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Harris seeks re-election to commission

Darrell Harris has announced that he will seek re-election as Hendry County Commissioner for District 2.

Mr. Harris' wife was born in LaBelle and is retired from LaBelle Elementary School. Mr. and Mrs. Harris have four sons who attended LaBelle schools and three of them currently reside and work in Hendry County. The couple has seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Mr. Harris attends the First Baptist Church of LaBelle where he is an active member.

As county commissioner, Mr. Harris has always made himself available to his constituents to listen to individual concerns. He has been an active voice to ensure that all issues are addressed at the commission level.

Mr. Harris serves as Chair for the Hendry County West Recreation Board and has a passion for the citizens and youth of Hendry County. He has worked with youth for over 50 years and is still involved in youth programs including refereeing a variety of youth sports throughout the year.

Mr. Harris is known for being a strong supporter of public safety as well as local veterans and the library system.

While having a consistent record of advocating for lower taxes, Mr. Harris also recognizes the need for a diversified tax base to support the local economy. He believes in being aggressive to retain existing businesses and also bring in new businesses

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Work continues on the LaBelle Heritage Museum

By **Geoffrey Ionescu**
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Grayson Hicks of Streamline Construction and Consulting LLC together with Josue Pereira, JDP Consulting are working to get the wooden molds off of the concrete pour they did two weeks ago with Jackie Ratica of Special Concrete Design Inc.

The new concrete foundation will relieve the strain placed on the Florida pine logs that have served as the building's founda-

tion piers for the last 106 years along all four exterior walls as well as from the front wall to the rear wall of the building and in several other locations that showed the need for special attention.

"We have been able to salvage about 80 percent of the original lightered-pine flooring, some of the planks we have are 27 feet long!" says Grayson. "The exciting but

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Some of the work being done to the LaBelle Heritage Museum.

Hendry officials to state: Infrastructure is No. 1

By **Chris Felker**
INI Florida

Hendry and Glades counties are included in Gov. Rick Scott's 12 Counties Initiative, meant to address the challenges of economic development in a dozen of the state's most rural, least developed counties and build on the strengths that exist in each. This week, the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity and officials from several other state departments and agencies conducted roundtable meetings for "stakeholders" in both counties.

The Hendry County Roundtable took place the morning of Tuesday, July 10, at the John Boy Auditorium, 1200 S. W.C. Owen Ave in Clewiston.

DEO Director Cissy Proctor kicked off the meeting at 9 a.m. with an introductory address. Then the state agency officials and community stakeholders present were introduced, and there followed a short community overview for the benefit of unfamiliar officials. Next, for about an hour, various speakers talked about the community's ma-

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City Commission holds special budget workshop

By **Geoffrey Ionescu**
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On Thursday July 12 the monthly LaBelle City Commission meeting was preceded by a special Budget Workshop Meeting. The workshop started off with an update about the USDA Civic Center Project; the goal is to have it completed by the end of the year. Be advised that the Civic Center might not be available during the project.

The Belle Arbor Jobs Growth Grant is in the second round of funding and a call with Governor Rick Scott is scheduled. The Vista Promise Zone is still being worked on, the commission has until the end of July to make a decision whether or not to go through with it.

Next item was the budget update. They have seen growth in the valuation of property. Health insurance for employees that work for the city has been increased by 4 percent. Dental plan is staying the same as last year. Property Insurance is 10 percent, that percentage might go down but for planning purposes they kept it at 10 percent.

The Sheriff's Office is getting \$255,000 this year, same as last year. One topic of discussion was that they don't get a good sense of where the money is precisely going. They put forward a motion to request a description of services by the Sheriff's Office.

The Fire Department would like to have a third full time employee on hand. If they were to go to three full time firefighters they would be looking at a \$57,000 dollar increase in the fire budget. To compromise the commission added an addition stipend within the existing dollar number of the total budget.

There have been questions about the agreement with the rec board the extra \$25 collected for recreational purposes. If that increase would go to the Forrey Park that would mean that city residents would pay more than county residents. They want to adjust the existing agreement so that the \$25 would be under the city commission's discretion.

The LaBelle street lighting there will be a converted to LED-lighting.

City Hall Update; they are still working on getting a price for fixing the portico.

The City Commission meeting opened with a local ordinance of an amendment

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also challenging part of this project is that we are trying to salvage as much of the original museum as possible, which means working around the old structure. Plus we stumble onto a lot of things that you don't see on any regular jobsite. We have found all these bottles and cans (see picture) underneath the floor!" says Grayson. "Plus we found five times that much in broken glass", Josue adds. "Which makes this a dangerous site to work on," Grayson continues, "But we find a lot of interesting things underneath the floor. We found a hubcap, two doors, three windows, one street sign and much more stuff."

"There is a lot of history in this museum but also in the structure itself. That's why we are salvaging as much of the original floor as possible, and on the outside of the building, we have kept the original Florida pine logs exposed so you can still see the buildings original foundation," says Grayson as he uncovers the pine logs.

"In the beginning of the project the front door of the

museum would hit the floor of the front porch, it would only open up halfway. Every year the museum would sink a quarter inch, this is due to the six hertz of vibration laterally and horizontally that the building suffers just from the traffic on Bridge Street," Grayson explains.

They discovered historic concrete steps when the non-historic front porch of the 106 year-old Poole building was removed preparatory to readying the main building foundation for stabilization. They decided at that point to return the front elevation of the building to the look it had before the downstairs front porch was added, somewhere between 1989 and 1992. The front steps will have a new but still historic look.

"Our next step is enforcing the beams that hold up the floor," Grayson says, "after that we are putting a subfloor in before we put most of the original pine flooring back in. All in all I am honored to have the opportunity to restore and preserve the LaBelle Heritage Museum and the history within it."



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All the bottles and cans found underneath the floor



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Grayson Hicks of Streamline Construction and Consulting LLC works on the floors of the LaBelle Heritage Museum.

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to the agricultural zoning district. This was specifically drafted based upon the interest of a large landowner of agricultural property to undertake some excavation activities. The current code limits excavation in the agricultural zoning district for no more than 50 cubic yards or five acres of land. Through a special exception approval process the landowner would like to excavate more than 50 cubic yards. Point of discussion was the distance between excavation and roads or housing and the allowed specific agricultural destinations.

Next up on the agenda was the Resolution of Support for the National Park System. A motion was put forward to do nothing with this resolution.

On October 27 around 4 p.m. Main Street will be closed in the afternoon from Dollar General to Barron Park for the Halloween Parade after all the football activities.

Lisa Sands of United Way thanked the

City Commission for helping them raise funds for the local community.

Scott Perry of the annual LaBelle Fossil Camp was approved for an exception to stay in the dock with two boats until August 3.

On the new business agenda a motion was put forward to appoint Stacy Stevens to the Variance Board.

Next item were the Reports

- Fire Chief Josh Rimes had 68 calls this month and the station is almost finished.
- Hendry County Sherriff's Office had 9,600 calls for service and 126 arrests.
- Another topic was the Hurricane Debris RFP. The County would like to get the debris removed quicker next time.
- Another point was that the website of the City of LaBelle has to be ADA compliant; it has to be viewable for somebody that is visually or hearing impaired. The first public hearing of the budget workshop will be September 13, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. The final public hearing will be September 27 at 5:05 p.m. at City Hall.

other board members, the county staff and the citizens of Hendry County.

He has worked hard to serve Hendry County with integrity and votes for what he feels is best for the county as a whole. Mr. Harris is always at the ready to assist residents of Hendry County and he can be reached directly any time at 863-673-5475 or 863-675-2565.

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and jobs to Hendry County to increase the quality of life for residents.

Mr. Harris has worked to bring a conservative business approach to the county and has a strong working relationship with his



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Fallen Heroes Benefit Dinner

This Saturday, July 21 make plans to attend the Annual Fallen Heroes Benefit and Pork Dinner with all the fixings. This year's benefit will take place at the LaBelle American Legion Post 130, 699 Hickopochee Ave., across from the Shell station.

This year will be the 11th anniversary of two of LaBelle's sons, Robert Hammond and Christopher Strickland, who both were killed in action in June of 2008. The benefit has transformed over the years, but the message remains the same...to honor and remember all our veterans for generations to come.

Please join us at 9 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 with the benefit to follow at the LaBelle American Legion Post 130 Hwy. 80 across from the Shell Station. Dinners will begin serving at 11:00 a.m.

Tickets are \$10 donation and available at the Legion and the VFW Post currently and will be available at the door for eat-in or takeout. Some of the activities include a

cake auction, cake walk, music, door prizes and plenty of fun.

This year is an exciting time, as the committee and the loyal supporters of the park wait anxiously to install the latest addition to the park, the granite wall that will hold the Veterans names. The wall is scheduled to be installed this November.

There is still time to get your Veteran's name on the original engraving by attending this Saturday, and a donation of \$100, forms will be available during the event.

Remembering the Veterans of our community and our families is the whole meaning behind the park. As we move forward, the memorial park will continue to need the help and commitment of the community to make this center-piece of our community a meaningful place to honor our Veterans.

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

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major goals, and participants were able to vote on which they considered most important. After a short break, they all discussed what they were taking away from the conference and what would happen next, then officials wrapped up the morning's activities around noon.

DEO officials circulated a checklist before the meeting showing "opportunities for improved economic outcomes" and listed these categories of difficulties the counties might be facing: high unemployment; minimal labor force growth, low labor force participation rate, annual wages below state average, fate of individuals with disabilities above state average, low population growth, few job opportunities, recipients of TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) aid from the Department of Children and Families above the state average, half of workforce commute to another county, poverty rate above state average, food stamp recipients above state average, and low educational attainment.

Hendry was declared to be challenged in every single one of those categories.

The goal of the three-hour meeting was for the more than 20 state agency representatives who attended to actually visit the community, listen to local stakeholders themselves list the community's needs and to help them brainstorm about solutions.

After each of the dozen Florida counties have had their local stakeholder roundtable meeting, DEO is to develop action plans specific to each county for presentation to their county governing bodies.

County Commissioner Emma Byrd was one of the local officials who took part in the meeting. "It went very well," she said. "Basically we talked about the needs of the county, and when we took the time to vote, the (top) need was infrastructure, (then) affordable housing, which seems to be a

problem in our area even to get someone to just come in, but we need that type of help. So we were reaching out to the state, letting them know that we need help."

She said that basic infrastructure needs such as sewer and water service need to be addressed, because the lack of them makes new housing too costly to build and thus too expensive for most people to buy.

Two other issues she listed were education and local amenities. "Education was another big topic, and they talked about vocational agriculture education, and they talked about shadowing, to make sure that's the area (students) want to be in, to prepare our young people for the real world," Ms. Byrd said. "And they also spoke about bringing them home and keeping them home, but we have to have something to offer for them to be here, to stay here. For example, my children — they come back to visit but none of them live here."

She said that overall, it was a good listening exercise for the state officials.

Commissioner Michael Swindle, who works as workforce development director for the Hendry public schools, said he was pleased by the roundtable session because "that was the second-highest goal that the group overall set and gave the directive to the state agencies that we needed the most help in."

Among the goals cited, he said, were "being able to spin up workforce development training, to be able to have tuition reimbursement for students in our area because we live in an area of economic concern."

Mr. Swindle continued, "We made a very clear statement to them that we needed programs, we needed to be able to fund the programs, we needed to be able to get students to be able to come to the programs with tuition vouchers so that we could receive training for our residents."

And as for affordable workforce housing, "we can't put in workforce housing if we don't have sewer, water, power and roads. Infrastructure alone makes it economically impossible for us to do it," he said.

What Should You Do With An Inherited IRA?

Individual Retirement Accounts (IRAs) are quite popular. At the end of 2017, investors owned nearly \$9 trillion in IRA assets, according to the Investment Company Institute, a trade association of U.S. investment companies. Given these numbers, it probably wouldn't be surprising if you inherited an IRA someday. But what should you do with it?

First of all, you'll need to be aware of some basic rules. If your parent, or anyone other than your spouse, leaves you a traditional IRA — one in which contributions are typically tax-deductible and earnings can grow tax-deferred — you can transfer the money into an "inherited IRA," from which you'll need to take at least a minimum amount of money — technically called a "distribution" — each year, based on your life expectancy. These distributions are taxable at your regular income tax rate. If you've inherited a Roth IRA, you also must take these minimum payouts, but the amounts won't count as taxable income, because your parents, or whoever left you the IRA, already paid taxes on the contributions that went into it. (To make sure you fully understand all the guidelines on distributions and taxation of inherited IRAs, consult with your tax advisor.)

It's also important to understand how your inherited IRA will fit in to your overall financial strategy. Consequently, you'll need to address these questions:

How much should I take out each year? As mentioned above, you must take a distribution of at least a minimum amount from your inherited IRA each year — if you don't, you may be subject to a 50% penalty on the amount you should have taken. But you can take out more than the minimum. In decid-

ing how much to take, you'll need to evaluate a few factors. First, of course, is whether you need the extra money to help support your regular cash flow. It's possible you have other pools of income from which to draw, and, in some cases, it may be advantageous for you to tap these sources first. Another consideration is taxes — if you've inherited a traditional IRA, the more you take out each year, the bigger your tax bill may be.

Should I keep the same investments? Inheriting an IRA doesn't mean you're stuck with the original account owner's investment choices. You can change the investments to align with your goals and risk tolerance, both of which may change over time.

How does the inherited IRA fit in with my overall financial strategy?

You'll need to consider how your newly inherited IRA fits in to the "big picture" of your financial strategy. Are you adding redundancies? If you keep the inherited IRA largely intact, how will it affect your current investment mix? Could the added income from required distributions change your retirement calculations or even enable you to retire earlier? You may want to consult with a financial professional about these and other questions related to your inherited IRA.

The person who left you an IRA worked hard for that money and thought enough of you to pass it on. Consequently, you'll want to respect this inheritance — and get the most out of it for as long as you can.

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Letters to the Editor

A Gathering of Christian Men

Pastors can keep us informed of family or personal crisis where special needs are present. We have been able to work with Kiwanis Club and St Matthew's House. They have been a blessing to us. We can find a way to help those in need.

We support our organization with one fund raiser a year. It is the Ham and Yam Dinner with live auction and silent auction. No one gets a salary. We are strictly a volunteer organization. All money collected goes into community projects and scholarship program and our operating expenses.

The only requirement is that you believe in God and are doing your best to live by his rules. We all sin. We all have to ask for forgiveness. All denominations are welcome.

LaBelle is a wonderful place to live. Working together we can make it better. Remember: All it takes to destroy a community is for good men to do nothing.

"HELP!"

I am Ed Kuntz, President of A Gathering of Christian Men. I am asking all Pastors to recruit volunteers for our organization.

This is what I hope for:

A group of good men, willing to work out disagreements so our organization can continue to help make LaBelle a better place to raise a family.

How and what we do will be discussed at the meeting in late August. This date will be in the Caloosa Belle mid-August. We need new ideas and new members. Those willing to serve as an officer in our organization are greatly needed. This does not involve a lot of time. Young families with children are very busy, but one day a month should be possible.

We must learn to solve our problems by communicating with each other. Walking away from a problem solves nothing.

Hendry offers CERT training this month

By Chris Felker
INI Florida

Hendry County emergency management officials are conducting Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training sessions this month. They started July 14 and continue on the next two Saturdays, July 21 and July 28, in LaBelle.

County Administrator Charles Chapman says that having sufficient numbers of trained CERT volunteers countywide is crucial when it comes to assisting citizens after an extreme weather event, natural disaster or community emergency. The most recent example would be the battering that Hendry County took during Hurricane Irma last fall.

"Our Community Emergency Response Teams are critical to our success in covering the entire county," Mr. Chapman said, describing the challenge that a rural county such as Hendry faces in an emergency. "We have 1,200 square miles of property that is under our jurisdiction, and we only have a three-person emergency management department."

A flier the county has been circulating

Please don't let our organization fold up. We have good men with great hearts willing to train volunteers. We are mostly older men with worn out bodies. That's why we need young men willing to help our organization make LaBelle a better place to live. Please come to our organizational meeting....Listen, ask questions, bring new ideas. All are welcome.

Pray for A Gathering of Christian Men to continue helping. "We need your help!"

Thank you
Ed Kuntz, President

High prescription costs

I recently took my son to the emergency room after he suddenly became ill. Once the doctor completed his/her diagnosis we returned home to get my boy in bed and resting. I then went to the pharmacy for my son's prescriptions. When it came my turn in line I was shocked by the high cost so I asked the pharmacist to hold off on the purchase until I could call the doctor's office and find out if there was a cheaper alternative. While waiting for the call back from the doctor's office I started talking with another person in line.

I said to him, "So, you in here filling a prescription? Are the prices ridiculous or what?" Not giving him a chance to respond I just kept on complaining, "Insurance doesn't cover hardly anything these days even though it costs me \$10,000 a year plus the \$5000 deductible."

He looked at me puzzled and said, "Really? At least you have insurance. Most people I know don't have any insurance; they can't afford it."

It took a second and then I realized that I was complaining about something not everyone in this country has. We moved up in line and I stayed quiet the whole time think-

ing how my wife and I would feel and wondering what we would do if my family could not afford health insurance. Just the thought turned my stomach.

It struck me there and then why each election is so important. Right now too many of our politicians in Tallahassee and Washington are making decisions that protect the huge profits of insurance companies, drug makers, and private hospitals but ignore the medical needs of regular people. Other modern countries have health systems that take care of everyone's basic needs at reasonable costs, so why can't the USA have a system like these other nations or even simply allow me to buy medicare? Politicians say they are trying to get medical and insurance prices lower, but I think they will only end up recreating the low-end health policies with, like before, fine print that excludes pre-existing conditions and almost everything else from coverage.

A couple weeks ago at a meeting in LaBelle I met candidates for the Florida legislature who said they are running largely because of the health care issue. Catherine Price is running for the Florida Senate District 26 seat being vacated by Denise Grimsley. Catherine has both agriculture and nursing experience, so she seems perfect. The other candidate running to represent Glades County is Audrey Ascuitto. She is trying to replace Cary Pigman in Florida House District 55. In Hendry County districts are Anisa Karim (Florida Senate District 28) and Jennifer Boddicker (Florida House District 80). All four women share a concern for accessible, affordable health care. We need these women representing Hendry and Glades counties.

Ramon Rodriquez, III
LaBelle

outlines the training, which consists initially of 24 hours of learning split among the three days: "The CERT Program is all-risk, all-hazard training. This valuable course is designed to help you protect yourself, your family and your neighborhood in an emergency situation." It's meant for volunteers 15 or older, and an annual refresher course is given as well.

The flier lists several objectives covered in the program:

- Describe CERT's function;
- Prepare participants for a disaster;
- Identify and reduce potential fire hazards;
- Apply basic fire suppression strategies and safety measures;
- Apply techniques for the three killers — airway, bleeding, shock;
- Conduct triage under simulated conditions;
- Select and set up a treatment area;
- Identify size-up requirements;
- Debris removal and victim extrication how-to; and
- Safety measures before, during and after

search and rescue.

The sessions are taking place at the Hendry County Emergency Operations Center, 4425 W. State Road 80 in LaBelle, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on those Saturdays.

Mr. Chapman explained that being able to tap a volunteer corps greatly helps in meeting residents' immediate needs after a catastrophe, saying the purpose is "to help folks make sure they have the information about where are their shelters, what is in a hurricane preparedness kit, how to be the eyes and ears in the community whenever an emergency comes, and to help feed information back to the emergency operations center."

That, he said, "is extremely critical to our overall success and mission planning and making sure the resources get out to the communities where they're needed most."

Anyone with questions, he added, should contact Emergency Management Director Richard Lehmkuhl at 863-674-5400. "That's the best person; if you can't get Richard, ask for Roberta Thomas," he said.

NOAA imagery shows lake algal bloom decreasing

By Katrina Elsen

INI Florida

The latest images from space show the blue-green algal bloom on Lake Okeechobee is decreasing.

Imagery from July 2 showed signs of cyanobacteria in 90 percent of Lake Okeechobee.

Since the satellite images are only available at set intervals, NOAA was unable to get usable photos July 6-13 due to cloud cover.

The July 14 image shows algae in less of the lake, and more importantly, that the concentrations have decreased in areas where there is cyanobacteria.

The NOAA imagery does not indicate what kind of cyanobacteria is present. There are thousands of types of cyanobacteria, although only about a dozen have been documented in Lake Okeechobee. Some — not all — of the types of cyanobacteria known to live in the lake can produce toxins under certain conditions. However, even cyanobacteria that can produce toxins does not always do so.

Dr. Edward Philips, a professor with the University of Florida's Department of Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences, explained the casual observer may not even notice the bloom.

"Massive blooms don't always start at the surface," he explained. "It can be in the water column."

Cyanobacteria have gas vesicles which act as buoyancy control devices. The vesicles can be expanded and filled with gas, causing the cyanobacteria to float on the surface, or deflated, which causes the cyanobacteria to descend into the water column.

"Just because you don't see it, doesn't mean there's nothing going on," he said.

The NOAA image does not show what the human eye sees. It's computer-generated imagery using data the satellite collects to locate concentrations of cyanobacteria in the water. Different colors on the imagery show areas of varying cyanobacteria concentration. The NOAA image does not show how many different types of cyanobacteria are present, or which types of cyanobacteria are present. It does not show whether or not toxins are present.

Oceanographer Michelle Tomlinson of the NOAA National Ocean Service explained they have been monitoring satellite photos of the lake since the start of June. They do similar studies of other lakes in the United States. "The algorithm we developed for the imagery is showing cyanobacteria blooms,"

she 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."

Oceanographer Rick Stumpf with the NOAA National Centers for Coastal Ocean Science explained: "The satellite is seeing the concentration up to 1-2 feet deep into the water. So even when the water will not show the scum everyone notices, the satellite can see how much bloom there is at that level.

He said the areas that show as "red" on the imagery are higher concentrations and those are the areas people are more likely to actually see scum on the water surface.

"Also, each satellite pixel covers the area of a stadium. In contrast, someone on the field can only make out maybe 30 yards across," he added. Mr. Stumpf explained that NOAA also uses different wavelengths of light, including red and near-infrared, that the satellite detects that can't be seen with the human eye.

Dee Ann Miller, of the Florida Department of Health, explained: "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.

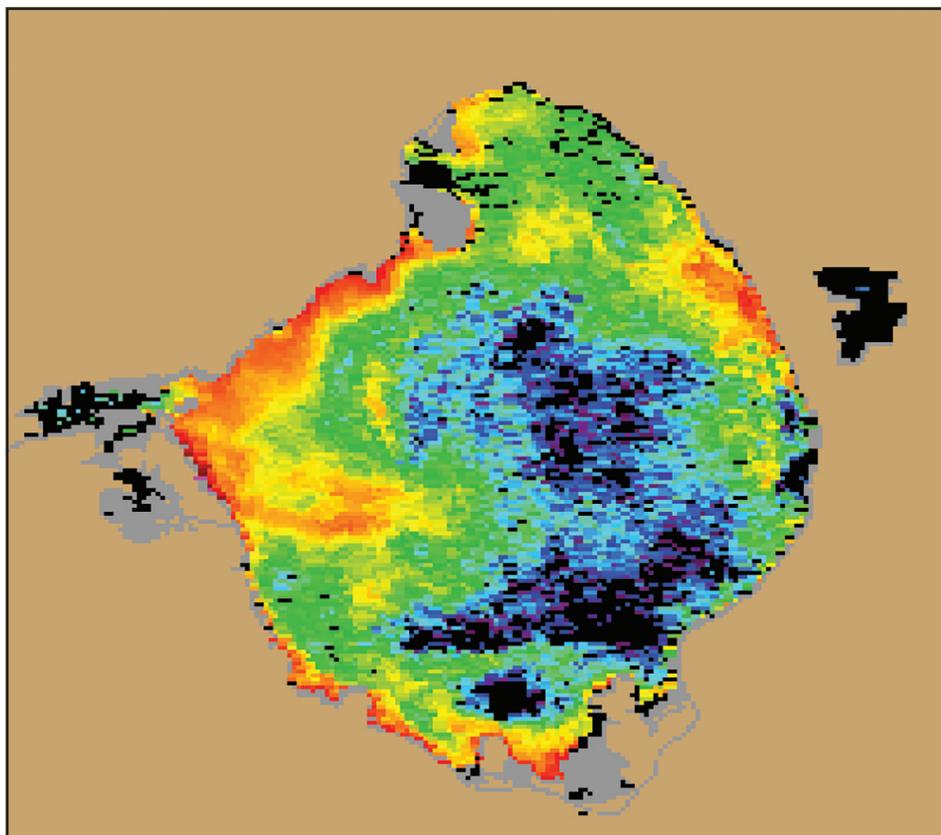
Persistent blooms are routinely monitored and retested. Because you cannot tell if algae is producing toxins by looking at it, the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) coordinates with the water management districts and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission to routinely sample observed and reported algal blooms and test for algal identification and toxin levels."

So far, samples taken from the lake have shown no toxins or levels of less than 10 micrograms per liter. The World Health Organization considers levels below 10 micrograms per liter to be safe for recreational contact.

There have been no fish kills reported on Lake Okeechobee this summer.

Area anglers report the fishing has been very good this summer, especially early in the morning when the water is cooler.

According to Florida Sea Grant, it is impossible to tell the difference between a bloom on the surface and a bloom in the water column from satellite images alone.



Special to the Caloosa Belle/NOAA

The July 14 imagery from NOAA shows the cyanobacteria is still in about 80 percent of the lake, but the concentrations have lessened as indicated by the reduction in the red and orange areas.

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Hendry/Glades Unmet Needs Coalition: July Meeting

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 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 20, at 5:30 p.m.**



Veterans Memorial Wall:

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Church Briefs

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.

Youth Group

First Christian Church, located at the corner of Lee and Ford Streets, would like to invite all children ages 5 - 18 to our Wednesday Night Youth Group. The basketball hoops are warmed up and games are ready to entertain, excite, and promote Christian

fellowship. The evening also includes indoor games, a time of music, skit practice and more. This is a great summer activity that will carry on through the year. If you'd like more information, please contact Cindy or Dave Alexander at 863-673-7567 or 239-340-1575. Hope to see you here!

Free Family Movie Festival

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

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. Upthegrove Elementary School. For more information call 675-0900

Obituaries

Robert Stevens Cockram, 56

MOORE HAVEN — Robert Stevens Cockram passed away July 14, 2018 in Alva.

He was born Mar. 12, 1962 in Fort Myers to Paul and Sylvia (Thomas) Cockram. Robert worked for Aim Engineering for many years as a DOT Inspector. He attended First Christian Church in LaBelle. He enjoyed traveling to Georgia and spending time in the woods. Robert was a loving father, grandfather and brother to his entire family, he will be missed by all who knew and loved him.

Survivors include three sons, Daniel Cockram of Moore Haven, Caleb Cockram of Lakeland and Josh Wooten of Lakeland; and two daughters, Brittany Herring of Clewiston and Valerie Howell of Okeechobee; four brothers, Gerald (Susan) Herndon, Darrell Herndon, Richard Cockram and Michael Herndon; and three sisters, Cheryl Dix, Joyce (Bradley) Goode and Janet Hill; grandchildren, Mackenzie Cockram, Emma Cockram, Sophia Cockram, Alaina Herring, Sara Howell, Dylan Howell.

Celebration of Robert's life will be 10 a.m. Thursday, July 19, 2018 at First Christian Church in LaBelle, with Pastor W. T. Maddox, Jr. officiating, visitation will be one hour prior to service. Burial is in Ortona Cemetery, Moore Haven. Family has requested casual attire for the service.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.

Brenda F Pruitt, 69

LABELLE — Brenda F. Pruitt passed away July 2, 2018, in Fort Myers.

Brenda was born in Tiptonville, Tenn. on Feb. 17, 1949, to Harvey and Lula Webb Warren. She married Larry Pruitt in 1980. Brenda and Larry have made LaBelle their home for 40 years. Brenda loved to play poker and bingo. She enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. Brenda was a loving and caring wife, mother, grandmother, great grandmother and sister who will be dearly missed by everyone who loved her.

Brenda leaves behind her loving husband of 38 years, Larry Pruitt of LaBelle; children, Ronald Davis, Gary Pruitt, Laura Ann Warren, Pamela Marbry and Sonny Marbry. She also leaves behind thirteen grandchildren and five great-grandchildren, four brothers and one sister, Kenny Warren, Jimmy Warren, Jeff Warren, Roger Warren and Mary Warren.

Celebration of Brenda's life was held 9 a.m. Friday, July 6, 2018 at Akin-Davis Funeral Home. Pastor Mitchell Wills officiated. Burial was immediately after the celebration in Fort Denaud Cemetery.

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School Briefs

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.**

LaBelle Back to School Expo

The LaBelle Back to School Expo will be

from 4 - 6 p.m. on August 2 at the LaBelle Civic Center, 481 W. Hickpochee Ave. (behind City Hall). Help prepare our students to get the best start on the 2018-19 school year. Receive valuable information for families. Backpacks with some school supplies will be distributed to the first 300 children (k-12 only/Child must be present). For more information contact Lisa at the United Way at (239) 433-7559 or Melissa at the Department of Health at (863) 302-6039.

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VFW Post 10100

ALL DINNERS FOR JULY ARE \$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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 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.
 Turkey Shoot 2nd and 4th Sun. of every month at 1:00 p.m.
 Hall rental available to the PUBLIC. We are a Smoke Free Dining Room. We are located on Hwy 29 next to the Rodeo Grounds. For further information call 863-675-8008



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Recently at the Rotary

On Tuesday, July 10, Florida State Representative Byron Donalds. Representative Donalds spoke to the Rotary Club about this past legislative session, Lake Okeechobee releases, the recent algae issues, and dealing with the stresses of being in office. Pictured: State Representative Byron Donalds and Fred Kobie, President of the Rotary Club of LaBelle.



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Community Relations Manager Jennifer Black presenting the keys to a Chevrolet van to the City of South Bay for their summer camps and senior programs



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Student Drivers 2018 Top Drivers

The following students were selected as the top driver's for the 2018 Summer School Driver's Education Program. The program helped prepare over 65 students to drive safely and lawfully and exempted each individual from taking the Florida Driver License Class E Knowledge Exam and Driving Skills Test. From front to back are Nyah Aguilar, Christianna Hernandez, Alex Davis, Karisia Guzman, Aveary Vargas, Jaden Razo, and Clay Campbell. A big thank you to Superintendent Paul Puletti and the Hendry County School Board for continuing to offer this very valuable program to help save lives.

More emergency rooms nationwide use a pay-first policy for non-urgent care

Lehigh Regional Medical Center follows this trend

Lehigh Acres - Over the years hospitals across the nation have implemented the pay-first policy in an effort to divert patients with routine illnesses from the Emergency Room (ER) after they undergo a federally required screening. In the ER at Lehigh Regional Medical Center, patients undergo a federally-required medical exam by a qualified medical professional to determine if their symptoms are potentially life-threatening or not. If they do meet the criteria, further treatment will be initiated. If the initial medical screening determines that their reason for receiving care is not considered a true emergency, they will be asked to make a payment upfront. Patients who decline the up-front payment are given a list of primary care providers or walk-in clinics in the area.

The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention says, "That about 8 percent of ER visits are for non-urgent problems that could be treated less expensively in a doctor's office or a walk-in clinic." In a 2010 Health Affairs study, "Found that 27 percent of those visiting an ER could be treated more cost-effectively at a doctor's office or through a

walk-in clinic." Gary Bell, CEO of Lehigh Regional Medical Center states, "A lot of this is really about educating the community on proper usage of the ER and what other community resources are available. Our ER is not a walk-in clinic."

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Pet of the Week

The Caloosa Humane Society's pet of the week is Bealle, a seven month old spayed female black-mouth cur mix. Her personality is as cute and fun as she is. Bealle loves to play and gets along well with other dogs. She's looking for her forever home and her forever playmates. If you have room in your heart and home please come and meet Bealle at the Caloosa Humane Society, 1200 Pratt Blvd, LaBelle, FL 33935, or check her out on our website Caloosahumanesociety.org

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- 1 - 8 oz pkg of cream cheese
- 1 - 8 oz cans of crescent rolls

Preparation:

Preheat oven to 375. Cook sausage and drain. Return sausage to skillet and

add cream cheese, stirring over low heat until cheese melts. Remove from heat and set aside. Roll out dough onto baking sheet, being careful not to tear triangles apart (leave in 2 big sheets). Press seams together. Spoon half of the sausage mixture on each sheet and spread out evenly. Roll dough lengthwise, jellyroll style. Bake 20 minutes, or



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Widows Support Group

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

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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.

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 - Give one's word
 - Stock options, e.g.
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 - Look through partially open curtains, say
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- N.L. Cy Young Award winner three years after Dwight
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- Big name in vision correction
- Like an excited puppy's tail
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- "I'll pass"
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- "Cross my heart"
- "Bless my soul!"
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- Excites
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- "Kidnapped" author's monogram
- Most eccentric
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Officers – 6:00 'Meet & Greet'; 6:30 Dinner served followed by the Installation at 7:00 p.m. for all branches of the American Legion Family.

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 at the 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. Check names on the list at www.Davchapter144.org

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.

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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.

American Legion Events

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

July 19 - Thurs - 6 p.m. - Installation of

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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.

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LHS Students Visit Japan

From June 19-29, 23 LaBelle High School students, alumni, and family members traveled with Mrs. Joy Bridwell to Japan for an educational and cultural eleven day adventure. The group visited Tokyo, Kamakura, Hakone, Odawara, Kyoto, Hiroshima, Miyajima Island and Osaka. Along the way, the travelers learned much about Japan's history as well as its pop culture. The participants toured Buddhist temples, Shinto shrines, technology showrooms, Samurai castles, bamboo forests, deer parks, geothermal vents, museums and fun shopping districts. The group also heard an interesting presentation by a retired sumo wrestler, saw a kimono fashion show, met with Japanese students, and stayed one night in a traditional ryokan-style hotel where all of the participants wore yatakas and sang karaoke. The group traveled by planes, bullet trains, ferries, subways and buses. Travel is such a wonderful way to learn more about this world we live in. The Japan trip marked the eighth time Mrs. Bridwell has taken students abroad. She truly enjoys providing opportunities for students to experience other cultures.

Participants on this trip were Chelsea Bridwell, Emma Bridwell, Joy Bridwell, Patrick Bridwell, Josefina Contreras, Jasper Dzuong, Jocelyn Dzuong, Ramon Figueroa, Jeff Granims, Jered Hampton, Norma Maciel, Rebecca Maciel, Jack Neel, Gustavo Pardo, Margie Pardo, Raul Pardo, Frank Puletti, Andy Rosado, John Walker, Jimmy Williams, Stephanie Williams, Jack Wilson and Leland Wilson.

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LaBelle Fossil Camp explores sites along the Caloosahatchee River

By **Geoffrey Ionescu**
Caloosa Belle

The annual LaBelle Fossil Camp is for boys and girls from 8 to 14 years old with an interest in fossil hunting. Campers learn about the LaBelle area before the coming of humans, through fossil identification and field fossil hunting experiences. In the lab, next to the Barron library, the campers will learn about the diversity of prehistoric life that lived in the LaBelle area.

I join Scott Perry – a fossil hunter since

he was a kid and the founder of LaBelle Fossil Camp – to go fossil hunting for the day. On the boat he explains what a day of fossil hunting looks like: “We start our day with breakfast in the lab at 8 a.m. After that the campers learn about fossil identification through games and other activities before we get on the boat,” Scott Explains.

After a beautiful boat ride on the Caloosahatchee River it's on to the field experience: the campers excitedly disembark the boats and throw off their life-jackets. They have arrived in Fort Denaud, where the archaeolog-

ical site is. At the site the kids try to find fossil evidence of prehistoric life in the area. After two hours of fossil hunting and a short lunch break the campers get back onto the boat for the long trek back to LaBelle. To stay entertained – as sailors do – the kids pick up the variety of instruments that are on board and start playing songs, until the cabasa shaker falls overboard! Immediately the crew goes into man-overboard-procedure. The captain circles back while one of the fossil hunters jumps in the lifeboat and grabs the cabasa shaker to save it from drowning.

After celebrating the rescue of the cabasa shaker the fossil hunters have one more stop; the ‘Army Strong’ site. In the banks of the Caloosahatchee River the campers successfully dig for more fossils.

Back in the lab the kids identify their findings: shark teeth, fossilized turtle shells, jars of river water and limestone matrix. Interested in Fossil Hunting? Contact Scott Perry at 409-502-9029 or stop by at the Barron Library, 461 N Main St, LaBelle.



The archaeological site in Ft Denaud.

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Docking the boats at the site in Ft Denaud.

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