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Hendry County Traffic Safety Meeting Nov 1

By Geffory Ionescu
Caloosa Belle

The Hendry County Traffic Safety meeting of November 1 reported that there were no fatalities by car crashes in the month of September. Compared to 2017 the number of fatalities for the entire year went up from 8 in 2017 to 11 in 2018. The number of crashes are down but the total fatalities went up compared to last year. Law enforcement will have all hands on deck for Thanksgiving and the days around the holiday. Because it is the busiest travel-holiday of the year they will pay closer attention to speeding, if people are wearing their seatbelts and everything else traffic related.

One of the continuing issues is the drainage problem in Clewiston on Highway 27/ Ventura Evacuation Route, Olympia to San Pedro. Whenever there are heavy rains the water doesn't drain properly and will come up to the sidewalks sometimes as bad as going into the businesses on that street. The drainage systems have been vacuumed out two months ago but the problem keeps occurring.

There was also a crash in LaBelle, a 9-year old boy on his bike was hit by a vehicle. The brakes of the kid's bike apparently were not in working order.

On Saturday November 27 the Red Bus will stop by the Firehouse Community Theater for blood donors, all donors will receive a wellness check-up.

Appreciation Day at Kiwanis

The Kiwanis Club of LaBelle would like to invite all customers to a Customer Appreciation Day on Saturday, November 10 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the LaBelle Kiwanis Thrift Store, 155 S. Bridge Street, LaBelle. As a thank you to returning customers as well as new customers, there will be free hot dogs, chips and sodas! Remember that Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world, one child and one community at a time. With the help from customers that faithfully shop at the Kiwanis Thrift Store and folks donating their new and gently used items, LaBelle Kiwanis can give back to the community through scholarships and sponsored youth programs. THANK YOU!!



Submitted photo

The Cowboys Made the Playoffs!!!

The LaBelle Cowboys finished the regular season at 7-3 and will be hosting the first round of the 4A Region 3 playoffs vs Lake Placid on Friday, Nov. 9 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$8. Please come on out and support your Cowboys! If you can not make it to the game you can hear it over the radio! "WAFM 590-FM 100.5-FM 92.5, Classic Hits" is excited to announce they will be the exclusive broadcast station for all 2018 COWBOY Playoff Football Games both home and away! There will be a coach's pre-game show with Head Coach Chris Siner, one hour prior to game kick-off!

LDRC has a new President

By Geoffrey Ionescu
Caloosa Belle

Laura Reed is the new President of the LaBelle Downtown Revitalization Corporation: "I moved to LaBelle in 2009 from Georgia for my work, I work for Bayer Crop Science, an agricultural research station in Felda. I work with the cucumber breeding, we try to breed resistance to certain diseases into the cucumbers by doing conventional, non-gmo breeding in the field and the greenhouse," Laura explains.

"In 2010 I started to get involved downtown in LaBelle with the Firehouse Community Theater. For the last six years I was on the board of the Firehouse Theater and have been coming to the LDRC meetings for a few years. In 2017 I got on the board of the LDRC and now I am the President. Right now I am reading through the downtown code to prepare myself for my new role. It will be a challenge, we have a lot of new projects going; the Friday on Fort Thompson and the new LDRC Saturday market every first and third Saturday of the month from 7



a.m. to 1 p.m. I think it will continue to grow and I am excited to be a part of it! This coming Saturday is Wharf Walk from 5 p.m. - 9 p.m.," Laura says.

"We would love to have more street art and murals incorporated into the LaBelle downtown area, so that is one of the things I am trying to pursue right now. We are also working on trying to get the Barron Park renovations going. All in all I am very excited to be the new president and help revitalize the LaBelle downtown area!"

Hendry and Glades County elections hotly contested

By Chris Felker
Caloosa Belle

LABELLE — In the elections Tuesday, one Hendry County Board of Commissioners seat was contested, and two candidates squared off for the property appraiser's office.

Two seats were filled on the Glades County Board of Commissioners. At the east end of Hendry, there were seven candidates for Clewiston City Commission, including the three members whose terms end this year. One challenger collected more votes than even the mayor of Clewiston, and longtime Commissioner Phillip Roland apparently has lost his bid for re-election.

Voter turnout in Hendry County, with not all Election Day votes accounted for, was just over 50 percent. In Glades, it was 57 percent.

The following numbers are according to unofficial results from the two counties' supervisor of elections offices, as of 10 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 7. County elections officials still must canvass the ballots to make sure all votes have been counted, including write-in votes and any provisional ballots that were cast.

According to unofficial results from the counties' supervisor of elections offices:

Hendry County

In Hendry, all vote-by-mail ballots and early votes had been accounted for 10 of 10 precincts; however, the elections supervisor's website still stated at 10 a.m. Nov. 7 that Election Day votes had only been partially reported. An elections office spokeswoman said that was because write-in votes and provisional ballots are not all counted, and still were to be canvassed sometime that day.

Incumbent Republican County Commissioner Darrell R. Harris faced challenger Kenneth C. Diaz (no party affiliation).

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Results

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Mr. Harris apparently retained his seat with 1,152 votes, 67 percent, vs. Mr. Diaz's 568 (33 percent).

For property appraiser, Dena R. Pittman, the incumbent Republican, won 5,248 votes, or 60 percent, vs. Democrat Tony Aguilar's 3,498, or 40 percent.

The total of early voters was 3,728. Countywide, a total of 17,832 voters were registered to participate Nov. 6: 7,828 Democrats, 6,538 Republicans, and 3,466 of no party affiliation.

Glades County

With 13 of 13 precincts reporting and all ballots accounted for, incumbent John Ahern, facing challenger Jerri Lynn Schlueter for the Glades County Board seat of District 4, took 2,628 votes, or 69 percent, to Ms. Schlueter's 1,164 (31 percent).

Jeff Barnes ran against Donna Storter Long for her District 2 seat, which she retained by

taking 2,348 votes, or 63 percent, to Mr. Barnes' 1,376 (37 percent.)

City of Clewiston

Incumbent City Commissioners M. "Mali" Soto Gardner, Kristine Petersen and Phillip Roland were opposed by challengers Kevin McCarthy, Melanie McGahee, James L. (Jimmy) Pittman and Lance "Bubba" Ramer.

With both city precincts reporting — but countywide vote totals still not finalized — the vote totals as reported around 8:20 p.m. Tuesday night were:

1. Melanie McGahee, 922 (20.8 percent)
2. Commissioner Kristine Petersen, 759 (17.1 percent)
3. Mayor Mali Gardner, 720 (16.2 percent)
4. Jimmy Pittman, 617 (13.9 percent)
5. Kevin McCarthy, 518 (11.7 percent)
6. Commissioner Phillip Roland, 474 (10.7 percent)
7. Lance Ramer, 422 (9.6 percent)

The top three finishing candidates win commission seats; the one finishing third gets a two-year term and the leaders, four years each.



Submitted photo

Largest excess fee's check in years

Hendry County Clerk of Courts Barbara Butler received the excess fee check of over \$230,000.00 from Tax Collector Pat Langford this week. "This marks the largest amount of excess fee's we have given to our county in several years. It gives me great pleasure to do so and is proof of the hard work our great employees do, while also looking out for our tax payers dollars," Pat Langford explained.

UF | IFAS OPEN HOUSE

November 15, 2018 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
(Lunch served 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.)

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The Annual Veterans Day Ceremony Tribute.
ALL Veterans, family & friends are invited to attend at the LaBelle HS Auditorium. Followed by Breakfast served by the FFA students. It is a special time for Veterans & Students.

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**Veteran's Day: Sunday, 11/11/18 at 11:11 a.m.**  
**The Annual Veteran's Day Ceremony**  
**Held at the LaBelle Veteran's Park**  
**on corner of SR80 & Main St,**  
**Unveiling the New Granite Veterans WALL**  
**And the Ringing of the 1934 'Liberty Bell'**  
**Followed by lunch at the VFW.**  
**Everyone is welcome to come honor our Veterans.**

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Veteran's Day: Sunday, 11/11/18 at 12:20 p.m.
The Caloosa Baptist Church is Hosting a Gathering to Honor All American Veteran At The LaBelle Veteran's Park on corner of SR80 & Main Street

Everyone is welcome, Please join us after Church to honor our Veterans, and see the new granite Wall and Hear the 1934 'Liberty Bell' honoring our Veterans Come Enjoy the new "Facelift" of the Park



Community Briefs

VFW POST 10100 Events

Nov. 10th, Sat. Razor's Edge is in the house for Karaoke. Music will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Nov. 11, Sunday VETERAN'S DAY. There will be a Ceremony at the Veteran's Park on Hwy. 80 beginning at 11:11 a.m. A covered dish lunch to follow will be served at 12:00 p.m.

Nov. 16, Fri. 2 Sharps Karaoke and Pot luck Dinner. Bring your favorite dish. Music will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Nov. 22, Thurs. Thanksgiving, Cover dish dinner. Serving will begin at 1:00 p.m.

Nov. 24, Sat. Razor's Edge is back. Karaoke will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Nov. 30, Fri. Crab Cake Dinner. Serving will begin at 5:00 p.m. Cost is \$8.00. Come early before we run out.

Dec. 1, Sat. Karaoke with Chris and Betty Ann. Music will begin at 5:00 p.m.

Dec. 7, Fri. Chuck and Mary's Famous Meat Loaf dinner. Serving will begin at 5:00 p.m. and the cost is \$8.00.

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, Sat. drawing is at 7:00 p.m.

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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.

Open to the Public 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.

LaBelle Garden Club Meets

The LaBelle Garden Club will meet **Tuesday, November 20, at 7 p.m.** at the Dallas Townsend Center, 1085 Pratt Blvd. Our Guest Speakers will be Margaret England and Trisha Gonzalez, leaders of the 4-H Garden club. They are working on developing the 'Pollinator Garden' in the front of the Dallas Townsend Center. Come learn how we can help with the project. Bring your questions and any plants or home grown produce to share. Refreshments served. Check out the website LabelleGardenClub.org, which is chock full of information on the unique conditions of gardening in LaBelle. Bring friends and neighbors. For more information call Nikki at 239-564-2005.

Time to Think About Year-End Investment Moves

We've still got a couple of months left in 2018, but it's not too soon to start thinking about some year-end investment moves that might benefit you. Here are a few possibilities (although not all will apply to your situation):

Add to your IRA. For the 2018 tax year, you can put up to \$5,500 into your traditional or Roth IRA (assuming you are eligible), or \$6,500 if you're 50 or older. If you haven't reached this limit, consider adding some money. You have until April 15, 2019, to contribute to your IRA for 2018, but why wait until the last minute?

Increase your 401(k) contributions. You already may be investing in your 401(k) or similar employer-sponsored retirement plan, but you might be able to bump up your contributions for the rest of the year, if it's allowed. Of course, you should always put in enough to earn your employer's matching contribution, if one is offered.

Take your RMDs. If you are 70½ or older, you must start taking withdrawals – called required minimum distributions, or RMDs – from your traditional IRA and your 401(k) or similar retirement plan. Generally, you must take these RMDs by December 31 every year. But if you turned 70½ in 2018, you can wait until April 1, 2019, until you take your first RMD. However, you will then have to take a second RMD (the one for age 71) by December 31, 2019. Taking two RMDs in one year could give you an unexpectedly large taxable income for the year, possibly bumping you into a higher tax bracket and affecting the amount of your Social Security benefits subject to taxes. So, if you are considering delaying your first RMD, consult with your tax advisor.

events. In 2018, did you experience a major life event, such as a marriage, divorce or addition of a child? Or did you change jobs or retire? Any of these events could lead you to adjust your investment plans, so now may be the time to do so, possibly with the help of a financial professional.

Review your investment mix. At least once a year, it's a good idea to review your investment mix to ensure it's still suitable for your goals and risk tolerance. Sometimes, even without your taking any action, your portfolio might change in ways you hadn't expected. For example, suppose you wanted your portfolio to contain 60% stocks and 40% bonds and other investments. After a period of rising prices, though, the value of your stocks may have increased so much that they now occupy 65% of your portfolio – which means you may be taking on more risk than you had originally intended. Consequently, you may need to rebalance your portfolio to get back to your original 60% to 40% ratios. (Keep in mind that these figures are just for illustration; everyone's ideal portfolio mix will depend on their individual situations.)

These aren't the only year-end moves you may want to consider, but they can help you close out 2018 on a positive note. Plus, they can serve as a reminder that you need to be vigilant as you keep working toward your financial goals.

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Barron Park House Gallery Perception's Art Show

By Heather Caldwell

Special to the Caloosa Belle

On Friday evening November 2, the Barron Park House Gallery held The Perceptions Art Show. It was a lovely event complete with complimentary wine, a full buffet of hor d'oeuvres, and the most talented artists in the area. And the place was packed. So many people from the community came to take in all of the artwork that the Arts of the Inland artists had worked so hard to create.

All artists worked under the theme of "Perceptions," but the media and subjects were drastically varied. Some artists focused on rural life with barns and animals, and others focused on familial ideas like vacation spots, brothers, and child-like animals. Abstract, photography, collage, realism, and impressionism lined the walls, something for every taste.

The gallery is a treasure of the city that celebrates local talent. If you were unable to make it to the show on Friday night, all of the artwork will still be on display throughout this month. The gallery is located on the river in downtown LaBelle at 471 N Lee Street, and is open Thursday-Sunday from 12:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m..

Be sure to follow @barronparkhousegal-



Submitted photo/Heather Caldwell

The award winners in no order were: Kelly Anne Bradshaw - Best of Show; Sharon Rapp - First Place; Martha Cantu - Second Place; Susan Oehl - Third Place; Sue Strongman - People's Choice; Shary Weckwerth - Honorable Mention; Danika Hopper - Honorable Mention; Barbara Swift - Honorable Mention; with Judge David Meo.

lery on Facebook and Instagram to find out more information about upcoming events and opportunities to get creative. Currently, there is a fundraiser to purchase handmade ornaments and many upcoming workshops. Also if you are interested in joining the Arts

of the Inland to display your artwork, visit our website at www.artsoftheinland.com for more info.

Thank you to the board for curating the event and to all participants and winners!

Community Briefs

American Legion,

Post 130 Events:

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

(Fish Fries are held every Friday)

November 9, 16, 23, 30 - 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.

November 11 - Sunday - Veterans Day Celebration at 11:11 a.m. at the Veterans

Park, celebrating the new Veterans Granite Wall and new all around look. The VFW is hosting a luncheon at 12 noon. Public and all Veterans welcome.

November 16 - Friday - Early Bird Dinner at the Fish Fry. Show your American Legion card for a free dinner.

November 16 - Dinner followed by the Annual Turkey Raffle at 7 p.m. Pick up your tickets from the American Legion. Call 8American Legion Post 130 Meetings: (All Members welcome)

November 14 - Wed - 6 p.m. Sons of the American Legion meeting

November 15 - Thurs - 7 p.m. - American Legion & American Legion Auxiliary meets

December 5 - Wed - 7:30 p.m. Ameri-

can Legion Riders meeting

December 6 - Thurs - 6 p.m. DAV (Disabled American Veterans) 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 smoke free and Public is Welcome.

It's Fall Ya'll !!

The Ortona Community will hold the 5th Annual Family Fall Festival at the Ortona Community Park, 2086 Ortona Locks Road on **Saturday, November 10 from Noon to 3 p.m.** Comed on down and enjoy the Community Food, Fun and Fellowship for free. Prizes will be awarded for the best Chili entered for judging-NO entry fee.

Letter to the Editor

OLD SCHOOL

I have been accused of being Old School many times. I was told "we don't do it that way anymore". I agree. To me old school is what I grew up with.

I was the youngest of four kids. The first sixteen years of my life were spent on the farm. By age eleven I was the only kid left at home. Mom and Dad both worked. My job was to feed the animals and feed myself breakfast and lunch. Mom and Dad got home after 6 or 7pm. Mom always fixed a great meal for supper.

In the winter my job was to cut kindling and start a fire in the wood stove. That was all the heat we had. Yes, I walked about half a mile to a one room school where all 8 grades were taught. Rain or snow did not matter. Mo days off unless it was a Blizzard storm. That was the first four years of my

schooling. Then I rode a bus to the closest small town which had larger schools.

We were short on material things but long on love for family.

I was taught to respect my elders. And that Elders must live a life that deserved that respect.

Spankings - Mom's yardstick was never abused. We learned to fear doing wrong. We learned about Jesus and the Bible. Taking care of family (cousins, Aunts, Uncles, ect.) was what we all did.

I learned that when you have a wife and kids, the "I want" was replaced with "we need". There was no shootings - murders - armed robberies in our community. Somewhere we seem to have lost that thinking.

I often wonder why those who win millions of dollars don't help their community. To me I would buy a home, a car, take care of family who needed help and invest in the

town I lived in. I would try to find a way to fund better pay for teachers, law enforcement, firefighters, EMT's, trade schools and scholarships.

Our life should be lived as an example of a good Christian. Thanking god for what we have and asking for forgiveness for our bad judgements. I try to live the Golden Rule. Sometimes it is really hard and sometimes I don't succeed.

I believe we were put here to make the world a better place when we die than it was during our life. We all can make a difference. Random acts of kindness, a smile, a thank you might change someone's whole day for the better.

Money can not buy happiness. What you do with it can make you happy.

But then what do I know, I'm just an old cified country boy.

Ed Kuntz




Wharf Walk 2018

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Church Briefs

Honoring our Veterans

Caloosa Baptist Church will host a gathering to honor American veterans on **Sunday Nov. 11 at 12:20 p.m.** in Veterans Park (across from the courthouse). We will pray for them and their families. Everyone is welcome to join us.

A Gathering of Christian Men

The monthly meeting of A Gathering of Christian Men will be held at the Caloosa

Baptist Church, 550 W Hickpochee Ave on the third **Monday, November 12. The meeting begins at 6:00 p.m.** with a Pot Luck meal. Please remember to bring a dish to share. We will then continue with our business meeting. You are really needed.

Happenings at the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church

The Shepherd Episcopal Church is located at 1098 Collngswood Pkwy just south of

SR 80, Port LaBelle 863-675-0385

Just a reminder please be sure to vote

Nov 7 Thur. Healing Service 9:30 a.m.

Nov 8 Thur. Bible Study 10:30 a.m.

Nov 9 Fri. Spaghetti Dinner 5 till 9 p.m.

Nov 11 Sun. Worship 10:00 a.m. Veterans Day

Nov 12 Mon. Veterans Day observed

Nov 15 Thur. Healing Service 9:30 a.m.

Nov 15 Thur. Bible Study 10:30 a.m.

Nov 18 Sun. Worship 10:00 a.m.

Nov 22 Thanksgiving Day - No services

Nov 25 Sunday Worship 10:00 a.m.

Nov 29 Thur. Healing Service 9:30 a.m.

Nov 29 Thur. Bible Study 10:30 a.m.

All are welcome to attend

Youth Group

First Christian Church, located at the corner of Lee and Ford Streets, would like to invite all children ages 5 - 18 to the 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!

Talent on loan from God needed

LaBelle Assembly of God is asking for some talented folks to join them for their Christmas musical. It can be as easy as joining the men's or women's choir to solo, duets. We could also use a person for video recorder/ editing and sound system. If this sounds interesting to you call Kathy at 675-0900.

Fall is in the Air

St. Raphael Church at 2514 Lee Blvd, Lehigh Acres, FL 33971 is holding a Fall Festival from **November 15 - 18.**

Obituaries

Lawrence 'Larry' D. Spencer

LABELLE — After a three-year battle with MDS/Leukemia, Lawrence "Larry" D. Spencer died peacefully surrounded by his family on Nov. 3, 2018 at the age of 84, nine days shy of his 85th birthday.

Larry was born in Big Beaver, Mich. on Nov. 12, 1933. He was drafted in the Navy in 1952 during the Korean War and was stationed at Moffett Naval Air Station in Sunnyvale, Calif. where he worked as a tool and die maker. In the early 1970s, he moved to LaBelle and had a successful career in Real Estate for many years.



He has lived there with his family ever since.

Larry was an accomplished realtor and a professional horse trainer. A very family oriented man, he coached his children's sports teams for many years as they grew up. Larry was a history buff who loved reading books, completing puzzles and watching Jeopardy. He loved all sports, but he most especially loved cheering for his favorite football team, the Miami Dolphins.

Larry will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 40 years, Frances White Spencer; and his children, Barbara (Rafael) Mateo, Michael Spencer, Denny (Courtney) Spencer, Bret (Carina) Spencer and Breanna Spencer. Larry will also be fondly remembered by his grandchildren, Rachel, Ella, Denise, Tiffany, Leyton, Koby, Tanner, Gracie and Justin; by his siblings, Doralee (Bernie) Torgler, Norman (Margi) Spencer, Pat (John)

Finch and Tim (Margaret) Spencer; by his mother-in-law, Evelyn Crosby White; by his sisters-in-law, Louise Rimes, Trudy (Mark) Henderson; and by his brother-in-law, Bobby (Debbie) White.

Larry was predeceased by his parents, Orville and Dorothy; his daughters, Sharon and Debra; and grandsons, John Paul Burchard and Scott Smith.

A memorial service is scheduled for 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 8, 2018 at Community Harvest Worship Center located at 55 Orange Ave., LaBelle. Please join his family in remembering and celebrating someone who gave so much to the community, his friends, and most especially his family!

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Country Oaks Elementary Leaders of the Month for October!

LEFT: Grade PreK: Dariel Dominguez and Jimena Santillana. Grade K: Dylan Avila-Barragan, Julyza Barrios, Samantha Santamaria, Rylan Bone, Josue Lopez and Caleb Rivera. Grade 1: Adrian Flores, Abigail Walker, Miracle Miller, Ivan Andrade, Joselin Ramirez, and Maximiliano Aguilar. Grade 2: Januel Arias, Aubrey Schneider, Allynah Marroquin, Damien Soto, Alejandro Gomez-Roque, Anali Vargas. **RIGHT:** Grade 3: Cristabell Juarez, Oscar Escobedo, Izarria Ray, Jeffren Escobar, Beau Vogler, Rogelio Jimenez and Arley Avila-Barragan. Grade 4: Emanuel Nieto-Borja, Niana Rivera, Jaline Rivas-Leal, Breanna Tesnow, Daniel Sanchez, Addie Marshall 4 and Brisa Villa-Cruz. Grade 5: Angel Orduna Garcia, Yuliana Gonzalez, Diego Avila, Alshawn Thomas, Emmanuel Rodriguez, Angelica Jimenez, and Epifanio Hernandez. Enrichment: Trinity Rice, Mauricio Briones and Tenaj Taylor.

Community Briefs

HC Democratic Party to meet

The Hendry County Democratic Party will meet in Clewiston this coming **Saturday, November 10, at 10 a.m.**; however, the location was not finalized by the deadline for this week's paper. Please mark your calendars, and be sure to access our HEND-

RY COUNTY DEMOCRATS group page on Facebook for the location of this post-Mid-term Election meeting that will be posted as soon as it has been confirmed. This Democratic Party meeting is open to the public. Only those voters registered as Democrats in Hendry County may participate in the

discussion, and only official members of the Hendry County Democratic Executive Committee may vote in matters coming before the meeting.

Parkinson's Support Group

The Parkinson's Disease Support Group

meets the second Tuesday at 1 p.m. at the LaBelle Senior Center and the fourth Tuesday at Sal Cal Pizza at 1 p.m. People with PD and their care partners are welcome to attend and share in the discussion. For more info contact Hope Connection or call 863-342-8013.

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Front - Yaresli Aguirre, Daniel Perez and Clara Adams. Middle - Bryan Paniagua, Braulyne Flores, Justin White and Austin Alfaro. Back - Aryana Sigala, Jaylen Santillana and Alondra Deleon.

School Briefs

Turkey Bingo

Country Oaks Elementary School's Annual Turkey Bingo will be **November 15. Doors open at 5:00 p.m.** Games be at 6:00 p.m. Raffle Prizes for Gift Certificates and Stage Prizes, Food and Drink Concessions, 9 Turkey Bingo Games \$5.00, Specialty Games \$1.00 each and Raffle Tickets \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00. Country Oaks Elementary is located at 2052 NW Eucalyptus Blvd, LaBelle, FL 33935. For more information call (863) 674-4140.

LeaderInMe

Please join us for LeaderInMe Parent Leadership Night on **Thursday, November 8, from 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.** at Country Oaks Elementary School 2052 NW Eucalyptus Blvd, LaBelle, FL 33935. There will be Student Presentations, a PTO Meeting, Dessert and Drinks. RSVP requested: Please call

863-674-4140 by November 6.

Por favor únete a nosotros para Noche de Liderazgo de Padres Jueves, **8 de Noviembre, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.** Country Oaks Elemental Presentaciones por los Estudiantes Reunión PTO, Postre y Bebidas. Por Favor confirmar su asistencia antes del 6 de Noviembre.

Drama Festival

LaBelle High School will be participating in the District 6 Drama Festival next **Thursday and Friday, November 8 and 9** at the Barbara B Mann Performing Arts Center. The theatre class is a newly formed Honors course with all of the students either coming from LMS as Junior Thespians or currently enrolled Thespians at the high school level. They will be performing Anxiety is Orange by Lindsay Price All are invited to attend.

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Employment - Full Time

Hendry County BOCC is seeking applications for a full-time Code Enforcement Supervisor. Applications must be received by 5:00 p.m. on November 16, 2018 at the Human Resources Department, 640 South Main Street, LaBelle, FL 33935. A complete job posting and application forms are available on the Hendry County website at www.hendryfla.net.

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Public Notices

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 Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Selection Committee will hold a meeting on November 13, 2018, at 9:00 AM, for the review and selection of the submittals for RFO #2019-03 for Design and Permitting Services for Sidewalk Construction on Old CR78 from CR78 in Hendry County, Florida. The meeting will be held at the Hendry County Administration Building, 640 South Main Street, LaBelle, 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 is not on the prepared agenda for the meeting. If you have a disability that will require special assistance or accommodation for your attendance at the meeting, please contact Hendry County Engineering Department at (863) 675-5222; Hearing Impaired: Florida Relay 7-1-1; or e-mail konan@hendryfla.net. Hendry County is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Si necesita la asistencia de un interprete que hable espanol para participar en esta reunion, por favor pongase en contacto con Veronica Gonzalez al (863) 675-5324. 298322 CN 11/7 CB 11/8/2018

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING HENDRY COUNTY TOURIST DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL
 Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Tourist Development Council will hold a meeting on November 15, 2018 at 3:00 pm, at the Clewiston Chamber of Commerce, 109 Central Ave., 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. If you have a disability that will require special assistance or accommodation for your attendance at the meeting, please contact Hendry County Tourist Development Council at (863) 675-5304; Hearing Impaired: Florida Relay 7-1-1; or e-mail emilyhunter@hendryfla.net. Hendry County is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Si necesita la asistencia de un interprete que hable espanol para participar en esta reunion, por favor pongase en contacto con Myra Johnson al (863) 675-5240.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is filed pursuant to the FCC requirements effective June 2012 requiring notification of environmental assessment for any new or modified Antenna Structure Registrations. The structure is a proposed radio tower, 321 ft. in height to be used in energy restoration efforts at a site located near LaBelle, FL, owned and operated by Florida Power & Light Company. The structure is to be located at coordinates: 26°42'13.92N by 81°26'18.4W using NAD 83 standards. Any persons having questions, or concerns with the proposed modification should notify the FCC through their website at www.fcc.gov and reference application A1118466. 298117 CB 11/8/2018

Community Briefs

Rotary has Turkey Shoot

The LaBelle Rotary Club will hold their annual Turkey Shoot on **Nov. 9 from 6 until 9 p.m and Nov. 10 from 4 until 9 p.m.** Shotguns and ammo are provided for free or bring your own shotgun. Shooting tickets may be purchased for \$4 in advance from a Rotarian or at the gate. Veterans (with a proper ID) receive discount shooting ticket of \$3. Food will be available. The best shot in each group will win a certificate for a frozen turkey from Publix. All proceeds will go to the Rotary Foundation. Look for signs on SR80 to the event which is 7.5 miles

west of LaBelle or 3.5 mile east of Alva. A shooting ticket is also good for the raffle of a Ruger 10/22 SS Take Down .22LR rifle on the 9th and for the raffle of a Beretta A300 Outlander 12 gauge shotgun on the 10th. All ATF rules apply on gun giveaways. Contact Ron Zimmerly at 863-673-0788 or e-mail him at zim60@hotmail.com for more information.

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Widows to meet

The Windows Support Group will meet on November 15 at Two Peas Cafe at 11:30 a.m. All widows welcome.

Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING HENDRY COUNTY

Notice is hereby given that the Hendry County Selection Committee will hold a meeting on November 13, 2018, at 9:00 AM, for the review and selection of the submittals for RFQ #2019-01 for Improvements to Harlem Academy Boulevard in The Harlem Community of Hendry County, Florida. The meeting will be held at the Hendry County Administration Building, 640 South Main Street, LaBelle, 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 is not on the prepared agenda for the meeting. If you have a disability that will require special assistance or accommodation for your attendance at the meeting, please contact Hendry County Engineering Department at (863) 675-5222; Hearing Impaired: Florida Relay 7-1-1; or e-mail konan@hendryfla.net. Hendry County is an equal opportunity provider and employer. Si necesita la asistencia de un interprete que hable espanol para participar en esta reunion, por favor pongase en contacto con Veronica Gonzalez al (863) 675-5224. 298321 CN 11/7 CB 11/8/2018

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INVITATION TO BID CONSTRUCTION SERVICES IN CONNECTION WITH THE FORT DENAUD ROAD IMPROVEMENTS, ROADWAY REHABILITATION FROM FORT DENAUD BRIDGE WAY TO HUGGETTS ROAD, HENDRY COUNTY, FLORIDA

FINANCIAL PROJECT NO. 436652-1-54-02

Bid No. 2019-05
OPENING DATE AND TIME: December 5, 2018 at 2:00 P.M.

Sealed Bids will be received by the Board of County Commissioners of Hendry County, Florida, for "Construction Services in connection with the Fort Denaud Road improvements, roadway rehabilitation from Fort Denaud Bridge Way to Huggetts Road, Hendry County, Florida". In order to be considered, bids must be received by the Board of County Commissioners, c/o the Clerk of the Circuit Court, Attn: Barbara Butler, at the C.E. Hall Building, Room A-226, Hendry County Courthouse Complex, 25 E. Hickpochee Avenue, LaBelle, Florida by **December 5, 2018 at 2:00 p.m.**, at which time all responses to this request will be recorded in the presence of one or more witnesses.

A copy of the Instructions and Bid Documents can be obtained online at www.hendryfla.net under the Public Information tab, or from the Hendry County Engineering Department, located at 99 E Cowboy Way, LaBelle, Florida (for pick up), or by calling (863) 675-5222.

Firms are encouraged to attend the **Pre-Bid Conference on Tuesday, November 27, 2018, at 9:00AM** at the Engineering Department, 99 East Cowboy Way, LaBelle, Florida 33935.

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

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS FOR DESIGN AND PERMITTING SERVICES FOR CURVE SAFETY IMPROVEMENTS ON CR835 IN HENDRY COUNTY

Financial Project # 438372-1-38-01
RFQ No. 2019-04

Opening Date and Time: December 5, 2018 @ 2:00 p.m.

Hendry County is seeking engineering firms interested in providing professional services in design and permitting in connection with curve safety improvements on CR835 in Hendry County, Florida. Firms submitting must have expertise in roadway safety improvements and permitting services and any other requirements that the Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) may impose in the Local Agency Participation (LAP) Agreement for this project. 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 IV, 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., December 5, 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 website, www.hendryfla.net under the Public Information tab, by email at konan@hendryfla.net, or by calling (863) 612-4727.

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- Former "Fashion Emergency" host

- Surface fractures
- Blockhead
- Fire proof
- Courses taken consecutively?
- Depressing atmosphere
- Energy
- "Downton Abbey" title
- Draped garment
- The first "A" in A.A. Milne
- Piles
- Michael Jackson, e.g.
- Tip off
- One on the other side
- Half a philosophical duality
- "The Seven-Percent Solution" author Nicholas
- Adler of Sherlock Holmes lore
- Look down
- Snideness
- Numerical prefix
- "Look at this!"
- Battleground
- Start over, in a way
- Sushi seaweed

- Layered snack
- Venue involving a lot of body contact
- "Right Now (Na Na Na)" artist
- Rogers Centre team, on scoreboards
- Majestic display
- Like some popular videos
- Big brass

- "Heavens to Betsy!"
- Crossword component
- Collapsed
- Aware of
- Where many subs are assembled
- Really, really cool
- 62 Stir
- Pass over
- Downed

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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Community Briefs

Wharf Walk 2018

Wharf Walk is adding some flavor this year! It will feature local artists and mouth-watering cuisine in 2018! LaBelle Downtown Revitalization Corp. (LDRC) is excited to announce 'Taste of the Wharf' the first ever Restaurant Week in downtown LaBelle! Enjoy a week-long celebration of culinary excellence featuring participating restaurants throughout LaBelle until the end of this week with the Wharf Walk event on

the **November 10**. For more information visit www.downtownlabelle.com.

Veterans Day Celebrations:

Friday, November 9 the LaBelle High School Honor Society will present a Tribute to All Veterans at 9 a.m. at the high school auditorium. Everyone in the community and all veterans are invited to attend. Following their program the high school FFA will serve a pancake breakfast with plenty of coffee –

and time to visit with friends and veterans.

Sunday, November 11 – Veterans Day - It is a National custom to have the ceremony across the nation on the 11th Day of the 11th Month at 11 a.m. The VFW, American Legion and DAV are hosting the annual Veterans Day Ceremony at 11 a.m. at the "Newly Updated" Veterans Park on SR80/Main Street. The ceremony will include the unveiling of the new granite Veterans WALL and the ringing of the 1934 liberty type bell for the first time. The Bell has been donated

by the Richard Lynn Family in his memory. Everyone is invited to attend.

Womans Club to meet

The LaBelle Womans Club will meet on **November 13 at 6 p.m.** at their building on Hwy 80 beside Ace Hardware. Ruby Garcia from the Hendry County's Sheriff's Office will be there to speak. Please come and see what you and the Club can do for the community.



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Thousands of dollars in damage caused by Vandals

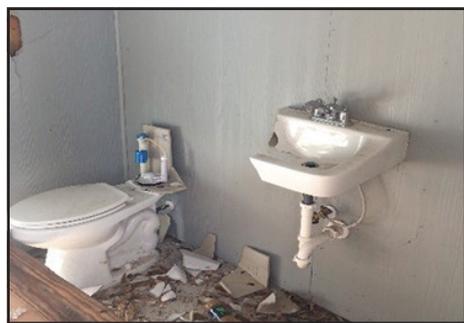
By Lilly Hart

Special to the Caloosa Belle

Also known as criminal mischief it is the willful and malicious destruction of property that doesn't belong to you. The LaBelle area parks this year have seen an increase in vandalism. Vandalism from graffiti on walls to busted ceramic toilets.

A single incident of vandalism to property according to the U.S. Small Business Administration costs on average \$3,370. Vandalism is a crime, misdemeanor for damages under a limit set by the state and a felony above that mark. The felony is punishable by a fine and prison time. A lot of people might say "is that fair", jail time, think about it. It is your money and it was taken from you. Is that fair?

Keeping these parks safe, clean and fun for all to use is the number one priority of the employees of the Hendry-LaBelle Recreation Board.



Submitted photo

Some of the vandalism that has been done.



Submitted photo

Sheriff Whidden and Director Ramiro Rodriguez show what will happen if you are caught in the act of vandalism.

The damage to our restrooms is by far the worst damage from a single incident that Hendry-LaBelle Recreation Board incurs. Picnic tables, bleachers, fencing and the list goes on. It is so disappointing that someone in LaBelle who destroys these parks don't recognize that the people who use the parks pay the price for so much damage and such damage hurts us all.

Our parks get a lot of use by all citizens. Different organizations hold many functions in our parks. LaBelle doesn't have a movie theater or arcade game room. What is there for our young teenage citizens to do? Take a look at a park the next time you drive by. Better yet, stop in at the park and see what is going on and enjoy the amenities. These parks are for all citizens as well as sports

leagues.

The Hendry-LaBelle Rec Board has been hard at working on opening the Hendry-LaBelle Regional Sports Complex. The new fencing that was put in recently for the baseball backstops, someone already took a crowbar and punctured a hole in. The list goes on.

It is truly disappointing to see our Rec Dept. crew working so hard to keep these parks in tip top shape for someone to come along and destroy them. It's the well-behaved park users that will be affected by others' bad behavior. Over the next few years you will notice a change from our ceramic restroom fixtures to stainless steel to help curtail some of this damage. That's not to say that they can't be damaged but the Rec Board hopes it will make people think twice before deciding to damage public property that we all use. The Rec Board will be implementing a camera system in all of our parks.

The community must consider the facts and what must be done. We must go to our parks and enjoy them. If you see someone doing any sort of damage in a park alert the authorities, call (863) 674-5600. If more citizens are aware of the vandalism and are looking for this inappropriate behavior it will begin to disappear. This is a good goal that we must all participate in to achieve positive results. Vandalism cannot be addressed by one group of people. It must be a conscious decision by all citizens where community property is involved.

LaBelle is a strong community when we stand united and together.

Community Brief

MCA to meet

The Muse Community Associations November meeting will be held **Monday, November 12** at the county multi-purpose building, 3897 Loblolly Bay Road in Muse. We will be having a Thanksgiving theme potluck starting 6:30 p.m. A turkey and ham will be part of the fare. Appropriate sides and desserts are needed. There will be a short meeting following the feast! We look forward to seeing you all there.

Hendry County Republican Party Meeting

The Republican Party of Hendry County will be meeting at Beef O 'Brady's , 197 E. Hickpochee Ave., LaBelle, FL on **November 12, at 6:00 p.m.** All registered Republican-minded Americans are invited to attend. This meeting will address subjects of interest to the party. For further information please call 863-234-8397. Like our Facebook page, Republican Party of Hendry County to stay informed.

Chamber Social

The Chamber Social is scheduled for **November 15**. The Sponsor this month is the Forrey Grill, 280 Bridge St, LaBelle, FL 33935. The Social runs from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Come out and network with other LaBelle business people.

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