commission. I am fully prepared and able to make the commitment of time, energy and effort to the community of LaBelle.

For over 35 years, I have been an involved resident of LaBelle. I actively participate in multiple organizations that contribute to our missions. **Volunteer work is a core value I take seriously and put into action every day.** It is my sincerest hope to become an elected member of the city commissioner team. It's a great time in my life to become even more engaged in city business.

In my professional career, I have developed strong listening skills while remaining open-minded. I try my best to find common ground amongst diverse people with differing opinions. I believe I can use these skills to represent the ideas, needs and concerns of local families and businesses.

Together, we can take a fresh look at where we are, and where we're headed, and continue to grow our community under the oaks.

I humbly request your vote at the upcoming election.



 **CINDY PEARCE**

**TREASURER COMMISSIONER CITY OF LaBelle**



## Church Briefs

### Chosen"--The Life of David from Shepherd Boy to King!

The LaBelle Church of God will be having Vacation Bible School starting Monday, **July 16 through Friday, July 20**. It will be a week of games, crafts, songs, Bible stories, and more, as we explore the life of David. There will be classes for all ages from four years old through adults. Located at Highway 80 and Elm Street, the fun starts at 7 p.m. and lasts until 9:30 nightly. Everyone welcome!

### Free Family Movie Festival

Every Tuesday in July, showings **1:00 and 3:00 p.m.**

**July 17 - Despicable ME 3**

**July 24 - Daphne & Velma**

**July 31 - The Boss Baby**

The movies are shown at the LaBelle Assembly of God, 139 Fraser Avenue across from the Edward A. Uptegrove Elementary School. For more information call 675-0900

### Free Movie Night

First Baptist Church LaBelle, 330 N. Main Street, is hosting another free movie night on **July 20 at 6:30 p.m.** We will be showing "Paul, Apostle of Christ" and we would be happy to have you join us! This event is open to the public, so bring some friends and enjoy learning more about Paul.

### 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*

## Barron Library Happenings

ROCK YOUR WORLD AT BARRON LIBRARY – Recycled Art, by Carlos Inocente, **Tuesday, July 17 at 10:30**. Bring the kids for this fun, creative project.

PAINTING WORKSHOP – Join the Confident Creator, and learn to create beautiful and fun abstract paintings that you will be proud of! **Monday, July 30 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m.**, all supplies will be furnished by your presenter. Class fee is \$10 and will be limited to the first 10 who sign up. Don't miss this awesome workshop.

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

40 DAYS OF READING – selection lists available to pick up, or follow the library on Facebook to view daily readings. Keep reading during the summer so you are on point when school begins again in the fall.

BEGINNERS SEWING CLASS starts, **Monday, July 16 at 5:30 p.m.** – ages 14

and up, sign up today. There is a one-time class fee of \$10 for five sessions.

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

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.**

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.

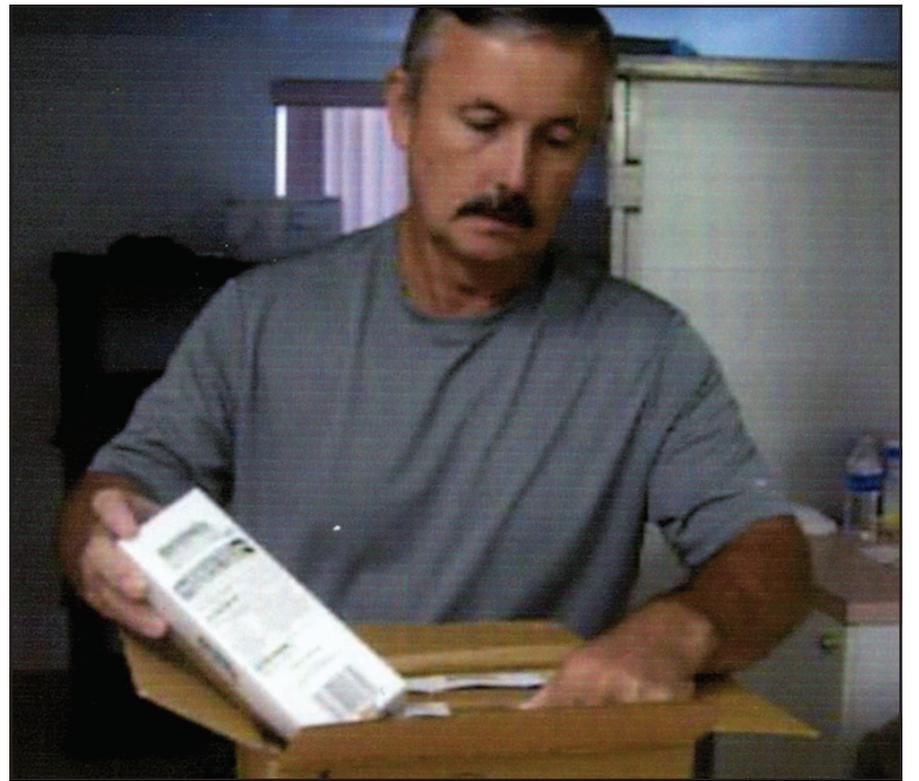
FLORIDA SUNSHINE STATE BOOKS for 2018/2019 are now available.



Courtesy photo/Karen Hildebrand

## England Speaks at the library

Mrs. Margaret England, speaking at the Barron Library about the LaBelle Nature Park and the gopher tortoise.



Courtesy photo

## Food Bank Distribution

The Eastside Baptist Church of LaBelle hosted its first Harry Chapin Food Bank food distribution and will continue to do so on the second Monday of each month. Eligible recipients may pick up food between 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. To be eligible for this program, please call our Happy Chaping Food Bank coordinator, Annie Noel at 239-334-7007. Picture is Mike Stanforth, Church Trustee and Food Distribution Manager.



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### Last week at the Rotary

On Tuesday, July 3, the Rotary Club of LaBelle heard from two fellow Rotarians from the Bonita Springs/Naples Club, Betty Jean Christensen and Carolyn Pitt. They spoke to our Club about 'Rotakids.' Rotakids is a program put on through Rotary that helps elementary children build self-esteem, develop leadership qualities, and supports students with their service projects that benefit the school and the community. Rotakids helps instill the 'Service Above Self' motto in young students, which is a foundational principle of Rotary. Picture from Left to Right: Fred Kobie, President of the Rotary Club of LaBelle and Rotakid Presenters, Betty Jean Christensen and Carolyn Pitt.

## Community Briefs

### Veterans Memorial Wall

All Veteran names that are on bricks at the Veterans Memorial Park will be on the new veterans granite wall to be in place by **Veterans Day, November 11, 2018**. A list of names can be found at <https://caloosabelle.com/human-interest/the-names-that-will-go-on-the-veterans-wall>. E-mail Bob Kirkwood at [bobkirkwood9@gmail.com](mailto:bobkirkwood9@gmail.com) to make corrections. **August 1** is the deadline to make corrections or add new names to the wall. To add new names of Veterans, applications are available at the Caloosa Belle office, VFW and American Legion. Checks for \$100 must be made payable to "Fallen Heroes" and may be mailed to the American Legion, Post 130, 699 W. SR80, LaBelle, FL 33935, or dropped off at the Legion lounge. Your sons, daughters, grandchildren, relatives and/or friends who are or were Veterans are eligible to be placed on the wall.

important? The park funds are depleted. As honored and happy as we are to be installing this new granite wall that is scheduled for installation this November, there are still ongoing costs associated with the park that the committee will still need help raising. It's a legacy to all our Veteran's and it's a center piece to our city and shows our commitment to Veterans. The local Veteran's organizations and Veteran's Park committee are thankful for each individual and business that has contributed over the years. Your continued support will be greatly and humbly appreciated.

The benefit is co-sponsored by the American Legion Post 130, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10100, Disabled American Veterans Chapter 144

### 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. The next meeting will be at the First United Methodist Church located at 331 West Osceola Avenue Clewiston, Florida 33440 on **Friday, July 20, at 5:30 p.m.**

### Fallen Heros Benefit Dinner

Mark your calendars for the Annual Fallen Heroes Benefit and Pork Dinner to be held **July 21**, at the LaBelle American Legion Post 130. Ticket are \$10.00 and available at the Legion and the VFW Post. Please join us at 9:00 a.m. for a short remembrance ceremony at the LaBelle Veteran's Memorial Park, at the corner of the Main Street and Hwy. 80, LaBelle and the benefit to follow at the LaBelle American Legion Post 130 Hwy. 80 across from the Shell Station.

Why will this year be different or more



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### Correction

A photo published on June 21 incorrectly stated that Jennifer Johnson of the Caloosa Humane Society was pictured with two of the adoptable dogs at the Caloosa Humane Society. The dogs in the photo are actually her dogs, Ossay and Shotzy. We regret any confusion this may have caused.

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## Community Briefs

### Widows Support Group

The Widows Support Group will meet **July 19 at 11:30 a.m.** at Sal Cal's Pizza. All widow welcome.

### MOPS Summer Fun

MOPS Summer Fun will begin the last week in July with a special story time presentation at Barron Library on **July 25 at 10:45 a.m.** Enjoy a story about ice cream, do an ice cream craft, and play with the ice cream food truck. Then join us for a play date on **July 27 at 10 a.m.** at Zachary Reyna Memorial Playground. During the month of August, we will have movie days at First Christian Church, a play date at Zach Reyna Playground, and our Open House. All events are on Friday mornings at 10 a.m. **Movie Days are: August 3- Ice Age (The original), August 17- Wall-E, and August 31- Finding Nemo. The playdate is August 17** at Zachary Reyna Playground. Our Open House will be **August 24** at First Christian Church. All events are free. First Christian Church is located at 138 Ford Ave. LaBelle, Florida 33935. Zachary Reyna Memorial Playground is located at 800 Jaycee Lions Dr. LaBelle, FL 33935. For more information contact Megan Narehood at (239) 206-9881 or MOPSOFLABELLE@gmail.com.

### American Legion Events

Happy Hour Monday - Friday 11a-6p. (April through September, Fish Fries are only held the First Friday of each month)

**July 19 - Thurs - 7 p.m.** - Installation of Officers for all branches of the American Legion Family. 'Meet & Greet' at 6 p.m.; Dinner served at 6:30 followed by the Installation at 7:00 p.m.

**July 21 - Saturday - 9 a.m.** - "Fallen Heroes Remembrance Ceremony" at Veterans Park, followed by benefit fun at the American Legion with lunch at 11 a.m. \$10 Donation tickets for the luncheon are available at the VFW, American Legion or Moose Club (or door). Funds raised are for the Veteran's Wall which will be placed in the Veterans Park this fall of 2018. It will have all names that are on bricks now, plus new names can be added through August 1, 2018. The American Legion is 699 W SR80, across from the Shell Station. EVERYONE WELCOME - Come support our local Veterans.

**August 1 - Wednesday,** Deadline to add a veterans Name to the Veterans Wall which should be installed at the Veteran's Memorial Park by Veterans Day. Applications available at the American Legion and VFW. Email bobkirkwood9@gmail.com to make correction to any names on present bricks.

**August 3 - Friday - 5-7 p.m.** Fish Fry with assortment of fish, shrimp, crabcakes & chicken with cole slaw, baked potato or French fries & 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 19 - Thurs - 7 p.m.** - American Legion Family Installation of Officers

**August 1 - Wed - 7:30 p.m.** American Legion Riders meeting

**August 2 - Thurs - 6 p.m.** DAV (Disabled American Veterans) meeting

**August 8 - Wed - 6 p.m.** Sons of the American Legion meeting

American Legion Post 130 is located at 699 SR80 West, across from the Shell station. For further information call 863-675-8300. Dining room is open to the public and smoke free.

### Friends of NRA invites you:

To the 4th annual Greater LaBelle Friends of NRA event on **July 20. Doors open at 6 p.m.** at the LaBelle Civic Center, 481 W. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, FL 33935. Contact Ron Zimmerly at 863-234-8397 or Ron@ThreeZEnterprises.com. For TICKETS and details [www.friendsofnra.org/eventtickets/Events/Details/10?eventId=54958](http://www.friendsofnra.org/eventtickets/Events/Details/10?eventId=54958)

### 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.

### VFW Post 10100

ALL DINNERS FOR JULY ARE \$6.00!!  
**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.

Queen of Hearts, drawing is at 7:00 p.m.

#### Public Notice

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**HENDRY-LABELLE RECREATION  
NOTICE OF REGULAR BOARD MEETING CHANGE**

THE HENDRY-LABELLE RECREATION BOARD WILL HENCEFORTH CONDUCT ITS REGULAR RECREATION BOARD MEETINGS ON THE 3RD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH. THE MEETINGS BEGIN AT 6:00 PM, AND ARE HELD AT THE HENDRY-LABELLE RECREATION OFFICE, 310 COWBOY WAY, LABELLE, FLORIDA. MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

WORKSHOPS, SPECIAL MEETINGS OR BOARD MEETINGS OTHER THAN THE ABOVE, AS WELL AS CANCELLATIONS OF REGULAR MEETINGS AND MEETING LOCATION CHANGES, ARE POSTED ON THE RECREATION BOARD WEBSITE AND ADVERTISED IN A LOCAL NEWSPAPER.

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IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS REGARDING A RECREATION BOARD MEETING, PLEASE CALL THE HENDRY-LABELLE RECREATION OFFICE AT (863) 675-5347.

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

**Potato Casserole**

**Ingredients**

- 1 stick butter
- 1 med. Onion, chopped
- 1 can cream of chicken soup
- 1 pint of sour cream
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 2 lbs. frozen hash browns
- 10 oz grated cheddar cheese

**Preparation:**

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Place the hash browns in a 2 quart buttered casserole dish. Saute the onions in butter. Mix together with the soup, sour cream, salt and pepper and pour over the hash browns. Let set for about 35 to 40 minutes. Sprinkle cheddar cheese over top and bake for 50 minutes.






Courtesy photo

## District Champions

The LaBelle Little League Junior All-Star baseball team brought home the District 18 Little League All-Star Championship on June 24. These young men fought through rain and sweltering heat to defeat San Carlos in two games. Game one was won by a score of 9-6 behind the pitching of Lawson Davidson, Johnathan Villa, and Trevor Vahle. The offense hit the ball well throughout the line-up with all players reaching base at least once. Game two was won by a score of 7-8, with a walk-off hit by Colton Bass in the bottom of the 7th to score Justin Sherrod. All of the boys played with heart and left it all on the field!

The team is now headed to Sectional Play-off in Lehigh Acres on July 14, playing at 12:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. Come out and support these young men, as they have worked hard!

**Pictured:** Front Row L to R: Colton Bass, Tanner O'Donnell, Manuel Deras, Justin Sherrod and Nick Blanco. Second Row L to R: Coach Ricky Bass, Trevor Vahle, Remington French, Johnathan Villa, Lawson Davidson, Hunter Turner and Coach Ivan Blanco. Back: Coach Armando Villa

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