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## Third horse death related to mosquito borne illness

A third horse, in less than a month, has died after contracting a mosquito-borne illness, Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus (EEE) in Collier County.

"We are concerned about the presence of this virus in our community. It has had a tragic outcome for the owners of these horses and we sympathize with their loss. Of further concern is these deaths alert us to the fact that our residents are also at risk of acquiring EEE" informs Collier County Health Department Director, Joan Colfer, M.D., M.P.H.. The Centers for Disease Control & Prevention reports all residents of and visitors to areas where EEE activity has been identified are at risk of infection.

Health officials are worried because there had not been a horse or human case of EEE in Collier

County for at least 24 years, according to Dr. Frank Van Essen, Executive Director, Collier Mosquito Control District. The disease has a fatality rate of 75 to 95 percent in horses.

With three horse deaths so early in our mosquito season, it is imperative horse owners vaccinate their horses against EEE and because there is no vaccine for humans, individuals need to be vigilant about protecting themselves from being bitten by a mosquito.

EEE causes severe illness in humans and horses. Symptoms in humans develop 3-10 days after the bite of an infected mosquito and begin with a sudden onset of fever, general muscle pains, and a headache of increasing severity.

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The Florida Department of Agriculture is encouraging all horse owners to make sure their horses are vaccinated against EEE.

## RCMA announces free/reduced lunch policy

Any interested person may review a copy of the policy by contacting Herminia Mendoza, 123 N. 4th Street, Immokalee, 239-867-3220.

Household size and income criteria will be used to determine eligibility. An application cannot be approved unless it contains complete eligibility information. Once approved, meal benefits are good for an entire year. You need not notify the organization of changes in income and household size.

Application forms are being sent to all homes with a letter to parents or guardians. To apply for Free or Reduced-Price Meals, households must complete the application and return it to the school. Additional copies are available at the princi-



pal's office in each school. The information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.

Households that receive SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) or TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) are required to list on the application only the child's name, SNAP/TANF case number, and signature

of adult household member.

Foster children will receive benefits (i.e., free, reduced-price, or paid) based on the child's personal income regardless of the income of the household.

Households with children who are considered migrants, homeless or runaway should contact Debbie Avelar at 239-867-3220.

For the purpose of determining household size, deployed service members are considered a part of the household. Families should include the names of the deployed service members on their application. Report only that portion of the deployed service member's income made available to them or on their behalf to the family. Additionally, a housing allowance

that is part of the Military Housing Privatization Initiative is not to be included as income.

All other households must provide the following information listed on the application:

- Total household income listed by gross amount received, type of income (e.g., wages, child support, etc.) and how often the income is received by each household member;
- Names of all household members - check the "no income" box if applicable; if household member is a child, list school name for each;
- Signature of an adult household member certifying that the

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information provided is correct; and

- Social security number of the adult signing the application or the word "NONE" for this household member if he or she does not have a social security number.

If a household member becomes unemployed or if the household size changes, the school should be contacted. Children of parents or guardians who become unemployed should also contact the school.

Under the provisions of the Free and Reduced-Price meal policy Office Manager will review applications and determine eligibility. If a parent or guardian is dissatisfied with the ruling of the official, he or she may wish to discuss the decision with the determining official on an informal basis. If the parent wishes to make a formal appeal, he or she may make a request either orally or in writing to: Velma Adame, 402 W. Main Street, Immokalee, 239-658-3560.

Unless indicated otherwise on the application, the information on the Free and Reduced-Price Meal application may be used by the school system in determining eligibility for other educational programs.

To determine annual income:

- If you receive the income every week, multiply the total gross income by 52.
- If you receive the income every two weeks, multiply the total gross income by 26.
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# EEEEV

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Symptoms can become more severe over 1-2 weeks and infected individuals will either recover or show onset of inflammation of the brain (encephalitis) with seizures and vomiting.

Human cases are usually preceded by those in horses. Disease transmission does not occur directly from person to person. Those at highest risk are people who live in or visit woodland areas, people who work or participate in outdoor work or recreational activities where there is greater exposure to potentially infected mosquitoes.

The Health Department and the Collier Mosquito Control District reminds residents and visitors to take precautions to avoid being bitten by mosquitoes. Everyone is encouraged to take the basic steps to limit exposure by following these recommendations:

To protect yourself from mosquitoes, you should remember the "5Ds":

- Dusk and Dawn -- Avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are seeking blood. For many species, this is during the dusk and dawn hours.

- Dress -- Wear clothing that covers most of your skin.

- DEET -- When the potential exists for exposure to mosquitoes, repellents containing DEET (N,N-diethyl-meta-toluamide, or N,N-diethyl-3-methylbenzamide) are recommended. Picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, and IR3535 are other repellent options. Always read label directions carefully for the approved usage before you apply a repellent. Some repellents are not suitable for children.

- Drainage -- Check around your home to rid the area of standing water, which is where mosquitoes can lay their eggs.

Tips on Eliminating Mosquito Breeding Sites

- Clean out eaves, troughs and gutters.
- Remove old tires or drill holes in those used in playgrounds to drain.
- Turn over or remove empty plastic pots.
- Pick up all beverage containers and

cups.

- Check tarps on boats or other equipment that may collect water.

- Pump out bilges on boats.

- Replace water in birdbaths and pet or other animal feeding dishes at least once a week.

- Change water in plant trays, including hanging plants, at least once a week.

- Remove vegetation or obstructions in drainage ditches that prevent the flow of water.

There are vaccines available for use in horses in protecting them against EEE, WEE, and WNV. Horse owners should contact their veterinarian about the appropriate use of these vaccines.

For more information on mosquito-borne illnesses, and mosquito control treatment schedules visit: The Collier Mosquito Control District website at: [www.CMCD.org](http://www.CMCD.org); DOH's Environmental Health web site at <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/Environment/medicine/arboreal/index.html>; or call the Collier County Health Department at 239-252-8226.



## Mosquito-borne Disease in Florida



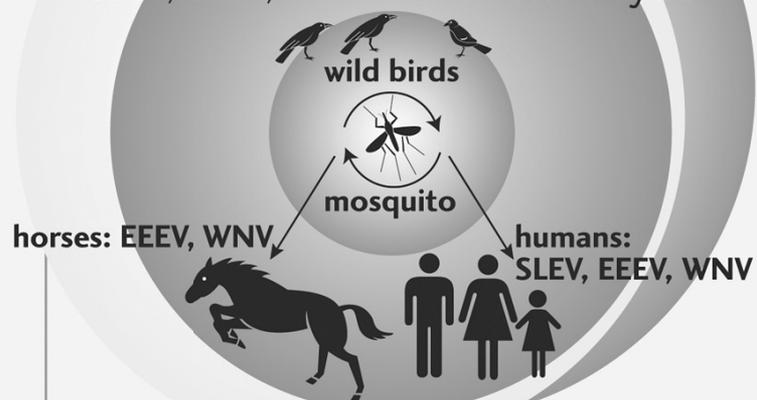
### What is an arbovirus?

Arboviruses are viruses spread to people by insect or tick bites. In Florida, we find West Nile virus (WNV), Eastern Equine Encephalitis virus (EEEV), and St. Louis Encephalitis virus (SLEV). These viruses are spread by mosquitoes and can cause serious illnesses in people.

### How do people become infected with arboviruses?

An infected mosquito spreads virus through its bite. The virus mainly passes back and forth between birds and mosquitoes. Sometimes an infected mosquito will bite a person or a horse instead of a bird. People cannot catch an arbovirus from casual contact with an infected person.

### SLEV, EEEV, WNV Transmission Cycle



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## Weather Forecast

Weather forecast for Collier County from the National Weather Service

### Local Forecast

**Thursday:** Scattered showers and thunderstorms after 1 p.m. Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 95. East wind between 3 and 10 mph. Chance of precipitation is 50 percent.

**Thursday night:** Scattered showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 7 p.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 76. East wind between 3 and 6 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

### Extended Forecast

**Friday:** Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 94. East southeast wind between 6 and 9 mph.

Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.

**Friday night:** Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 75. East wind between 3 and 6 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

**Saturday:** Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 94. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

**Saturday night:** Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 75. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

## Obituaries

### Ruby Lee Maris, 95

FITZGERALD, Ga. — Mrs. Ruby Lee Maris, 95, of Fitzgerald, Georgia, died Saturday, July 10, 2010, at the Osceola Nursing Home.

Funeral services were held 4 p.m., Tuesday, July 13, at the Paulk Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Keith Goodlett and Rev. B.J. Funk officiating. Graveside services were held at 2 p.m., Wednesday, July 14, in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Clermont, Fla.

Mrs. Maris was born July 2, 1915, in White Oak, N.C., to the late Challie Henry and Georgia Johnson Smith. She grew up in Clermont, FL, where she graduated from Clermont High School in 1933. In 1951, she and her family moved to Immokalee, Fla., where she lived until 2004 when she moved to Fitzgerald. Mrs. Maris was a homemaker and beautician. At the age of 16, she joined the First United Methodist Church in Clermont, Fla. Presently she was a member of Central United Methodist Church and was a

**Sunday:** Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 94. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

**Sunday night:** Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 75. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

**Monday:** Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 94. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

charter member of First United Methodist Church in Immokalee, Fla.

She is survived by son and daughter-in-law, Dr. Wayne S. and Margie Maris of Fitzgerald; two grandsons and their spouses, Joseph Maris and Brandi Painter of Redmond, Wash., and Jeffery and Dawn Howell Maris of Littleton, Colo.; three great-grandchildren, Robert Maris, Piper Maris and Zoe Maris. Along with her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Rial Maris; and a brother, Grover A. Smith.

The family suggests those desiring to send memorials in lieu of flowers may send them to Central United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 428, Fitzgerald, GA 31750 or to the First United Methodist Church, 303 North 9th Street, Immokalee, FL 34142.

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To verify your registration and party affiliation, visit the Supervisor of Elections office Web site at [www.CollierVotes.com](http://www.CollierVotes.com). Under the voter information tab, select 'review my registration status' from the pull down menu and follow the online instructions.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Dear Editor:

Thank you, Dr. Jerry Williamson, for your warm letter. Indeed, Immokalee is blessed with a fine medical institution, Collier Health Services, Inc., and I know that most of my patients will gravitate to them when I leave.

I would like to pause for a moment and acknowledge the following people, who I consider, as giants. Not because of their enormous stature, which they are not, but because they have been a great blessing to the community of Immokalee and they are some of the reasons why Immokalee will continue to blossom and not falter. There is always a danger that I would exclude so many in my list that deserve recognition but please forgive me if your name is not in my list. I made a quick one and so it is not inclusive.

Let me start with Fred Thomas, who definitely needs no introduction. What will Immokalee be without him? Then there is Reid Carpenter, John Lawson, Sinclair Williams, Dick Hailer and Rick Heers. The first four are from the One by One Leadership

Foundation and the last from I HOPE. All of them are men of God whose hearts are always aimed for the welfare of the people of Immokalee. Mr. Heers, who also needs no introduction, fits the Catholic definition of a "saint." Cynthia Garcia of Children's Medical Services is also saintly. Kathy Romero, my CFC Youth leader, is an inspiration for her peers to follow Christ. Soyla Reyna overcame incredible odds and did not look back but forward and serve God. The priests of Our Lady of Guadalupe Church, who have studied a different language in order to serve God away from their comfort zones. My two employees, Lisa Gomez and Christie Garcia, who despite so many difficulties, do their best to instill values to their families. Hats off to Steve Price and to Manny Touron.

Parents come to my office in disbelief, many of them shocked that I would be leaving Immokalee. I have considered most of them to be a part of my extended family; and in doing so, they have responded the same to me. Honestly, giving up Immokalee was not an easy task. For years, I have told

so many people that I love this community so much that I would love to serve them till the day I die. But governmental regulations and rules have put a shot to my wishes.

To me, being a physician is a privilege that was given to me by God, So, I cannot be haughty nor proud and say that I am better than you for I am not. In God's eyes, we are all His children, and I should see in each one of you a reflection of my Savior Jesus Christ I struggled each day to do that. Some days, it was easy, some days it was not. I prayed each day that my patients and their families will feel the presence of God in my office.

Please do not consider me a saint; I am not. I just enjoy what I do. I grew to love and respect the people of Immokalee. You guys are awesome! Life is short. I don't know how much time the Lord will give me and I want to make sure I do good as much as I can while I am alive. I hope I brought a piece of heaven to earth through Immokalee Pediatrics, Inc.

Respectfully Yours,  
Dr. Melanio Villarosa

## Guest Commentary

### Jackson Labs to come to Eastern Collier County

The Jackson Laboratory and Eastern Collier County are close to forming an integrated, mutually beneficial relationship. Earlier this year, the State of Florida designated \$130 million of state funds to be spent in Collier County, along with a match of \$130 million in local funds if approved by the County Commission, in the hopes of specifically expanding the nonprofit research institute The Jackson Laboratory to Collier County.

As the COO of The Jackson Laboratory, I can tell you that we have been searching for the right location to grow our research efforts and Collier County is the ideal candidate. Founded in 1929 in Bar Harbor, Maine, The Jackson Laboratory is a nonprofit research institute that employs nearly 1400 people and is at the forefront of personalized medicine. Simply put, we find a better, more efficient way of treating diseases based upon an individual's genetics. Some of the diseases we are currently working on to develop cures are cancer, Alzheimer's, diabetes, Parkinson's, and cystic fibrosis.

While we have been courted by other cit-

ies to grow our research in their neighborhoods, we believe that eastern Collier County provides huge potential for biomedical research and related businesses. The land is plentiful and immediately ready for construction. The state has designated biomedical research as the focus of its innovative incentive program and is committed to bringing the best and brightest to Florida. State and local educational institutions are eager to partner with us on a variety programs. Additional nonprofits and businesses are looking to us to for collaborative relationships, in turn, furthering the positive outcome of our work and theirs.

The opportunity for growth economic development in the County is exponential. Construction, retail, education, medical, real estate are all industries that will benefit. We are excited at the opportunity and encourage you to learn more about our organization by visiting [www.jax.org](http://www.jax.org).

**Chuck Hewett, COO of The Jackson Laboratory**

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**Dr. V. would like to  
sincerely thank the  
beautiful people of  
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### Pets of the Week

Lauren is a beautiful three year old female tan and black Hound. She walks very well on a leash. Max is a one year old tan and white neutered Bull terrier mix. He is well-behaved and would love to have a big yard to run and play. Tucker is a four month old male orange and white tabby kitten. He is very friendly and loves to play. Chip is a three month old male brown tabby kitten. He loves to be held and have his hair brushed. Please come and adopt them from the Collier County Animal Shelter. They would all love to make your loving home their own. Adopt a pet from Collier County Domestic animal Services by visiting 7610 Davis Blvd. Call 239-252-pets(7387) for information or visit the shelter online at [www.colliergov.net/pets](http://www.colliergov.net/pets). You may also search online for lost pets.

# Helicopter airdrops plants to improve Everglades water quality

Over a three day period recently, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) airlifted 60 tons of aquatic plants to two constructed treatment wetlands to help improve the quality of water flowing into America's Everglades.

SFWMD staff harvested three native species of submerged aquatic plants — Southern naiad, chara and Illinois pondweed — already growing within sections of the District's Stormwater Treatment Areas (STAs). The plants were loaded into a large cargo net and flown by helicopter to STA-1 East and Cell 2 of STA-2, where they were released at low altitude into shallow waters. Approximately 80 flights each carried between 1,400 and 1,500 pounds of plants.

Known as submerged aquatic vegetation because it grows beneath the surface of the water, the airlifted plants should quickly re-establish themselves in their new habitats and increase phosphorus removal from water moving through the STAs. In STA-1 East, District scientists are trying to encourage growth of native Southern naiad over exotic vegetation that has been growing in the transplant area. Meanwhile, the District is converting Cell 2 of STA-2 from emergent cattails to the three submerged aquatic species.

Stormwater Treatment Areas are the water-cleaning workhorses of Everglades restoration, using plants to naturally re-

move phosphorus from water flowing into the fabled River of Grass. The District operates a network of six STAs south of Lake Okeechobee with a combined area of more than 52,000 acres. Since 1994, the treatment areas have retained more than 1,200 metric tons of total phosphorus that would have otherwise entered the Everglades.



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**More than 1,000 pounds of native plant species were dropped by helicopter into the Everglades in hopes of increasing the phosphorus removal from the water moving through STAs.**

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**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Preliminaries
  - A. Pledge of Allegiance
  - B. Roll Call
  - C. Adoption of Agenda
  - D. Employee Recognition
    1. May- Employee of the Month-Jessica Hernandez
  - E. Public Concerns
    1. Meter Tampering Fee-Luis Flores
  - F. Staff Good Cause Items
  - G. Board Concerns
  - H. Old Business
    1. New Business
3. Consent Agenda
  - A. Adoption of Minutes
    1. June 16, 2010 Regular Meeting
  - B. Civil Rights Compliance Report
  - C. June 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
    1. Director's Report
4. Action Agenda
5. Discussion Agenda
  - A. Attorney's Report
6. Other Public Interests
7. Adjournment

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**Greater Immokalee Southside Front Porch Community, Inc.**

**REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)**  
**"INSTALLATION OF CENTRAL AIR AND HEAT PROJECT"**

The Greater Immokalee Southside Front Porch Community, Inc. (FRONT PORCH) is seeking bids from qualified contractors licensed in the State of Florida for the "Installation of Central Air and Heat" for 100 units in the Immokalee Apartments located at 601 West Delaware Avenue, Immokalee, Florida. Bids, in triplicate, must be received at the Front Porch office no later than 4:00pm on Friday, July 16, 2010. Submissions received after this date and time, for whatever reason, will not be considered. Any questions regarding this Invitation to Bid should be directed to:

Vicki Carr  
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Contractors are strongly encouraged to inspect the site prior to submitting bid. Please email: [frontporch\\_imm@yahoo.com](mailto:frontporch_imm@yahoo.com) to schedule an appointment.

Bids submitted in response to this solicitation will be opened in the Front Porch Office at 2:00 PM on Friday, July 23, 2010. Interested parties are welcome to observe the bid opening but no decision will be made nor opinion offered until final review by the Immokalee Apartments, LLC and approval by the Front Porch Board of Directors. Proposals may be held by the Front Porch office for a period not to exceed sixty (60) calendar days from the date of opening proposals for the purpose of reviewing them and investigating the qualifications of the bidders prior to awarding the contract. All bids shall be accompanied by a bid bond, certified check, cashier check or money order in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total amount bid.

The Board of Directors reserves the right to reject any or all bids and waive any formalities. The Board of Directors encourages participation by business owned and operated by minorities and women.

Funding is provided by Collier County Department of Housing, Human and Veteran Services using the Community Development Block Grant Recovery Act (CDBG-R) funds.  
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**COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA**

**NOTICE OF SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE COLLIER COUNTY FY 2008-2009 and 2009-2010 HUD ACTION PLANS TO REPROGRAM FUNDS**

The Collier County Housing, Human and Veteran Services Department has proposed a substantial amendment to the FY2008-2009 and FY2009-2010 HUD Action Plans which would allow the reprogramming of HOME Investment Partnership (HOME) funds. This reprogram is the result of previously scheduled projects which were not undertaken.

A total of \$430,000 in HOME funds is scheduled for being reprogrammed. Of this total, \$230,000 is from the FY2008-2009 HUD Action Plan Year and \$200,000 is from the FY2009-2010 HUD Action Plan Year. The reprogrammed HOME Investment Partnership funds will be used by the Department of Housing, Human and Veteran Services in its Single Family Rehabilitation Program which assists income-eligible homeowners make much needed repairs to their homes and assists in maintaining the level of affordable housing stock within Collier County.

Citizen comment period for this amendment is thirty days from date of this publication. Copies of the affected Action Plans can be reviewed at 3301 E Tamiami Trail, Building H, Suite 211, Naples, Florida 34112 or downloaded from the Collier County Housing, Human and Veteran Services Department website at [www.colliergov.net/housing](http://www.colliergov.net/housing).  
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**Church News in Brief**

**Celebration of Ministry planned**

You are welcome to join us for the 10th Anniversary Celebration of the House of Prayer of the Living God, Inc. located at 401 South Second Street, Immokalee on July 11-18. Services on Sundays, July 11 and 18, will be held at 11:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. respectively. Nightly services will begin at 7:30 p.m. Various ministers of the gospel will shower us with the Word. A community event with food, music, fun and the Word will be Saturday, July 17, at 1 p.m. For more information, call 239-826-7073 or 239-503-7733.

**Church to hold clothing giveaway**

Iglesia Bautista de Jesucristo located at 223 North 2nd Street will be giving away clothes on Saturday July 17, beginning at 8 a.m.

**Spanish**  
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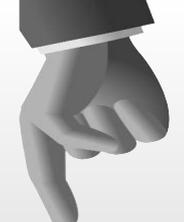
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# Seminole Tribe helps celebrate Day of the Cowboy

The Seminole Tribe of Florida will help celebrate the National Day of the American Cowboy at the festivities in Okeechobee County on Saturday, July 24. This free event is part of the fourth annual National Day of the American Cowboy, proclaimed by former President George W. Bush for the fourth Saturday in July.

Contributions made by Florida cowboys and cowgirls to the cattle industry nationwide will be saluted on this day.

The Okeechobee National Day of the American Cowboy Celebration will begin at 9:30 a.m. with a cattle drive starting near the intersection of U.S. Highway 441 and State Road 70 in downtown Okeechobee. The herd of cattle along with numerous old time horse drawn wagons sponsored by the Seminole Tribe of Florida will travel east to the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center.

Arrival of the cattle will begin a full day of events including a mounted shooting jackpot presented by the Florida Peacemakers Cowboy Mounted Shooting Association in the Arena at 11:30 a.m. Participants will be limited to the first 10 men and 10 women who have paid the \$75 entry fee. A Ranch Rodeo will begin at 2 p.m. with local ranch teams competing in "real life" cowboy events, including Team Doctoring, Calf Branding, Wild Cow Milking, Team Sorting and a Stampede Race. All the teams will be competing for a chance to participate in the State Ranch Rodeo Competition. All teams must be ranch sponsored. An entry form is available on the internet at [www.okeechobeerodeo.org](http://www.okeechobeerodeo.org). The Ranch Rodeo will be open to the public

without charge, sponsored by the Cattlemen's Association and local merchants. The Ranch Rodeo events are scheduled to begin inside the Okeechobee Agri-Civic Center at 2 p.m. that afternoon.

The Day of the Cowboy will also include historical and cultural displays. The Florida Public Archaeology Network will display Native American artifacts. The Cowboy Congress will exhibit a living cowboy camp that will include some cowboy singers and poets. The Florida Cracker Trail Association will perform whip popping demonstrations. The Seminole Tribe of Florida will have several displays and booths of hand made jewelry and clothing. There will be several cowboy artists displaying their works as well as western authors, ferrriers and rope makers. There will be a wide variety of food vendors as well as numerous vendors with western attire, jewelry and decor.



Okeechobee News/Katrina Elsen  
The Seminole Tribe of Florida helped with the National Day of the American Cowboy celebration in Okeechobee in 2009.



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The Seminole Tribe of Florida was well represented at previous Day of the Cowboy festivities in Okeechobee County. This year's celebration is planned for Saturday, July 24.

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