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City Commission meeting for September 13

By Geoffrey Ionescu
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The meeting was preceded by the Local Planning Agency. It started with proposed ordinance No. 2018-09 amending chapter 4, article IV section 4-77 of the land development code. The current AG zoning district is very restrictive in terms of allowable excavations. This is historically very appropriate considering urban context and smaller parcels within the city. In the 2000's large parcels annexed into City that could be appropriate due to size, access and lack of residential neighbors. Because there will be large developments in the future, they could be using lakes for interim developments. Currently excavation/mining is limited to five acres. Proposed is an amendment of the current land development code that would allow people to request a larger operation in terms of acres or 50,000 cubic yards. This has to be done by a special exception that has to be run by the city commission. Also a maximum of 25 percent can be used for mining which ensures future viable use of property after mining, and mitigates scale of operation. Also the excavation area has to be a minimum of 1,000 feet away from a residential area.

Another proposed ordinance considered the rezoning of Yeomans Avenue. This zone is a mixed use residential and general commercial which can be seen as a transitional area between downtown and SR 80. Proposed is a PUD rezone which should provide flexibility to property owners and balance the intent of protecting the neighborhood with property rights. B-2 uses of property are limited to parcels not accessed from or oriented to Yeomans Ave. B-2 uses require 50 foot setback to mitigate impact on Yeomans Ave. The only B-2 not included is fuel pumps. Also not allowed are a convenience store, all of the food and beverage categories, maintenance and repair, pawn shop and tattoo.

The regular commission meeting started with the LaBelle Downtown Revitalization Corp. seeking permits for Wharf Walk which includes closing of the road and an alcohol permit. Friday on Ft. Thompson every month would also need closing of the Ft. Thompson Ave. And the Little Toot boat will get his own reserved spot in the dock for

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Shoaf speaks at the Hendry Glades Audubon meeting

By Geoffrey Ionescu
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Kathy Shoaf was the speaker of the night for the first Audubon Meeting of the season. Kathy has been doing bird photography for two years.

"Since I was a kid I had a passion for nature and wildlife. I moved to Florida about 15 years ago from San Francisco. So Florida is very different, I felt like I had landed on the moon when I got here. At first I hated it but now I love it, especially the wildlife and the birds I am very passionate about," Kathy explains.

Kathy ended by showing a slideshow of beautiful bird pictures she took throughout the area.

Margaret England was named Vice-President and Steve Buczinsky was named president of the Hendry Glades Audubon: "It is really an exciting place for wildlife here in central Florida and it's a place that I think more people should be aware of and come to see. I'm looking forward to this season and enjoying all the wildlife we have around us," Steve explains.

For more information on the Hendry Glades Audubon or if you want to sign up visit www.hendrygladesaudubon.org.



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Newly elected Audubon president Steve Buczinsky (right) with new vice-president Margaret England.

Apes find safe home amid researchers at Hendry facility

By Chris Felker
INI Florida

CLEWISTON — There exists a wild place near here where the residents, some of humans' closest relatives in the animal kingdom, are enjoying not merely a sweet life in Hendry County. These primate cousins of ours have found a refuge from hurt. It's a place resembling their actual home in the world — that range on another continent they've never experienced. And to hear their happy howls and cheerful chatter, life here truly is sweet for them.

The 'Talkin' Monkeys Project is where the captive-bred-and-raised apes live. It's a 5-acre, federal-, state- and locally licensed haven in what feels like a jungle, nestled on a relatively cool, quiet, shaded corner of the Pioneer Plantation community off one of the county's lone windy rural roads, Hendry Isles Boulevard.

To dispel a common but comical public misconception that arises from the name of the place: No, they haven't discovered monkeys who talk, or *that* monkeys can



INI Florida/Chris Felker

The female watches Kanji's antics in his tower cage just feet away from the buffer zone she was let into, inside the introduction passageway between their separate enclosures.

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talk (although they definitely talk to each other). Nor are they trying to *teach* monkeys to talk (in the way that humans communicate) here. As the researchers for whom the refuge has become like a second home will

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when it comes on Wharf Walk November 9 until 18.

The Hendry County Unmet Needs Coalition is an organization of volunteers, they are officially nine months old now. They applied for a world renew which will do needs assessment of the area for people who still have unmet needs from Hurricane Irma. Their purpose is to connect people who are still struggling with the appropriate resources.

Another topic of discussion was that the Hendry LaBelle sports complex needs permits for vendors to come and sell food and beverages on the complex grounds.

The Sheriff's Office reported for the month of August; six batteries, eleven residential thefts, one vehicle burglary and one criminal mischief. They had 9,800 calls for service.

The next City Commission meeting will be on October 11 at 6 p.m.

tell you, they just "talk monkeys" here, like some neighbor families might "talk Tigers football." Thus the name.

Dr. Deborah D. Misotti and her husband, Tom, founded this not-for-profit educational conservation organization over 20 years ago and have operated the sanctuary here since buying the 5-acre property in 2002. Their main intent is to provide a lifelong home for primates that have been rescued from private homes where they've suffered abuse, released from research laboratories or confiscated from poachers who traffic in the endangered animals.

Secondary purposes are to create worldwide awareness of the challenges to their survival that primates face in the wild and to assist in educating a new generation of scientists who will work to help ensure that the apes' numbers don't dwindle any more in their natural habitats in Africa, Asia and South and Central America, where they are increasingly being crowded out by growing human populations' encroachment.

The TMP sanctuary is home to 15 primates, some of them longtime residents but others recent rescues. Last week, Dr. Misotti pointed out two female gibbons who had been removed in an enforcement action from a South Florida facility by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission.

"They were both badly injured when they came. FWC had me come in and do an assessment on apes at a facility in south Miami," she explained. "We ended up taking their orangutan away from them and sending it to the Center for Great Apes (outside

Wauchulla in Hardee County), and we took two of the older gibbons and sent them to the big gibbon sanctuary in South Carolina. Then I took the two that were the most badly injured so that I could work on rehab with them."

Now that they're doing much better, she said, their behaviors are being studied by students invited to observe the apes' activities in the natural setting where their large cages and towers are interspersed throughout the bamboo forest. They are not just confined to their cages, though; many have added-on, enclosed passageways called travel chutes where they can get outside their enclosures to interact with the wooded surroundings.

And some have larger screened-in passages that are used to acclimate specimens of the two sexes for possible couplings, such as was in progress that morning last week.

Ashley Peters, a 30-year-old senior from Detroit majoring in biology at Florida Gulf Coast University, was present to observe and record pre-mating behaviors as one of the female gibbons, 8 years old, was being gradually brought closer to an energetic 14-year-old male named Kanji inside a chain-link passage connecting their two individual tower cages where only a few bamboo poles separated the two.

"Ashley's project is that she's observing the introduction of captive red gibbons," said Dr. Misotti, explaining that they'd tried to introduce her to a much older gibbon named Monkey Boy, to no avail. "The older male had no interest in her whatsoever. She's young; she's interested in everything.

I used to like to say: 'Well, he wasn't into child porn. She's 8, and he's 38.'

"So what we're doing is we've moved our dividers made out of natural bamboo ... progressively closer and closer." Several poles were removed that day so she could slip into what they call a buffer zone, separated from Kanji only by another set of poles, in case of unwanted aggressive behavior. "Each time we've moved them closer, we've seen what we call male display. He's really interested in her and what she's doing; he gets very excited and so he throws a few more twirls and whirls — masculine display, it's called. He's showing off for his possible future mate."

That's one example of the type of research conducted on the premises; Ms. Peters plans to go on for a master's degree in conservation biology and is one of hundreds of students whom the Misottis have hosted. Other programs, including internships, are ongoing or being established, and occasionally lectures are given as well.

"We are community partners with FGCU, FAU (Florida Atlantic University) and students come from all over the world to visit, volunteer and learn," Dr. Misotti said.

The refuge is not open to the public; however, they have conducted limited public tours in the past and another is planned sometime later this fall.

To learn more about the Talkin' Monkeys Project, visit their Facebook page or go to talkinmonkeysproject.org.

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Barron Library Happenings

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

PRESCHOOL STORY TIME – every **Tuesday morning at 10:45 a.m.** Bring your little ones for fun stories and projects.

BARRON BOOK CLUB – The club

meets at the library the second **Monday of every month at 6:30 p.m.** If you enjoy reading and discussing your thoughts, you may be perfect for the Barron Book Club. Everyone is welcome!

KOMPUTERS for KIDS – the library is still working with Komputers for Kids Community Outreach of Southwest Florida, who make rebuilt computers available to families at an affordable price. Special offers available during this back-to-school season. Check them out at Barron Library.

Register now for LDRC and MOPS Scarecrows on the Wharf event

LaBelle Downtown Revitalization Corporation and MOPS of LaBelle invite the community to their first ever “Scarecrows on the Wharf” event taking place on Desoto Avenue from October 13-October 31.

Local businesses, non-profits, community members, organizations, schools, and youth groups like Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, and 4-H can join the fun by creating scarecrows to be displayed at the wharf during the event.

Four-foot-wide by four-foot-deep spaces are available for charitable donations of \$50 for businesses or organizations or \$20 for non-profit organizations. Proceeds from the event will be split 50/50 between the LaBelle Downtown Revitalization Corporation and MOPS of LaBelle.

Prizes will be awarded by a team of celebrity judges on Saturday, October 27.

People’s Choice Awards are determined by attendee votes from October 13 through 27. Winners receive a prize and will be identified by signs posted to their display site and in media releases.

“I’m excited to bring this event to LaBelle,” said Megan Narehood, Coordinator of MOPS of LaBelle, “I enjoy the Scarecrows in the Park event Lakes Park hosts but love that we get to host our own event with the bonus of being by the river.” Narehood said it will be a great addition to the annual pumpkin patch hosted by the First Baptist Church.

The deadline for registration and donation is October 13. Teachers, scout leaders, business owners and anyone interested in participation should email KELLY@DOWNTOWNLABELLE.COM OR MOPSO-FLABELLE@GMAIL.COM for more details.



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Carlos explaining his self-portrait to the Hendry County Adult School.

Carlos Gonzalez, artist of the month at Barron Park House gives tour to Hendry County Adult School

By **Geoffrey Ionescu**
Caloosa Belle

Carlos Inocente Gonzalez was named artist of the month at Barron Park House Gallery throughout the month of September. His exhibition “Studio Infinito” includes sculptures, paintings, collages and assemblages. He works with repurposed found objects and recycled materials to create more environmental awareness while celebrating the infinite potential for creativity using among other things; plastic waste, metal and junk mail to explore new forms of artistic expression. Carlos’ work celebrates the connection between the local communities and the environment: “The circles are all different colors and different shapes, but when you put them all together they form a community. I’m repurposing all this waste because we have to be more aware of our surroundings, especially with the algae crisis it is becoming more important to unite and cooperate and relate with each other and the environment.”

The Gallery started to fill up with people as Cristina Mercado came in with her class of the Hendry County Adult School. Mercado is teaching English as well as GED to anyone who wants to learn the English language.

“It is called the ESOL program; English For Speakers of Other Languages. I try to do as much day to day activities with them, because that it is the best way to learn. And in this way they get exposed to things that they may not have been exposed to before,” Cristina explains.

As Carlos guides the group through the gallery, Cristina explains and translates the English words they don’t understand. “For my students it is getting the culture as well as the language,” Cristina goes on, “and Carlos, being born in Venezuela, can relate to our students. Because he moved here and saw all the opportunities that came with being bilingual.”

Carlos Inocente Gonzalez beautiful exhi-

bition figuratively and literally connects the local community to his work as the gallery is filled with people and repurposed objects from the environment. Check out Carlos’ exhibition at the Barron Park House Gallery from Thursday-Sunday between 12-5 p.m.



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Honoring the First Responders

Each year the VFW Post 10100 Commander and members show Appreciation and Honor the First Responders in or Community with a lunch/dinner. Commander Marvin Ruble, Granddaughter Jasmin Ruble, Jerry Howard, Veteran, and Bethany Humphries, Renee Kenworthy, Auxiliary Members. This year they visited the Sheriff’s Office, Port LaBelle sub-station, EM Station and the Fire Station on Main Street.

Voter Signature Update

Voter’s may update their Signature on their Voter Registration before an election, applications are available daily 8:30 am to 5:00 pm at the Supervisor of Elections Office in LaBelle, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, or the Clewiston Elections Office, 1100 S. Olympia Street, Suite 504, any Driver’s License office, Public Library, Public Assistance Office or online at hendryelections.org. For more information call 863-675-5230 or 863-902-3393.

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Guest Commentary

We must get rid of excess nitrogen in our water

By Francis Rooney

U.S. Representative
19th Congressional District of Florida

In the 20 months I have served as your Congressman, improving our water quality has been my top priority.

We have achieved more tangible results in building the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) projects and the Herbert Hoover Dike than in all of the preceding 18 years since the CERP was enacted in 2000.

Congress and the administration have supported our requests to fund the infrastructure necessary to clean up the Okeechobee Watershed and reduce harmful discharges into the river. This includes \$247.8 million in overall funding last year, and an additional \$514.2 million this year in supplemental funding to speed up completion of the repairs to the Herbert Hoover Dike by 2022 instead of 2025. This savings of 3 years or more is the best means we have, in the short term, of alleviating harmful discharges.

In addition to receipt of full funding of our CERP-U.S. Army Corps of Engineers appropriations request, I have been working

with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to secure an additional \$115 million for Corps 2019 work-plan-ready projects.

Later this year, Congress will likely approve the changes to the Everglades Agriculture Area (EAA) reservoir, also known as the "A-2" or "Negron Plan" reservoir, which will enlarge the original footprint and permit much more water to be stored there, prior to sending it south through the cleansing marshes of the Everglades and into the Florida Bay.

However, these infrastructure projects are only one piece of the puzzle. They deal primarily with phosphorous-laden water from Lake Okeechobee. High levels of nitrogen in the river present an entirely different threat and call for different remediation strategies. This aspect of our water quality challenges is often ignored in the public debate about what to do about the watershed. Excessive nitrogen discharges into the river lower dissolved oxygen levels and can lead to hypoxic conditions which kill fish and increase algal growth.

According to both a 2016 study prepared by the City of Sanibel, titled Caloosahatchee Watershed Regional Water Management Issues, and a 2017 study by the South Florida

Water Management District, Water Flow and Nutrient Loads to Lake Okeechobee and the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee Estuaries in Water Years 2013-2017, over 60 percent of the nitrogen polluting the Caloosahatchee enters the river from sources west of Lake Okeechobee. This overabundance of nitrogen occurs from wastewater plant discharges, septic tank leaks, and other agriculture along the Caloosahatchee. In fact, there are many days in which our municipalities discharge overflow volumes of partially treated wastewater into the river. The harmful runoff from these sources must be addressed in order to solve the root causes of the algal blooms. Some remediation of these sources is underway, but there is a great deal of work left to do – and the sooner the better.

Without action to address all components of the causes of the environmental disasters plaguing our Southwest Florida community, damage will continue. The health of our people, and of our economic livelihoods, are at stake.

Francis Rooney is the U.S. Representative for Florida's 19th Congressional district. He is the Vice-Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and serves on the Committee on Education and the Workforce.

Community Briefs

Happenings at the LaBelle Moose Lodge

Open: Tues-Sun at 11:00 a.m. & Mon at 3:00 p.m. Tues & Thurs- Light Dinners 5-7 p.m.

Wed- "Free Pool All Day"
Fri- Chuck's Spaghetti 5-7 p.m.
Sat- Boston Butt by Calvin 5-7 p.m.
"Karaoke" -Fri & Sat @ 6:30 p.m.
Sun @ 4:00 p.m.

Special Events:
Sept 29-Live Acoustics @ 6:30 p.m. BY "DUMPSTER MIKE"

Oct 6-"Save the Tata's" First Bike Run
All bikers welcome!! \$10 per bike-KSU at 10:30 a.m. Registration @10:00 a.m. at Lodge All proceeds go to Hendry County "Pink Warriors" Fund Other activities to be held at Lodge starting at @3:00 p.m. Including Dessert Auction, 50/50, raffles, etc. Come join the fun! And Save the Tata's.

Kiwanis Kids Day

The Kiwanis Kids Day will be on **Saturday, October 20 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at Barron Park. There will be lots of games, bounce houses, food and fun. Mary the Clown will also be there. Sponsored by Kiwanis Club of LaBelle.

GCSO looking to form Explorers

Glades County Sheriff David Hardin, is always looking for ways to offer greater opportunities to the youth of Glades County. Sheriff Hardin is considering starting a Florida Sheriff's Explorers' Chapter, the Ex-

plorers will be trained in law enforcement techniques, traffic control, basic law and principles along with firearms training. If anyone between the ages of 14 and 18 interested, please contact Leslie Smith at 863-946-1600 extension 2100.

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: **October 1**, November 5, December 3 and January 7.

Peace Love and Paws

The Caloosa Humane Society will hold their 9th annual Peace Love & Paws Gala, an evening for the animals on **October 20 starting at 5 p.m.** at the Riverbend Motorcoach Resort. They will serve a prime rib dinner by Gator Hammock. There will be live music by Jame Prather, a silent auction, live auction, raffle. Tickets are \$50 per person and are on sale now. You can purchase a ticket at CHS, 1200 Pratt Blvd or call them at 239-872-1892 and they will deliver.

La Leche League

The La Leche League will meet the second Thursday every month from 5-7 p.m. at Barron Library, 461 N Main Street, LaBelle. At La Leche League Meetings we provide

breastfeeding education and support. You can look, listen and ask questions. Some parents help each other and find friends. Come when you can and leave when you need to. You are always welcome! The League will meet on the following dates in 2018: **October 11**, November 8 and December 13. For more info call Maria at 863-612-6264 or drop her an email too Maria.LLHendryCounty@gmail.com. You can also learn more at <http://llflorida.com/lalecheleague/>

Breast Cancer Month

The VFW 10100, 20 Veterans Ways, LaBelle will hold their 6th annual Save the Ta-Tas Benefit on **October 13** with the fun starting at 6 p.m. There is free admission to the event and it's is open to the public. They will have music by request, dancing, prizes, games, a 50-50 drawing and food! All proceeds will go to the Hendry Regional Medical Centers Pink Warriors fund. The Pink Warriors Fund is for needy Hendry County women. The benefit is being held in memory of Kathi Nolan.

Need paint for your next project?

Stop by one of the Hendry County Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Centers and check out their FREE recycled paint collection! In LaBelle stop by 1360 Forestry Division Road, Wed: 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m./1 p.m. - 5 p.m. or Thursdays: 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. and the first Saturday of each month: 8 a.m. -12 p.m 863-675-5252. In Clewiston - 1381 Evercane Road, Tuesdays: 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. or the first Saturday of each month: 1:30 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.



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Congratulations to the Country Oaks Students of the Month for September!

TOP: Grade K: Brianna Orduna, Adalynn Carmo, Alexander Ocampo, Destiny Miller, Melody Villavisencio and Jayden Candia.

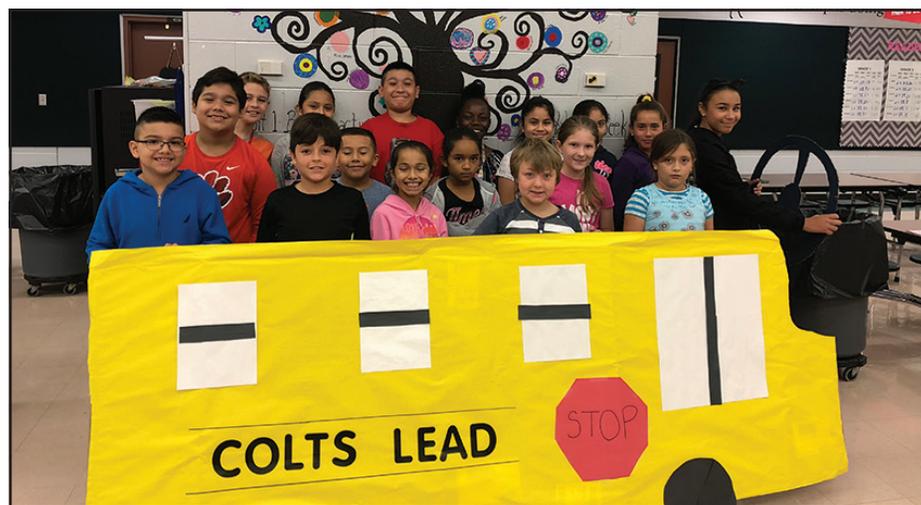
TOP: Grade 1: Jaylynn Adrade, Angel Velez, Haniel David Navarro-Vera, Jesse Daugherty Jr., Alison Marines and Kairy Mendez.

TOP: Grade 2: Cecilia Rodriguez, Malika Dudley, Samira Hernandez-Aguirre, Havala Busey, Rihanna Franco and Bryan Reyes.

BOTTOM: Grade 3: Angel Moreno, Efrain Mendoza, Dalton Leeper, Patricia Green, Camila Cordova, Lyla Tesnow and Jenna Roberts.

BOTTOM: Grade 4: Mia Munoz, Yaretzi Verduzco, Fabian Menendez-Vasquez, Jordyn Reyes, Zelene Olquin and Jovanni Soto.

BOTTOM: Grade 5: Emily Smith, Weston Mungillo, Evaluna Vigo Gonzalez, Kimberly Espinoza-Matias, Yazmin McKinnon, Omar Flores and Roxana Ramirez.



School Briefs

PTO at COES

All parents and community members invited! Country Oaks will be hosting their first Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) meeting of the 2018-2019 school year tonight, Thursday, September 20 in the school cafeteria! This is a parent and community engagement where Title I information for the school will be presented. Students of the Month of September will also be presented with a certificate. There will also be a School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting at 5:30 p.m. before the PTO meeting. SAC is a school-based group intended to represent the school, the community, and those persons closest to the students. The group shares responsibility for guiding the school toward continuous improvement. If you would like to help lead our Colts, please join us!

Travel to the Capitals of Scandanavia

Interested LaBelle High School students, family members, and alumni are invited to travel with Mrs. Joy Bridwell to Norway, Sweden, and Denmark in June 2020. An informational meeting will be held on Thursday, September 27, at 6:30 p.m. in the LaBelle High School library. Mrs. Bridwell has led eight previous international educational trips and now looks forward to leading a group through the "Capitals of Scandanavia". For more details, contact Mrs. Bridwell at bridwellj@hendry-schools.net.

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- ★ Continue to support agriculture as a top priority
- ★ Continue to work with Economic Development Council to bring new business and more jobs to the county
- ★ Continue to work to complete Air Glades Project
- ★ Complete four laning of Highway 80 to Highway 27
- ★ Continue to support Mosquito Control
- ★ Continue to oppose impact fees at present time
- ★ Continue to vote to keep taxes low
- ★ Complete county - wide drainage projects
- ★ Complete Forrey Drive Road
- ★ Complete Fort Denaud Road
- ★ Complete LaBelle ballparks
- ★ Fire Truck in North LaBelle

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Membership Banquet planned

The Greater LaBelle Chamber of Commerce Membership Banquet is planned for October 1 at the Port LaBelle Inn. There will be a Meet and Greet from 5 - 6 p.m. with dinner starting at 6 p.m. The program will begin at 7 p.m. The guest speaker for the evening is Fred Ford from Airglades Airport. A limited number of tickets are now available, individual tickets are \$30 each or you can get a sponsorship table for 8 at \$300. Tickets are available from any Chamber Member or from Diane at the Chamber Office. Call 863-675-0125 for more information. The venue and dinner are sponsored by Port LaBelle Inn and Sprout Catering.



Church Briefs

A Gathering of Christian Men Meeting

We have a new meeting place. We will meet at Beef O'Brady's at 6 p.m. on Sept. 24 (Monday). Come early if you are going to order food. The meeting opens at 6 p.m. for fellowship. At 6:30 we have our business meeting. We hope all our area Churches will send a Pastor or representative. That way we can see what our community's needs are. All are welcome as long as you are doing your best to live by God's Rules. No one is perfect. I have to ask for forgiveness every day. Our goal is to keep LaBelle a great place to raise your family. That takes getting involved. Everyone has a talent. We need to get involved with how our community is doing. We welcome new ideas.

Hope to see you Sept. 24
Ed Kuntz, president

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!

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.

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| Fudge Pie | | |
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| Ingredients | • ½ tsp salt | Whisk sugar and flour into chocolate mixture. Add eggs, 1 at a time, whisking just until blended after each addition. |
| • 2/3 cup evaporated milk | • 1 cup chopped pecans | Whisk in vanilla and salt. Stir in pecans. |
| • ½ of 12oz bag of chocolate chips | • 1 - 9" pie crust, unbaked | Pour mixture into pie shell. |
| • 2 TBSP butter | Preparation: | Bake at 375 for 35 to 40 minutes or until set. |
| • 1 cup sugar | Preheat oven 375 degrees. Microwave the first 3 ingredients in a large microwave safe bowl at High for 1 to 1 ½ minutes or until melted and smooth, whisking at 30 second intervals, | Cool 10 minutes before serving. With Vanilla Ice Cream! Enjoy! |
| • 2 TBSP all-purpose flour | | |
| • 2 large eggs | | |
| • 2 tsp. vanilla extract | | |

Did you know?

- There's an 1,800 year-old Roman version of present day Swiss Army Knife, complete with folding spoon, fork, spatula, pick, spike and knife. It was made mostly from silver, so it has held up pretty well. The spike might have helped in extracting the meat from snails, and the spatula in poking sauce

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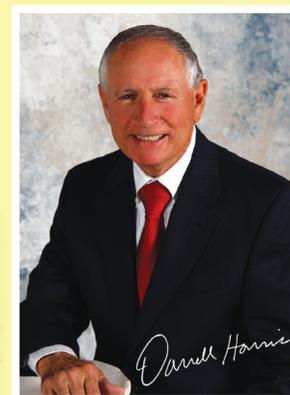
- ★ Continue to support agriculture as a top priority
- ★ Continue to work with Economic Development Council to bring new business and more jobs to the county
- ★ Continue to work to complete Air Glades Project
- ★ Complete four laning of Highway 80 to Highway 27
- ★ Continue to support Mosquito Control
- ★ Continue to oppose impact fees at present time
- ★ Continue to vote to keep taxes low
- ★ Complete county - wide drainage projects
- ★ Complete Forrey Drive Road
- ★ Complete Fort Denaud Road
- ★ Complete LaBelle ballparks
- ★ Fire Truck in North LaBelle

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Improved opportunities for all Hendry County adults are critical for them to enhance the lives of their children, which will create enhanced economic conditions, better schools, less poverty, less crime and an overall better quality of life for existing citizens and new citizens/families that decide Hendry County would be a great place to create a better life.

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Widows Support Group

The Widows Support Group will meet at Contreras Mexican Restaurant on **September 20 at 11:30 a.m.** All widows welcome.

Food Trucks Returning

They're back! Come one! Come all! Bring your friends and family to enjoy an evening of good food and fun when the Chow Down Food Trucks return to LaBelle on **Thursday, September 20 from 5 to 9 p.m.** They will be located on the corner of North Lee St. and Desoto Ave. This event is sponsored by the Barron Park House Gallery. There will also be a bounce house for the kids!

The Veterans Memorial Wall

Thank you to everyone who submitted the name or names of Veterans to be engraved on the granite wall to be dedicated **Veterans Day, November 11.** Veterans whose names are on a brick at the Veterans Park will be on the Wall. Even though applications have closed for the first engraving, applications with funds may still be submitted to the American Legion for the next engraving at The American Legion Post 130, 699 W. SR80, LaBelle, FL or email Bobkirkwood9@gmail.com for further information.

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.

Hendry/Glades Unmet Needs Coalition meetings schedule

Do you have unmet needs resulting from Hurricane Irma and have exhausted all other resources? Please contact us to find out what support and volunteer opportunities may be available. 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 want to help Hendry and Glades County residents in their Hurricane Irma recovery are invited to meetings at the following location and date: September: Glades Regional Training Center located at 1030 Industrial Drive Moore Haven, FL 33471 on **Friday, Sept. 21 at 5:30 p.m.**

Hendry Dems to meet at Harlem Community Center

Hendry County Democratic Executive Committee will meet at the Harlem Community Center on 7th Street off Georgia Avenue in Clewiston on Saturday, **September 22, at 9:00 a.m.** Coffee and pastry will be available, and everyone interested in the November 6 Midterm General Election is welcome. Local Democrats will be encouraging Hendry County voters to sign up for Vote By Mail as well as taking advantage of

Early Voting, particularly the one Sunday in October set aside to accommodate those who prefer to vote after church, and last but not least Election Day voting. The Hendry County Democratic Executive committee is now registered as a Third Party Voter Registration Organization and will be registering new voters after the meeting. Joe Thomas, chairman of the local Democratic party, says there is at least one vacant position in each of Hendry County's 10 voting precincts asks anyone willing to serve as a Precinct Captain to bring their Voter Registration Information Card with voter registration number and precinct number on it as both are required on the official form that must be submitted to the Florida Democratic Party and the Hendry County Elections Office. The October meeting of the Hendry County Democratic meeting will be scheduled for LaBelle in accordance with the long established practice of alternating meetings between the county's two cities. For info email hendrydems@embarqmail.com or call (863)234-8890.

LaBelle Garden Club Meets

The LaBelle Garden Club will meet Tuesday, September 25, at 7 p.m. at the Dallas Townsend Center, 1085 Pratt Blvd. (Please note change of date). Speaker will be Exotic Hibiscus & Butterfly Expert, Curt Sinclair.

MOPS to Host Indoor Yard Sale and Bake Sale

MOPS of LaBelle will host an Indoor Yard Sale and Bake Sale at First Christian Church on **Saturday, October 6 from 7 a.m.- 11**

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Christian Church is located at 138 Ford Ave.

Glades Soil/Water Conservation District Board Meeting

The Glades Soil and Water Conservation District will hold its regularly scheduled Board meeting on **September 26, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.** in the main room of the Dallas B. Townsend Agricultural Building. Meetings are open to the public.

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Community Briefs

Abstract Art Class Offered at Barron Park House Gallery

Local artist Heather Caldwell will teach an abstract art workshop on Saturday, September 29 from 1 to 3 at the Barron Park House Gallery located at 471 No. Lee St. in LaBelle. The class, entitled "Discover Your Inner Artist", is open to anyone 16 or older who wants to learn about abstract art. Heather, a former educator, believes that "denying our creativity means denying our humanity". In this workshop, Heather will guide you through abstract painting techniques while you have fun experimenting with color! The cost of the class is \$20 for Arts of the Inland members and \$25 for non-members. All materials will be provided. Space is limited so call Heather today to reserve your spot! Her number is 239-240-2656.

American Legion Events

Happy Hour Monday - Friday 11a-6p; Lounge opens 10 a.m. M-Sa; 12 noon on Sunday.

(Beginning October 5, Fish Fries are held every Friday)

October 5, 12, 19 & 26 - Friday - 5-7 p.m. Fish Fry with assortment of fish, shrimp, crab-cakes & 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 Public is Welcome.

"Like" our Facebook page to get all the weekly updates, the newsletters and calendars on our website at www.legionpost130.com

American Legion Post 130 Meetings: (All Members welcome)

September 20 - Thurs - 7 p.m. - American Legion

American Legion Auxiliary does not meet in September.

October 3 - Wed - 7:30 p.m. American Legion Riders meeting

October 4 - Thurs - 6 p.m. DAV (Disabled American Veterans) meeting

October 10 - 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.

VFW Post 10100

Sept. 21, Fri. 2 Sharps Karaoke are in the House. Pot luck Dinner Bring your favorite dish. Music begins at 5:00 p.m.

Oct. 6, Sat. Karaoke with Chris and Betty Ann, Music begins at 5:00 p.m.

Oct. 19, Fri. 2 Sharps Karaoke. Pot Luck Dinner, bring your favorite dish. Music will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Every Tues. Free pool table from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

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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 6:00 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.

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