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New homebuyer workshops planned

The Empowerment Alliance of Southwest Florida is conducting a series of evening workshop that are designed to give prospective home buyers a comprehensive understanding of buying a home including. Part I & II English/Spanish Workshop will be offered on Monday, May 10 and Monday, May 17 from 6-9 p.m. The class location for the workshop will be the career and services center of Southwest Florida, 750 South Fifth Street, Immokalee. Registration is limited so register early. To register or for more information, please call Ana Salazar at 239-658-3318. The workshop is co-sponsored by Collier County Housing and Human Services.

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Day of Service brings success with 'Linking Arms'

By Marylou V Navarrete
Special to the Immokalee Bulletin

The Day of Service for the "Immokalee Beautification Project", on Saturday, April 24, was a sweet success. The day started bright and early for over 300 members from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They gathered together from communities of Lee and Collier Counties to paint homes and a local church building in Immokalee for the "Day of Service". Included were ten Immokalee High school student volunteers from the Front Porch organization, led by Vicki Carr, who joined the teams in the beautification project.

The Naples crew of more than 45 painted the three church

buildings at the Assembly of God Church, on Ninth Street, the same white color. Primary aged children made baskets of goodwill and they were distributed to the homeowners in the spirit of making their house a home. The Young Women's Organization made 100 Hygiene Kits to give to the Immokalee Friendship House.

Ron Hooks, Program Staff Coordinator at the Friendship House, said "It's a blessing. We can always use hygiene products." Ron then gave the group a tour through the clean and well-organized homeless shelter which is supported through the United Way and private donations. "The shelter has a

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Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/Marylou Navarrete
Working together, thanks in part to a proclamation by the Board of County Commissioners naming the Day of Service, Latter Day Saints Church members and volunteers continue to transform a blue colored home to green.

Moms get free day at Sun N Fun Lagoon

Mothers are special all of the time, but on Mother's Day it's a chance to thank them for all they have done for you. This Sunday, May 9, mothers are invited into Sun-N-Fun Lagoon free of charge with one paid admission.

So dads, you can help your child give Mom the gift of outdoor fun with a relaxing, fun day at Sun-N-Fun Lagoon. The water park hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

This promotion is only good on Mother's Day. Food concessions are available, but no outside food is permitted.

Sun-N-Fun Lagoon Water Park Facility Attractions include: One waterslide drops into Sunny's Lazy River, 4 water slides take you to a drop pool, Heated family pool, Tadpole Pool, a children's activity wading water

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National Day of Prayer events set for Immokalee

At least two special activities by local churches are open to Christians in Immokalee to join together in prayer for our community, our county and our country during these times of local, national and international crises.

First Baptist Church is inviting any from the community to join them in a special time of prayer from noon-1 p.m. outside the church at the corner of Lake Trafford Road and Route 29 North. In case of inclement weather, prayer will be held inside the sanctu-

ary. Pastor Dennis Norvell invites anyone from our Christian community to join together during this special occasion.

First United Methodist Church, on the corner of Roberts Avenue and North 9th Street will also have its sanctuary open for any and all who like to join them as well from noon-1 p.m. for a time of concentrated prayer. Pastor Merritt Waters similarly invites any Christians to join this celebration of the National Day of Prayer.

iTECH brings family care center to campus

Something magical is forming out of a new partnership between the Immokalee Technical Center (iTECH) and CHS Healthcare (formerly Collier Health Services). This partnership came about from a vision, to teach students in a "real world" setting. To achieve this, CHS moved their Immokalee Family Care Center (IFCC) office to iTECH. This primary care office runs side by side next to student-run businesses at iTECH.

iTECH was chosen for several reasons. It is the newest technical training center in Florida, and it focuses on state of the art career and technical education programs for high school students and adults. When it became known to CHS executives that a medical office was outlined for the iTECH project, it seemed a natural fit for the non-profit organization to move its established IFCC practice to this new modern facility.

"We envisioned a school in which students learn career skills through running businesses-- real businesses that are open to the public.

Embedding a family practice in the center allows our nursing students to have clinical experiences without having to leave campus," said Dorin Oxender, Principal of iTECH.

Norma Innis Montgomery, a current practical nursing student said, "I'm looking forward to spending time as a nursing student in the CHS clinic at iTECH. It will be interesting to see the differences between a primary care office in the community compared to the hospital. I really like that it's on campus."

iTECH students will rotate through the IFCC practice in order to provide them real world experiences as part of the educational process. The relationship with CHS Healthcare and iTECH is unique, providing both an education for students and medical services to patients.

To learn more, please contact Dorin Oxender at 239-377-9900.

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capacity of 48, except when the facility becomes a rescue shelter during a hurricane which can take in an additional 99 people by setting up cots in an additional area." Ron explained, "We don't turn anyone away."

Gordon Lowery, whom was the Day of Service Committee Chairman said, "a great work was performed on the 17th with the power washing and again on the 24th with the Hygiene kits, the "making a house a home" baskets, the painting of homes and a church and some of the best home cooked food I have ever had at a church function. We chatted with a few home owners after the event and they were thrilled with the professional work everyone performed. They looked like new homes full of bright smiling faces.

Joann Postell, homeowner on 618 Circle Ave in Immokalee said, "I truly appreciate the people coming out. I knew I needed paint, but I didn't have the money to do it. People sure are nice. I would have had to do it little by little." The happy painting crew of 25 high school students and adults transformed the dark brown house into a brightly painted home before noon.

Madie Stokes, another homeowner on 509 Stokes Ave, says that her children all grew up in the home. It made her feel like a young woman to have a freshly painted house that she had been trying to do herself

for the past two years.

Homeowners Pablo and Maria Navarrete, of 403 W Jefferson Ave, also said, "We feel good that people came out to do a nice thing for so many of us that live in Immokalee. Our house was a blue color for 15 years and now it is a bright green. Thank you."

A new local LDS church being built at 1218 SR29 Immokalee is where the volunteers gathered and then separated into the community by crews of 24 and more. Dr. Robert Pritt of Ft. Myers, President of the Ft. Myers area serving Punta Gorda to Naples, said, "We are thrilled to be able to help our brothers and sisters in Immokalee and demonstrate our love for our Savior Jesus Christ." The new chapel in Immokalee is scheduled for completion this summer and visitors are always welcomed.

Describing the character of Latter-day Saints, Newsweek magazine wrote: "No matter where Mormons live, they find themselves part of a network of mutual concern; in Mormon theology everyone is a minister of a kind, everyone is empowered in some way to do good to others, and to have good done unto them: it is a 21st century covenant of caring."

The Church's teachings and programs are designed to fortify the family. The time-honored virtues of charity, sacrifice, patience and forgiveness enable society to prosper and they are most effectively learned at home. The Day of Service united local organizations in a service project which helped bring relief to those suffering because of the economic downturn.



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/Marylou Navarrete
Volunteers and Latter Day Saints Church members spend the day painting many homes in the Immokalee area during the Day of Service proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners. The paint and supplies were all donated by the church with crew chiefs named to sign up homes to be painted. The day was planned as part of the Immokalee Beatification Project coordinating efforts of local volunteers and church members. Great job and many thanks to all!

We would like to give a special "Thank You" to all that participated and to the Collier County Board of Commissioners for the signing of the proclamation to officially declare and support April 24, as the Day of Service. We are Christians who like to serve others in a Christ like fashion. To

watch a video of the Day of Service April 24, "Immokalee Beautification Project" on Youtube, go to <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NRpDJgbeoq4>, if not go to www.youtube.com and enter jtrttrb and then look for Day of Service Project 2010 in Immokalee).

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area with a fish slide and more

- Turtle Cove, a pool for ages 5-12 years old with lily pads and ropes for climbing
- Sunny's Lazy River, 1200 feet long
- All pools except Tadpole wading area are heated

The park is offering a special discount this year to Collier County residents with a Florida Driver's License. With a Florida Driver's License showing a Collier County address, you and your party will receive \$2 off any 48 inch or taller entry, normally \$12. Children three and under enter free and those shorter than 48 inches are just \$5.50.

Add sales tax to all fees listed above.
Group rates, seasonal passes and party

packages are also available. Call 239-252-4073.

Summer Hours of Operation Begin Memorial Day:

Summer hours for Sun-N-Fun Lagoon are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the water park is open every day of the week from Memorial Day through Collier County back to school.

For more information about Sun-N-Fun Lagoon or other public pool facilities, please visit the Parks and Recreation Department online at: www.collierparks.com. The public may call Sun-N-Fun Lagoon at 239-252-4021.

Ave Maria Dance Academy to hold second annual dance recital

Ave Maria Dance Academy (www.ave-mariadance.com) is holding its Second Annual Dance Recital on May 29, at 1 p.m. at the Palmetto Ridge H.S. on Oil Well Road. At this three hour event 100 dancers will be performing in over 35 routines. It will be an exciting day with an audience of over 600 spectators.

The Dance Academy is proud to be an outstanding member in the community, involved with local events and is pleased to bring the art of dance to students from all over the community. With help from local businesses, the academy has set a goal

to raise enough money to cover costs and possibly have funds to offer scholarships next season to deserving dancers.

"We believe dance should be an integral part of every child's education because it enhances their creative abilities, stimulates their self esteem, and helps them to develop essential life skills" said Ledesma. Ave Maria Dance Academy is offering ads in the event program starting at \$30. To advertise or to attend, contact Karen Ledesma, 239-261-2606 avemariadance@comcast.net.

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County offers Hunter safety course

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) will host a free hunter safety course May 24-27 and June 6, in Collier County. Attendance on all five days is required for those seeking certification.

Students will learn about hunting laws, safe gun handling and wildlife identification, among other topics, before taking the final test. The course also includes live-firing instruction on a shooting range. All of the May evening classes will be held at the Collier County Museum, 3301 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, from 6-9 p.m. The class on June 6, will be held at BSA Camp Miles, 38751 Bermont Road, Punta Gorda, 8 a.m.

Space is limited and reservations are required. Participants may make reservations at: MyFWC.com/HunterSafety or by calling 561-625-5122. A statewide schedule of hunter safety classes is available at: MyFWC.com/HunterSafety.

Anyone born on or after June 1, 1975, must pass an approved hunter safety course before purchasing a Florida hunting license. Parents or legal guardians must accompany children under 16 years of age to all classes. To participate in the live-fire exercises, children under 18 years old must present a parental release form signed by a parent or legal guardian

CCSO using online crime reporting

Victims of certain offenses in Collier County now have the ability to file crime reports online through www.colliersheriff.org.

The new service is part of the Collier County Sheriff's Office's ongoing effort to increase service and save tax dollars.

Sheriff Kevin J. Rambosk said the online crime reporting system will free up deputies to respond to other calls and make report filing more convenient for citizens.

"If you need to report a lost cell phone for insurance purposes, you can do it online at your convenience instead of calling and waiting for a deputy to come to your house," Sheriff Rambosk said. "Meanwhile, the dep-

uty who would have been dispatched to your location is out taking care of other calls."

The system may be used to report harassing phone calls, lost property, criminal mischief, petty theft, grand theft up to \$1,000, animal complaints, identity theft and property damage. Crime tips can also be reported.

Only crimes that take place within Collier County but outside the Naples and Marco Island city limits may be reported through the system. Anyone who is unsure whether their crime meets that requirement can find out by calling CCSO's non-emergency number, 239-252-9300.

Weather Forecast

Weather forecast for Collier County from the National Weather Service

Local Forecast

Thursday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 90. Calm wind becoming south southeast between 4 and 7 mph.

Thursday night: A slight chance of showers before midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. South southwest wind around 6 mph becoming calm. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Extended Forecast

Friday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 90. Calm wind becoming south between 5 and 8 mph.

Friday night: A slight chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 68. South wind between 4 and 7 mph becoming calm. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a high near 91.

Saturday night: A 10 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 69.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a high near 91.

Sunday night: A 10 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 69.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 91.

News in Brief

IHS to hold 20 year reunion

Save the Date - June 12 and 13! Immokalee High School old classmates will come together and reconnect. The class of 1990 is celebrating the occasion with what will prove to be a memorable reunion. For more information and to register, please go to: www.classreport.org <<http://www.classreport.org/>>. Click your way to the IHS site and sign up to be included in all of the announcements and updates. You can also e-mail Pete Cade at: pcade@hodges.edu or call him at: 863-228-1359. The deadline to register is quickly approaching so please do not delay. Hope to see you there!

Lawrence Center provides children's assessments

The month of May has officially been proclaimed Mental Health Month which aims to raise awareness of the availability of effective, scientifically based mental health programs and how to access care locally if needed. This year, David Lawrence Center is taking this opportunity to focus on children's mental health which affects one in five young people.

Mental health problems are painful – emotionally, spiritually and socially – especially for children and adolescents. Words that make fun of mental health create a sense of shame, feelings of guilt and loss of self-esteem. Children and adolescents exposed to such a negative view of themselves feel rejected, lonely and isolated. At

the David Lawrence Center, Collier County's only not-for-profit community mental health and substance abuse treatment provider, nearly 5,000 children each year receive prevention, intervention and treatment services that include crisis intervention, psychiatric medical services, individual and family outpatient treatment, group therapy, case management, therapeutic onsite services and prevention education.

In honor of Mental Health Month, David Lawrence Center is offering free children's mental health assessments. To schedule an assessment appointment, call Juvenile Assessment Services, located at the David Lawrence Center Horseshoe Drive Satellite Office, at 239-263-4013.

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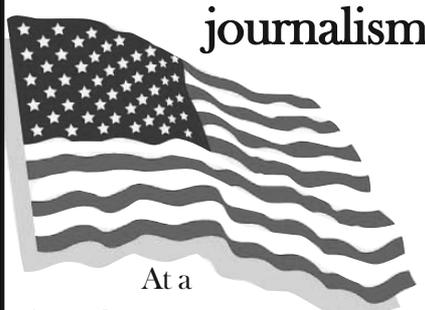


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Charity Golf Classic raises \$100,000 for Immokalee children

Stormy weather on April 26, was no match for the 2010 Charity Classic Inter-Club Challenge. Twenty foursomes from local country clubs and their clubs' golf pros banked on the storm being short-lived and were rewarded when skies cleared for a delayed afternoon start at The Old Collier Golf Club. The tournament raised \$100,000, benefiting the children of Immokalee through a partnership of The Immokalee Foundation and The First Tee of Naples/Collier Program in Immokalee. The winning teams were from Hideout Golf Club (men's) and The Club at Mediterra (women's).

Referring to the earlier storm, tournament co-chair Tom Weyl joked with golfers gathered to tee off, "The Immokalee Foundation has overcome a lot through the years; but maybe not quite like this." He added, "Thanks to our presenting sponsor Morgan Stanley Smith Barney, our host The Old Collier Golf Club and other corporate gold sponsors and underwriters, your participation today goes right to the bottom line – helping the children of Immokalee."

Also addressing the golfers were TIF executive director Liz Allbritten and Cindy Darland, executive director of The First Tee of Naples/Collier, who told the crowd, "Because of you, the children of Immokalee can learn to play the game of golf and learn life skills along the way."

Fifty Immokalee students take part in

The First Tee of Naples/Collier Program in Immokalee, and 10 of those students with top grades were to have participated in the Inter-Club Challenge. However, with the storm making morning travel from Immokalee difficult and the delay in play, the students were not able to participate. "We were all disappointed the students could not be here, and we look forward to having them join us at next year's tournament," said Kevin T. Johnson, tournament co-chair.

The First Tee of Naples/Collier Program in Immokalee is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to positively impacting the lives of young people by teaching them nine core values through the game of golf. Proceeds from the Inter-Club Challenge will help support The Immokalee Foundation's seven core programs, one of which is The First Tee of Naples/Collier Program in Immokalee. Other TIF programs are Take Stock in Children Immokalee, College Success, Immokalee Readers, Direct Scholarships, Vocational Success and Community Grants.

The Immokalee Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is dedicated to building pathways to success for the children of Immokalee by providing educational opportunities from early childhood through the start of their professional lives through mentorship, after-school activities, college scholarships, vocational skills and incentives for educational growth. For more information,



Special to the Okeechobee News/Dawn DiNardo
A men's foursome from Hideout Golf Club and a women's team from The Club at Mediterra were first-place winners at the 2010 Charity Classic Inter-Club Challenge. Pictured (l to r) Bob Sullivan, Doug Truter, Joel Whittenhall and Harry Boardsen along with golf pro Gene Fieger (not pictured); Ann Hildebrand, Kate Riess, Patricia Vasys, Tricia Cowhig and golf pro Adam Bazalgette.

visit www.immokaleefoundation.org.

The First Tee (www.thefirsttee.org) is an initiative of the World Golf Foundation, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization based in St. Augustine, at World Golf Village, home of the World Golf Hall of Fame. Its mission is to impact the lives of young people by providing learning facilities and educational programs that promote character development and life-enhancing values through the game of golf. Since its inception in 1997, The First Tee has introduced the game of golf and its

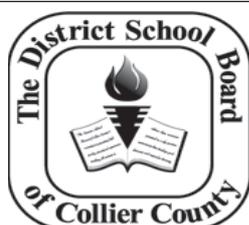
values to more than 3.5 million participants in 50 states, over 3,400 elementary schools and four international locations – Canada, Ireland, New Zealand and Singapore. Former President George H. W. Bush serves as honorary chairman. The First Tee Founding Partners are LPGA, the Masters Tournament, PGA of America, PGA TOUR and the USGA.

For information on The First Tee of Naples/Collier Program in Immokalee, call 239-825-4851 or visit www.thefirstteenaplescollier.org.

Students First

By Joe Landon
Collier County District Schools

I'm sure you've heard someone say, "Be an angel and do this or that for me." Well there's a new angel on the radar for us these days, and it's simply called ANGEL. So, what is ANGEL? It's a web-based course management and collaboration tool that helps teachers, students, and parents communicate and collaborate quickly, easily, and effectively. And this ANGEL gives you the chance to have improved home-to-school communication. With ANGEL you can easily view classroom assignments or course content information. You can get info from your child's teacher using ANGEL. As a parent or guardian, you'll need to create a CCPS account by completing steps 1 and 2 of the Parent Access registration form. The link to the site is <http://www.collierschools.com/parents/parentreg.asp>. Once your account has been set up, you'll get a confirmation e-mail that asks you to answer several "challenge" questions and then has you change your password. When the account is active (up and running) you'll want to ask for a "Student Association" from your child's school. It's all done through e-mail so you don't have to drive to the school to get it. Once the actual Student Association has been approved (one for each student you have in our school system), you'll receive an e-mail confirming the access you now have. Sounds like a lot, but the whole process just take one business day to complete. And it'll be worth it. Have questions about ANGEL? All you have to do is get with Amy Hance in



the district office. Amy's an Instructional Technology Specialist and her e-mail address: hanceam@collier.k12.fl.us. Or you can do it the old fashioned way by calling Amy at 377-0433. I'm sure she'll be an angel and will be happy to help you in any way she is able. ANGEL has been used for a few years now by colleges and universities; and here in our district, ANGEL is the hot new thing for teachers, district and school staff, and now you, the parent. Hope you have fun with it.

Also want to let you know about lots of parent stuff that you'll find on the school district Web site – at www.collierschools.com. There's a menu item on top of the home page simply labeled as "Parents" with a nice graphic showing a happy family. Click there and you'll find a ton of info – enrollment information, various parent forms, links to the Parent Guide in English, Spanish, and Creole, a link to the Student Code of Conduct, and more. From the Parents page you can get to the Student Services pages to learn about the "services" available like psychological services, scholarships, driver's education, and the Safe and Drug Free Schools program. And we're not even scratching the surface – again, a ton of stuff for you that's hopefully easy for you to find. As always, we'd appreciate your input – your feedback about our Web site. Just send an e-mail to input@collier.k12.fl.us. Happy surfing!

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County schools celebrate Pineapple Day

By Marylou Navarrete

Special to the Immokalee Bulletin

Thanks to a generous grant received by The Education Foundation of Collier County from Sweetbay Supermarkets, the Collier County Department of Nutrition Services provided the opportunity for enhanced nutrition education projects when schools all over Collier County celebrated "Pineapple Day" on April 15.

Students didn't just see pineapple on the schools menu! While the celebration promised to be fun with a contest for most participating school of decorations, pineapple carvings, games, music, student involvement, nutritious facts on pineapple, there was of course, an educational element as well. Classrooms used Reading, Art, Math Science, and Writing activities to celebrate this special day at their school.

The Immokalee High School's Nutrition Service Manager, Jeannine Bunch, and her staff did a wonderful job in making sure the cafeteria, court yard, and front offices were decorated with items related to Pineapple. They went with a Luau theme and had everything from pineapple carvings, yellow and green balloons, streamers, pictures, posters, pineapple recipes and nutrition facts posted on the walls of the cafeteria.

The Art room teacher and students helped with beautiful handmade paper lanterns that were hung up throughout the cafeteria and front offices. A Pineapple man

was even created out of hay and welcomed all in the front of the school while fishing for pineapples. Two games, a Pie Eating Contest and Pineapple ring toss were available for students to play during both lunches in the court yard along with music being played by some of the I.H.S. band students. Leis were passed out to wear around the neck for those who wore yellow shirts showing their participation for the event.

Each school offered pineapple on the breakfast and lunch menus to promote and support the pineapple industry and healthy eating. "Schools are the cornerstone of a community. Sweetbay is proud to be heavily involved in all of our communities. This Pineapple Day project combines both our commitment to unsurpassed produce and the importance of health/wellness for students throughout SW Florida," notes Nicole LeBeau, Sweetbay Supermarket spokesperson.

All of the schools that participated in Pineapple Day did an awesome job. There was an incredible support of the Principals, teachers, and cafeteria staff in using Pineapple Day as part of their educational component, that the contest was extremely close. The winners are: Elementary (no specific order) Avalon Elem., Big Cypress Elem., Laurel Oak Elem., Lely Elem., Mike Davis Elem., Calusa Park Elem. (Honorable Mention), Parkside Elementary (Honorable Mention); Middle: Cypress Palm Middle, North Naples Middle (Honorable Mention); High:



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/Marylou Navarrete
I.H.S cafeteria staffers front row kneeling: Gloria, Maria, Corina, Marylou, Jeannine. In the back row standing Undreis, Ryan, Melissa, Sandra, and Kim posing with Mr. Pineapple man while he fishes for pineapple in front of the school.

Immokalee High (Honorable Mention), Naples High School; Best Combination: Everglades City School.

The winners will be treated to a lunch reception with their staff at the MLK Jr. Administrative Center in Naples, on Thursday, May 13. The Department of Nutrition Services

would like to thank all who participated and the Education Foundation of Collier County and Sweetbay Supermarkets for their generosity and assistance in making Pineapple Day a success. Next year is the year of the KIWI.

IHS 'kisses' seniors goodbye

The school year is nearing its end, and now is the perfect time for you to show your care for your 2010 Immokalee High School (IHS) seniors. The IHS Key Club will hold a "Kiss a Senior Goodbye" event on Monday, May 10, at the school, located at 701 Immokalee Drive, in Immokalee. The Key Club will be selling Hershey's Kisses for \$2 as a gift of appreciation to IHS senior students. The kisses will be on sale during

both "A" and "B" lunch periods (10:46-11:15 a.m. and 11:35 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.), or they may be purchased from Key Club sponsor Betty Kelly in the guidance office.

All proceeds from the sale will go to the IHS Key Club so that they can start saving for the Key Club Convention – a gathering of all the Key Clubs in Florida.

To learn more, please contact Mrs. Kelly at 239-377-1800.

Education News in Brief

RCMA School Board meeting notice

The RCMA School Board Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 10. The meeting will be held at the University of Florida Gulf Coast Research & Education Center, 14625 C.R. 672, Wimauma, Florida. The meeting begins at 12:30 p.m. and is open to the public. Concerns, please call Maria Jimenez at 239-289-7995.

Kindergarten Round Up

Lake Trafford Elementary would like to announce the annual Kindergarten Round-Up. We are inviting the parents of upcoming kindergarteners and current Pre-K students to visit Lake Trafford's campus on the following dates and time: May 11 and 12, from 9-10 a.m.

Head Start program now registering for fall

The Head Start Program is currently registering children for the upcoming 2010-11 school year. In order to be eligible for Head Start, a child must be 4 years old by Sept. 1st of the current year, and a family must meet low income guidelines. When registering, you must provide items including: Proof of income, Certified birth certificate from vital statistics, Current shot records, Current physical exam with hemoglobin results, Parent's picture ID, Medicaid/insurance card, Two proofs of residency (rental agreement, electricity/water bill). Transportation must be provided by parents. To learn more, please contact the Head Start Office at 239-377-0590, or visit their Web site at <http://www.collierschools.com/headstart/>.

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NOTICE OF MEETING
There will be a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Immokalee Water & Sewer District on Wednesday, **May 19, 2010 at 3:30 P.M.** at the office of the Immokalee Water & Sewer District, located at 1020 Sanitation Rd, Immokalee, FL 34142.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Preliminaries
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
 - B. Roll Call
 - C. Adoption of Agenda
 - D. Employee Recognition
 1. March- Employee of the Month-Christopher Lofton
 - E. Public Concerns
 1. Enrique Aviles-High Water Bill
 - F. Staff Good Cause Items
 - G. Board Concerns
 - H. Old Business
 - I. New Business
3. Consent Agenda
 - A. Adoption of Minutes
 1. April 21, 2010 Regular Meeting
 - B. Civil Rights Compliance Report
 - C. April Budget Review
 - D. Fixed Assets Acquisitions-Disposals
 - E. Various Reports
 - F. USDA/FDEP Reporting for Stimulus Money
 - G. Project Change Orders
 - H. Engineer's Report - AECOM
 - I. Director's Report
4. Action Agenda
 - A. Investment In Certificate of Deposit-FCB
 - B. Discussion of USDA-High Priority Water & Sewer Projects
5. Discussion Agenda
 - A. Attorney's Report
6. Other Public Interests
7. Adjournment

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Stimulus funds used to encourage senior socializing

Collier County Housing and Human Services Department is proud to participate in a new senior event for Collier County the Sensational Seniors May Celebration. The event will be held at North Collier Regional Park located at 15000 Livingston Rd. on Thursday, May 6, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Collier County's Public Services Division is supporting this event organized by D & D Events, a company which specializes in free senior events to reach communities in Southwest Florida. The Housing and Human Services (HHS) Department will be providing FREE LUNCH at the event to an anticipat-

ed 200 seniors or more. Heidi Fahnstock, who is the Housing and Human Services Administrative Supervisor, manages the county's free senior meal program and is coordinating the meal service. Lunches are grant-funded and designed to enhance the social interactions of seniors in the local Naples community.

The Collier County's Public Services Division's HHS Department and Parks and Recreation Department are excited to participate in this resource-focused event.

"Seniors here are very active and looking for ways to meet new friends and have fun

with their existing pals, so this is the perfect way for them to connect here at North Collier Regional Park," said Collier County Parks and Recreation Director Barry Williams.

This event will feature more than 60 senior-friendly exhibitor booths and will also provide lively entertainment, information from senior-themed businesses, prizes and giveaways, and more. Radio station Sunny 106 will also be on hand from 11 a.m. until 1 p.m. with prizes and giveaways.

"In this economy, we all need to spend our money as wisely as possible," said Dave Kelly, President of Southwest Florida Senior

Productions. "We work hard to allow for area seniors to have a free 'one-stop shopping' experience in order to gather the information that they need to make smart choices. Then we add a twist by making it fun as well."

For more information about local senior events or to inquire about booth space, please contact Dave Kelly at 239-823-3542 or visit: www.swfseniorproductions.com. For an interview concerning the meal program, contact Camden Smith at 239-252-5326 or email her at: camdensmith@colliergov.net.

Local athletes sign free agent contracts

Immokalee athletes continue to set the bar high. Recently, two players from the 2004 State Champion Immokalee Indians signed NFL Free Agent Contracts.

The good news for Immokalee football fans came out after the 2010 NFL draft. Javaris James is continuing to follow in his cousin, Edgerrin James' path. He signed with the Indianapolis Colts as a free agent. Edgerrin is currently a running back with the Seattle Seahawks and also played for the University of Miami.

Known as "Baby J" to his Immokalee friends, Javaris signed with the University of Miami in 2005, while a senior at Immokalee High School. At UM Javaris

is ranked eighth all time in career rushing attempts with 402 for 1,670 yards. He also started 23 of 34 career games.

IHS graduate Rodelin Anthony also signed as a free agent recently. The wide receiver/tight end for the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Rebels will play for the Baltimore Ravens. Two other IHS players have been with Anthony at UNLV: Renan Saint Preux and Wiselet Rouzard (Immokalee High 2004 Winged Foot Scholar-Athlete award winner). Anthony caught 69 passes for 1,002 yards in 41 career games. He missed parts of his senior season with injuries, including a concussion.



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/IHFS

Benefit Yard Sale

Immokalee Housing & Family Services (IHFS) will be hosting a community yard sale on Saturday, May 8, from 8 a.m.-noon. This event is a fundraiser to benefit the children of the Eden Park community. The site of sale will be at the Carl J. Kuehner Community Center at Timber Ridge at 2726 Wilton Ct., Immokalee. All earnings from the sale will be used by the IHFS School's Out Program, iTeens Youth Program and the Early Beginnings Program for enrichment materials and activities. Anyone with questions about the sale or who would like to volunteer or donate items for the sale, please call the Community Center office at 239-867-4752.

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Kids bring musical Alladin play to Immokalee

The magic carpet, the genie and – of course – the charmed boy, Alladin, are coming to the stage of Immokalee Middle School on consecutive Fridays, May 14 and 21.

Alladin is being produced by the students of Immokalee Community School, a charter school with grades kindergarten through six, operated by Redlands Christian Migrant Association. The public is invited.

"This is a kid-produced show," says dance instructor Patricia Vanderson, the

show's faculty advisor. "The kids produced the props. The kids rehearsed the lines. The kids helped with the costumes.

"There are no adults backstage."

Alladin is a singing-and-dancing musical employing the Disney Broadway script and following the story of the Alladin animated movie.

The curtain rises at 7 p.m. each Friday. Tickets are \$5 in advance; \$10 at the door. Advance tickets may be purchased at RCMA

Immokalee Community School, 123 N. Fourth St., Immokalee. For information, call Vanderson at 239-867-3220.

Alladin Performances: Immokalee Middle School, 401 N. Ninth St., Immokalee at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 14 and Friday, May 21. Admission is just \$10 at the door; \$5 in advance at Immokalee Community School, 123 N. Fourth St. Immokalee.

News in Brief

County offers free vaccines

The Collier County Health Department in Immokalee is offering Tdap vaccine through 6/30/2010. Tdap protects against tetanus, diphtheria, and pertussis (whooping cough). The following individuals are the target audience for a free one time dose of Tdap:

- Individuals, both male and female adults (not pregnant), in their child bearing years who have not already received the Tdap.

- Farm workers (under 65 years old) with an injury who have not already received a Tdap can receive the free dose of Tdap.

- People under age 65 that work with or around children (daycare, health care setting etc.) should receive a one time dose of Tdap. Anyone meeting the criteria above should visit the Collier County Health Department in Immokalee between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m. before 6/30/10 to get the vaccine. The CCHD is located at: 419 N. First Street, Immokalee.

Water utility payment assistance available

Collier County Social Services has received a federal grant to help Collier County residents with their water utility bills. They are able to assist with up to \$300 per household and it is easy to qualify. To see if you qualify, please contact Collier County Social Services at 239-252-2696.



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/Bill Coates

The Genie, played by fourth-grader Lisa Guerrero (above left), tells Aladdin, "Have a seat," as he prepares for a magic carpet ride. Fifth-grader Estaban Soto plays Aladdin. Sixth-grader Kaleigh Garza (lower left), one of the magic carpet operators, peeks out.

(Right photo) Fifth-grader Estaban Soto portrays Aladdin after he becomes "Prince Ali."



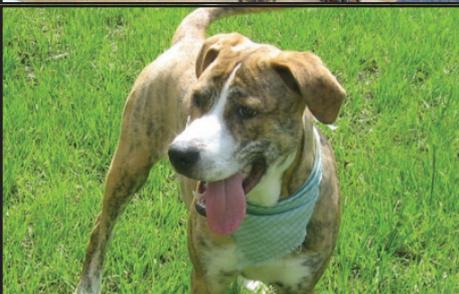
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