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Kenneth C. Diaz is seeking the District 2 commission seat.

Kenneth C. Diaz running for HC commission

By **Patty Brant**
Special to the Caloosa Belle

A thirty-plus year resident, Ken Diaz feels he has a mission to leave Hendry County better than he found it. For him, the way to his goal is to serve as a county commissioner.

Running for the District 2 commission seat as a non-partisan, Ken has some very definite ideas about where the county is and where it should be.

Much of his concern centers around the county's economic future, particularly as Airglades Airport could pertain to it.

Big plans are on tap for the airport – possibly even becoming an international hub for distributing commodities to much of the country. Hopes are that this small airport could blossom into a huge contributor to the success of the county and its residents.

For Ken, the issue is not the airport's potential, but the county's plan to sell it to a private company.

The airport, he reasons, has the capacity to open up the future to Hendry's residents. Selling it would make no sense. It would di-

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Therapy horses visit LaBelle Middle School's ESE class

Jules, an Arabian gelding, and Misty, a miniature paint mare, offer rides and quality interaction with Bonnie Feickert's students. These wonderful equines are owned by Lark Campisano, of Endless Trails Stables in North Fort Myers.

TOP: Mateo enjoys his ride on Jules, led by owner Lark Campisano and assisted by sidewalkers Alex DeStefano and Audrey Coe.
BOTTOM: Destiny and Evie enjoy time with Misty, while Jules offers rides in the background.



Airglades on track for construction to start in 2019

By **Chris Felker**
INI Florida

CLEWISTON — The Hendry County Board will learn from staff at one of its October meetings about a proposed contract for the project development and environmental (PD&E) study on Airglades International Airport's planned new cargo facilities outside Clewiston.

The Florida Department of Transportation is financing the preliminary engineering and design of AIA's Perishable Air Cargo Complex up to \$1 million under the county's joint participation agreement with the agency, according to the staff report. County commissioners selected the firm of Crawford, Murphy & Tilly to do that work in May. Staff were to present the contract at the commissioners' meeting at 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 25, at the county courthouse in LaBelle, but the item was pulled.

Meanwhile, several proposals have been received from global investment banking institutions interested in financing parts of the

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2018 Cycling for Fallen Heroes

By **Geoffrey Ionescu**
Caloosa Belle

Every year since 2007 the Brotherhood Ride cycles through the state of Florida for seven days to honor the Heroes in Florida who died in the line of duty while protecting their communities. The 2018 ride was dedicated to twenty fallen heroes, including two K9s. A group of 35 cyclists covered over 600 miles, averaging about 80 – 100 miles a day.

Elmer Saucedo was part of the Brotherhood ride this year, he works for the State of Florida as a wildland firefighter and volunteers as a structural firefighter in LaBelle.

"We rode from Naples to Tallahassee, our main objective was to honor and remember the fallen heroes and raise money

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vert the lion's share of profits from the county to a few private residents.

He is sure that, if the county commission does its research and is serious about running the airport, it can do the best job of developing Airglades for the betterment of the county its residents.

To date, Ken says no US airports have ever been sold to private investors and does not want to see this county make what he sees as a mistake. After working for some 10 years as a fireman at Miami International Airport, Ken is very familiar with how it pumps millions of dollars into the Miami economy. As owners of Airglades, he said the county could control growth on the airport and dictate how growth would occur around it. He also believes the county could increase the number of jobs the airport could provide from 800 to 1,000's.

Another under-appreciated Hendry County asset is the Caloosahatchee River. Ken feels the county is not taking full advantage of its possibilities. If the county purchased the old Belle Hatchee Marina, and the city could make a go of the proposed 126-acre just east of it, Ken sees a huge as-

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planned air cargo hub in Clewiston, according to Airglades International Airport LLC.

An AIA spokesman called it "a good problem to have," also reporting that the company's president and CEO, Fred Ford, met in Washington on Aug. 7 with members of the Federal Aviation Administration's pilot Airport Privatization Project team to review the status of the airport's application. Those documents were 70 percent complete, he said. The application already has been OK'd by Hendry County, the state Department of Transportation and preliminarily by the FAA.

"Both parties came away with confidence that we can conclude the process by the end of the year," Mr. Ford was quoted as saying. "The question now is how early next year construction will begin."

The project includes construction and operation by a private developer of a new Perishable Air Cargo (PAC) complex including a 10,000-foot runway plus parallel and connecting taxiways (which will require acquisition of about 226 acres), as well as these components:

- A PAC sorting and distribution complex;
- New air cargo aircraft parking apron areas;
- Establishment of on-site air cargo inspection services;
- Installation of Category III Instrument Landing System and Approach Light System (ALS) to Runway 36 plus installation of an ALS to Runway 18; and
- Modification to existing, and development of new, air traffic procedures and instrument approach procedures.

The project also will see construction of other new airport infrastructure: maintenance, repair and overhaul facilities, including asso-

set-in-the-making for the entire area. As a commissioner, he said he would look into grants to purchase the marina.

"I believe we have something very special there," he asserts, and wants to be part of making it all happen. He added that the county "should extend its vision and end up where we cannot see now. Even if it costs residents, if we plan for the future we will always come out ahead."

He believes he can help the county plan in such a way as to be able to both build infrastructure and respond to immediate needs. We need to be proactive and work toward being prepared to deal with whatever lies ahead, he said.

Of course, quality jobs for residents is a key ingredient to economic success and security. If we can attract these jobs, he said, we can develop into something special here.

Ken also said that Hendry County residents are saddled with extra high property taxes totaling over 20 mills, which include various MSBUs - service areas for things like lighting, streets, drainage and so on.

A robust economic engine like an expanded Airglades Airport and fully utilized river area would go a long way toward building a healthy and sustainable economic base that would alleviate residents' tax burden, he reasons.

Ken realizes that Hendry County is on the

ciated aircraft parking apron; warehouse and cargo sorting and distribution facilities; an aircraft rescue and firefighting facility; an airport maintenance and ground support equipment facility; an air traffic control tower; fuel storage facilities, including above-ground storage tanks; a wastewater treatment facility; plus access roads and automobile and truck parking facilities.

The proposed project also includes site improvements, including stormwater management facilities, installation of utilities and development of related infrastructure.

The FAA accepted Hendry County's application to privatize this airport back in 2010, under a program established by Congress in 1997 to help generate access to private capital for airport improvement and development. Mr. Ford told the Clewiston Rotary Club during a talk in January that Airglades would be the first publicly owned airport in the United States to be converted under the program.

Neighboring communities are looking forward to the potential boost for the region's economy. "Like our Americas Gateway Logistics Center project here in Moore Haven," said Glades County Economic Development Council Director Tracy Whirls, "the Airglades International Airport project has the potential to be a catalyst for economic development in our region."

"With its emphasis on import and export of perishables, Airglades International will create a much-needed niche in the regional perishable supply chain network at the same time it reduces traffic congestion in Miami. It will also allow Miami International Airport to continue shifting their emphasis to lighter, more expensive and hence, more lucrative "belly freight," such as medical devices, pharmaceuticals, and electronics as they continue to expand their international commercial passenger service."

cus of changing economically, moving on from the traditional agriculture base.

With water issues so prominently in our future, he said the county commission must research every issue because these decisions are "bigger than all of us" and have far-reaching ramifications.

If elected, Ken says he will do the job to the best of his ability. He said he wants to open up new lines of communication with constituents and expand the county's ability to disseminate pertinent information. He wants to utilize social media like Facebook or other platforms.

Looking at recent years, Ken said the county's worst decision has been to sell Airglades to private interests; its best decision was to rezone and develop the property around it. We are years ahead of ourselves in the decision to rezone to support our airport, he said.

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for the families of the fallen heroes. We rode our bicycles to their hometowns and provided financial and emotional support to their families, friends and coworkers. We started the 9th of September and rode for a week, about eight hours a day. We visited each place that the fallen heroes lived and we got a lot of support from the local communities. The local fire and police departments would escort us through the city. At some point during the ride I started feeling sick but

Ken also said he believes strongly in term limits for politicians and promises that if he is elected county commissioner he will serve for no more than two terms. He feels that integrity and an ability to research issues are the strongest characteristic he brings to the table.

In the end he said, "We need to invest in our people, be aware of our future and understand the value of our community."

Correction

The article "Apes find safe home amid researchers at Hendry facility," in the Sept. 20 Caloosa Belle, gave the wrong name for the male gibbon being introduced to a female. The ape, named Merlin (not Kanji), is part of a study of the behavior of captive-bred gibbons.

I never lost my motivation because we are doing it out of respect for all those individuals and the sacrifices that they have made," Saucedo said.

Over the past ten years the Brotherhood Ride has continued the tradition of Honor, Dedication and Pride. They have honored the memory and sacrifice of a total of 531 Emergency First Responders which includes firefighters, law enforcement officers and emergency medical personnel. They have traveled on bicycles over 8,000 miles through 16 states and have donated over \$400,000 to the families left behind.

See Page 7 for a list of those honored this year in the Brotherhood Ride.

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School Briefs

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.

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!

LHS Haunted House planned

The students at LaBelle High School's Haunted House "The Silent Purge" would love to see you standing in line to get a ticket to get into the most wonderful and scariest haunted houses in LaBelle. They will be having this event on October 26 and 27 at 7 p.m. There is a \$5 entrance fee to get into the haunted house and there will be a concession stand where you can get drinks, snacks and etc.

Parent Teacher Conferences at LES

The Parent/Teacher Conferences for LaBelle Elementary are: November 16 from 3:15-4:30 p.m. February 20 from 4:30-6:00 p.m. and April 26 By Request Only.

FSW hosts "Family Math Night"

Learn how fun math can be at "Family Math Night" on Thursday, Oct. 18 from 5:45-7:30 p.m., in Building U, Room 102, at the Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) Thomas Edison Campus, 8099 College Parkway. While the event is open to anyone interested in exploring mathematics, students are encouraged to register by sending an e-mail to familymathnight@fsw.edu. For questions about Family Math Night at FSW, please email jdevine1@fsw.edu.

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The recommendations of the LPA will be made to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). The BCC will consider whether or not it wishes to transmit the amendment to the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity at a public hearing held on **October 23, 2018, at 5:05 p.m.** at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, Florida.

Petition Number: CPA18-0007
Applicant: Florida Power & Light Company, represented by Rock Aboujaoude, PE. Rock Enterprises, Inc.
Project size: +/- 623 acres
Location: CR 833; see attached locator map
Request: The applicant is requesting a Text Amendment to the Hendry County Comprehensive Plan Future Land Use Element to amend the Electrical Generating Facility access location standard found in Policy 1.1.14 and adding a specific subarea policy in accordance with same (proposed Policy 1.1.14.4) to allow a solar powered electrical generating facility.

Ordinance title:
 AN ORDINANCE OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING THE HENDRY COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, ORDINANCE 91-05, SPECIFICALLY BY AMENDING THE FUTURE LAND USE ELEMENT ELECTRICAL GENERATING FACILITY ACCESS LOCATION STANDARD FOUND IN POLICY 1.1.14 AND ADDING A NEW SUBAREA POLICY TO IDENTIFY SPECIFIC DETAILS APPLICABLE TO THE FPL BLUE HERON SOLAR ENERGY CENTER ON +/- 623 ACRES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS OF LAW; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, INCLUSION IN CODE, AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

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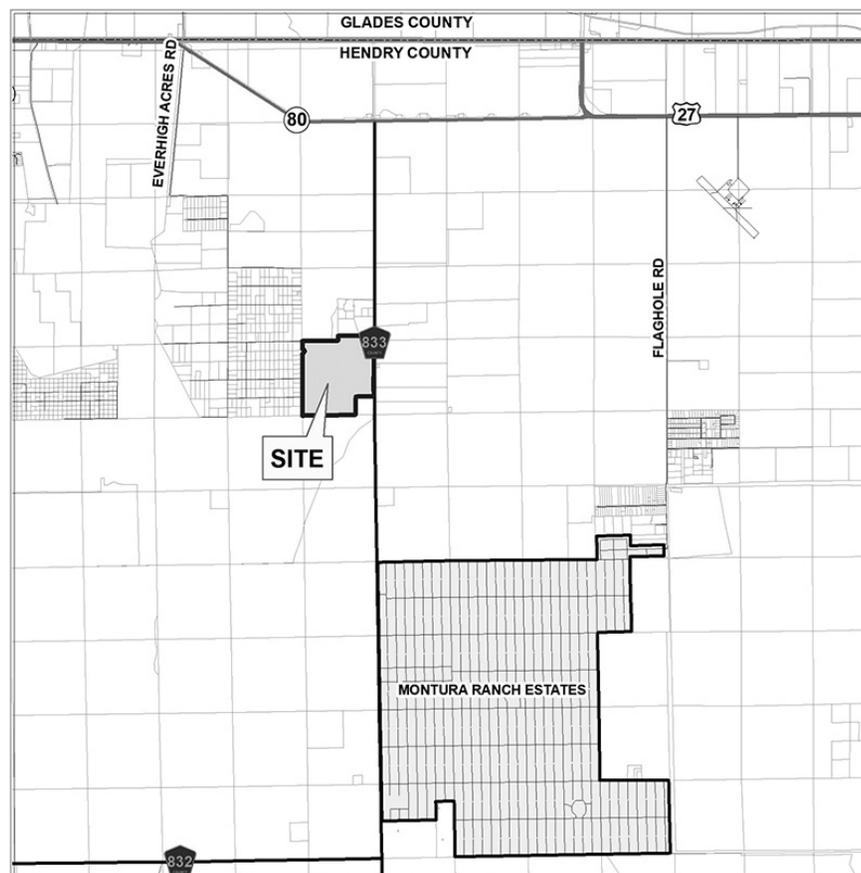
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Any questions pertaining to this matter should be directed to the Planning and Zoning Department, by phone (863-675-5240), email (mjohnson@hendryfla.net), U. S. mail (P.O. Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975) or by fax (863- 674-4194).

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Guest Commentary

It's time to take a hard look at the truth about our water issues

By Robert H. Buker Jr.
U.S. Sugar

The conversation about water has reached a fevered pitch, and rightfully so. Red tide, blue-green algae and Lake Okeechobee discharges are all extremely serious water issues that deserve serious attention. An abundance of scientific organizations, studies and data say that water quality plays a role in all of them. People may be surprised to hear that we agree.

However, these water issues are so important that the discussion and, thus, the solutions must be based on the facts rather than mere claims, hype or emotion. The Fort Myers News Press recently editorialized that "several key water projects are years from going online throughout Florida, but they are needed to treat and store water, slow Lake O discharge and redirect harmful water away from the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie rivers." We agree with this as well.

Since sugarcane farmers have been blamed for everything from polluting the Everglades to controlling lake discharges, causing red tide and even Sahara dust, our water has been under the microscope — literally and figuratively — for quite some time. Some articles even claim we're impacting Tampa Bay and putting sugar in Lake Okeechobee. Often coverage has been focused on blame, not truth. So in taking a hard look at South Florida's water runoff — we'll start with ours.

Many know that U.S. Sugar is the oldest



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and largest sugarcane farming company in South Florida; we also grow and process citrus, sweet corn and other winter vegetables. When we are called "Big Sugar" by the media, what people may not know is that we are primarily employee- and charity-owned. Also, our farms are all in Florida and are located primarily south of Lake Okeechobee.

Because water does not flow uphill and being located south of the lake, the runoff from our land does not naturally flow into the lake. For our water to reach the lake, it must be pumped. By law, the only water allowed to be pumped from our area back into Lake Okeechobee is for emergency flood control for the lakeside cities, not protection for our farms. A small amount of our farm water is mixed with the cities' flood protection. This year that was 1 percent — yes, only 1 percent — of the water flowing into Lake O.

Many folks on the Southwest coast are very concerned that the water in the Caloo-

sahatchee River flowing from Lake O causes red tide and harmful algae. We share that concern. Lake Okeechobee discharges are about 30 percent of the water that flowed down the Caloosahatchee this year. As I said, water from our sugarcane area south of the lake is only 1 percent. The rest is local runoff from lands along the river. There is a real problem, but our water is not the reason.

The 2,500 employee owners of U.S. Sugar are proud of our farming heritage, our farming communities and our efforts to clean the water leaving our farms. We plan to run a series of ads and social media efforts detailing factual information about our water and our role in water issues. We don't like the lies being told about us, even if they are great for fundraising for anti-farming groups.

We sincerely want the problems of red tide and algae to be solved, yet they will only be solved by solutions built on truth. Frankly, these water issues are so serious and complex that unless we start moving the discussion from hype to truth and base solutions on science rather than slogans, these problems will never actually be solved.

No one wants these problems solved more than we do. To that end, U.S. Sugar and its people are committed to being open and honest about our water, our farming practices and our heartfelt desire to work with our neighbors to use sound science and factual information to solve all of our shared water issues.

Commentary

Is there a pollution time bomb in your yard?

By Katrina Elskén
INI Florida

"The grass is always greener over the septic tank," Erma Bombeck once joked in her humorous look at life in suburbia.

In reality, a patch of bright green grass near a septic tank is not funny; it means the tank is leaking waste and the grass is responding to the excess nutrient load. In addition to the issues that excess nutrient loads in runoff that could help fuel algae blooms in nearby waterways, septic tank leaks also bring health hazards to the homeowner and neighborhood.

Perhaps I have an advantage when it comes to understanding septic tank issues. My childhood home, on a small farm in Arkansas, had a septic tank. My family lived too far away from the city to be connected to the sewer system, although we did have city water. A lot of people who move to Florida have never lived in a home without "big pipe" sewer service before. It doesn't occur to them that having a septic tank is a lot different from being connected to a



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municipal sewer system. Unless they start smelling something foul or find their back yard is mysteriously turning into a swamp, they might not even ask when the septic tank was last pumped out.

Homes with septic tanks should come with instruction manuals. Instead, according to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), some people who buy homes don't even realize they aren't connected to a sewer system. The EPA offers a helpful publication on "how to tell if your house has a septic tank."

It doesn't help that in 2012, the Florida Legislature threw out the law that required septic tanks be pumped out and inspected at least every five years. People who argued against the regulation claimed the expense of properly maintaining their septic tanks was a financial hardship. I never even considered it a choice. It's just something that you have to do as a homeowner to protect your home and the environment. Failure to pump out the septic tank is like not paying your sewer service bill. Sooner or later, it's going to be extremely unpleasant and unhealthy.

Having the tank pumped and inspected regularly is the only way to know if it is leaking.

If your home is one of the 2.6 million in Florida with a septic tank, please make the effort to maintain it properly. If you don't know whether your home has a septic tank, the EPA has a publication just for you.

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Project size: +/- 623 acres

Location: CR 833; see attached locator map

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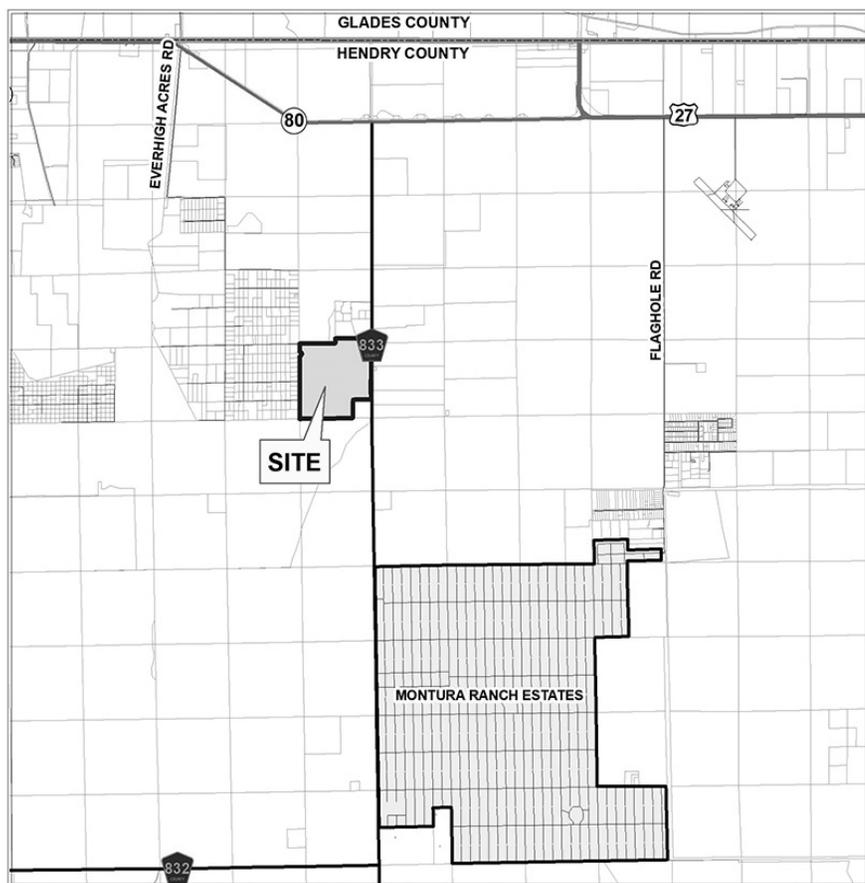
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Understanding Risk Tolerance Is Essential for Investment Success

To succeed as an investor, you might think you need to know about the economy, interest rates and the fundamentals of companies in which you'd like to invest. And all these things are indeed important. But it's most essential to know yourself. Specifically, you need to know how much risk you are willing to tolerate to achieve your goals.

Of course, you've lived with yourself your entire life, so you probably have a pretty good idea of your likes and dislikes and what makes you comfortable or uncomfortable. But investing can be a different story.

Initially, you may believe you have a high tolerance for risk, but if the financial markets drop sharply, and you see that you've sustained some sizable losses (at least on paper – you haven't really "lost" anything until you sell investments for less than what you paid for them), how will you feel? If you find yourself constantly fretting over these losses, perhaps even losing sleep over them, you might realize your risk tolerance is not as high as you thought. In this case, you may need to scale back the part of your portfolio devoted to growth in favor of a more balanced approach.

On the other hand, if you believe yourself to have a low risk tolerance, and you start off investing in a conservative manner, you may indeed minimize short-term losses – but you also might find yourself frustrated over the slow growth of your portfolio. So you may decide that being highly risk-averse carries its own risk – the risk of not making enough progress to achieve your long-term financial goals. To reduce this risk, you may need to tilt your portfolio somewhat toward more growth opportunities.

In short, you may have to invest for a while before you truly understand your response to risk. But even then, don't get too locked in to

one approach – because your risk tolerance may evolve over time.

When you are first starting out in your career, and for many years after, you are probably investing primarily to accumulate assets for retirement. Consequently, you may need to include a relatively high proportion of growth-oriented vehicles, such as stocks, in your portfolio. While stock prices will always fluctuate, you will have many years, perhaps decades, to overcome short-term losses, so you can possibly afford to take on a greater risk level in exchange for the potentially higher returns offered by stocks and stock-based investments.

However, things can change once you reach retirement. At this stage of your life, your overall investment focus may shift from accumulation to income. This means you will need to start selling some investments to boost your cash flow – and you won't want to sell when prices are down. (Remember the first rule of investing: "Buy low and sell high.") To help avoid these "fire sales," you may want to adjust your investment mix by adding more income-producing vehicles and reducing your holdings in growth-oriented ones. By doing so, you will be lowering your overall risk level. Keep in mind, though, that even in retirement, you will need some exposure to growth investments to help you stay ahead of inflation.

Become familiar with your own risk tolerance – it can play a big role in your investment decisions.

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Community Briefs

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 open to the public. They will have music by request, dancing, prices, 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.

NAMI Support Group

The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Recovery Support Group is led by trained facilitators living in recovery themselves. NAMI Connection recovery support groups are for adults (18 years and older) living with mental illness and provide a safe, confidential environment that offers respect, understanding, encouragement, and hope. All Connection groups are free of charge and open to anyone with a mental illness, regardless of diagnosis. You do not need to be a member of NAMI to attend and anyone interested is welcome to just walk in. Meetings will be on Tuesdays from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the Elite DNA, Therapy Services meeting room, 483 E. Cowboy Way, LaBelle.

Church Briefs

Ministers Meeting

On Monday October 1 at 12 noon, the Evangelical Ministers Association of LaBelle will be having its monthly luncheon meeting at First Christian Church. All pastors and staff are welcome to attend. This month's agenda will be the community Thanksgiving service and a representative from the sheriff's department will be sharing concerning a new program on trafficking in Henry County. First Christian Church is located on Ford Avenue off of Highway 29. For more information call 675-0900.

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

Obituaries

Marvin Lee Tillman, 70

FELDA - Marvin Lee Tillman of Felda, passed away on August 31, 2018 at Hope Hospice in Lehigh Acres, FL with his family by his side.

Marvin was born on December 9, 1947, in Lee Memorial Hospital in Ft., Myers, FL to Ernest and Mildred Tillman. Marvin was a 1967 graduate of LaBelle High School and enjoyed being one of the first original "LaBelle Cowboys", Jersey #62, when the football team was first organized in his

Behind the scenes

Are you interested in helping behind the scenes at the Firehouse Community Theatre? The following positions are needed: Stage Managers, Back Stage Assistants, Set Designers, Directors, Lighting & Sound Technicians, Props, Costume Design, Concessions, Ushers. Any volunteer-time is greatly appreciated!! There are talented people in our community that can help, so please call the theatre and leave a message with your contact information. Call (863)-675-3066 or write to the theatre at: P.O. Box 958, LaBelle, FL 33975 or stop by the theatre to check it out: 241 N. Bridge Street, LaBelle, FL 33935.

Town Hall Meeting planned

Hendry County is holding a Town Hall Meeting for the Wheeler Estates Residents on **September 27, 6:00 p.m.**, at the Emergency Operations Center, 4425 SR 80, LaBelle. The meeting will be a discussion of the Wheeler Estates Community needs and solutions. Members of the Sheriff's Office, Emergency Services, Public Works, LaBelle Fire Department, Emergency Operations, Code Enforcement, Planning & Community Development, County Administrator, and District 3 Commissioner Mitchell Wills will be in attendance. Any questions please contact Myra Johnson at 863-675-5240.

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.

Pastor Rupert A. Balfour, PhD

Sophomore Year of 1965. Marvin was also a Viet Nam Veteran, serving in both Nam and Germany.

Marvin was preceded in death by his parents, an infant daughter, Lori Ann and more lately, his younger sister, Linda Tillman-Corbitt. He leaves behind two sisters, Sandra Hudson and Annette Naughton, a daughter Julie of Orlando and Shanna of Ft. Myers and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

A Memorial Celebration of Life was held Saturday, September 8 at Caloosa Baptist Church, officiated by Pastor James Hunt.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Local Planning Agency of Hendry County (LPA) will hold a public hearing on the following ordinance to rezone property on **October 10, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.**, at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, Florida. The LPA will determine if the petition is consistent with the Hendry County Comprehensive Plan and will review the petition for consistency with the Hendry County Land Development Code.

All interested parties are invited to appear and be heard at the public hearing with respect to the proposed ordinance. Oral and written comments will be accepted. A copy of the petition and the ordinance are available for inspection at the Hendry County Planning and Zoning Department, 640 S. Main St., LaBelle, FL between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and at the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners' office, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, FL between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the board, agency, or commission with respect to any matter considered at such meeting or hearing, he or she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he or she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

Any questions pertaining to this matter should be directed to the Planning and Zoning Department, by phone (863-675-5240), email (mjohnson@hendryfla.net), U. S. mail (P.O. Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975) or by fax (863-674-4194).

If you have a disability that will require special assistance or accommodation for your attendance at the meeting, please contact Hendry County Planning and Zoning at (863) 675-5240; Hearing Impaired: Florida Relay 7-1-1; or e-mail mjohnson@hendryfla.net.

Hendry County is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

Si necesita la asistencia de un intérprete que hable español para participar en esta reunión, por favor póngase en contacto con Myra Johnson al (863) 675-5240.

Petition Number: RZ18-0006
Applicant: Florida Power & Light Company, represented by Rock Aboujaoude, PE, Rock Enterprises, Inc.
Ordinance Title: AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, GRANTING A ZONING DISTRICT BOUNDARY CHANGE FROM GENERAL AGRICULTURE (A-2) TO THE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT (PUD) ZONING DISTRICT TO ALLOW A SOLAR POWERED ELECTRICAL GENERATING FACILITY ON +/-623 ACRES; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS OF LAW; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.
Project size: +/- 623 acres
Location: CR 833; see attached locator map
Request: The applicant is requesting a rezone on the subject property from General Agriculture (A-2) to the Planned Unit Development (PUD) zoning district to allow a solar powered electrical generating facility.

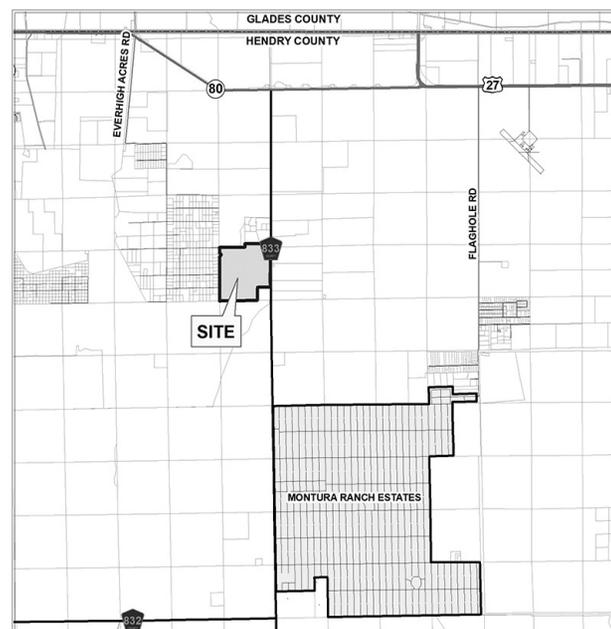
Legal description of subject property:

A PARCEL OF LAND LYING IN SECTIONS 28 AND 33, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 32 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT A FOUND LIGHTERWOOD POST MARKING THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF SAID SECTION 33; THENCE RUN N88°57'50"E, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SECTION 33, A DISTANCE OF 30.01 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. FROM SAID POINT OF BEGINNING THENCE RUN NORTH 00°25'47" EAST A DISTANCE OF 2,682.52 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 33; THENCE RUN N00°26'01"E A DISTANCE OF 1294.28 FEET; THENCE RUN N90°00'00"E A DISTANCE OF 42.22 FEET; THENCE RUN N00°55'34"W A DISTANCE OF 421.36 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVATURE; THENCE RUN 79.72 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE TO THE RIGHT OF RADIUS 100.00 FEET, CONCAVE TO THE SOUTHEAST, HAVING A DELTA ANGLE OF 45°40'37", A CHORD BEARING OF N21°54'44"E AND A CHORD LENGTH OF 77.63 FEET TO A POINT OF TANGENCY; THENCE RUN N44°45'02"E A DISTANCE OF 138.79 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVATURE; THENCE RUN 199.13 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE TO THE LEFT OF RADIUS 112.00 FEET, CONCAVE TO THE NORTHWEST, HAVING A DELTA ANGLE OF 101°52'12", A CHORD BEARING OF N06°11'04"W AND A CHORD LENGTH OF 173.92 FEET TO A POINT OF TANGENCY; THENCE RUN N57°07'10"W A DISTANCE OF 85.91 FEET TO A POINT OF CURVATURE; THENCE RUN 99.97 FEET ALONG THE ARC OF SAID CURVE TO THE RIGHT OF RADIUS 100.00 FEET, CONCAVE TO THE NORTHEAST, HAVING A DELTA ANGLE OF 57°16'40", A CHORD BEARING OF N28°28'50"W AND A CHORD LENGTH OF 95.86 FEET TO A POINT OF TANGENCY; THENCE RUN N00°09'30"E A DISTANCE OF 493.66 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 33; THENCE RUN NORTH 89°09'36" EAST, ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF THE NORTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 33, A DISTANCE OF 2,603.96 FEET TO THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 28; THENCE RUN NORTH 01°14'01" WEST, ALONG THE WEST LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER A DISTANCE OF 330.01 FEET TO A FOUND 4" X 4" CONCRETE MONUMENT (J+P); THENCE RUN NORTH 89°09'36" EAST, PARALLEL TO AND 330.00 FEET NORTHERLY OF, AS MEASURED ON A PERPENDICULAR, THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST QUARTER, A DISTANCE OF 2,622.86 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF COUNTY ROAD 833 (SECTION 07080-2503)(JOB#: 0708-(102)201); THENCE RUN THE FOLLOWING SIX (6) COURSES AND DISTANCES ALONG SAID WESTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE: (1) SOUTH 00°05'29" WEST FOR 330.43 FEET; (2) SOUTH 00°05'29" WEST FOR 2,688.39 FEET; (3) NORTH 89°54'31" WEST FOR 35.00 FEET; (4) SOUTH 00°05'29" WEST FOR 900.00 FEET; (5) SOUTH 89°54'31" EAST FOR 35.00 FEET; (6) SOUTH 00°05'29" WEST FOR 435.24 FEET; THENCE LEAVING SAID WESTERLY RIGHT OF WAY LINE, RUN SOUTH 88°52'04" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 1,320.00 FEET; THENCE SOUTH 00°05'29" WEST, PARALLEL WITH SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 1,320.00 FEET TO AN INTERSECTION WITH THE SOUTH LINE OF THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER (SE 1/4) OF SAID SECTION 33; THENCE SOUTH 88°54'59" WEST, ALONG SAID SOUTH LINE, A DISTANCE OF 1310.57 FEET TO A CONCRETE MONUMENT (BROKEN) MARKING THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER (SW 1/4) OF SAID SECTION 33, THENCE SOUTH 88°57'50" WEST, ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHWEST QUARTER, A DISTANCE OF 2,637.22 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

BEARINGS ARE BASED ON THE FLORIDA EAST STATE PLANE COORDINATE SYSTEM (ZONE 0901) (NAD 83/2011).

SAID PARCEL CONTAINS 622.96 ACRES (MORE OR LESS).



Barron Library Happenings

QUILTING CLUB – Interested in learning to quilt, or if you would just enjoy the company of others while working on individual projects, join this fun group on **Thursday evenings from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

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.

HC Democrats to hold riverfront rally

The Hendry County Democratic Party will host a rally and fundraiser for all Democratic Party candidates appearing on the November 6 Midterm Election local ballot on Saturday, October 13, at 4473 CR-78, Fort Denaud 33935, from 4 o'clock until sundown at 6:59 p.m. Valet parking will be available. The event will feature heavy hors d'oeuvres, iced tea and cold drinks, beer and wine for \$30 a person to cover event expenses and raise funds for local Get Out The Vote promotions by the Hendry County Democratic Party and its cadre of volunteers prior to this extremely important election. Candidates invited include Tony Aguilar running for Hendry County Property Appraiser, Dr. Jennifer Boddicker, running for State Representative from District 80, Annisa Karim running for State Senate from District 28, Sean Shaw running for Florida Attorney General, Jeremy Ring running for Florida Chief Financial Officer, Nikki Fried run-

ning for Florida Commissioner of Agriculture, and Andrew Gillum and Chris King running for Florida Governor and Lt. Governor with the ballot topped by Sen. Bill Nelson running for U. S. Senate, and Mary Barzee Flores running in Congressional District 25.

Joe Thomas, chairman of the Hendry County DEC, says this event will give local and area attendees the opportunity to meet, listen to, and ask our Democratic candidates about their mutual concerns and what an agreeable course of action should be. Thomas also adds that a 27 ft. sailboat will be available to give attendees short cruises on the Caloosahatchee River. Tickets are available at Eventbrite.com with "Fort Denaud", "Rally", and the date "October 13" in the search. Contact hendrydems@embarqmail.com or call (863)234-8890 if you need help in ordering your tickets online.



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Battalion Chief Michael Coenen
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Family-Friendly Halloween Events

Looking for a place to bring your kids for Halloween? Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) is hosting family-friendly Halloween events this October.

Local families are invited to trick-or-treat and enjoy spooky activities for free at the Thomas Edison (Lee) Campus, Charlotte Campus, Collier Campus, or Hendry/Glades Curtis Center.

"The Southwest Florida community looks forward to our Halloween nights every year and we're excited to welcome them back to one of our three campuses or regional center," said Dr. Sholondo Campbell, Director, Office of Student Engagement. "Our students are responsible for coordinating much of what happens at these events, and they bring their friends and families to join in the fun."

FSW student clubs and organizations decorate rooms, build haunted houses, and even perform as ghosts or monsters. Guests of our Halloween events can also expect to enjoy costume contests, games, face painting, crafts, treats, and more.

Thomas Edison (Lee) Campus "Fright Night"

Tuesday, Oct. 30

6-8 p.m.

Building U, Room 102

8099 College Parkway, Fort Myers

(239) 489-9246

* NOTE: After 8 p.m. the event will only be open to current FSW students.

Charlotte Campus "Haunted College"

Friday, Oct. 26

5:30-7:30 p.m.

Building O

26300 Airport Road, Punta Gorda

(941) 637-5634

Collier Campus "Haunted Happenings"

Wednesday, Oct. 31

6-9 p.m.

Building N, Room 148

7505 Grand Lely Drive, Naples

(239) 732-3706

Hendry/Glades Curtis Center "Haunted Happenings"

Thursday, Oct. 25

5-8 p.m.

Building B Community Room

1092 East Cowboy Way, LaBelle

(863) 674-6001

Reach out to individual FSW locations for more details. Only children 12 and under are permitted to wear masks and/or carry fake weapons. Please refrain from wearing inappropriate costumes.

Community Briefs

Medicare Open Enrollment Assistance

Informed Choice Insurance Agency will be on hand to help you evaluate your Medicare options. The assistance program will take place at the following locations and times: In LaBelle at Hope Connections, 475 East Cowboy Way on the following Wednesdays - October 24 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and on November 14 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. In Clewiston at Hope Connections, 1200 S W C Owens Ave on the following Thursdays - November 1 and November 29 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. In Moore Haven at Hope Connections, 200 Second Street on the following Thursdays, November 1 and 29 from 12:30

p.m. to 3 p.m.

Medicare open enrollment ends on December 7.

Need paint for your 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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If we can be aggressive in retaining existing business and bringing new businesses and jobs to Hendry County then the quality of life will increase. The tax base will increase without increasing your taxes and families will be better off which means our schools will be better off.

When this happens homes get built, new residents move in and retail follows the rooftops.

With all of this comes new tax revenue to better care for the citizens. This means new parks, infrastructure, recreation, youth activities and in general more things to do for families right here in Hendry County.

Improved opportunities for all Hendry County adults is critical for them to enhance the lives of their children. This 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.

I will be honored to continue "to work for you" as the District 2 County Commissioner.

Thank you for your continued support and confidence in me.

Darrell Harris

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Submitted photo/Trenton Muntz

Recently at Rotary

On Tuesday, September 18, the Rotary Club heard from Dr. Yiannis Amatzidis(left), who is on the faculty at the IFAS Center in Immokalee. Dr. Amatzidis spoke to the club about his homeland of Greece and on some technical advances that are occurring in citrus growing. The Rotary Club also presented the Junior Pro Basketball League with a sponsorship check. Rotarian Darrell Harris(right) has been actively involved with the Junior League for decades.

Rodriguez family, first Hispanic family named Pioneer Family

By Geoffrey Ionescu
Caloosa Belle

Ramiro Rodriguez, the Hendry- LaBelle Recreation Board Director, and his family were the first Hispanic family to be honored as a Pioneer Family at this past Swamp Cabbage Festival.

Ramiro Rodriguez moved to LaBelle at an early age and attended the very first Swamp Cabbage Festival.

“We commuted from Texas with family friends to Immokalee in 1962. It took us almost three days to get here. The family moved to LaBelle in 1964, I was 7 years old at the time. I was born in Texas, but even though I was born an American citizen people often assume I am not from America. I am of Hispanic heritage born in America,” Rodriguez explains.

“When we moved here, my dad had a contract job with Bob Paul Inc.,” Rodriguez goes on, “who had an 8,000-acre orange grove on Highway 29. My family planted every single orange tree on that property. Back in the early sixties there weren’t any people from Mexico living in this area, not one. There was so much agricultural work that people would come down to LaBelle and Immokalee to work. They would write letters and send the letters back to Texas to friends and relatives. All the farm and grove workers were all Americans of Hispanic descent that came from South Texas. Before you knew it half of Immokalee and LaBelle were filled with people from

South Texas. All the farm hands and grove workers were paid in cash. Most of the workers were paid six dollars a day. You would either work in the fields or starve to death, because there was no other work,” Mr. Rodriguez says, “Back then you didn’t have the Handy or the Winn-Dixie. There was one store in Immokalee called Fred Barnes that sold hardware and groceries. And one in LaBelle called the Trading Post, now the abandoned old building across from McDonalds.”

“I graduated from LaBelle High School in 1976. At that time Ramiro Rodriguez was one of five Hispanic students, all American. If you look at the High School graduating class today it is over 60 percent Hispanic, in Clewiston that number is also 60 percent, and most of these kids are born and raised in Florida, so they are American citizens. A lot of times these citizens automatically get the label of ‘Mexicans’ while most of them are born and raised here in the States as American citizens,” Mr. Rodriguez explains.

“To be named as Pioneer Family is an honor, the first Hispanic Pioneer Family to have bestowed this honor, we are really proud. Our family was so honored and proud we had 122 family members participating in that parade! So many Hispanic people are a part of this community, I would love to see a much greater Hispanic representation in the decision making of our City, County and State.”

Holocaust Survivor to speak at FSW Hendry/Glades Curtis Center

Born in Italy to a Jewish mother and a Roman Catholic father, Holocaust survivor Cesare Frustaci will share his story at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 3, at the Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) Hendry/Glades Curtis Center, Building A-114, 1092 E. Cowboy Way, LaBelle. The event is free and open to the public.

At just two years old, Frustaci’s family was ordered to leave Italy. The family went to Hungary where he and his mother were forced to live inside a Yellow Star house within a Jewish ghetto. Hoping to save him,

his mother sent him out onto the streets with only a piece of bread and his baptismal certificate. Frustaci will share his experiences during this time as a child in the Holocaust.

Following Frustaci’s presentation, Sam Parish, director of Operations/Educational Specialist at The Holocaust Museum and Education Center, will discuss how persuasion affected the Holocaust.

For more information, contact Pam Maccander, senior staff assistant, at 863-674-6000.

Calling all artists and photographers

Arts of the Inland (AOI) and the Barron Park House Gallery and Gift Shop invite you to exhibit your art, including photography, sculpture, and fabric art, in the Gallery during the month of October. You may display and sell small art, crafts, jewelry, cards, and books in the gift shop throughout the year. Receiving day for art and gift shop items is Tuesday, October 2 from 3 to 6. Gift shop items may be brought to the Gallery that day and anytime during regular hours.

All artists may submit 5 works for display and/or sell. The fee for members of Arts of the Inland is \$20 and \$25 for non-members. Memberships will be available at the Gallery. Gift shop items are not limited in number.

Art must be original with artist’s name, medium, and sale price on the back of each piece that is for sale. Please have each piece of wall art suitably framed with a wire hanging system on the back. Saw tooth hangers do not work with the Gallery hanging system.

The AOI Barron Park House Gallery welcomes new and returning artists. For more details, you may call Marty Cowen at 239-290-6837 or Connie Killebrew at 239-771-0213.

The Gallery is located at 471 No. Lee St. in LaBelle. See you there!

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Boys Cross Country off and running

By Coach Jeff Frost
Special to the Caloosa Belle

The Boys Cross Country team is off and running this year at LaBelle High School. Before the season the Cowboys were predicted to finish sixth out of seven teams in their District. But thanks to many newcomers, they have raised some eyebrows not only in their District but in all of Southwest Florida.

In just their second race, LaBelle placed a very respectable fifth out of 35 teams at the Fort Myers Invite. Only larger schools placed higher than the Cowboys who finished well ahead of their (2A) District opponents (Immokalee, Dunbar, Lely, Oasis, Clewiston and Gateway).

If that wasn't good enough, in their next race at Mariner, the Boys team finished first out of 25 teams. They outdistanced all teams and District foe Dunbar finished a distant second, 30 points behind the victors. For

LaBelle, Bo Campbell (Senior) finished third over-all out of 169 runners. He had a personal best time of 17:05. He was followed by teammates Jose Salgado (Sophomore) 17:32, Alexis Reyes (Freshman) 18:02, Daniel Ramos (Freshman) 18:21, and Brian Beltran (Sophomore) 18:29. Jesus Silva (19:15) and Elmer Caranza (20:12) also ran well for LaBelle.

Finally, at the North Port Invitational this past weekend, the Cowboys competed in the ELITE RACE and Finished 11th out of 23 teams. Again, LaBelle was the highest placing small school out of those competing in the Elite Race. As a matter of fact, if they had competed in the BIG SCHOOL Race they would have placed second and first in the SMALL SCHOOL Race!

Their next race is this Friday (Set. 28th) in Lakeland at the Flrunners.com Invitational. GO COWBOYS!

Sport Shorts

It's time for Jr Pro Basketball

It's time for Jr. Pro Basketball. Jr. Pro Basketball for boys and girls. Sign-ups will take place Monday through Friday at the Hendry LaBelle Recreation Board office located at 310 W. Cowboy Way (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.) or on Saturday's during Flag Football located next to First Baptist Church (FCB) 330 N Main St, LaBelle, FL or at First Baptist

Church. If you are interested in coaching, refereeing, score keeping or being a team sponsor, please contact Darrell Harris at 863-673-5475 or Preston Long at 863-673-3044.

Caloosa Chase 5K

The 23rd annual Caloosa Chase 5k run returns October 20 at LaBelle High School, starting at 8 a.m. For more information/entry form, call Coach Frost at (863) 674-4120.

Community Briefs

Medicare Open Enrollment Assistance

Informed Choice Insurance Agency will be on hand to help you evaluate your Medicare options. The assistance program will take place at the following locations and times: In LaBelle at Hope Connections, 475 East Cowboy Way on the following Wednesdays - October 24 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. and on November 14 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. In Clewiston at Hope Connections, 1200 S W C Owens Ave on the following Thursdays - November 1 and November 29 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. In Moore Haven at Hope Connections, 200 Second Street on the following Thursdays, November 1 and 29 from 12:30

p.m. to 3 p.m.

Medicare open enrollment ends on December 7.

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RECIPE OF THE WEEK SUBMITTED BY SOUTHERN HERITAGE REAL ESTATE

Milk Chocolate Cherry Pound Cake Ingredients

- 1 box of chocolate cake mix or Devil's Food
- 1 box 3.9 oz chocolate instant pudding mix
- ¾ cup water
- 2/3 cup vegetable oil
- 4 large eggs
- 1 ½ cups milk chocolate chips
- ½ cup chopped maraschino cherries

Preparation:

Preheat oven to 325, and spray a 10" Bundt pan with Bakers Joy or a like product. Place the first 5 ingredients in a bowl and mix at slow speed for 1 minute and then increase to medium for 2 minutes more. The batter will be thick. Fold in the chocolate chips and cherries, making sure that they are distributed throughout the batter. Pour into the Bundt pan, smoothing out with a spatula. Place in oven and bake 55 to 60 minutes or until it test done. Allow to cool on a cooling rack for about 20 minutes, then invert to a large plate and allow to cool 20 more minutes. Prepare the glaze while the cake is cooling

Glaze

- 4 bars of milk chocolate (1.55 oz) or milk chocolate chips
- ¼ cups sifted confectioner's sugar
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- ¼ cup heavy whipping cream

Break up the chocolate bars into pieces and put in a microwave bowl, micro on Med power 2 to 3 minutes stirring periodically until smooth. Stir in the sugar, vanilla and cream. Mix until smooth. Spoon warm glaze over the cake. Let sit for 10 minutes (if you can) Slice and Enjoy!

Ragin' Cajun Feast for Education will be Oct. 20

By Chris Felker
INI Florida

MOORE HAVEN — The Glades Education Foundation's premier fundraiser of the year — the fifth annual Ragin' Cajun Feast for Education — is coming up in October, and GEF leaders are seeking sponsors and selling tickets for the event now.

This fun, casual, festive fundraiser is set for Saturday, Oct. 20, starting at 6 p.m. at the Dunwoody Lodge in Clewiston, and will raise money for the foundation's projects. Those include providing mini-grants for teachers and emergency help for students' needs, assisting educational programs throughout Glades County, and helping to finance the newly established, GEF-sponsored Moore Haven Elementary School summer camp.

At the annual fundraiser, participants will enjoy a full Cajun-style feast including boiled shrimp, seafood fettucine, boudin, frog legs and other delectable New Orleans-style dishes. Also available will be non-Cajun options for those who prefer a little less spice, including fried shrimp and sirloin steaks. There will be an open bar as well.

Authentic Louisiana Cajun music will provide the background ambiance as diners enjoy a memorable evening with friends and family. Participants will be able to bid on nice

silent and live auction items such as fishing and hunting trips, artwork, jewelry, gift certificates and more, offering the opportunity to win amazing prizes while championing the students in the Glades County public schools.

Tickets — which include entry, the feast, open bar, music, auctions and raffle drawings — are available for \$40 apiece for individuals or \$75 for couples. A limited number of seats are available, so reservations are recommended.

Sponsorships range from \$100 for a supporting member (two tickets and names included in the event program and press release), \$500 for silver level (four tickets, reserved table, names included in the materials, plus announced and displayed at the event), up to \$2,500 for platinum level (eight tickets plus a larger table and the other perks, including prominent display at the event). There also are bronze-level (\$250) and gold-level (\$1,000) sponsorships available.

The GEF is a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) organization, so any payments (less the fair value of goods and services received) are tax-deductible. To learn more, visit gladeseducationfoundation.org.

Five Child Care of Southwest Florida locations earn five-star ratings from Early Learning Coalition

FORT MYERS – Child Care of Southwest Florida has announced that five of its learning centers have earned five-star ratings, the highest classification, from the Early Learning Coalition of Southwest Florida.

The top rating indicates that Child Care of Southwest Florida (CCSWFL) is offering a safe, high-quality educational environment for the children it serves.

“We gladly welcome the Coalition’s ratings team into our learning centers to showcase our curriculum, academic programs and highly trained staff,” said Chris Hansen, CEO of Child Care of Southwest Florida. “Very few child care providers in this area earn five-star ratings, so it’s especially gratifying to know that we are setting the industry standard and defining what it means to be a high-quality early learning center.”

Through the Early Learning Coalition’s “Southwest Florida Stars” program, evaluation teams rate child care centers in six areas: health and safety; professional development and staff qualifications; learning environment and classroom interactions; screening, assessment and curriculum; family and community relationships; and professional responsibility. “Southwest Florida Stars” is a voluntary accreditation program.

Child Care of Southwest Florida locations earning five-star ratings include The

Children’s Learning Center at FSW (Fort Myers), Joseph H. Messina Children’s Center (Fort Myers), The Community Children’s Center (Lehigh Acres), Children’s Garden of LaBelle (LaBelle) and Harlem Academy Child Care Center (Clewiston). Both Hendry County centers improved from four to five stars this year, while the trio of Lee locations have maintained their excellent five-star ratings for the past four years.

All Child Care of Southwest Florida centers are accredited through the National Accreditation Commission for Early Learning Leaders and recognized as Gold Seal Quality Care Programs through the Florida Department of Children and Families.

“Choosing an accredited child care center is a critically important decision for parents because those initial years set the foundation for a child’s lifelong learning, which includes social, emotional and academic learning,” said Angela Anderson, Child Care of Southwest Florida’s education program manager. “We try to partner with parents to strengthen the school-to-home bridge, knowing parental involvement coupled with a strong early childhood education are key factors that predict future academic success.”

HENDRY COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARINGS

Notice is hereby given that the Local Planning Agency of Hendry County (LPA) will hold a public hearing on the following petition on **October 10, 2018, at 6:00 p.m.**, at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, Florida. The LPA will determine if the petition is consistent with the Hendry County Comprehensive Plan and will review the petition for consistency with the Hendry County Land Development Code.

The recommendations of the LPA will be made to the Board of County Commissioners (BCC) for final consideration at a public hearing. This hearing will be held on **October 23, 2018 at 5:05 p.m.**, at the Hendry County Courthouse, Commission Chambers, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave, LaBelle, Florida.

All interested parties are invited to appear and be heard at the public hearings with respect to the petition. Oral and written comments will be accepted. A copy of the petition is available for inspection at the Hendry County Planning and Zoning Department, 640 S. Main St., LaBelle, FL between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and at the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners’ office, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, FL between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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Any questions pertaining to this matter should be directed to the Planning and Zoning Department, by phone (863-675-5240), email (mjohnson@hendryfla.net), U. S. mail (P.O. Box 2340, LaBelle, FL 33975) or by fax (863- 674-4194).

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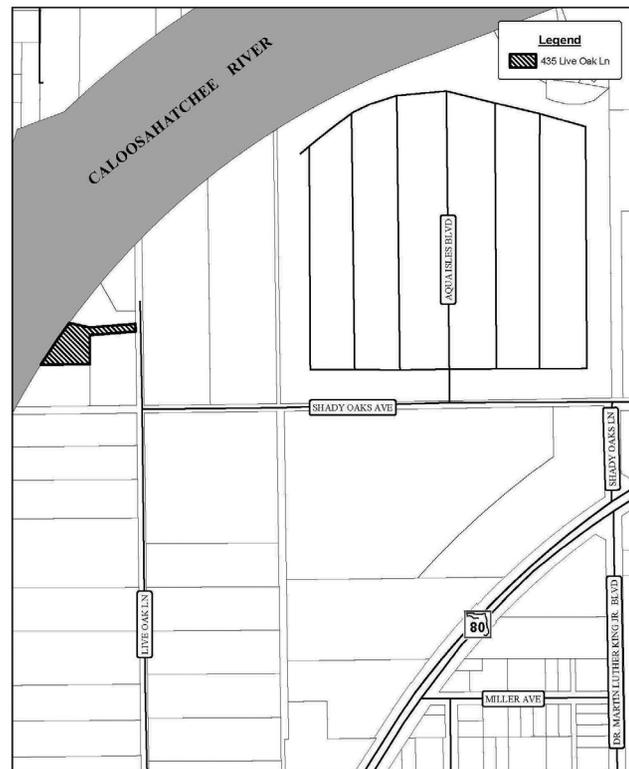
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Petition Number: VA18-0004
Applicant: Mary D. Seibel
Resolution Title: A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, GRANTING A VARIANCE OF 21 FEET RESULTING IN A REAR YARD SETBACK OF 4 FEET TO ALLOW FOR A POOL IN THE MEDIUM DENSITY RESIDENTIAL (RG-2) ZONING DISTRICT.
Project size: +/- 0.63 acres
Location: 435 Live Oak Lane, LaBelle Florida 33935
Parcel ID: 1-29-43-06-040-0000-014.4
Request: The applicant is requesting a variance of 21 feet resulting in a rear yard setback of 4 feet to allow for a pool on the property.

Legal description of subject property:

A TRACT OF LAND, BEING A PORTION OF LOT 13, OF L.V. HULLS SUBDIVISION, SECTION 6, TOWNSHIP 43 SOUTH, RANGE 29 EAST, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 3, PAGE 12, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF LEE COUNTY, FLORIDA, AND IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 3, PAGE 9, OF THE RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, LYING EASTERLY OF THE EASTERLY RIGHT OF WAY OF THE CALOOSAHATCHEE RIVER AS RECORDED IN OFFICIAL RECORDS BOOK 2, PAGE 69, OF THE PUBLIC RECORDS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, SAID TRACT BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 13; THENCE S 89°18'37" W ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 13, A DISTANCE OF 530.35 FEET, TO SAID EASTERLY RIVER RIGHT OF WAY LINE; THENCE N 18°54'51" E, ALONG SAID RIVER RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 174.26 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING OF THE LAND HEREIN DESCRIBED; THENCE CONTINUE N 18°54'51" E, ALONG SAID RIGHT OF WAY LINE, A DISTANCE OF 207.88 FEET; THENCE S 77°24'37" E, A DISTANCE OF 225.65 FEET; THENCE N 85°35'39" E, A DISTANCE OF 182.77 FEET, TO THE EAST LINE OF SAID LOT 13; THENCE S 00°42'46" E, ALONG SAID EAST LINE A DISTANCE OF 30.00 FEET; THENCE S 85°35'39" W, A DISTANCE OF 182.77 FEET; THENCE S 00°10'33" E, A DISTANCE OF 114.00 FEET; THENCE S 89°18'37" W, A DISTANCE OF 288.35 FEET, TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

SUBJECT TO A PERPETUAL EASEMENT RIGHT OF WAY, LYING WESTERLY OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED LINE: COMMENCING AT THE SOUTHEAST CORNER OF SAID LOT 13; THENCE S 89°18'37" W ALONG THE SOUTH LINE OF LOT 13, A DISTANCE OF 480.00 FEET; THENCE NORTHEASTERLY, ALONG A CURVE, CONCAVE TO THE SOUTHEAST AND HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 03°41'00" A RADIUS OF 3000 FEET, A CHORD BEARING OF N 30°57'00" E, A CHORD OF 192.82 FEET, AND AN ARC DISTANCE OF 192.85 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING. THENCE CONTINUE NORTHEASTERLY ALONG A CURVE, CONCAVE TO THE SOUTHEAST AND HAVING A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 03°49'11" E, A RADIUS OF 3000 FEET, A CHORD BEARING OF N 34°41'59" E, A CHORD OF 199.96 FEET TO THE END OF SAID LINE.



LaBelle Kiwanis installs new board members and officers

LaBelle Kiwanis installed their new board members and officers on Tuesday night, September 18. The ceremony began with a flag presentation from LaBelle High School's Explorer Club.

Music was provided by The LaBelle Kiwanis Aktion Club, Zena Smith and mandolin players, Tom Schroeder and Mary Ruff.

Special recognition went to Cecil Akin, a 35 year Kiwanis member (Cecil is also a Charter Member of the Club). Karan Roach was thanked for her service as secretary for the past 11 years and outstanding volunteers

were Nikki Yeager and Margaret England.

Kiwanis Lt. Governor, Mick Shel Drake officiated the ceremonies. Sue Williams, past President presented her pin to Carole Schroeder, incoming President. The new President - Elect, Mary Pringle received her pin. Mona Kajkowski was elected as secretary and Darlene Soud as Treasurer. LaBelle Kiwanis new Board members are: Margaret England, Alonzo McKenzie, Crystal Rodriguez, Karan Roach, Tracy Nobles, Helen Mead and Nikki Yeager.



Photo courtesy/LaBelle Kiwanis

Left to right: Mona Kajkowski, Margaret England, Crystal Rodriguez, Helen Mead, Sue Williams, Carole Schroeder, Mary Pringle, Nikki Yeager, Darlene Soud, Tracy Nobles and Karan Roach.



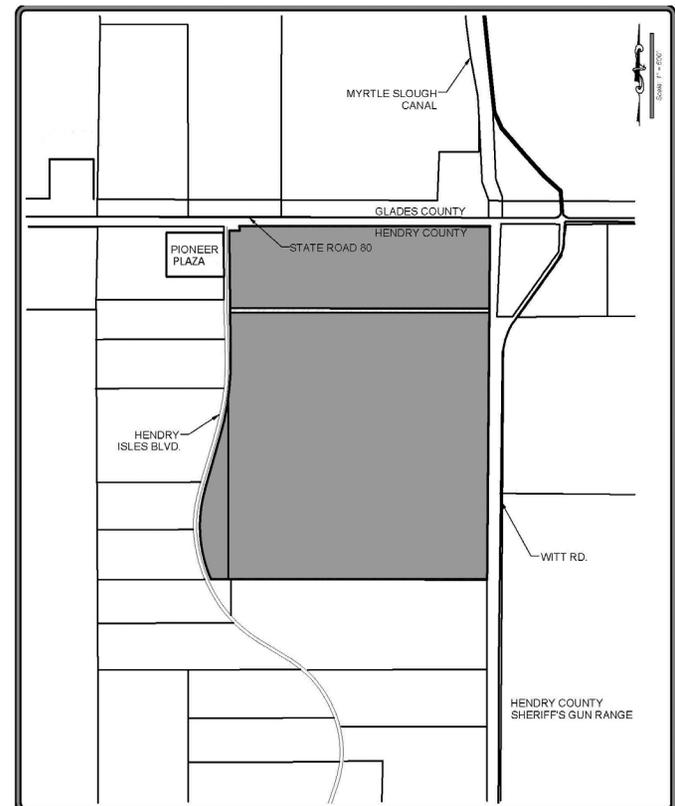
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Past President Sue Williams recognized Cecil Akin for 35 years as a Kiwanis, Cecil is Charter Member of LaBelle Kiwanis.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT RELATING TO THE HENDRY COUNTY FUTURE LAND USE MAP

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners proposes to adopt the following Ordinance. A public hearing on the ordinance will be held by the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners on **October 9, 2018, at 5:05 p.m.**, at the Clewiston City Hall, Commission Chambers, 115 W. Ventura Ave., Clewiston, Florida.

AN ORDINANCE OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA AMENDING THE HENDRY COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN, ORDINANCE 91-05, SPECIFICALLY BY CHANGING THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP, MORE SPECIFICALLY BY CHANGING APPROXIMATELY +/- 111.4 ACRES OF LAND DESIGNATED AS AGRICULTURE TO MULTI-USE DEVELOPMENT; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS OF LAW; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.



All interested parties are invited to appear and be heard at the public hearing with respect to the proposed ordinance. Oral and written comments will be accepted. A copy of the petition and ordinance are available for inspection at the Hendry County Planning and Zoning Department, 640 S. Main St., LaBelle, FL between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, and at the Clerk to the Board of County Commissioners' office, 25 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, FL between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING HENDRY COUNTY AIRGLADES ADVISORY BOARD

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Airglades Advisory Board will hold a meeting on October 3, 2018, at 3:00 p.m., at the Airglades Airport Conference Room, 1090 Airglades Blvd., Clewiston, Florida. The meeting is open to the public.

If a person decides to appeal any decision made with respect to any matter considered at this meeting, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. Please note that matters may be discussed at the meeting which are not on the prepared agenda for the meeting.

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Public Notice

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES AND INSPECTION SERVICES FOR DRAINAGE ENGINEERING DESIGN, WATERWAY CLEANING, CLEARING, AND RECONSTRUCTION OF DRAINAGE CONVEYANCE SYSTEM IN HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA

RFQ No. 2018-21

Opening Date and Time: October 11, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Hendry County is seeking engineering firms interested in providing professional engineering services and inspection services for drainage engineering design, waterway cleaning, clearing, and reconstruction work of a drainage conveyance system in Hendry County. Proposers shall have all services available in-house or may propose multiple firms, which have joined together to provide the various required disciplinary services in order to offer a complete submission. Individuals and firms properly registered in the State of Florida are encouraged to submit their qualifications for consideration. All submittals (see Section III, Submission Requirements) received in response to this RFQ will be reviewed by a County Evaluation Committee. In order to be considered, submittals must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C. E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by 2:00 p.m., October 11, 2018, at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one (1) or more witnesses.

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

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

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Public Notice

HENDRY COUNTY NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TO CONSIDER ADOPTION OF AN ORDINANCE RELATING TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTIONS

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners will hold a Public Hearing on October 9, 2018, at 5:00 p.m., at the Clewiston City Hall, Commission Chambers, 115 West Ventura Avenue, Clewiston, Florida, to consider an ordinance relating to economic development ad valorem tax exemptions entitled as follows:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA, AMENDING THE HENDRY COUNTY CODE OF ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 1-2, ARTICLE VIII, ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AD VALOREM TAX EXEMPTION, SPECIFICALLY SECTION 1-2-112, ENACTMENT AUTHORITY; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS OF LAW; PROVIDING FOR CODIFICATION, INCLUSION IN CODE, AND SCRIVENER'S ERRORS; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

The meeting is open to the public. All interested persons may appear and be heard with respect to the proposed ordinance. If a person decides to appeal any decision made by the Hendry County Commission with respect to any matter discussed at this meeting, he/she will need a record of the proceedings, and that, for such purpose, he/she may need to ensure that a verbatim record of the proceedings is made, which record includes the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based.

A copy of the proposed ordinance is available for inspection on weekdays between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. at the Office of the County Attorney, 110 Broward Avenue, LaBelle, Florida.

If you have a disability that will require special assistance or accommodation for your attendance at the meeting, please contact Hendry County Administration at (863) 675-5220; Hearing Impaired: Florida Relay 7-1-1; or e-mail ketha.daniels@hendryfla.net.
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 288925 CN 9/26; CB 9/27/2018

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR MISCELLANEOUS UTILITY ENGINEERING AND/OR INSPECTION SERVICES IN HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA

RFQ No. 2018-20

Opening Date and Time: October 11, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.

Hendry County is seeking engineering firms interested in providing professional services in miscellaneous utility engineering and/or inspection services in Hendry County. Proposers shall have all services available in-house or may propose multiple firms, which have joined together to provide the various required disciplinary services in order to offer a complete submission. Individuals and firms properly registered in the State of Florida are encouraged to submit their qualifications for consideration. All submittals (see Section III, Submission Requirements) received in response to this RFQ will be reviewed by a County Evaluation Committee. In order to be considered, submittals must be received by the Board of County Commissioners at the C. E. Hall Building (Clerk's Office) in the Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by 2:00 p.m., October 11, 2018, at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one (1) or more witnesses.

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Community Briefs

Fisheating Creek Trail Florida Association

Do you enjoy hiking, kayaking, or bicycling? Families, youth and adults invited to the Fisheating Creek Florida Trail Association Sub-Chapter monthly meeting. **Thursday, September 27 at 7 p.m.** @ Carlson Methodist Church Fellowship Hall 310 Campbell St., LaBelle For information Contact: Deanna Filkins 63-234-8181 dkfilkins@aol.com

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.

Night of the Teenage Zombies

When Mackenzie and her friends learn a group of students are heading to the spooky abandoned Bascomb House, they follow the students and sneak in. Go to the Firehouse Community Theatre on **October 5 or 6** to see what happens next!! Night of the Teenage Zombies is directed by Maureen Doucette. There are over 20 local teens in this play!! Please support our young talented actors and get your tickets now!! Tickets online at www.firehousecommunitytheatre.com or call the box office at 863-675-3066.

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 a.m.** Shop, sell, or donate to help this amazing ministry at First Christian Church. We believe better moms make a better world. Eight-foot tables are available to rent for \$20. If you would like to donate items to MOPS for the yard sale, they are more than welcome. Contact Megan Narehood at (239) 206-9881 or mopsoflabelle@gmail.com for more information about renting a table or donating items. All proceeds go towards costs to operate the MOPS Ministry. First Christian Church is located at 138 Ford Ave.

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 at 239-240-2656.

VFW Post 10100

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.

Wear your VFW T-Shirt and get .50 off your drink. Beer and Soda excluded

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.

Hamburgers Every Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Best Hamburgers and fries in town. Grilled to perfection. Have it your way.

Men's Night, Every Mon. Night 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. \$1.00 off exclude Draft and Soda.

Ladies Night, Every Thursday, \$1.00 off, exclude Draft and Soda from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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

1st Thursday of every month House Committee Meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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

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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.

Scarecrows on the Wharf

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**. The deadline for registration and donation is October 13. Anyone interested in participation should email kelly@downtownlabelle.com or mopsoflabelle@gmail.com for details.

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Happenings at the LaBelle Moose Lodge

Moose Lodge 2398 230 Jaycee Lions Drive, (863) 675-6255

Open: Tues-Sun 11:00 a.m. and Mon 3:00 p.m.

Wednesday- "Free Pool All Day"!

Fri 28- Burgers 5-7 p.m.

Sat 29- Steak Dinner 5-7 p.m.

"KARAOKE"-Fri & Sat at 6:30 p.m. and Sun at 4:00 p.m.

Special Events:

Sept 29-LIVE ACOUSTICS @ 6:30 p.m. BY "Dumpster Mike"

Oct 6-"Save the TATA'S" First Annual Bike Run. All Bikers Welcome!! \$10 per Bike-KSU at 10:30 a.m. Registration 10:00 a.m. at the Lodge. All proceeds go to Hendry County "Pink Warriors" Fund

Other activities to be held at Lodge including 50/50 and basket raffle

Hamburgers and Wings 4-7 p.m.

Karaoke by Steve White 6:30 p.m.

Monthly Event Calendars Available

Come Join us!!

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. .

"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)

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

October 18 - Thurs - 7 p.m. - American Legion & American Legion Auxiliary meets

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.

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 Explorers 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 and let her know of your interest.

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.



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Egley speaks to the Rotary

On Tuesday, September 11, the Rotary Club heard from Dr. Robert Egley from Hendry County Public Schools and Hendry County Sheriff Steve Whidden. Dr. Egley and Sheriff Whidden spoke to the Club about the newly implemented Guardian Program and on the efforts, local officials are making to keep students safe at school.



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