

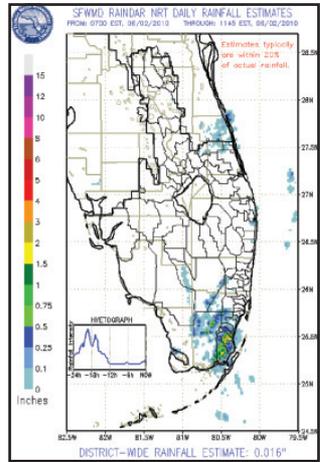
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At a Glance

Help homeless fundraiser planned

Highways and Byways Ministries is having a barbecue, car wash and yard sale Saturday, June 5, from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. The church is located at New Testament Church, N. 15th Street across from the post office. Proceeds will help feed the homeless.

Primary election: dates to remember

Registration Book Closing – July 26; Early Voting – August 9-21; Election Day – August 24.

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Are you ready? Busy hurricane season predicted

Hurricane Season 2010 Names

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Colin	Julia	Richard
Danielle	Karl	Shary
Earl	Lisa	Tomas
Fiona	Matthew	Virginie
Gaston	Nicole	Walter

Community invited to Bethune planning meeting

The School District of Collier County invites the entire Immokalee Community to be a part of the planning process to build a new facility on the site of the Bethune Education Center. In doing so, it is important to preserve the historic nature of that building and site. The district is seeking community input and ideas. The planning meeting will take place at 5 p.m., on Tuesday, June 8, in the cafeteria at Bethune located at 614 South Fifth Street.

The following is an open message to the Immokalee Community from district Chief Operational Officer Michele LaBute.

Dear Community Member,
As you know, the school district has renovated and updated all of the older schools in Immokalee with the exception of the Bethune

Education Center. We're very excited that, despite the financial challenges we continue to face in these difficult economic times, we have been able to include the financing for a project for Bethune in next year's capital improvements budget. This letter is to invite you, as a member of the Immokalee Community, to be part of the planning process for this project.

In the past, we have attempted to repair and renovate the existing Bethune Education Center building in order to continue to use the site for our programs. As the facility is now approaching 60 years old, it has become impossible to renovate it to the educational, health and safety standards we have for all of our other schools. Thus, our only recourse is to raze the current building and build a

new facility on that site. In doing so, it is important to us to preserve the historic nature of that building and site, including tribute to Mary Bethune. We have some initial thoughts on how to do this, but are seeking community input and ideas.

We are hoping that you will join us in a planning meeting, on Tuesday, June 8, at 5 p.m., in the cafeteria at Bethune. Our architectural firm for this project, Schenkel Shultz, will join us for that meeting to hear your ideas.

Schenkel Shultz is also the firm that designed the award winning Immokalee Technical Center as well as numerous other district projects such as Gulf Coast and Palmetto Ridge High Schools,

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Hurricane preparedness presentation planned

ARE YOU READY? According to the National Hurricane Center, this year could potentially be a very busy season for hurricanes and tropical storms. Take the time to prepare early.

The Collier County Chapter of the American Red Cross, the Collier County Bureau of Emergency Services, along with other emergency service organizations would like to help local residents to be prepared. A presentation is planned for Wednesday, June 23, from 7 until 8 p.m. at the Parks and Recreation Community Center, 321 North First Street, Immokalee. The presentation will also host guest presenters including Collier County Red Cross, Immokalee Fire Dept. and the county Emergency Management Office.

Farmworker women training event scheduled

Farmworker women, this event is for you! This free event will provide great topics of information to the farm worker women who has desire to learn, succeed and share knowledge with others. The training event will take place at RCMA Charter School, 123 North Fourth Street, Immokalee on Saturday, June 5: 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.- 1st Day of Training; Sunday, June 6, 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m.- 2nd Day of Training.

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Every family needs a hurricane plan

The National Hurricane Center (NHC) advises all Floridians to prepare for hurricane season. Even those who live inland can be hit by a hurricane, as residents learned in 2004 and 2005.

Before a storm threatens, each family should have a hurricane plan.

- Discuss the type of hazards that could affect your family. Know your home's vulnerability to storm surge, flooding and wind.
- Locate a safe room or the safest areas in your home for each hurricane hazard. In certain circumstances the safest areas may not be your home but within your community.
- Determine escape routes from your home and places to meet. These should be measured in tens of miles rather than hundreds of miles.
- Have an out-of-state friend as a family contact, so all your family members have a single point of contact.
- Make a plan now for what to do with your pets if you need to evacuate.
- Post emergency telephone numbers by your phones and make sure your children know how and when to call 911.
- Check your insurance coverage - flood damage is not usually covered by homeowners insurance.
- Stock non-perishable emergency sup-



plies and a Disaster Supply Kit.

- Use a NOAA weather radio. Remember to replace its battery every 6 months, as you do with your smoke detectors.
 - Take First Aid, CPR and disaster preparedness classes.
- According to the NHC, items suggested for a disaster supply kit should include:
- Water - at least 1 gallon daily per person for 3 to 7 days
 - Food - at least enough for 3 to 7 days, including non-perishable packaged or canned food and juices, foods for infants or the elderly, snack foods, a non-electric can opener, cooking tools and fuel, paper plates and plastic utensils.
 - Blankets and pillows.
 - Clothing, rain gear and sturdy shoes
 - First Aid Kit, medicine, prescription drugs
 - Toiletries, hygiene items, moisture

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- Flashlight and batteries
- Radio - Battery operated and NOAA weather radio
- Telephones - Fully charged cell phone with extra battery and a traditional (not cordless) telephone set. (If the power is out a regular "landline" telephone will still work as long as the phone lines are operational.)
- Cash (with some small bills) and credit cards - Banks and ATMs may not be available for extended periods
- Keys
- Toys, books and games
- Important documents - in a waterproof container or watertight resealable plastic bag -- items such as insurance, medical records, bank account numbers, Social Security card, etc.
- Tools - keep a set with you during the storm
- Pet care items such as proper identification, immunization records, medications, food and water for pets, a carrier or cage, muzzle and leash.

In addition, when a storm threatens, make sure all vehicles have full gas tanks. After a storm, it may be some days before you can buy gasoline again.

IWSD tap report now available

The 2009 Quality on Tap Report has been mailed to all of our customers. This report shows the results of our water quality monitoring for the period from January through December 2009. Additional copies will be available at the Eastern Collier Chamber of Commerce, 1300 N. 15th Street, Suite 2, Immokalee Branch Library, at 417 North 1st Street, Lake Trafford Marina at 6001 Lake Trafford Road, and in the IWSD office at 1020 Sanitation Road, Immokalee. Copies are also available for download from our website: (www.iw-sd.com) in both English and Spanish.

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the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Administrative Center, and the current renovations on Immokalee High School.

For your information, the Bethune Education Center houses most of our Alternative School Programs in Immokalee, such as Phoenix and New Beginnings. Because of the condition of the main building, most of these classes are currently meeting in portables. Bethune will also house offices for the Head Start Program and Federal Programs, including Title I and Migrant Education. These offices were previously housed at the former TLC Pre-K Center and are currently in rental space.

We look forward to this meeting as an opportunity to hear about the features of that site that are important to the community and to brainstorm ways of preserving the history of the Bethune site while providing a pleasant, safe, healthy educational facility for our students and staff. We hope that you will attend the meeting and invite you to bring other community members who wish to participate.

Free saltwater fishing weekend

A free saltwater fishing weekend will be offered to help draw visitors to the beautiful Sunshine State. Both residents and non-residents in Florida can fish for saltwater species around the state without a license during the upcoming weekend of June 5 and 6, which is the first weekend after Florida's popular red snapper season opened in the Gulf on June 1. All other fishing rules apply.

"Florida is the fishing capital of the world," Crist declared, "and our beaches are clean, the fish are biting, and we invite our friends to enjoy some Florida hospitality."

"Gov. Crist's actions to offer free fishing this weekend and next will do wonders for our business communities that have been suffering cancellations since the oil spill

started," FWC Chair Barreto said.

The FWC will continue to monitor all of the potential impacts of the oil spill on Florida's fish and wildlife and continue to be involved with many aspects of the oil spill response, Barreto added. In addition, the FWC has consulted with key representatives from several fishing organizations in Florida who are very concerned about inaccurate public perceptions regarding the condition of Florida's fisheries and the state's marine environment. There has been strong agreement from these stakeholders that the fishing business in Florida is "as usual" and that fishing remains a safe and viable recreational and commercial activity.

Go to MyFWC.com/Fishing to learn about fishing regulations in Florida.

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Topics of discussion will be Leadership, Culture/History, Women's Health, Self-esteem, Team Work and Healthy Relationships. Breakfast, lunch and daycare will be provided to participants free of charge!

There is limited space! You must call and register before the training day!

Contact: Maria or Magdalena 239-657-8263

This non-profit event is sponsored by: The Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence, The shelter for Abused Women & Children and by The Farmworkers Association of Florida, Inc.

Mily Treviño is the Training Instructor, FCADV.

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Water management district ready for rainy season

As a wetter-than-normal dry season officially comes to a close, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is encouraging residents to prepare for the summer rainy season and hurricane season.

As part of its preparations, the District is launching a new webpage with information on the shared responsibilities of flood control in South Florida and what residents, businesses and local governments can do to prepare for a storm. The District also held a media briefing detailing operation of the regional flood control system, preparations for the rainy season and continual maintenance to protect residents.

"South Florida's ever present water management challenge is balancing flood control, water supply and the health of the natural system for 7.5 million residents," said Tommy Strowd, SFWMD Deputy Executive Director of Operations and Maintenance. "While it is difficult to predict how the wet season will unfold, a focus on smart strategies, such as continual maintenance, will help us meet the challenge."

Balancing the sometimes conflicting missions of flood control, water supply and environmental protection is a daily challenge for the SFWMD.

Structural maintenance and upgrades, accomplished primarily during the dry season, are critical to ensuring that the regional flood control system of 2,600 miles of canals and levees operates at optimal capacity. During

the past five years, the District has invested \$240 million in essential maintenance work, including:

Hardening and overhauling pump stations; Overhauling gated spillways; Replacing project culverts; Dredging canals; Stabilizing canal banks; Enhancing stormwater treatment areas.

As the summer rainy season and hurricane season approach, many canals and lakes from Orlando to the Florida Keys are lowered, creating additional capacity to store stormwater and provide flood protection. District crews also inspect many of the approximately 1,300 water control structures and 64 pump stations.

South Florida's weather can transition rapidly from drought to flood, especially during hurricane season from June 1 through November 30. For example, Tropical Storm Fay brought an average of more than 7.5 inches of rain to the region over six days in August 2008, causing flooding in areas that just weeks before were parched from a two-year rainfall deficit.

Challenges for water managers have been highlighted by these recent weather extremes:

November 2008 through April 2009 marked the driest six-month period in South Florida, according to District records dating back to 1932.

In 2009, the sea-breeze cycle ushered in the wet season in May. With 9.04 inches of

rain falling across the District, May 2009 became the wettest May on record, according to District records dating back to 1932.

October 2009 was one of the driest Octobers on record, with only 1.16 inches of rain falling, compared to a historical average of 3.76 inches. After a dry start through most of November, the 2009-2010 dry season saw above-average rainfall. An average of 23.24 inches of rainfall fell across the District during the 2009-2010 dry season through May 28, representing 127 percent or 4.99 inches more than the average for this time period. This included events such as a December storm that dropped up to 15 inches of rain in a 24-hour period on areas of the east coast, representing a one-in-100-year storm. At a time when evaporation typically begins to exceed rainfall, March and April instead combined this year to produce nearly half of the dry season total (11.29 inches), making the two-month period the wettest March/April on record for the District.

Flood control in South Florida is a shared responsibility between the District, county and city governments, local drainage districts and residents. Residents can do their part by:

Knowing whether they live next to a primary canal maintained by the District or a secondary canal maintained by a municipal or drainage district.

Making sure trees or other vegetation do

not encroach on canal maintenance right-of-way.

Reporting the location and condition of any clogged or damaged facilities to the proper authority.

Keeping ditches, swales, drainage grates and retention lakes clear of debris, trash and other discarded material.

More tips on how residents can prepare for the rainy season are available on the District's new Rainy Season Readiness website. For updates from the District in case of an emergency, follow the District's Twitter feed: @SFWMD.

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Weather Forecast

Weather forecast for Collier County from the National Weather Service

Local Forecast

Thursday: Partly sunny. A slight chance of afternoon showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. Chance of rain 20 percent.

Thursday night: Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

Friday: Partly sunny with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. Chance of rain 20 percent.

Friday night: Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s.

Thursday: Partly sunny with scattered showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s. Light winds becoming southwest 5 to 10 mph in the afternoon. Chance of rain 50 percent.

Thursday night: Partly cloudy. Isolated showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the mid 70s. Chance of rain 20 percent.

Friday: Partly sunny with a 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.

Friday night: Partly cloudy. A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the mid 70s.

Saturday: Partly sunny with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 90s.

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Obituaries

Charles B. Hadley III, 64

IMMOKALEE — Charles B. Hadley III, 64, of Immokalee, passed away unexpectedly at home May 25, 2010.

Mr. Hadley was born in Miami, Fla., to the late Charles B. Hadley II and Vera Ruth (Williams) Hadley on Aug. 12, 1945. Charles enjoyed working as a ranch hand on a cattle ranch.

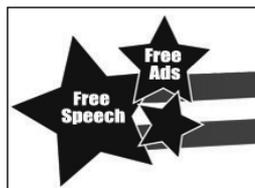
He is survived by sisters, Delila Foerman, Gwen Rhodes, Karen and Rhoda, along with many nieces and nephews.

A Memorial Service was held Saturday, May 29, 2010, at the Family Prayer Center, Immokalee, with Pastor Bronc Flint officiating. Sign the guest book at bristerfuneralhome.com.

Arrangements were entrusted to Brister Funeral Home, Immokalee.

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Immokalee High program sets trends for young students

The Immokalee High School (IHS) Teen Trendsetters Reading Mentors program continues to be a success in its second year. The program started last year with 30 IHS teens mentoring third grade students at Highlands Elementary School. This school year, 30 IHS teens (some new, some returnees) once again provided service, this time to Immokalee Community School second grade students. The program has garnered national recognition, including a prestigious leadership award from Youth Service America.

The program places Lead Teen Trendsetters and an advisor from an area high school working together with a neighboring elementary school. Approximately 15 teens are paired with 15 younger students. The teens arrive at the elementary school once a week for one-hour mentoring sessions. Together, the students get to know one another and spend valuable time read-

ing and enjoying other educational activities. There is an open enrollment for the Mentor Teen Trendsetters volunteer program due to students taking part in extracurricular activities throughout the school year.

To ensure quality mentoring sessions for the elementary students, the high school mentors receive instruction in a specialized 40-minute curriculum called Brainstorm and are also provided leadership training. In addition to the Brainstorm workbooks, each participating elementary student may receive as many as 27 Scholastic readers throughout the year to add to their own home library! The program provides all materials, including the books and curriculum, which was developed in partnership with Scholastic, Inc.

To learn more, please contact Teen Trendsetters sponsor Ada Campos at 239-377-1800.

School Shorts

Summer school programs announced

The School District of Collier County is releasing information for its summer programs. Elementary school students in the district who are struggling with reading may be eligible to attend Summer Elementary School Intersession which will operate from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday – Thursday, beginning Monday, June 28, and running through Thursday, Aug. 5. District 6th, 7th and 8th grade students who have failed one or more core courses may be eligible to attend Middle School Course Recovery which will operate from 8 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Monday – Thursday, beginning Monday, June 28, and running through Thursday, Aug. 5. Breakfast and lunch will be provided by the Collier County Parks and Recreation Department. Transportation will also be provided for summer programs as per State and local policy.

Parents of eligible students will receive a letter from the school principal regarding the location of the summer program and registration procedures.

To learn more, please contact your child's school.

IHS Chorus entertains crowd

The Immokalee High School Choir under the direction of Mrs. Rebecca Perez, gave a wonderful evening of music to an appreciative crowd for its final performance of the school year. This was the first time they have had a solo performance without other musical groups from the high school, and they showed themselves very capable of providing a full concert. In addition, several choral solos were performed by Kathy Rojas, Nephthalie Milfort, and Angie Viau. Musical selections by the chorus and soloists included "Bridge Over Troubled Waters," "My Heart will Go On," "My Funny Valentine," and concluded with a rousing "Grease Medley." Following the performance a number of special awards were presented to select students.

Fall registration opens at Edison State College

Registration for Fall classes at Edison State College is open to all Degree-Seeking students. Registration opens to the general public June 14. Edison State College officials encourage anyone interested in taking classes this fall to register as soon as possible because classes will fill up quickly.

"We want to accommodate every student who chooses Edison State College," said Dr. Steve Atkins, Vice President for Student and Academic Affairs. "Early enrollment allows us to best prepare our professors and classrooms for the students."

In the past three years enrollment at Edison State College has grown more than 50-percent, bringing total student enrollment to more than 21,000. ESC has been the fastest growing state college in Florida for the past two years.

For more information about how to register for classes please visit www.edison.edu/registrar. To request more information about classes at Edison State College, visit www.edison.edu/requestinfo.

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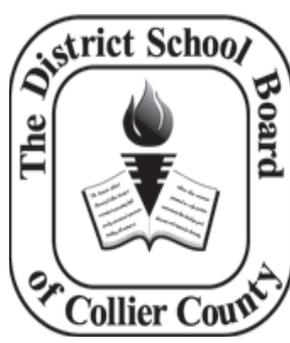
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The time of their lives

By Joe Landon

Collier County District Schools

The song lyric goes, "It's a time for joy, a time for tears, a time we'll treasure through the years. We'll remember always, graduation day." And tomorrow IS graduation day for more than 300 seniors graduating from Immokalee High School and another 2,300 seniors graduating from other Collier County public high schools. As the song tells us, it will be a special day: "When the ivy walls are far behind, no matter where our paths may wind. We'll remember always, graduation day." Okay, so Immokalee High School doesn't have ivy climbing its walls, but our students and family members will no doubt make great memories tomorrow evening, and hopefully the students have great memories of their days attending high school here. The lyrics of the "Graduation Day" song, recorded by the Four Freshmen and Tommy Sands way back in the 1950's, and sung by The Arbors and Beach Boys in the 60's, speak to the sadness and happiness of the day: "Though we leave in sorrow, all the joys we've known, we can face tomorrow knowing we'll never walk alone." Seniors do face the unknown, a real world existing outside the safe confines of a high school, be it on a college campus or in the workplace. But hopefully, thanks to values instilled in them by family and school, they are well-prepared for what we hope will be a bright future. One



of our Collier County graduation keynote speakers this year will be referring to the Dr. Seuss book, Oh, the Places You'll Go, in her remarks. "Remember,

Class of 2010, the places we will go will be like none explored before. This is the end to one chapter and the beginning of one more." And may I add, hopefully a wonderful chapter. On behalf of the School District of Collier County, I pass along heartfelt congratulations to all of our grads – the members of the Class of 2010! Have a happy Graduation Day! And grads, don't forget about Project Graduation, from 11 p.m. tomorrow night through 4 a.m. Saturday morning, at the Greater Naples YMCA on Pine Ridge Road near Airport Road in Naples. It's a safe, fun way to celebrate with an all-night buffet, "laser battle," karaoke, "money machine madness," pool-side carnival games, a rock wall, a DJ spinning the tunes for dancing, and a bunch of other great stuff. The district thanks the YMCA for making Project Graduation happen, and we congratulate the organizers on the event's silver anniversary.

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Collier resident takes 'Gracie' the horse to her new home

Gracie has finally found a home. The 19-year-old thoroughbred came to Domestic Animal Services in September 2009, after being abandoned several months earlier by her previous owner. A neighbor cared for her in the interim, but eventually called DAS when it became clear no one was returning for the horse.

DAS staff and a host of dedicated volunteers have worked tirelessly over the past eight months to attempt to place Gracie in an appropriate home. As a racehorse, Gracie had 37 starts between 1996 and 1998 with no wins. It appears from a brand (the number 100) on her left hind end that she may have been in PMU service. "PMU" is an acronym for "pregnant mare urine," from which hormone replacement pharmaceuticals are made. Gracie has some lameness and cannot be ridden, which made finding a new home for her especially challenging.

"We blanketed the horse rescue community so thoroughly with information about Gracie that one day I did an Internet search to find out more about her condition and the third or fourth hit was her fly-

er," said Shelter Operations Manager Nan Gerhardt, who headed up the placement effort.

Director Amanda Townsend suggested to the Collier County Museum that Gracie be considered for a living exhibit at Roberts Ranch in Immokalee. Although the ongoing expense and required care made that idea unfeasible, the suggestion brought Gracie to the attention of Roberts Ranch Museum Manager Lee Mitchell, who has a small farm and livestock of his own. Lee visited DAS and fell for Gracie. She will now reside on his 20 acres with four other horses and some goats.

"We're thrilled Gracie has finally found the permanent loving home she deserves," said DAS Director Amanda Townsend. "That she will have other horses and livestock to live with is especially gratifying. She is happiest when she has other animals around."

Each year, DAS takes in approximately 6,500 or more homeless animals.

For more information, contact Camden Smith at 239-252-5326.



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/DAS

New owner, Collier resident and Roberts Ranch Museum Manager, Lee Mitchell introduces new pasture resident, "Gracie" (brown horse) to her new home and to a new friend. Gracie was found in a Collier pasture abandoned by her previous owner.



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/DAS

Take your pick

Any one of these three young dogs would make a fine pet for a good family. All three are up for adoption including Little B a neutered male 3 month old Rottweiler mix. He is full of fun and energy and loves his toys. Rose (top right) is a sweet black & tan female Sheppard/Husky mix. Lucy (left) is a young female spayed tan & black lab/retriever mix. If interested in giving any of these loving animals a new home, please contact Domestic Animal Services at 239-252-PETS (7387) or visit DAS online to find a lost or adoptable pet at: www.collier-pets.com. Dogs are \$85, cats are \$60 to adopt. Take one home today!



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Florida panther experts honored

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

Three Florida panther experts recently received a conservation award from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) for their work in managing the endangered species. Darrell Land and Mark Lotz work on the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) panther team, and Deborah Jansen heads up the panther program at Big Cypress National Preserve. All three have spent considerable time during their careers to conserve Florida's state animal for future generations. Part of this conservation strategy was development of a plan to help deal with interactions between people and panthers.

Land, the FWC's panther team leader, wrote the original Panther Response Plan and worked on various drafts before the final plan was approved in 2007. Using a puma management plan developed in the Western United States, the current plan balances public safety while still protecting an endangered species. Ever since graduating from the University of Florida with his master's degree in 1985, Land has been involved with the state's panther team.

"In the past decade, there has been a noted increase in human-panther interactions in South Florida," Land said. "This plan, created in partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Park Service, ensures those interactions will be handled efficiently to the benefit of both people and panthers."

The USFWS acknowledged that Jansen's input into the plan development was crucial. She received the award because of her experience in dealing effectively with human-panther interactions, which enhanced development of the plan. She heads up the panther capture team for Big Cypress, where she has worked for the past 30 years for a variety of agencies, such as the FWC and the National Park Service. Her wildlife career began in Everglades National Park working with crocodiles. Lotz's interest with panthers began as a seasonal firefighter with the USFWS at the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge. He has been on the state's panther team since 1994. Lotz received the award because of his work on the ground actually carrying out the plan by responding to all human-panther calls on both private and state lands. The

records of these reports aid in the updates needed each year to the plan to assist in addressing public safety issues and protection of Florida panthers.

The panther's numbers declined to approximately 30 cats by the early 1980s, but efforts to conserve its dwindling population began as early as 1958, when the state listed it as endangered. The low population resulted in severe inbreeding, which created many health and physical problems. A genetic-restoration project in 1995 brought success by improving the genetic health and vigor of the panther population. Today, biologists estimate there are approximately 100 panthers in South Florida. One of the biggest threats today involves negative outcomes from human-panther interactions.

"The Florida Panther Response Plan is a crucial tool for all of the partners in South Florida to use to protect the panther population from further danger," said Kipp Frohlich, the FWC's Imperiled Species Section leader. "This award for Darrell, Mark and Deborah represents the solid partnership that exists on the panther team across agencies. Florida's panthers are in good hands."

For more information on Florida's state animal, visit PantherNet at www.floridapanther.net.org/.



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Deborah Jansen, leader of the Big Cypress National Preserve panther capture team, collars an adult Florida panther.

News in Brief

Bromelia Apartments gets new owner

Jack Bachmann of Kipling Capital L.P. of Naples acquired Bromelia Apartments, 612 N. 11th Street, Immokalee, on May 26. Bromelia consists of 30 apartments for ages 62 and older, low income elderly and handicapped. After construction updates and corrections, Bromelia will be available for rent in July.

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.

Upcoming event? We want your news for the Bulletin!

The Immokalee Bulletin welcomes news and photos for and about the Immokalee community. Submit news of your upcoming event by email to: IBnews@newszap.com.

ICEE that good deed!

CCSO Deputies are on the lookout in Immokalee for good behavior.

With the support of the Collier County Sheriff's Office and Handy Food Stores, youngsters in Immokalee stay cool during the summer by performing good deeds.

Whenever a deputy sees a student wearing a bike helmet, going out of his or her way to help someone, or giving back to the community, the deputy will hand out a coupon for a free small ICEE drink. The coupon can be redeemed at any of the six Handy Food Stores in Immokalee.

A thousand coupons have been donated to CCSO to help emphasize the importance of good decision-making, being kind to others and doing the right thing.

Youth and Delinquency Services Division Cmdr. Beth Jones said the coupons are a great tool for deputies to approach and develop relationships with youngsters in Immokalee.

CCSO is also taking part in Operation Chill where 7-Eleven has donated 2,000 free Slurpee coupons. These coupons are being distributed to kids throughout Collier County to help encourage and reward positive behavior.

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Immokalee Sports Network

Eastern Collier County Sports Network adds video



You've read the stories and seen the photos. Now it's time to watch the plays!

Eastern Collier County Sports Network, the Immokalee Bulletin's free Web site devoted to youth, recreational and leisure sports, has been featuring a convenient online Sports Wire tool in which leagues, organizations, schools and individuals can submit their news.

Now, three video components have been added to Sports Wire to enhance your enjoyment and opportunity to share content to the site. Outstanding Plays, Outstanding Performances and Bloopers are brief video clips, accompanied by a short story, that highlight exceptional occurrences in the lo-

cal sports community.

For an example of an Outstanding Play, visit www.newszap.com. From the Home Page, click on Immokalee, then select the sports tab and go to ECCSN. Once on the site, select "Sports Wire" and then click on "Outstanding Play." You'll see seventh grader Nate Jensen of Holy Rosary School in Kenosha, WI making an incredible, full-court basketball shot, which his mother filmed from the bleachers.

For an example of an Outstanding Performance, select "Sports Wire" and then click on "Outstanding Performance." You'll see Carthage College student of Kenosha, WI Doug Fitzgerald putting on a stunning dis-

play of soccer ball juggling.

If you would like to add an Outstanding Play, Outstanding Performance or Bloopers to ECCSN, select the "Sports Wire" tab at the top of the page and access "Add a new Sports Wire" link. Select "Outstanding Play, Performance or Bloopers." Input the required information and click "Submit" when finished. Registration is required, and all Outstanding Plays, Outstanding Performances and Bloopers must be approved by a Sports Editor. For more information on ECCSN or how to get started, contact Renee Hawley, ECCSN Sports Marketing Manager, at: rhawley@communitysportsdesk.com or 1-888-853-7904 ext. 323.

Local grad leaves for New York college - and football



By **Patty Brant**
Immokalee Bulletin

Immokalee resident Armando Ayala, a graduating senior at LaBelle High School, has signed a letter of intent to play football next year at Utica College in New York. He said he opted to go to Utica College to broaden his horizons. Armando expects to continue playing the linebacker position there.

Armando attended Immokalee High School for two years and finished at LaBelle. According to Armando, football taught him a good work ethic.

He wants to be realistic about his future and would love to play football after college, but will be studying physical therapy. In 20 years, he just wants to be a success at whatever he does.

His proudest accomplishment has been to get accepted at college - to go forth and take on the next level.

His older brother, Ryan, is Armando's role model. Ryan is a 2007 graduate of Immokalee High School and a good athlete. Sizing his older brother up athletically, Armando took note that he's got the upper hand in size over his older brother. More importantly, Armando said his big brother has "always been there for me."

And he was there in the LHS library, when

Armando signed to play for Maryville. Ryan is a student at Baptist College of Florida and plans to go into the ministry. Ryan said he's always been driven to preach. He is considering becoming an Army chaplain some day to serve both is Lord and his country.

Ryan and Armando are the sons of Armando and Kathy Ayala.

Submitted photo
Brothers, Armando and Ryan Ayala are spending this summer enjoying their time together. Soon, the two will be going off to college in separate directions. Armando has just signed to play football for Utica College in New York in the fall.

Become a 'Back Country' volunteer

Big Cypress National Preserve is seeking people interested in assisting visitors in the back country. These Back Country Volunteers will be trained in the use of Off-Road Vehicles (ORV) and will travel along back country trails that allow for ORV use assisting and educating visitors as needed.

Volunteers will also perform minor trail maintenance and identify major trail issues that need to be addressed.

We are seeking applicants from the local area that are willing to volunteer one or two weekend days per month.

Candidates should be customer service oriented, enjoy the outdoors, have a basic understanding of back country travel and be a good team player. Prior knowledge of Big Cypress trails and ORVs is beneficial, but not necessary. To become part of the program, a short training commitment will be required.

Volunteers will travel in teams while in the back country using National Park Service provided swamp buggies, ATVs, or UTVs and will be required to wear a volunteer uniform.

The goal of the program is to increase the ability of the NPS to contact, assist and educate visitors in the Preserve back country, assist with minor trail maintenance as needed and aid in the monitoring of the back country trail system.

Interested parties may find a more detailed description of the program requirements at - <http://www.nps.gov/bicy/supportyourpark/backcountry-volunteer.htm>

You may apply on-line for this volunteer opportunity at: <https://www.volunteer.gov/uiapply.cfm?ID=10621>

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