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At a Glance

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.

See Page 2 for information about how to contact the newspaper.

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Immokalee bids you welcome



Submitted photos

Left: IHS senior Fritzene Jean's design honoring Edgerrin James was judged best Above: Edgerrin James still calls Immokalee home.

Student designs welcome sign

At the request of the Immokalee Beautification Committee, the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) in Immokalee recently conducted a contest with art students from Immokalee High School to come up with a conceptual design for geographical marker signs in Immokalee.

Under the direction of Fine Arts teacher Kim Owens, 49 students participated in the competition. At the April 28th Beautification Committee meeting, the Committee chose the design submitted by Fritzene Jean, a senior at Immokalee High School, as the top design.

The CRA will use Ms. Jean's design as its conceptual plan as they purchase and install three strategically placed signs at the entry points into Immokalee which will read "Welcome to Immokalee, Home of Edgerrin James."

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Shelter seeks summer volunteers

Got extra time this summer? Share it and help The Shelter for Abused Women & Children transform the lives of domestic violence victims!

A wide-range of volunteer opportunities exist in Naples, Immokalee and Bonita Springs, including:

Retail support at Options Thrift Shoppe (968 Second Ave. N. in Naples) and Another Option Thrift Shoppe (5248 Golden Gate Parkway in Naples).

Administrative support in Naples and Immokalee, assisting with special projects, small tasks and ongoing work including fil-

ing, copying, stuffing envelopes, data entry, making banners, office support, research, sorting donations, organizing pantries/closets.

Donation pick-up and delivery to Options, The Shelter and the Immokalee Outreach Office (located in Immokalee, FL).

Speakers' Bureau volunteers to assist with community education, training and speaking engagements.

Children's Program* is seeking individuals to assist with child care; "Hands Are for Helping" presentations throughout the school year; Kiddie Care Club.

Hola Immokalee! Volunteers assist the Immokalee Outreach Office (located in Immokalee, FL) with child care, office duties, etc.

Hotline Counselors, answering the confidential 24-hour crisis line 239-775-1101, Court Advocates providing assistance to individuals seeking injunctions for protection, InVEST Advocates working with this program designed to reduce the number of domestic violence homicides in Collier County, residential Shelter and Outreach Advocates assisting with intake, empowerment

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I HOPE readies for storm season

The 2010 hurricane season is fast approaching and I HOPE is doing its part to help our community be prepared in case our area is hit with another hurricane like Wilma that did so much damage in October of 2005. Hurricane experts are predicting that this summer and fall could be a very busy one with a great deal of activity expected.

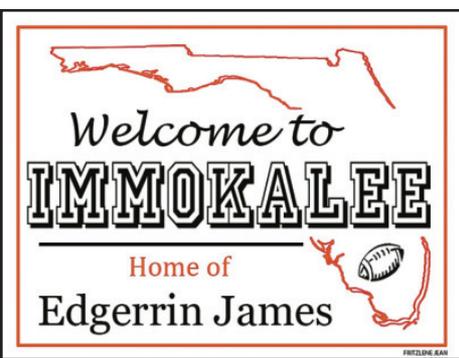
One of the most important items needed is for Immokalee families to have their own hurricane kit ready and supplies on hand in case we are in the path of a bad storm!

I Hope continues to partner with statewide organizations and the local Emergency Operations Center in Naples to prepare our community for potential disasters.

In order to prepare our community, Director Rick Heers participated last week in a two-day, state-wide hurricane drill called "A Cyber Access VRC Tabletop Exercise conducted in cooperation with the Florida VOAD (Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters). This activity was a test of communications across the state as a simulated hurricane came from the Atlantic basin entering around Fort Lauderdale, crossing over Lee County with winds diminishing from category 3 to category 1, entering the Gulf of Mexico, and gaining considerable strength as it came ashore in the Appalachian area. Statewide organizations monitored daily notifications of the storms progress, and responded with potential assistance they could provide in the Panhandle of Florida. The exercise was deemed a great success.

During the week of May 10-14, I

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The CRA hopes to place the signs on CR 846, SR 29 North of Immokalee and SR 29 South of Immokalee. They will mark the geographic boundaries of the Immokalee Urban Designated Area and to pay homage to NFL star Edgerrin James, an Immokalee native.

Volunteer

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and counseling*, as well as much more!

* Volunteer opportunities involving direct interaction with program participants require the successful completion of the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence's Core Competency training. The 24-hour course is offered at The Shelter.

For more information on Volunteer Op-

portunities with The Shelter, please click here to submit the online Volunteer Interest Form, or call 239.775.3862, ext. 235.

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Storm

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I HOPE assistant and supervisor, David Grove will be participating in the week-long meeting of the National VOAD conference being hosted by the Florida VOAD in Orlando. The following week he will be flying to West Virginia to attend a national conference being sponsored and paid for by World Vision as they plan to send several more large delegations of volunteers to Immokalee over the summer.

This Monday, a number of I HOPE volunteers are participating in a hurricane exercise operating in conjunction with the EOC out of the iTECH Center in our own local drill. In this exercise, a hurricane sweeps through the area with the result that two tornadoes proceed from the east touching

down around First Street, wreaking damage along a two-mile westerly path, with the other proceeding from the Roberts Ranch area, through the end of Immokalee Drive and goes through to Lake Trafford. Reports on this drill will be reported in next week's Bulletin.

The final step of preparation will be the Florida Governor's Hurricane Conference set for the last week of May in Fort Lauderdale. While I HOPE continues to manage its mobile homes that are being sold to their residents, and continue to build new homes for hurricane Wilma victims, and continue to repair damaged homes, they maintain their focus on helping our community be prepared for potential natural disasters.

Tips for safe disposal of medications

Naples, Florida – Many have heard about the recent voluntary recall of certain lots of over-the-counter (OTC) children's and infants' liquid products by McNeil Consumer Healthcare.

Some of these products include certain infants' and children's Tylenol® products, Motrin® products, Zyrtec® products and Benadryl® products.

For more information about the recall and a complete list of products, visit www.mcneilproductrecall.com.

Parents and guardians with these medications may be inclined to throw them away or flush them down the toilet.

However, these methods are a danger to our environment as they introduce contaminants to our water and soil.

Drug Free Collier, the community's anti-drug coalition, would like to discourage this and offer a safe alternative for disposal. Operation Medicine Cabinet™ is a pharmaceutical take-back program in the community that encourages citizens to dispose of unwanted, expired or unused medication by taking them to permanent drop-off locations throughout Collier County.

This provides a safe method of destroying pharmaceuticals, including over-the-counter medication, through incineration, which environmental specialists consider to be the best method.

By burning the pharmaceuticals, as opposed to flushing or sending medication to the landfill, we can avoid polluting our environment.

It is easy and secure to drop-off medication at one of the convenient sites listed below.

Please tighten the cap on all liquid bottles. Pills may be disposed of in their original bottles or may be placed in a plastic bag.

Collier County Sheriff's Office Prescription Drop-Off Box (Sheriff's Administration Building Lobby), 3301 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, Florida 34112 Monday-Friday, 7:30 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Marco Island Police Department Prescription Drop-Off Box. 51 Bald Eagle Drive, Marco Island, Florida 34145 Monday – Friday, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. (excluding holidays).

Collier County Medical Examiner, 3838 Domestic Avenue, Naples, Florida 34104 Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. (excluding holidays).

Naples Recycling Center (no controlled substances), 2640 Enterprise Avenue, Naples, Florida 34104 (west of Airport-Pulling Rd.) Tuesday-Saturday, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

The next community-wide Operation Medicine Cabinet™ event is scheduled for November 13. Time and locations are yet to be finalized, but Drug Free Collier urges citizens to check for updates online at www.drugfreecollier.org.

Parents – there are things you can do to continue preventing juvenile prescription drug abuse.

- Lock up all medications in your home and secure them away from kids and teens.

- Inventory and keep track of what is in your medicine cabinets.

- If your child is prescribed medication, monitor dosages and refills. An unexpected number of refills is a sign of a problem.

- Communicate with your kids. Be clear and consistent when speaking about drugs. Stress the importance of not sharing medication.

- Keep medications in their original containers to avoid accidental misuse.

- Be a role model for your child by following medical instructions for your prescriptions.

Let's get a step closer in making our community drug free by properly disposing of our medications.

For more information on Operation Medicine Cabinet™ or if you are interested in becoming involved as a volunteer or member with Drug Free Collier, please call (239) 377-0535 or email us at info@drugfreecollier.org.

ABOUT DRUG FREE COLLIER – A non-profit organization whose mission is to strengthen the community's resolve to decrease juvenile substance abuse in Collier County through education and prevention

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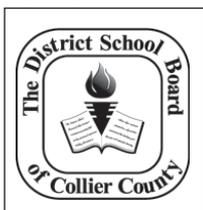
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Students First

By Joe Landon

The informational Web pages for parents that we've put together following our recent Community Forum on Social Media are really a work in progress. We keep adding information that might be useful to you as a parent as you monitor your child's social media comings and goings, something



which all of our forum panelists urged you to do. Just the other day, we posted some stuff about what's known as "sexting." It's from the experts at the NetSmartz Workshop, a program of the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children. There's a link to the social media information pages on the home page of the district Web site - at www.collierschools.com. Look for "Social Media Information" under Looking For? and click there.

If you've already been on the site and want to find the information just added, look next to the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children logo found toward the bottom of the page. Just added are some tips to prevent sexting and a very good Q&A about sexting. There's also a list of tips for moms

and dads about video games. You'll find these listed as "gaming tips," again, near the bottom of the page.

While there, please feel free to browse to your heart's content. While some of the Web sites you can link to from these pages may charge for their services, most are free. And while we don't endorse any of the sites, most of what you'll find there was recommended for Web site posting by the panelists taking part in the forum back on April 19.

So, what do you know about your government? Well, 30 Collier County high school students know a whole lot more today than they did just a few months ago. They've taken part in the Know Your County Government program and have visited fourteen local governmental offices. The Know Your County Government program is put together by the school district's social studies department, 4-H Youth Development and the Collier County University of Florida Extension

Office. The goal: to help teach high school students about the purpose and the function of county government. Best part, though, is that the students learned about the myriad of career opportunities available to them once they're out of school and ready to enter the workforce. Maybe a future Supervisor of Elections, for example, or tomorrow's Director of Emergency Services, will come from this group of students.

Finally, we're giving you the chance to see our teachers shine, and to see six of them receive shiny Golden Apples. You are invited to watch The Education Foundation's 20th Golden Apple Teacher Recognition Celebration presented by Suncoast for Kids Foundation. It's a celebration of teaching - a celebration of excellence. TV replays of the live telecast of the Golden Apples gala, will be shown at Noon and 3 p.m. tomorrow, and at Noon and 9 p.m. on Sunday on The Education Channel, Comcast cable 99, home of the live telecast.

Crash sends bicyclist to hospital

A 65-year-old Immokalee man was transported to Lee Memorial Hospital in critical condition May 5, after his bicycle was struck by a pick up truck. According to the Florida Highway Patrol, Juan L. Alcantar, 50, of Immokalee was driving his 1995 Ford pick up truck west on SR 29 in the inside lane, approaching N. 4th Street. Cecil Marsh was riding his bicycle south on N. 4th Street, crossing two lanes approaching S. 4th Street from the sidewalk ramp.

A witness was traveling west on SR 29 in the outside lane approaching N. 4th Street and slowed down after observing Mr. Marsh crossing the road. Mr. Alcantar was in the inside lane traveling slightly behind Mr. Marsh. He applied the brakes, but was unable to stop in time. The left front of his vehicle struck the bicycle's left front side, causing the bicyclist to fall on his left side.

The victim was airlifted to Lee Memorial Hospital due to severe head injuries.

Two panthers die

Two more panther kittens were killed in the past several weeks. May 3 at 1 a.m., FWC received a call from the Collier County Sheriff's Department about a dead panther on Golden Gate Blvd., between 5th and 7th Streets NW, Collier County.

FWC responded and found that an 8-month-old female kitten had been killed by a vehicle around midnight. The kitten did not have kinked tail or a cowlick and was not marked previously with a transponder chip. Although no sign of the mother or other kittens were observed at the scene, the kitten's carcass was placed in the adjacent woods to ensure that if the family group returned, they would not be hanging out by the roadside.

FWC responded to a vehicle killed panther kitten April 29, in Hendry County at the intersection of Church Road and S. Church Road near the Hendry County landfill. The kitten was estimated to be about six months old, weighed 32 pounds, was a female, and did not have a kinked tail, cowlick or transponder chip.

Because of the kitten's age (still dependent on its mother) and the history with mothers hanging around the vicinity until the fate of their kitten is known, FWC left both kittens near the scene over night in the hopes that the mothers would find them. In both cases a remote camera was set up at the site and when checked the following morning. No panthers had returned to the body. The carcasses were removed and taken to Gainesville for a necropsy. The remains will be deposited with the Florida Museum of Natural History.

Obituaries

Betty Jo Johnson, 78

SEBRING — Betty Jo Johnson, age 78, of Sebring, passed away May 6, 2010, in Sebring.

She was born March 6, 1932, in LaBelle, the daughter of the late Dozier Walden and Olive Adeline (Murphy) Starling. Mrs. Johnson married William Ray Johnson Sr. She was an Accountant for many years.

Survivors include her husband, William Ray Johnson Sr.; two sons, James M. Long Jr., and William Ray Johnson Jr.; one daughter, Carrie DesRosiers of Sebring; one brother, Roger (Jean) Starling; one sister, Jean Jolley; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held Tuesday, May 11, 2010, at 11 a.m. at Friendship Baptist Church, Immokalee with Pastor James Wryals and Pastor W.T. "Bill" Maddox officiating. Interment was Tuesday, May 11, 2010, in Baptist Cemetery, Immokalee.

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Kisses for you

Key Club members Yanet Jaimes, Maria Bustamante, Anayareli Abarca, Alberto Cruz, Mary Castro and Janita Perez prepare for the "Kiss a Senior Good-bye" sale at Immokalee High School. Candy kisses with an attached message will be sold for \$2 and distributed during graduation rehearsal. Send your senior a special message by contacting a Key Club member or moderator Mrs. Betty Kelly at 377-1950.

Student art featured on annual calendar

Congratulations to the nearly 700 students and teachers who took part in this year's Keep Collier Beautiful calendar contest.

The students' artwork covered the topics of litter prevention, clean-up campaigns, recycling, protecting our environment, plants and animals through ecosystem protection, and tree planting.

One piece was selected to represent each grade level and is featured in a full-color calendar; each grade level's runner-up is also featured in a collage.

The calendar winners:

Front cover: Kalie Wagner (12th grade, Palmetto Ridge High – Teacher, Barbara Mundy)

Back cover: Julie Bourland (11th grade, Palmetto Ridge High – Teacher, Barbara Mundy)

1st grade: Cyndi Garza (Avalon Elementary – Teacher, Donna Babcock)

2nd grade: Jessica Caudillo (Avalon Elementary – Teacher, Donna Babcock)

3rd grade: Lucero Rosas (Avalon Elementary – Teacher, Donna Babcock)

4th grade: Zachary Colton (Sabal Palm Elementary – Teacher, Sue Segal)

5th grade: Gaby Bockhaut (Veterans Memorial Elementary – Teacher, Mary Hensel)

6th grade: Technie Fabien (Highlands Elementary – Teacher, Adele Agler)

7th grade: Kendra McGraw (Home-schooled – Teacher, Lori McGraw)

8th grade: Tori Henderson (East Naples Middle – Teacher, Adam Meistrell)

9th grade: Theodor Schimek (Lely High – Teacher, Vincent Turner)

10th grade: Paloma Mendez (Lely High – Teacher, Kevin Smith)

11th grade: Jenny Sancho (Palmetto Ridge High – Teacher, Barbara Mundy)

12th grade: Kelly Machado (Palmetto Ridge High – Teacher, Barbara Mundy)

Each grade level's runner-up:

1st grade: Victor Jermiah (Naples Christian Academy – Teacher, Barbara McWilliams)

2nd grade: David Castillo (Golden Terrace Elementary – Teacher, Donna Babcock)

3rd grade: Jennifer Kallstrom (Veterans Memorial Elementary – Teacher, Nichole Underwood)

4th grade: Ronnie Derk (Naples Christian Academy – Teacher, Barbara McWilliams)

5th grade: Riley Jefferson (Veterans Memorial Elementary – Teacher, Mary Hensel)

6th grade: Jameson Renard (East Naples Middle – Teacher, Adam Meistrell)

7th grade: Yanet Gomez (East Naples Middle – Teacher, Adam Meistrell)

8th grade: Lisa Ramirez-Velasco (Manatee Middle – Teacher, Jennifer Johannes)

9th grade: Austin Werab (Seacrest Country Day School – Teacher, Emani Heers)

10th grade: Marile Franco (Palmetto Ridge High – Teacher, Barbara Mundy)

11th grade: Michael Perez (Palmetto Ridge High – Teacher, Barbara Mundy)

12th grade: Hector Indart (Palmetto Ridge High – Teacher, Barbara Mundy)

Immokalee Foundation installs board of directors

NAPLES, Fla. (May 5, 2010) – The Immokalee Foundation, dedicated to empowering Immokalee's children through programs focused on education, vocation and life skills, recently announced the installation of the 2010-2011 board of directors. Each officer will serve a one-year term.

Serving as officers are John Costigan, chair; John Henry, vice chair and interim treasurer; and Alison Douglas, Cummings & Lockwood, secretary.

"I'm honored to have been elected to serve as chair of The Immokalee Foundation board of directors," says Costigan.

"Together, with the board and our staff, we will expand opportunities for the children of Immokalee to succeed in school and in life."

Board members at large are George Franks; Don Gunther; W.R. "Skip" Hildebrand; Cynthia Janssen, Collier County Public Schools; Kevin Johnson, Morgan Stanley Smith Barney; Lisa Merritt, JP Morgan Private Bank; Don O'Neill; Louise Penta; Penny Phillippi, Immokalee Community Re-development Agency; Jeffrey Randall; Peggy Redlinger; Bob Schoonmaker, Fifth Third Bank; Sheryl Soukup, Immokalee Housing & Family Services; Dick Stonesifer; Bob Tarter and Joe Zednik.

Since 1991, The Immokalee Foundation

has been creating pathways to success for many of the children in Immokalee through a variety of programs that focus on college scholarships, the development of vocational skills, mentorship, reading proficiency and after-school activities.

A 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, TIF offers a road map toward a brighter future by providing the children of Immokalee educational opportunities from early childhood through the start of their professional careers.

It helps manage seven core programs including Take Stock in Children, Vocational Success, College Success, Direct Scholarships, The First Tee of Naples/Collier Program in Immokalee, Immokalee Readers and Community Grants.

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I HOPE homes nearing completion

by Rick Heers

Three more Hurricane Wilma replacement homes are nearing completion in Immokalee thanks to the hard work of I HOPE, Collier County Housing and Human Services and Stewart Construction.

The remaining funds of the DRI-2 grant for replacement housing awarded to I HOPE under the direction of David Hanson, project manager for I HOPE, are paying for new homes for three families in Immokalee whose homes were damaged beyond repair caused by Hurricane Wilma in 2005.

Sagging roofs, little insulation, and black mold are now history as these new homes being built with Styrofoam blocks, poured with concrete.

Not only are these 'green' homes sturdy enough to withstand 130 mph winds, impervious to mold, mildew, insects and rodents, but the insulation factors should reduce electric bills 40-50 percent.

These homes, being built on Jones, Rose Avenue and 6th Street North should be completed by the end of this month and will provide a new, free residence for these low-income families.



Submitted photos
Above: One of the three homes nearing completion to replace those destroyed by Hurricane Wilma.
Left: A worker helps with the finishing touches on the inside.

Sportsmen save money buy early

On July 1, 2010, the cost of a turkey permit will go up from \$5 to \$10 for Florida residents and from \$100 to \$125 for nonresidents. In addition, Florida waterfowl permits will increase as well, from \$3 to \$5.

The cost of two saltwater fishing permits also will go up July 1. The snook permit will increase from \$2 to \$10, and lobster permits will increase from \$2 to \$5.

Until July 1, though, sportsmen can buy all of these permits at the current prices, and all permits are valid for one year after the date of purchase.

There also is a new deer permit that will be required whenever hunting deer in Florida, beginning during the upcoming 2010-2011 hunting season. The permit will cost \$5 and will not be available for purchase until July 1.

However, the deer permit is not included with a hunting license, combination hunting/freshwater fishing license, combination hunting/freshwater/saltwater license or a five-year hunting license. Anyone hunting deer with either of these licenses must also buy the \$5 deer permit to hunt deer legally.

All permits and related licenses can be purchased at county tax collectors' offices, retail outlets that sell fishing and hunting supplies, online at www.fl.wildlifelicense.com or by calling toll-free 888-HUNT-FLORIDA (486-8356).

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Community Briefs

GOP women to meet

A luncheon meeting of the Caloosa Federated Republican Women's Club will be held Wednesday, May 19, at 11:30 a.m. Location will be announced in the next two issues. Cindy Graves, President of the FFRW, will attend. Other elected officials and candidates are expected.

RSVP Marianne at 863-675-7703 or e-mail ladymarianne@comcast.net.

Grant award announced

To CHS Healthcare from League Club
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Club, Inc. awarded a \$6,500 grant to the CHS Healthcare's Sister Veronica Fund, a medical and dental relief fund in Immokalee. The organization also awarded a \$6,200 grant to purchase equipment/dental chair for Marion E. Fether's Dental program.

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!

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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 September 1st of the current year, and a family must meet low income guidelines. When registering, you must provide the following: Proof of income (tax return, W-2) · Certified birth certificate from vital statistics, · Current blue shot record with Varicella (chicken pox) · Current physical exam with hemoglobin results · Parent's picture identification · Medicaid/insurance card · Two proofs of residency (rental agreement, electricity/water bill). Transportation must be provided by parents. Families most in need may apply for limited spots. 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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Volunteers needed

The School on Wheels Program at Guadalupe Social Services of Catholic Charities in Immokalee is in need of female volunteers. The program matches volunteers with non-English speaking women for one-on-one tutoring sessions. Volunteers travel to the home of the student once a week to provide a 90-minute teaching session in basic, survival English. Training is provided. To volunteer or for more information, please call Helen Heffington at Guadalupe Social Services of Catholic Charities at 239-657-6242.

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.

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National Day of Prayer celebrated locally

Millions of Americans joined in the 59th annual observance of the National Day of Prayer, and Immokalee and Collier County were no exception. Mr. Franklin Graham, son of famed evangelist Billy Graham, joined Shirley Dobson to lead the nation in prayer as the 2010 Honorary Chairman of the National Day of Prayer Task Force.

The National Day of Prayer is a vital part of our heritage. Since the first call to prayer in 1775, when the Continental Congress asked the colonies to pray for wisdom in forming a nation, the call to prayer has continued through our history, including President Lincoln's proclamation of a day of "humiliation, fasting, and prayer" in 1863. In 1952, a joint resolution by Congress, signed by President Truman, declared an annual national day of prayer. In 1988, the law was amended and signed by President Reagan, permanently setting the day as the first Thursday of every May. Each year, the president signs a proclamation, encouraging all Americans to pray

on this day. Last year, all 50 state governors plus the governors of several U.S. territories signed similar proclamations.

Locally, observances were conducted inside First United Methodist Church and outside on the front lawn of First Baptist Church. The day of observances were culminated at New Hope Church in Naples with a joyous time of celebration for the many blessings that God has given us in Collier County. Pastors from a variety of churches offered thanks for our government officials, business and economic leaders, law enforcement-including EMS, police, sheriff's department and fire departments. Pastor Rick Heers led a time of thanksgiving for our school system and its employees and programs. Organized by Pastor Grant Thigpen and his associate, Dwight Powell, this inter-denominational gathering recognized the many advantages that we are blessed with in Collier County.



Submitted photo

Members of First Baptist Church in Immokalee gathered outside for prayer at the corner of Lake Trafford Road and Main Street in recognition of the National Day of Prayer.

Church Brief

Church to giveaway clothes

Iglesia Bautista de Jesucristo located at 223 North Second Street will be giving away clothes on Saturday, May 15.

Spanish

La Iglesia Bautista de Jesucristo estará regalando ropa el Sábado, Mayo 15, empezando a las 8 de la mañana. La Iglesia está ubicada en 223 Calle 2 Norte.

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