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IHS students do well in business competition
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IHS Project Grad meeting set

Project Graduation Meeting at Immokalee High School at 5:30 p.m. on March 1.

Attention Senior Parents and Businesses

Immokalee High School 2010 Project Graduation and our children need help. If you are able to help or have any questions please contact the Ms. Ayer at 239-377-1818 or Floreida at 239-503-6598.

Casino collecting donations for Haiti

The Seminole Tribe and Seminole Indian Casinos, in association with Food for the Poor, are collecting donations for victims of the Haitian earthquake tragedy. water, boxed milk, packaged dry milk, sanitary female products, diapers, First Aid items, tents of any size, blankets, toothpaste and toothbrushes, wash rags and formula. Items may be dropped off at the casino.

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Two-wheeled donations

Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/RCMA
It was blkes for many on Tuesday when more than 100 were distributed after they were donated by community members in Sanibel Island. The donation drive was started last year with residents of Sanibel taking their used blkes to drop off points where they were gathered and loaded for delivery to local Immokalee people as reliable means of transportation. See story BIKES Page 2.

Operation Medicine Cabinet is back

It's that time of year again! It's time to clean out your medicine cabinet and visit one of our take-back sites on Feb. 27, including Friendship House in Immokalee, 602 West Main St.

Bring your unused or expired prescriptions and over-the-counter medication to one of the locations listed below for proper disposal.

Please do not bring needles or other "sharps" - we cannot accept those.

Tell your friends, family, co-workers and neighbors. Let's make it a goal to collect more than the 6,700 medications we collected last November.

See you on February 27!

Food distribution to farmworkers begins

The recent cold weather has left many thousands of farm workers out of work and therefore not able even to buy food for their families.

The Salvation Army along with other agencies is trying to fill that gap. The Naples Corps has opened a food distribution center at 2050 Commerce Ave, Unit 3, Immokalee, FL 34142. The use of the building has been kindly donated by Robert W. Juster and Walt Burdick, owners of TMI.

Sign up for food ran from Tuesday, Feb 16, through Friday, Feb 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Recipients provided Collier ID, Farm Worker ID and SS Card for members in their family. Each worker received a booklet with 6 vouchers inside

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Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/
Rick Heers

A warehouse full of food and supplies is being prepared for distribution to farmworkers after the recent freeze in January.

Local kids to gather for little league sign ups

2010 Registration deadline is coming soon. Please note the following registration dates: Feb. 27, at sports complex from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. March 27, at sports complex from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. April 24, at sports complex from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. May-4, 11, 18, 25 at sports complex from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. June 19, - last registration at sports complex from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Bring: 2 x 2 picture or wallet size (no-hat or sunglasses); Copy of birth certificate; Sports physical; Last report card (due June 19) Fee: \$100 Per child (football); \$160 Per child (cheer). Forms needed for registration will be available at the time of registration!



Submitted photo

Harvest Fresh

Amidst all of the outcome of the recent freeze, the annual Harvest Fest will be celebrating 50 years with muslc, barbecue, and famous Immokalee salad! See HARVEST Page 2.

Bike donation links communities

Two polar opposite Florida communities connected this week via two of the few things they have in common – bicycles and social responsibility.

In an act of grassroots charity, affluent Sanibel Island residents donated more than 100 bicycles to Immokalee residents. People who ride bikes through quaint Gulf-front resort villages are donating them to people who cannot afford better transportation.

"It's just amazing," said Annie Nachtsheim, a Sanibel trucking company owner who launched the bicycle drive last year.

Billy's Rentals, a bicycle rental business in Sanibel, became a dropoff point for donations. Owner Billy Kirkland hauled three trailer loads of bicycles to Immokalee.

"The residents of the island are a very giving people," he said.

In Immokalee, Redlands Christian Migrant Association, a non-profit child-care

provider for farm workers and the rural poor, contacted a variety of social-service agencies to share the bicycles among those who needed them the most.

Bicycles are part of Sanibel Island's serene ambiance. The island has 27 miles of bike paths and a 300-member bicycle club. In Immokalee, bicycles are a common, utilitarian vehicle for the thousands of area farm workers who labor in the winter vegetable industry.

The farm workers have suffered exceptional financial stress in the last month. January's prolonged freeze destroyed as much as two-thirds of some crops, triggering comparable job losses in the fields and packing houses.

In fact, as Sanibel Islanders give away bicycles in Immokalee Tuesday morning, The Salvation Army two miles away will be distributing emergency food supplies.

Bicycle distributions were held at two different times yesterday in Immokalee, one from 10:30-11 a.m. and also from 6-6:30 p.m. last evening at the Immokalee Community School, 123 North 4th St., in Immokalee.

Organizers of the event include: Soon Come Contract Hauling, Billy's Rentals, Sanibel Island, Sanibel Bicycle Club, Redlands Christian Migrant Association, Groups offered bicycles, Redlands Christian Migrant Association, RCMA Immokalee Community School, Immokalee High School Migrant Education Program, Farmworker Association of Florida, PIT Youth Soccer Team, Coalition of Immokalee Workers, Guadalupe Center, Guadalupe Social Services, Collier County Migrant Education Parent Advisory Committee.

News in Brief

Little leaguers to open games soon

Little league opening day is anticipated for Feb. 27. Please feel free to contact any Board member if you have any questions, Juan Garcia 239-634-2407, Corina Garcia 239 462-8705, Hector Ramos 239-564-9645, and Terri Aviles 239-503-5568.

Harvest Fest to celebrate 50 years

This year, the Annual Immokalee Harvest Festival will turn a half century with a celebration to be held in John Jimmie Memorial Arena Rodeo Grounds, 195 S.R. 29 S. in Immokalee. The event will be held on Saturday, March 20, and will begin at 10 a.m. with a parade. The rodeo ground will open at 9 a.m. and the Family Ranch Rodeo will start at 6 p.m. that evening.

The event will be great family fun for all and will include live music with Confederate Road and the Blackwater Boys, arts and crafts, sack races, farm fresh produce, Big Cypress Animal Exhibition, watermelon spitting contest, small medical bull, Shy Wolf Sanctuary Exhibition and Equinox Drum Circle.

Also included will be locally famous Wild Hog Barbecue with Immokalee salad!

Admission to the event is \$10 per person and all persons under 12 years are free! Parking is just \$1.

You can redeem your entrance ticket at our local Seminole Casino of Immokalee for \$10 free play. You must be 21 years of age and a member of the Players Club to participate. What a bargain!

For more information, please call 239-657-3237 - Chamber of Commerce and vendors interested in participating can call 239-370-1752.

FOOD

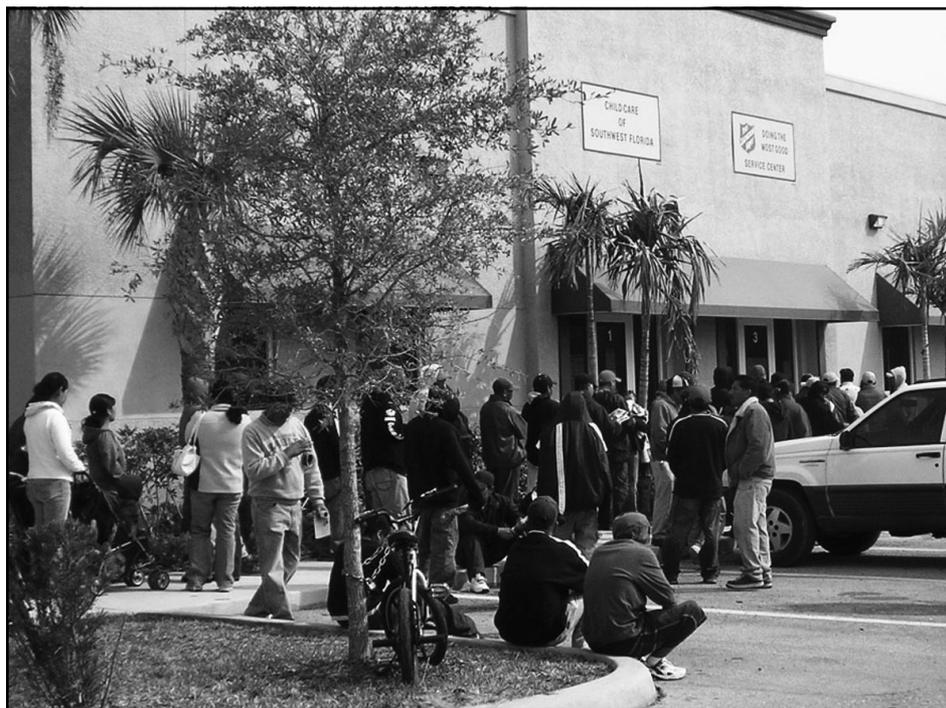
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for food each week. Over 850 families have signed up for food.

Food Distribution began on Tuesday, Feb 23, between 10 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. and then each day through to Friday for 6 weeks. Workers from Six L's will receive food on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and other farm workers on Thursdays and Fridays.

Agencies assisting in this project with the Salvation Army are the Emergency Services Collaborative of Immokalee, Harry Chapin Food Bank, Collier Harvest and Six L's who have been pro active in supporting and assisting their workers with food and deliveries.

I HOPE is working with FEMA, World Vision, Convoy of Hope and Compassion Alliance, in an effort to bring in additional food supplies over the next few weeks. Members of the Immokalee Lions Club have provided valuable assistance in the sorting and packing of food supplies.



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/Rick Heers
Hundreds lined up on Tuesday at the food distribution center at 2050 Commerce Ave, Unit 3, in Immokalee. Out of work farm workers and their families were finally getting some relief since the January freeze put them out of work and forced them to have to resort to scenarios such as this to feed their families. The use of the building has been kindly donated by Robert W. Juster and Walt Burdick, owners of TMI.

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Letters to the Editor

Black History event

On Feb. 20, "The Taste of Soul Parade and Festival," held its second event. This will be an annual Black History Event (February) for purposes of raising Scholarship monies for our young leaders graduating from Immokalee High School who aspire to go off to college or selecting a vocational career of their choice. This year's event was huge a success.

On behalf of all Our African American churches in Immokalee, we would like to thank the community for their support and participation in making this event the best ever. We also would like to thank our local Sheriff Department, Parks and Recreation, all of our African American churches and all the workers bees in the Immokalee community for a job well done.

Cherryle Thomas

Census

An article in Ft Myers News Press on Feb. 5, focused on the fact that the Federal Census Bureau is employing a professional 2010 Census group called "The 2010 Census Portrait of America Road Tour" to make sure all the legal and "Illegal" migrant workers in Florida and any and all states that are known to employ migrants. They were in Immokalee, in Collier county, near Naples which has an estimated 14,000 Hispanic migrants out of a total population of 20,000, and are scheduled to make 800 more visits by April 1, when the census officially starts.

The U.S. Census Bureau estimates that in the census of 2000 only about 56 percent of the Hispanics in Collier county were count-

ed due to fears "that if they come forward and are counted they will be sent back to their country and they'll never come back." All of this despite the fact that they are being told by the "Road Tour" people that "They never ask for Social Security" numbers or whether they are documented. They also said they don't share information with any other government agencies and that an accurate count will bring more government funding to Immokalee."

Fears also have been expressed that because of the nations economic woes leading to foreclosures and job losses, many families have moved in with each other and they are afraid that their landlords will find out that they are in violation of their rental agreements that sets a limit on occupancy numbers. Most often 4 people max is now seeing as many as 13 people per house. In an effort to quell these fears, the "Road Show" is telling them that, like any other government agency, they don't share any information with the landlords either."

So, if we are to believe that legal citizenship is not a necessary qualification in the census, then all the efforts to stop illegal immigration and deport the millions already here will not stop the resultant counting of the illegals in determining government revenue sharing and political gerrymandering in this the "Portrait of America Road Tour" version of "Censusphobia."

**T. W. Bill Neville
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Speak Out/Public Forum

Speak Out has moved online, where it is quicker and easier to share your ideas and converse with others. Go to www.newszap.com, click on the community name and your local or state Public Forum. There you can create new topics or comment on existing topics. What follows is a sampling of some of the discussions currently taking place. Thanks for participating!

Airport Expansion

- It's about time the county invested

Local Forecast

Weather forecast for Collier County from the National Weather Service

Local Forecast

Today: Mostly sunny with a high near 69 and winds from the north between 8 and 13 mph.

Tonight: Mostly clear with a low around 36 and winds from the northwest around 6 mph becoming calm.

Extended Forecast

Friday: Sunny with a high near 71 and winds from the north between 3 and 8 mph.

Friday night: Mostly clear with a low around 40 and winds from the north between 3 and 6 mph.

Saturday: Partly cloudy with a high near 73 and a 20 percent chance of showers.

Saturday night: Partly cloudy with a low around 47.

Sunday: Mostly sunny with a high near 75.

Sunday night: Partly cloudy with a low around 51.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 77.

News in Brief

Reunion planned

The Immokalee Child Care Center will be hosting a reunion for all former graduates. If you are a former Immokalee Child Care Center graduate and would like to be part of this celebration, please contact Valarie Bostic at 239-657-4130.

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some money in helping Immokalee. The airport expansion sounds like a step in the right direction.

Five Days of Spay

• I wish all communities would provide low cost spay and neuter programs. I am so sick of seeing dogs and cats just abandoned and then they create problems for the homeowners by tearing up trash or attacking family pets.

Obituaries

June E. Phelan, 78

IMMOKALEE — June E. Phelan, 78, passed away peacefully in her sleep on Friday, Feb. 19, 2010.

She was a long time resident of Immokalee. She moved from Homestead, to work at the Clinic in 1975. She later worked as a Correctional Officer at H.C.I. and then at the Hendry County Jail. She was born June 12, 1931, in Belleville, Ill., the daughter of Clarence and Carrie Jessup.

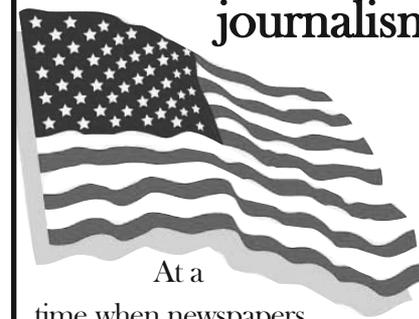
She will be missed by her family and many friends in the community.

Survivors include her husband, Claude "Sarge" E. Phelan; step sons, Steve Phelan of Nevada; Joe Karban of Illinois; one grandchild, and three great-grandchildren.

Cremation took place at Caloosa Crematory in LaBelle.

Cremation Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.

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Benefit luncheon helps mend broken hearts

The tenth annual Mending Broken Hearts with Hope Luncheon, featuring Victor Rivas Rivers, national spokesperson for the National Network to End Domestic Violence, actor, author and former NFL offensive guard for the Miami Dolphins who will share his personal story of triumph over enduring horrific child abuse and witnessing domestic violence on the level of torture at the hands of his father.

The itinerary for this year's event includes:

10 a.m. Designer Boutique, Plaza Ballroom

10:30 a.m. Press Conference, Artisan Room

11 a.m. Silent Auction, Raffle, General Reception with keynote speaker

12:30 p.m. Luncheon featuring special guest presentations, including Chico's Brand President Cinny Murray and keynote address by Victor Rivas Rivers

The event will be held on Friday, Feb.

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Students First

IHS - It's a good year!

By Joe Landon

Collier County District Schools

Immokalee's schools are enjoying a very good year. That was the word from principals during a recent School Board community dialogue meeting held at the new Immokalee Technical Center.

Linda Salazar, Immokalee High School principal, told Board members that as she looks at her data, she sees that "everything that you would want to see going up is going up. And everything you'd want to see going down is going down. Our attendance rate is up, out of school suspensions are going down. Discipline is going down. The amount of parent involvement has more than tripled since our first year at the school, and that always sets the climate for the rest of the school."

Principal Salazar says that students are showing up each day ready to learn. She also reports that gains are being made in every area. "Last year our freshman academy, which has been re-established in the last three years, had 12 percent reading gains on FCAT - highest amount of gains made in the State of Florida. So we were very proud of them." Those of us at the school district office are proud of Linda's students as well.

IHS students perform well at business competition

Seventeen Immokalee High School students involved in Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) competed recently at the Annual FBLA District Competition in LaBelle and received high marks. First place winners now advance to the state competition to be held April 5-8, in Orlando. Congratulations to all the students for a job well done.

First Place: Andrea Guerrero - Business Calculations

Second Place: Diane Dorsinvil - Economics

Christina Occeus - Public Speaking II
Third Place: Elizabeth Castaneda - Word Processing II,

Robert Garcia - Business Calculations



Speaking of Immokalee High School, the school's A-Team Challenge academic team will go head to head with Fort Myers High School on TV, on the A-Team Challenge TV show. Students from Collier County's high schools face off against students from more than 20 other Southwest Florida schools in this competition which is billed as one which "fosters academic excellence." The shows are hosted by NBC-2 TV's Craig Wolf. Now the show featuring our Immokalee High School students will be on TV at 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. on Monday (March 1st) on The Education Channel, Comcast cable 99. If you can't watch during the day on Monday, it'll also be on TV at 4 p.m. next weekend - both Saturday and Sunday, March 6 and 7. We know the "Indians" excel in sports - on the field and on the court - and they're awesome in BETA Club performances and competitions, but we know that that they excel academically as well. It'll be neat seeing them on TV, watching as they take part in the A Team Challenge.

Richard Hernandez and Ruby Olvera - Business Ethics Team

Juan Raul Sandoval - Job Interview

Fourth Place:

Benissa Chery - Impromptu

Jose Hernandez - Word Processing II

Fifth Place:

Adriana Lara - Impromptu

A special thank you goes to The Immokalee Foundation for their continuous monetary support and commitment to the club.

To learn more, please contact Business Education teacher Ada Campos at 239-377-1852 or via e-mail at Camposad@collier.k12.fl.us.

RCMA's Mainster honored

Barbara Mainster, who expanded a trio of child-care centers into one of the nation's largest nonprofit child-care providers, was honored last week by the National Council of Jewish Women.

The Naples/Marco section of the NCJW named Mainster as one of four "Agents for Change" at a luncheon Tuesday at The Vineyards Country Club.

Mainster is Executive Director of Redlands Christian Migrant Association, which serves nearly 8,000 children of low-income rural families in 21 Florida counties. Also honored Tuesday were:

• Wilson G. Bradshaw, president of Florida Gulf Coast University.

• Christine Greider, Circuit Court judge presiding over felony drug court in Hendry, Glades and Collier counties.

• Colleen M. Kvetko, founder of Florida Shores Bank - Gulfcoast, and a pioneer for women bankers.

Mainster joined the Immokalee-based RCMA in 1972, and was named executive director in 1988. RCMA caters to low-income and migrant families, offering quality preschool education to the children and a broader menu of help to their families. RCMA recruits employees extensively in farm worker communities, to deliver its services consistent with the families' cultures. Most are Hispanic.

Migrant Education takes outreach to the streets

The Collier Migrant Education Program is continuing the tradition of conducting community outreach in the spring to identify and serve migrant Out-of-School Youth (OSY) through its "Taking it to the Streets" initiative. We are currently scheduling this outreach on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 4:30-7 p.m.

If you would like to join us any of these days to share information regarding your services, please contact our program secretary, Isabelle Campbell at 239-377-1829 to confirm a location prior to going in case there is a cancellation due to weather or another reason. You will need to bring along your own table and chairs, if need-

ed. Although we specifically target youth between the ages of 16-21, older persons are also usually in the area.

2/23 Pantry Shelf
2/25 C & C Rental behind Handy on Main Street
3/2 La Mexicana II
3/4 Starling 1509 Immokalee Drive
3/9 Wells Street
3/11 Carter's Trailer Park off Carson Rd
3/16 511 New Market Rd
3/18 N. 10th St. across from Immokalee Middle School
3/23 Boston and 4th
3/25 Tara Park

Education News in Brief

Free On-Line Tutoring

Free online tutoring service by Tutor.com connects students to expert tutors for assistance with math, science, social studies, English, chemistry, book reports and more using the Internet. The Immokalee Branch Library is here to help! Available to students K to adult Monday-Friday from 2 p.m until close at Immokalee Community Park, 417 N. First Street. Call for more information at 239-657-2882.

Computer class helps answer questions

Bilingual staff from Naples Free-Net answers your computer and Internet related questions. Class size is limited to 7 participants. The classes will take place on Thursdays, March 11, April 15, May 13, at 6 p.m. at Immokalee Community Park at 417 N. First St. in Immokalee. Call 239-657-2882 for more information.

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The Immokalee Foundation, volunteering for the community

More than a dozen students with The Immokalee Foundation volunteered at the First Annual Wings & Wheels event at the Immokalee Airport this month. These students affiliated with Future Builders of America and an after-school tutoring program called Immokalee Readers worked at the balloons, raffle and popcorn booths. A wide variety of aircraft, racecars and Florida National Guard equipment was on display among many other attractions, including a car show, bounce house and food booths.

The students volunteered and also participated in activities including wall climbing, where they learned to work as a team, gained trust in others, increased self-confidence and took positive risks.

The Immokalee staff members, Elda Hernandez and Noemi Perez, described the event as fun and educational.



"It was a great day," Ms. Hernandez said. "Students volunteered and received an array of information from the organizations that participated as well."

Volunteering at events, such as Wings & Wheels, is just a part of what The Immokalee Foundation does for the community.

Since 1991, The Immokalee Foundation has been creating pathways to success for Immokalee's children through a variety of programs that focus on mentorship, after-school activities, college scholarships, the development of vocational skills and incen-

tives for educational growth. In 2009, The Immokalee Foundation served 2,700 children through its seven core programs.

The Immokalee Foundation offers a road map toward a brighter future. It helps manage six core programs including: College Success: Take Stock in Children, Direct Scholarships, Vocational Success: Future Builders of America, Out of School Program: The First Tee of Naples/Collier, Immokalee Readers and Community Grants.

One of The Immokalee Foundation's oldest programs, Community Grants has provided nearly \$2.5 million in project-specific funding to Immokalee community organizations since 1991. Community Grants has helped a local elementary school to keep its library open during the summer, a reading organization to give pre-kindergarten students books for their homes, a health or-

ganization to provide children in need with emergency medical services — assistance that allows Immokalee's next generation to keep its eye on educational success.

The Immokalee Foundation teamed up with First Book-Collier County to provide more than 3,500 new books for pre-kindergarten kids. Immokalee High School benefited from grants in support of a range of extracurricular programs, including music education, career exploration and Junior Achievement. The Immokalee Foundation joined forces with Village Oaks Elementary School to keep the school's library open during the summer.

For more information call 239-430-9122. You can also email: info@immokaleefoundation.org and visit online at www.immokaleefoundation.org.

LWIT High School Book Club event

The Mustang Book Club of Lorenzo Walker Technical High School (LWTHS) will hold a book fair from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. on Saturday, Feb. 27, at Barnes & Noble Booksellers in the Waterside Shops located at 5377 Tamiami Trail. Come out and shop the wide selection of books, music, gifts, and even café items. A portion of the day's sales will benefit the book club when patrons mention "Lorenzo Walker Technical High School."

Some special activities planned for the

day include:

- Clifford the Big Red Dog, visiting with children from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

- Storytime at 10:30 a.m., where members of the Mustang Club will read their favorite Clifford and other popular book selections — bring your children, nieces, nephews, brothers, and sisters!

- A scavenger hunt, coordinated by the Barnes & Noble staff, will also take place during the fair. The hunt is available the entire day. Challenge your skills and be eligible

for a basket full of Lorenzo Walker goodies including gift certificates towards culinary delights, a relaxing massage, and cosmetology and automotive services.

An information table about the Lorenzo Walker campus will also be set up and staffed from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Learn more about both the technical high school and the adult postsecondary programs that are offered.

Education News

Library presents

Story Time

Immokalee Branch Library, 417 N. First St. will present Story Time on Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. "ABC Combined Story Time" is open to children age 10 months-5 years. Bring your child and enjoy a good story! For information please call 239-657-2882.



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/Cherryle Thomas

Taste of Soul

Harold Weeks, president of the Collier Branch of the NAACP, standing beside Sgt. William Carey of the 54th Massachusetts Colored Division, Portrayed by Fred N. Thomas Jr., a local community leader. Both were some of the guest speakers at the "Taste of Soul" event.

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County offers Bike Safety Rodeo event

Collier County's Community Traffic Safety Team (CTST) is holding a Bike Safety Rodeo and providing free helmets with fittings for children on Saturday, March 6, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at North Collier Regional Park near the Administration building. These activities are part of the Second Annual Miracle Limbs-Courage in Motion Benefit Bike Ride.

The Bike Safety Rodeo will teach six elements of safe bicycle riding to children and teens. Participants can either bring their own bike or use one of the children's bikes supplied by CTST. Children are required to know how to ride a bike. To find the location of the Bike Rodeo and free helmets with fittings, look for the large trailer with the CTST bears riding their bikes. There will be lots of fun and prizes. In addition, raffle tickets will be sold for a child's bike that will be on display at the CTST trailer. The raffle will benefit Miracle Limbs-Courage in Motion, a non-profit organization devoted to the psychological, medical, financial, and spiritual support of amputees.

Free helmets will be provided to children

on a first come, first served basis until they are gone. Helmets will only be provided to the children present since the child must be there to ensure proper fit.

The Second Annual Miracle Limbs-Courage in Motion Bike Ride registration begins at 6:30 a.m. with the first ride starting at 7 a.m. followed by staggered starting times for the rest of the rides. The event will feature a two-mile family fun ride through the park, as well as 10-, 28-, 42- and 62-mile city rides and a new 4.8-mile timed trial ride. The registration fee is \$35 per rider for those 11 years and older, \$10 per non-rider; and children 10 and younger are free. Registration includes a free T-shirt, power breakfast, lunch buffet, a children's bike safety clinic and additional fun activities. There will also be fully supported rest breaks and prosthesis for amputee rider support.

For additional information on the CTST Bike Safety Rodeo and free helmets with fittings, contact CTST Safety Coordinator Nancy Frye at 239-252-8260.



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/Marya Repko

History lesson

Local historian Marya Repko will give an illustrated lecture about the "History of the Fakahatchee" on Friday, Feb. 26, at the Ivey House B&B in Everglades City. She will also be signing her book, *A Brief History of the Fakahatchee The Ivey House* itself is historic, having been built in the early 1920s as a facility for Tamiami Trail workers. In 2007 it received the first Green Lodging designation in Collier County. Everyone is welcome. Phone 239-695-3299 for info.

Census Bureau offers safety tips on how to identify Census workers

By being counted in the 2010 Census you are standing up for what your community's needs are. That's why census takers are so important. A census taker is a person from your community who is hired by the Census Bureau to make sure that your neighborhood gets represented as accurately as possible. The census taker's primary responsibility is to collect census information from residences that have not sent back their 2010 Census form. The Census Bureau provides the census taker with a binder containing all of the addresses that didn't send back a filled out census form. The census taker then visits all of those addresses and records the answers to the questions on the form. If no one answers at a particular residence, a census taker will visit that home up to three times, each time

leaving a door hanger featuring a phone number; residents can call the number on the hanger to schedule the visit.

The census taker will ONLY ask the questions that appear on the census form. They will NEVER ask for your Social Security Number or personal banking information (such as account numbers or passwords).

Your privacy and confidentiality is our priority!

The census taker who collects your information is sworn for life to protect your data under Federal Law Title 13. Those who violate the oath face criminal penalties: Under federal law, the penalty for unlawful disclosure is a fine of up to \$250,000 or imprisonment for up to 5 years, or both.

iPhone App helps you keep up with crime

Collier County residents can now take their neighborhood crime map with them wherever they go, thanks to a new iPhone application.

Offered by the Collier County Sheriff's Office in partnership with CrimeReports, the application provides local crime mapping and national sex offender data. CCSO already publishes its crime data on its Web site through Crimereports. The iPhone application makes the information more accessible than ever.

The application is free and available at the iTunes App Store.

Sheriff Kevin J. Rambosk said the application is one of many ways CCSO is partnering with the community to keep Collier County safe.

"I have always believed that an informed community is a safe community," Sheriff Rambosk said. In addition to local crime, the

CrimeReports iPhone application also features crime data for more than 600 other law enforcement agencies across North America, and includes registered sex offender data for all 50 states.

The CrimeReports iPhone application allows anyone to:

- Filter data by location or address, incident type, and customizable date range
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Soup kitchen has tough time helping others

Help is needed now!

During the early 1980's, while evaluating the needs in Immokalee, Srs. Jane Burke and Marie McFadden concluded that the most critical need of Immokalee's poor was food because an overwhelming number of families, with no jobs or money, were going hungry on a daily basis.

Three decades later the need is once again critical. In Immokalee, workers in the agricultural industry are struggling to make ends meet. The crop killing freeze has left field workers and packing house employees without jobs for weeks. The increased need for food, clothing and showers has been overwhelming. The soup kitchen is now serving twice as many people — about 400 daily.

The Guadalupe Center has a number of programs to help the most impoverished individuals living in Collier County. However, financial assistance is needed to support our

Client Services programs which include our Soup Kitchen as well as our Clothing and Shower Program. Our Soup Kitchen is open 5 days a week and serves approximately 50,000 hot meals per year. Donated clothing is distributed to approximately 7,000 clients annually and hot showers and toiletries are available 3 days per week. We rely on the individual volunteers and groups from churches and communities who assist us in our daily operations.

Take the time to give thanks for all that's good in your life—and help us give to others who may not be as fortunate. Donations can be mailed to the Guadalupe Center, 509 Hope Circle, Immokalee, FL 34142. All donations are 100 percent tax-deductible and will be used to benefit the children and families served by the Guadalupe Center. To schedule a visit, support, or for more information, please call 239-657-7711 or visit www.guadalupecenter.net.



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/Guadalupe Center
Long, long lines wrapped around the building at the Guadalupe Center Soup Kitchen gives an indication of the dire need for a continual stream of supplies to help the local people and farmworkers of Immokalee.

Emergency needs to help the people of Immokalee

The Guadalupe Center operates the only Soup Kitchen in Immokalee. Due to the recent freezes and the current cold temperatures, there is little to no work in the fields. This means thousands of Immokalee residents and families have no income, no way to provide the basic needs. The Guadalupe Center Soup Kitchen is doing its best to help. We are currently serving twice as many people each day, almost 500 women, men and children.

The Guadalupe Center needs your help. You can help by sending a cash donation to:

509 Hope Circle, Immokalee, FL 34142
Or you may help by providing items needed for the Soup Kitchen.

Immediate Needs: Large #10 cans of: Green Beans, corn, peas, carrots, potatoes,

mixed vegetables, beans (kidney, red, navy, black, black eyed, pinto, etc.), large cans of fruit including peaches, pears, apricots, mixed fruit, tropical fruit. Other items needed are: powdered drink mixes and peanut butter.

In addition to our food necessities there are a few other specific needs for the other Client Services programs. The clothing room needs men's pants, sizes 30 and 32s, and men's tennis shoes, sizes 7 and 8. The shower program is in need of razors.

All donations may be dropped off at one of the below locations:

The Soup Kitchen in Immokalee, 211 Ninth Street South, Immokalee, or Guadalupe Upscale Resale and Consignment Shop, 8100 Trail Boulevard, Naples.



You can adopt one of these nice cats, or another pet from Collier County Domestic Animal Services at 7610 Davis Blvd., Naples. For information, Call 239-252-PETS (7387) or visit DAS online to find lost/adoptable pets at www.collierpets.com.

Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/DAS

Pets of the Week

These two kitties are waiting for new homes, both are young and love attention. Zora (left) is a orange and white domestic short hair 6 month old male cat. Zora likes to cuddle and relax with you. Thomas is a black and white domestic short hair 7 month old male cat. He enjoys hanging around with you and likes other cats.



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