GREATER LABELLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWSLETTER



Greetings!

This has been a busy year and we are excited about connecting with old and new friends through the Chamber events scheduled for 2015. We would like for you to take a moment and checkout our Chamber website. The website has a members list with links to member webpages, the monthly newsletter, event calendar, and more. We appreciate all of you for your support to our community and to your local Chamber of Commerce. May you and your families be blessed in the New Year!

God Bless,
Carmen Corbitt
Executive Secretary

Create in me a clean heart, 0 god; and renew a right spirit within me.

Psalm 51:10

NEW MEMBERS

JIM CHRISTENSEN

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THANK YOU TO OUR RENEWED MEMBERS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 31st New Year's Eve-Don's Steakhouse

1st New Year's Day

1st Chamber Office Closed4th Bingo-VFW Post 10100

9th -11th Firehouse Community Theater- Little Shop of Horrors

10th Blood Drive

14th LaBelle Little League Sign-ups

15th -18th Firehouse Community Theater- Little Shop of Horrors

17th Craft & Gift Show- The Glades RV Resort

18th -20th Judgment House- First Baptist Church of LaBelle

19th Chamber Office Closed

20th South Central Fl. Car Club Cruse-In

20th GFWC LaBelle Community Women's Club-Genealogy Series

20th LDRC/ Chamber Social

21st Hendry County City Farm Tours-Half Day Tours

24th Youth Art Day-Arts of Inland 25th Bingo-VFW Post 10100

25th Trivia Night- Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church 31st 4th Annual Arts & Music Festival-LDRC & Arts of Inland

New Year's Safety by Pat Dobbins

Contact: Pat Dobbins

New Year's Eve marks the annual celebration of bidding farewell to the past year and welcoming in the New Year. Enjoy the party, but celebrate safely, using these tips.

It is so important that drivers be on high alert when driving during New Year's Eve. After that midnight celebration, designated drivers should pay close attention to their rear view mirror and take extra precaution at intersections. Being sober on New Year's Eve doesn't guarantee that the other driver is. If erratic driving is observed, contacting local authorities may prevent someone from becoming a statistic.

Have a Plan for New Year's Eve Safety: Before the New Year's Eve party starts it is everyone's responsibility to plan how they will get home safely:

- Assign a designated driver
- Travel to and from the party by using a cab
- Sleep over at the home of the party host
- Ask a sober family member to drop off and pick up
- Travel with a party bus that drives right to the front door

If someone doesn't have a plan and indulges in alcohol, they can call AAA's Tow service, which will help them get home safely with their vehicle in tow. To check whether the service is available in a particular region on a specific holiday weekend, dial 1-800-AAA HELP (1-800-222-4357). In Florida you can call: (855) 2-TOW-2-GO or (855) 286-9246

Be smart about flames and fireworks. Flames and alcohol are dangerous. When planning for a party, consider the fact that after a few hours, a portion of the guests will be feeling invincible, full of alcohol-inspired energy, and moving clumsily. Plan accordingly by:

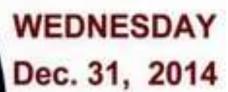
- Don't use real candles. Instead, use battery operated candles for safe, ambient lighting.
- Keeping fireplace, heaters and fire pit flames under control. Use safety screens at all times and make sure seating is at a safe distance from the flame.
- Ensure that individuals shooting off fireworks are sober and observe safe handling. Make sure the inebriated guests aren't too close to the fireworks.

Keep an eye on your cash and credit cards. If you choose to celebrate New Year's Eve at a public place, exercise caution with cash and credit cards during the evening. Alcohol tends to alter rational thinking and wallets can be easily lifted or dropped. Never leave wallets or purses unattended. A tab can be set up with a credit card and the credit card locked in the car, handed to a designated driving friend, or kept in a money belt or body wallet.

Have a safe and happy new year!



Oysters
On The Half Shell
\$15.95 Dozen





Reservations Suggested For Parties of 5 or More
Basket of 8 Hot Wings

Starting at 4:00 P.M.

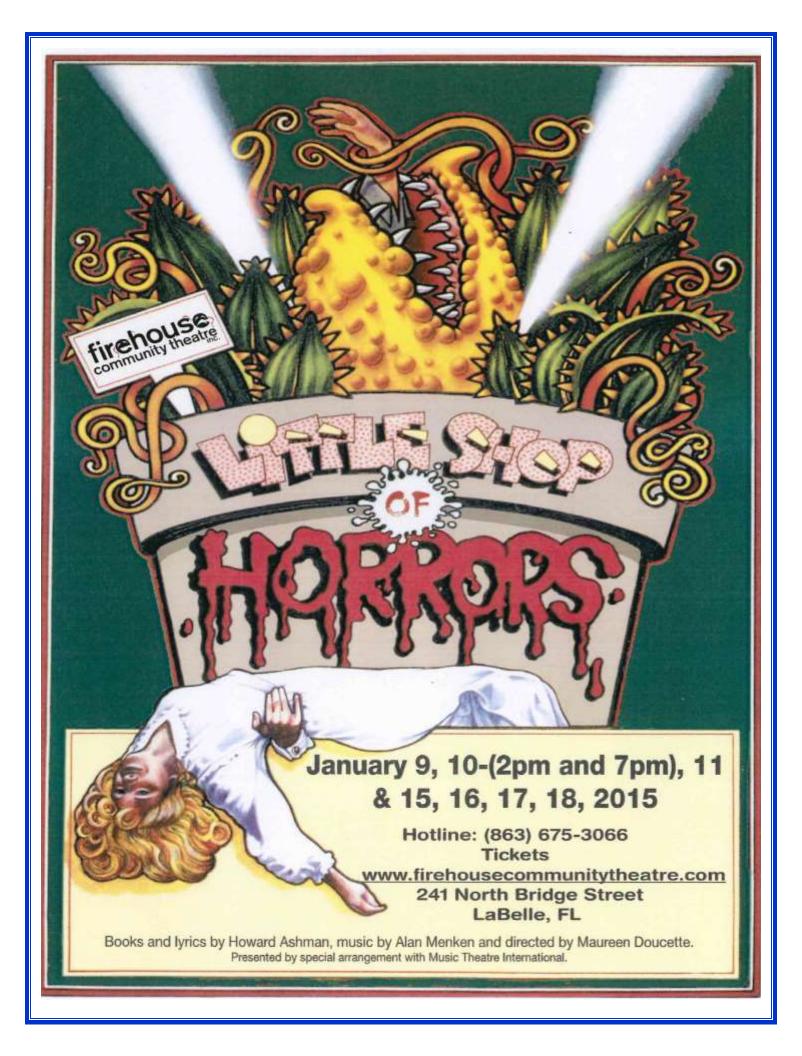
\$ 6.50

Chicken Cordon Bleu, Choice of Potato, Soup or Salad, Vegetable, Hot Yeast Loaf Bread \$14.95

Fried Butterfly Jumbo Shrimp, Choice of Potato, Soup or Salad, Vegetable, Hot Yeast Loaf Bread \$18.95

Bacon Wrapped Filet Mignon, Choice of Potato, Vegetable, Soup or Salad, Hot Yeast Loaf Bread \$18.95

Appetizer Menu Available in Lounge til' Closing



craft & Gift Show

Saturday, January 17, 2015

9.00 AM - 12.00 PM

The Glades RV Resort

(Located just off SR 80, east of LaBelle)





25 + Vendors

Coffee & Donuts

To reserve a table for displaying crafts contact:

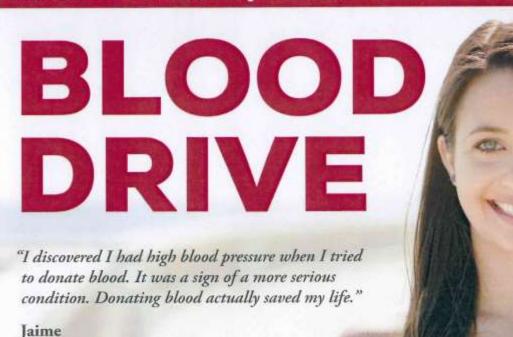
Eulaine Delgado at the Glades RV Resort

eulainedelgado@aol.com

765-271-3665

(\$5.00 table fee for residents; \$10.00 table fee for non-residents of the Glades)

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Firehouse Community Theatre Saturday, January 10, 2015 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

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First Baptist Church LaBelle

Presents "Treasured"

January 18, 19, & 20, 2015

Our drama will be about a girl name Michelle who is a teen who has been constantly crushed by her parents' expectations of her. Constantly comparing her to her older brother destroys her self-esteem. Michelle is bullied at school and feels like her life is crashing down. Her friend, Emma, is a follower of Jesus and believes He is the solution to Michelle's problems. Will Michelle realize that we are all Jesus' treasurers?

Performance times: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM Fri & Sat

4:00 PM - 8:00 PM Sun

Reservation line is open at 863-675-2171.

A \$3.00/ person donation is suggested First Baptist Church of LaBelle is located at 330 North Main St, LaBelle, FL



CHAMBER SOCIAL INVITATION LABELLE DOWNTOWN REVITALIZATION CORPORATION

We are celebrating our 501(C)(3) status, our Main Street designation, and the many successful projects we have undertaken.

Join us on TUESDAY, JANUARY 20, 2015

5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

To share good food, drinks, and fun!

Our office is located at 8 Park Ave, downtown

Corner of Main Street and Park Avenue.





MEDIA CONTACT:

Gabe Margasak

South Florida Water Management District Office: (561) 682-2800 or Cellular: (561) 670-1245 www.sfwmd.gov/news tellow us on **busibbor**

Join the 115th Christmas Bird Count in a Showcase of Wildlife, Recreation on Public Land

Everglades stormwater treatment areas are renowned bird-watching havens











Red-Shouldered Hawk

Roseate Spoonbill (Click on the pictures for larger versions.)

Bald Eagle

WHAT:

The South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is joining with the Hendry-Glades Audubon Society once again as the group conducts its portion of the 115th Christmas Bird Count in Stormwater Treatment Area 5 (STA-5) in Hendry County.

Stormwater Treatment Areas are the water-cleaning workhorses of Everglades restoration. They are also known as renowned havens for wildlife and outdoor enthusiasts alike.

Data collected during the annual bird counts—which span North America and beyond during the weeks surrounding Christmas - are critical to studies of the long-term health and status of bird populations, according to Audubon. The STAs, managed by the SFWMD, attract large numbers of birds and also provide the public with a variety of recreational opportunities, such as hiking, biking and excellent bird watching.

During the 114h Christmas Bird Count, Audubon teams in STA-5 and the surrounding area documented 123 avian species and more than 158,000 individual birds.

Throughout South Florida, the District provides recreational access to its public lands while continuing to manage them to support environmental restoration, water supply, water quality and flood control missions. At present, the District owns approximately 600,000 acres of land that are open to the public. Many of these properties are in their natural state or have enhancements such as picnic tables, informational kiosks, primitive campsites and hiking trails.

For more information on recreational opportunities throughout the District's 16-county region, visit www.sfwmd.gov/recreation.

WHEN:

January 3, 2015

TIME:

7 a.m.

WHERE:

Click here for a map and written directions.

RSVP:

Margaret England, Hendry-Glades Audubon Society (863) 517-0202

sta5birding@embarqmail.com

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About the South Florida Water Management District

The South Florida Water Management District is a regional, governmental agency that oversees the water resources in the southern half of the state - 16 counties from Orlando to the Keys. It is the oldest and largest of the state's five water management districts. The agency mission is to manage and protect water resources of the region by balancing and improving water quality, flood control, natural systems and water supply. A key initiative is cleanup and restoration of the Everglades.



Our Lady Queen of Heaven Church Fundraiser

The Annual Trivia Night fund raiser for Our Lady Queen of Heaven Catholic Church at 355 South Bridge in LaBelle will be on Sunday January 25, 2015. Doors and kitchen open at 5 pm with the following food available for purchase: hot dogs, chili dogs, sloppy joes, egg salad sandwiches, chips, drinks and desserts.

Competition begins at 6 pm and will end by 8:30. There will be 10 categories with 10 questions each - questions suitable for all ages. Form your own team of 8 players or we can place you on a team.

Cost is \$5.00 per person.

Prizes given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.
Another chance to win: 50/50.
Bid on the Silent Auction items.

For tickets, contact Eulaine at 765-271-3665.

Let me be AVOXX

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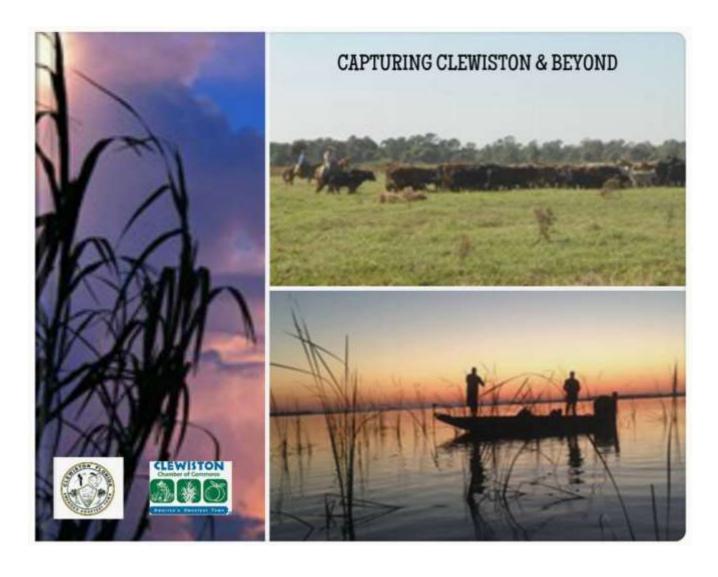


They are in...

Get your copy of Capturing Clewiston & Beyond here at the LaBelle Chamber Office

This photobook has beautiful photos from all over Hendry County including a two page layout featuring Labelle Photographers.

For more information contact Carmen at the Chamber Office @ 863-675-0125 or Lchamberofcomm@embarqmail.com





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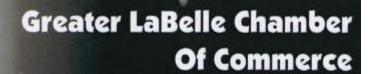
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February 17, 2015 5:00-8:00 pm Fort Thompson Avenue

Enjoy an evening of food, entertainment, and shopping while supporting your local restaurants, businesses, and neighbors.

MIGHT ON

Interested Vendors...

Call the LaBelle Chamber of Commerce (863)675-0125 or

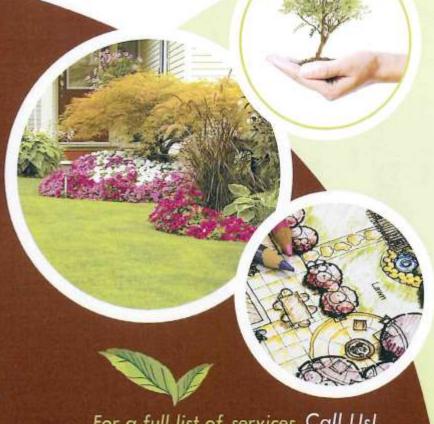
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LaBelle Little League hopes to see your name on the roster for the 2015 season!!!!

Registration Dates:

At Winn-Dixie grocery store from 5:00pm-8:00pm December 5^{th (Friday)}, 12^{th (Friday)}, 17^{th (Wednesday)}, and 19th (Friday)

January 7th (Wednesday), 9th (Friday), and 14th (Wednesday)

At the Soccer park from 1:00p.m.-4:00p.m. Sunday, December 7th, January 4th and 11th

Registration fee is: \$80.00 for the first child \$75.00 for the second child \$70.00 for the third child, etc.

For more information call: Sallie @ 239-898-9346 or Tammy @ 863-673-2989

Everyone Welcome! Healthier Me!

KICK OFF 2015

Improving the Health of Hendry and Glades Counties

PRIZE Drawings

January 8, 2015 4pm to 6pm Florida Department of Health 1140 Pratt Blvd. LaBelle, FL. For questions call (863) 674-4041 ext. 135

PRIZE Drawings!

EXPERIENCE:

- Food Demonstrations
 Stretchy Band Routines
- Food Tastings

Instant Recess

• Tai Chi

- Yoga
- Walking paths in LaBelle

FREE SCREENINGS

- Blood Pressure
- Glucose
- Bone Density

ALSO:

- Smoking Cessation
- Stress Reduction
- Information Booths



Sponsored by: Healthier Hendry Glades Task Force

2015: The Year of a Healthier Me!

2015
SHAPING OUR FUTURE

A challenge to Hendry & Glades to lose 2,015 pounds in 2015! Take steps to:

- . Improve your health
- . Lose some weight
- Increase your physical activity
- Eat more fruits and veggies

How to join?

Call

Florida Department of Health in Hendry County Mary Ruth Prouty 674-4041 ext 135





Call to register a Healthier Me team!