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News in Brief

Upcoming luncheon to benefit local families

Save the date and plan to join Immokalee Housing and Family Services on Tuesday, Nov. 9, for a fall luncheon hosted by the Naples Sailing and Yacht Club. The luncheon will benefit children and families. For more information and tickets, please contact Tricia Yeggy at 239-867-4752.

Lions Club plan benefit yard sale

The Immokalee Lions Club is having a large yard sale on Saturday Sept. 11, on the corner of Lake Trafford Rd. and 18th Street in front of Mr. 99 Supermarket. All proceeds will be used to help buy a vehicle to be used to transport patients from Immokalee for eye exams, free glasses, and eye surgeries. We will also be selling, Menudo, boiled corn, fruit cups, snow cones, and beverages. If you would like to donate items or cash funds, it will be greatly appreciated. Come join us and participate, help us, help you.

Early Head Start program open

Sign up at RCMA for the Early Head Start Program. The Early Head Start program is recruiting children from 6 weeks of age to 3years old for the new season. 2010-2011. Please contact Francisca Curiel "Nora" for more information at 239-658-3595.

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Fire fighters 'extend the boot' this weekend

The International Association of Fire Fighters (IAFF) Local #4657 Immokalee members will be hitting the streets again for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. During their collection dates on Sept. 3, 4, and 5, firefighters will participate in their MDA Fill the Boot campaign. Collections are scheduled to take place on the Friday, Sept. 3, from 3-6:30 p.m., and from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 4 and Sunday, Sept. 5, at the intersections of Main St and 1st St & Lake Trafford and S.R. 29. Look for the local Fire Trucks at the intersections and help out the MDA!

This past spring the Immokalee firefighters raised \$4,800 for

the MDA during their Spring Boot Drive and they are hoping to raise enough to send 2 more children from SWFL to MDA Summer Camp! Local #4657 firefighters will present their check live on FOX 4 on Monday, Sept. 6, during the taping of the MDA Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon.

The money raised in Collier County stays in Collier County to help fund program services including a free clinic at the Lee Memorial Heath Center; assistance with the repairs of wheelchairs, leg braces and communication devices; physical, occupational, and respiratory therapy consultations; and sum-

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Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/IFD
Get ready! It's Labor Day weekend and local fire fighters will be hitting the streets with boot in hand raising funds for the Annual MDA "Fill the Boot" drive.



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/RCMA

Welcome Back!

Meredith Feist, a first-grade teacher at RCMA Immokalee Community School, welcomes first-grader Jeidi Orozco at an open house Aug. 20. A new school year began Monday at ICS, a charter school operated by Redlands Christian Migrant Association. See page 5 for more photos.

Committee continues with hurricane preparations

By Rick Heers

Special to the Immokalee Bulletin

With this year's predictions for an above-average hurricane season, and with the activity already being seen in the North Atlantic basin with several named hurricanes, the IRCC-Immokalee Recovery Coordinating Center-continues to make preparations to be ready for the worst. Although it has been

nearly five years since Wilma came ashore and devastated Immokalee and surrounding areas, and although we've had unusually quiet summers the past two years, this could be the year when southwest Florida is again ravaged by a late summer or fall storm.

Members of the community continue to meet regularly to set

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mer camp for children. The money raised also helps fund several ongoing research projects at the University of Miami in search of better treatments and cures.

The IAFF has a long standing relationship of partnering with the MDA and is their largest national sponsor. In 1953 the IAFF officially committed to support the MDA until the day that neuromuscular diseases are eliminated.

Over the ensuing decades, the commitment of the professional fire fighters to the cause of MDA has further elevated their status as extraordinary professionals who not only put their lives at stake to save citizens from ruthless flames, but also give their time to save the lives of the innocent from equally merciless neuromuscular diseases. Participating in the Fill the Boot Campaign will be one small part of this special tradition. Please watch for your local firefighters and "Give a hoot, fill the boot!"

IRCC

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up disaster plans and organize damage assessment groups, immediate recovery efforts, and coordinate with the EOC in Naples. Judy Scribner, Human Services Program Manager, Everildo Ybaceta-Growth Management Division, Operations Supervisor and Citizen Liaison, both from the Collier County Government are working actively with Ron Mosher, leader of the IRCC, and an officer with the Collier County Sheriff's Office, Chief Scot Birge of the Immokalee

Fire Department, Nancy Frees of the Collier Health Department, and Rick Heers, Executive Director of I HOPE, along with community members Essie Serrata-Director of the Collier Housing Authority, Anne Goodnight, Joe Brueggen of the Collier Health Department, and staff from the iTECH along with Doran Oxender, principal of iTECH. Their efforts together will enable our community to be much better prepared to handle natural disaster when they strike the Immokalee community. Immokalee will have several local members rotating in a designated spot at the EOC to help coordinate emergency operations.



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/Rick Heers

Preparation is key to being ready for emergencies and members of the community and several groups continue to meet in preparation of any upcoming hurricanes. Although the early season has been quiet the peak season is proving to be a good reason to continue to prepare for disaster.



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/Rick Heers

Senior residents with limited finances for moving expenses and no transportation were sure happy to see this group of volunteers from First Baptist Church of Naples, First Assembly of God Church in Immokalee, and some from Friendship and First Baptist churches. The group pitched in to help residents begin their move into Bromelia Place Apartments. Some were former residents who were moved out due to what was reported as Chinese drywall problems.

Bromelia Apts. open to new residents

By Rick Heers

Special to the Immokalee Bulletin

Much to the delight of many elderly and disabled individuals and families in Immokalee the Bromelia Apartments have re-opened after being closed for a year while the new owner, Kipling Capital, L.P., did thorough repairs to the building. Formerly owned by United Church Homes, the building was reputed to have Chinese drywall as well as additional structural problems. After several additional inspections, re-setting of all the windows, the Chinese drywall has proven to be non-existent, all building and permitting inspections are complete, and Jack Bachmann, the new owner is ready for two dozen additional residents to make this their new home.

Several individuals who had moved to the

Crestview Apartments a year ago are now moving back into their previous residence, and happy to do so.

In a wonderful show of community faith-based support, volunteers from First Baptist Church of Naples, First Assembly of God Church in Immokalee, and some from Friendship and First Baptist Churches of Immokalee pitched in to help residents begin their move. Since many of the individuals had no transportation and limited finances, this help was invaluable.

Others who might be interested in moving into these fine facilities can contact Mr. Bachmann at 239-417-4371 or stop by the complex at 612 North 11th Street any weekday from 8 a.m.-3 p.m.

Quit smoking help available through Department of Health

The Florida Department of Health and AHEC (Area Health Education Centers) is providing Florida residents two opportunities to quit tobacco use. One option, Quit Smoking Now, is a free six week program focusing on managing tobacco addiction and relapse prevention. This program will take place at the Immokalee Community Park 321 N 1st Street, Immokalee, from 5:30-6:30 p.m. on Sept 16. To register for this class please call Eliseo Rangel at 239-989-9809. A second option is toll-free, tobacco cessation phone counseling. Interested adults are encouraged to call The Florida Quitline at 1-877-822-6669. Both cessation options include free NRT (Nicotine Replacement Therapy) gums, patches, and lozenges available to individuals who are eligible.

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Letters to the Editor

'My Hero' Benefit luncheon

On Tuesday Nov. 9, Immokalee Housing and Family Services will be holding a, "You're My Hero" fund raising luncheon at the beautiful Naples Sailing & Yacht Club. (Not to be confused with the Naples Yacht Club, the site of last year's Fall event)

The organization's mission is to provide decent, safe and affordable rental housing with supportive social and educational services for farm workers and other low income families in Immokalee and to inspire residents and their children to strengthen their community and achieve additional skills and education.

The fee of \$50 is about half donation to raise funds for our social service programs and the other half is for an excellent lunch. We will have a program that includes some testimony from our residents as well as live and silent auctions. The children have been working diligently on their presentations and we would love to have you there!

As the Director of Community Programs of this organization I hope to generate as



much interest as possible in attending this very worthwhile event. Because I strongly support our mission and the families we serve I have committed to selling at least one table of ten and hope to fill several more. It is people like you that can help me make this happen! I would love to have my favorite friends, colleagues, and volunteers join me at this event. Even before the invitations go out- I would be happy to add your name to my event table. Remember, the ticket price is a mere \$50- more than half of which will go to supporting the programs. Let me know as soon as possible so that I can begin that part of our table assignments.

Official announcements and invitations will be forthcoming. However, I want to alert you to this function in the hope you will be able to save the date and attend. If you

can't be there even a small donation to IHFS would be appreciated especially during these difficult economic times. You'd be AMAZED how much difference a \$25 donation can go toward offering our families classroom materials and even sponsoring the purchase of a Spanish/English dictionary for our English and a Second Language (ESL) learners.

Thanks for your consideration. I'll provide more details as soon as they are available. And I REALLY hope to see you there. It's going to be a fantastic event. Please contact me if you have any questions or would like to VOLUNTEER the day of the event or leading up to it, fill out the registration form, sponsorship forms, or silent auction donations forms right away. It's up to you to take us into the next phase of the change we're all bringing to Immokalee and to our families there! We couldn't possibly do this without your help and generosity!

Tricia Yeggy
Dir. of Community Programs
Immokalee Housing & Family Services

County voters

With the 2010 Primary Election behind us, it is time to think about the 2010 General Election. The ballot for the 2010 General Election is likely to be quite lengthy. There is a high probability that it will be three pages long, which means that voting in person will take longer than normal. The Elections Office strongly recommends voting by mail. It is the most convenient method for casting a ballot. Any registered voter can vote by mail. It is easy to do. Just visit our website at www.colliervotes.com and click on the "Absentee Information" tab to request a mail ballot.

Thank you.
Jennifer J. Edwards

Weather Forecast

Weather forecast for Collier County from the National Weather Service

Local Forecast

Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a high near 93. Calm wind becoming north between 6 and 9 mph.

Thursday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 74. Light north wind.

Extended Forecast

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a high near 94. Calm wind becoming south between 5 and 8 mph.

Friday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 75.

Saturday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 94.

Saturday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 75.

Sunday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 93.

Sunday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 75.

Labor Day: A chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 92.

Head Start program open

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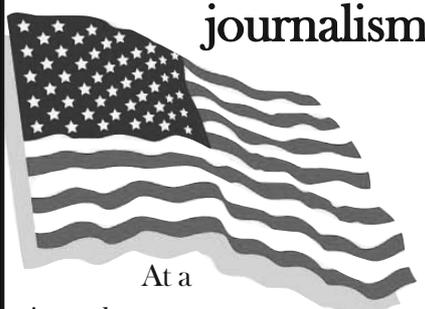
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County Value Adjustment Board still seeking members

Just a reminder that the school district is still looking for business owners interested in serving as a citizen volunteer on the Collier County Value Adjustment Board. The board hears appeals from homeowners who feel their property was appraised too high. The deadline to apply is end of business on Friday. There's a link to an online application on the home page of the district Web site at www.collierschools.com.

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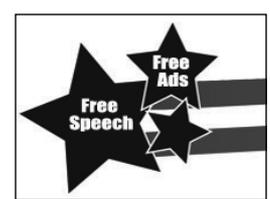
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Students First

So much is new - so many are back!

By Joe Landon
Collier County District Schools



Kinsley reports his students loving it. "Each student gets a free sample each day to promote good nutrition," according to Kinsley.

• Pinecrest
Elementary

School Principal Karey Stewart says, "thus far, things at the 'Eagles' Nest' have been soaring! We've had 500+ students fly into our school on the first day, with additional students swooping in since." The principal is met with, "smiles and hugs and high fives each morning." She adds that during each classroom visit she makes, "students are so engaged and engrossed in their teacher's message, they don't even seem to notice that I've arrived - and that's a good thing!" So far, Principal Stewart reports meeting the early school year goal each day of "hugging them, teaching them, feeding them, and sending them home correctly."

And yet another reminder that there are some school open houses being held in the fairly near future. To see the complete list, go to www.collierschools.com and click on the open house link in the Looking For? area of the home page.

Looking for a place to grab lunch, maybe get your car fixed? The good news is the storefront businesses you've come to know and love over at iTech (Immokalee Technical Center) are up and running once again now that the new school year is well underway. This includes the iTown Coffee Company shop and the iTown Cafe, a salon, the auto tech shop, and the Little Indians preschool. Principal Dorin Oxender hopes you stop by for lunch, enjoy a sandwich or salad, grab a smoothie or espresso at the coffee shop, and take a moment to see the wonderful career training in action. Got a question? Just call iTech at 377-9900. Feel free to drop by iTech at 508 North 9th Street.

We told you last week that the new school year is off to a great start. I checked with a couple of principals to see just how well things are going:

• "We had a parking lot and field of cars on that first day," says Highlands Elementary School Principal Sean Kinsley. Something new and exciting this year, a fruits and vegetables program. Principal

'College Night' planned for senior students

The School District of Collier County cordially invites students and parents to the annual College Night program taking place from 4:30-7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 23, in the Golden Gate High School gymnasium (2925 Titan Way).

Approximately 100 colleges and universities will send representatives to College Night. A list of the colleges and universities attending is now available online at http://www.collier.k12.fl.us/student_services/college.asp.

Throughout the evening, students and parents will have the opportunity to visit with the various college and university representatives. The representatives will provide information about programs offered, entrance requirements, expenses, financial aid, and campus life.

To learn more please contact Dr. Diedra Landrum, Coordinator of School Counseling, at 239-377-0517 or via e-mail at: Landrudi@collier.k12.fl.us.

District Elementary students tour 'Global Farm'

Nearly 1000 students from six School District of Collier County elementary schools are getting the opportunity to tour a local farm to learn all about the importance of fruits and vegetables. Students in 4th and 5th grade are currently touring ECHO (Educational Concerns for Hunger Organization) Farms in Lee County thanks to the district's Nutrition Services Department and Collier County Healthy Communities Coordinator Stacy Revay. Some third grade and sixth grade students are also taking part in the tour which runs from 9 a.m. until 11:50 a.m., every school day (except Mondays) through Thursday, Sept. 30, at ECHO Farms (17391 Durrance Road, in North Fort Myers).

ECHO's Global Farm Tour is a fascinating tour. Demonstrations, plants, and techniques useful to farmers and urban gardeners in developing countries make up some of the features you'll see. Experience six settings of the Global Farm and taste leaves and berries while you explore rain-forest habitats, visit farm animals, stop at a simulated Hai-

tian school, witness urban gardening techniques that allow gardens on rooftops, and learn all about ECHO's mission of helping the poor help themselves. This farm is dedicated to urban gardening techniques and fighting world hunger through innovative options and agricultural training. They also have a seed bank that contains more than 350 varieties of vegetables, trees, fruits, and other tropical crops. Students learn about a variety of fresh fruits and vegetables, how to grow them, and why they are so crucial for healthy nutrition.

In addition, each school receives a fruit tree for the 4th and 5th grade students to plant for the 3rd grade class. The 4th and 5th grade class will educate the 3rd graders about their fruit tree and teach them how to take care of it. This fruit tree will then provide the students from third grade their afternoon snack throughout 4th and 5th grade. To learn more, please contact Director of Nutrition Services Dawn Houser at 239-377-0291.

iTECH adult evening English and GED classes get under way

It's not too late to sign up and get ready for a new year of Adult English and GED classes at the Immokalee Technical Center (iTECH)! Activities are under way, with registration for returning English Language Learners (ELL), as well as Adult Basic Education (ABE)/General Educational Development (GED)/Vocational Preparation Instruction (VPI) students only! ELL students will need to report to the Conference Center, and ABE/GED/VPI will need to go to the GED room (room 1-205). Both locations

are on the iTECH campus at 508 North 9th Street, in Immokalee.

New students will also get their chance to become involved by signing up for New Student Orientation. Sign-up's start at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 7, in iTECH's administration office. New Student Orientation commences the following Monday, Sept. 13.

To learn more, please contact iTECH Evening Coordinator Bob Call at 239-377-1957.

Adult education offers iPhone 'Droid' class

We recently told you about the new Apple iPhone class being offered by the School District of Collier County's Adult and Community Education Department (ACE). In addition to the iPhone course, ACE is proud to announce a class for users of the Droid phone. Class will be held from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on six consecutive Tuesdays, beginning on Sept. 7, at Barron Collier High School (5600 Cougar Drive) in room 727.

The Droid is a versatile tool with a surprising number of applications (apps). Each class will help you set up the default apps that come with the Smart Phone, as well as the best apps that are free, or inexpensive,

and most helpful and useful to you. Learn how to set up email, use GPS, shoot high-definition (HD) video to store, send as email, or post online; get a Wi-Fi connection, and even watch movies or TV shows. You'll also learn how to save battery life and decrease frequency of charging.

Registration takes place at the beginning of the first class. Cost is \$69. To learn more about this brand new course offering, and for additional information about other Adult and Community Education classes, please call 239-377-1234 or visit their Web site at www.collieradulthood.com.

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Retired teacher donates books to local schools

Retired teacher makes trek to help STAR Program and RCMA Charter School

What do you do with the books and games you collect over the years if you're a reading teacher? Well one teacher found her way back to the Immokalee, Florida community, eight 8 years after her first visit with the Global Volunteers organization. When Jane Nicholl retired from the Northland Pines School District in Eagle River, Wisconsin in 2009, she gave careful thought to finding "good homes" for the many books she had collected. How did she come by all these books? Some of the books she gained through attending conferences and conventions where book publishers were generous with their samples in the hopes that they would be taken back to the local district and field tested. Others came from small town summer yard sales and library used book sales at almost no expense to Ms. Nicholl. Other resources were discarded with the closing of elementary schools in cash strapped school districts. Some were paper copies printed off the internet. As with many



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/Jane Nicholl
Retired teacher, Jane Nicholl just didn't know what to do with all those books she'd collected until she decided to share them with school children in states across the country. She made her last stop in Immokalee.

teachers around the country, she spent her own money as well, to support her educational aspirations for the children.

"I always liked to stay ahead of the students I was working with; I knew they had not read or heard of some of the books I introduced them to," she said. Ms. Nicholl's primary interest was to instill a love of reading in children who struggled with learning how to read.

In June of 2010 she packed up a used RV she had purchased shortly after retirement and headed south to Florida. "There wasn't a single inch of storage that wasn't filled, including the shower stall in the bathroom and the bed over the cab." One of the employees at Lamperts the local lumber store in Eagle River had even made her some customized braces to hold the cargo bar in place where she had piled boxes of books on the bed above the cab.

With a AAA TripTik in hand, she and her two cats headed south through Wisconsin, Illinois, a sliver of Kentucky, Tennessee, Georgia, and most of the way down into Florida. "I gave myself plenty of time to get there in time for helping with the Guadalupe STAR Program." She stayed in campgrounds along the way but cooked most of her meals and stopped primarily for filling up with diesel fuel. It was at these stops that she met folks from the local communities and had a few chuckles with them. At one station, she found she could pump \$20 worth of gas without being asked to pay, only to find out that the previous customer had paid for it, forgotten to pump it, and driven away. Along the way, she was surprised by some of the bumper stickers with humorous messages, until she remembered one she had seen in her own small Northwoods community which read, "If it's called tourist season.... Why can't we shoot them?"

The highlight of her trip was the time she spent in the Immokalee community, meeting and working with the Guadalupe STAR Program K-2 teachers and staff at the Highlands and Pinecrest Elementary Schools. Ms. Nicholl had visited the previous February to meet Vera Martens and Velma Flores, the School Age Program Coordinators; so her plan to support the programs was in place when she arrived. She was particularly impressed

by the "Passport to Peace" focus, the teachers integrated into their curriculum, which taught the core values of confidence, empathy, cooperation, tolerance, honesty, and respect. "The teachers and aides provided such a warm and caring learning community for these children. These kinds of programs are invaluable to stem the loss of progress that happens over the summer, when kids aren't practicing what they've learned during the regular school year." The books and games Ms. Nicholl brought down were well received and the teachers were delighted to have the extra resources. She was thrilled to introduce some of the children to the "Fly Guy" book series written by Ted Arnold whose alma mater just happened to be the University of Florida.

She also donated books to the RCMA Charter School and learned about the tremendous support they provide in this community. "I came away with the impression that there are no holidays in this school, they're always providing support to the families whose parents work long hours including holidays."

She'll fondly remember Immokalee as a place on the path toward a 21st century future. She sees part of that future in place already, with dedicated people and supportive opportunities in education and growth for both children and adults.



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/RCMA

Back to School!

Jim McDevitt, new director of RCMA Immokalee Community School, welcomes first-grader Stephanie Murillo, her mother, Araceli Ramirez, and Belen, 2, at an open house Aug. 20. McDevitt was an elementary-school principal in the Denver area.

iTECH storefronts open and ready for business

The Immokalee Technical Center (iTECH) is pleased to announce that the storefronts at iTECH are now open for business! All storefronts are located on the iTECH campus at 508 North 9th Street, in Immokalee.

Stop by the iTown Coffee Company and pick a beverage from the huge selection of specialty hot drinks. Or enjoy one of the seven varieties of smoothies. Menu items also feature frappuccinos, espressos, smoothie creamsicles, cold drinks,

and more. Hours are 6:45 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday thru Friday. If you're hungry, make sure to visit the iTown Cafe. An assortment of sandwiches, pizza, soups and salads will tempt your taste buds. Cafe hours are 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday. The iSalon, Autotech, and Little Indians Preschool are also open and ready for your business. Drop in and see iTECH training in action!

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Naples Zoo is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization cooperating in conservation programs both in and outside the wild for endangered species. The all day pay-one-price ticket includes admission to both the nationally accredited zoo and historic garden along with all shows, botanical tours (offered on Sundays), exhibits, and the boat ride. (\$19.95 adults age 13+ / \$11.95 children 3 to



Courtesy photo/Naples Zoo
Labor Day visits from kids will bring these big guys out to see what's going on at the Naples Zoo!

12, under 3 free. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years of age). Zoo memberships are also available online at www.napleszoo.org. Naples Zoo welcomes guests daily from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. with the last ticket sold at 4 p.m. and is located at 1590 Goodlette-Frank Road across from the Coastland Center mall in the heart of Naples. To learn more, click www.napleszoo.org or call 239-262-5409 or follow the Zoo at www.twitter.com/NaplesZoo.

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The Soccer Pit Cobras are back for fall season

The Club has been busy getting the teams ready to compete this fall. This year The Cobras will have 5 teams competing in two leagues. U12s, U14s, U15s, and U17s will be competing in the USA League which competes in the western part of the state from Port Charlotte all the way up to Tampa. The Cobras U15 and Cobras U17s already started league play. The 15s coached by Alex and Minnie Hernandez are still undefeated with a record of 2 wins and one tie. The U17s are coached by Martin Garza and Manny Touron and they have a win and a tie. The other two clubs playing in the USA league are the Cobras U12s and Cobras U14s. The 12s are coached by Ezequiel Moya and Hector Ramirez, while the 14s are coached by Bulmaro Hernandez and Eric Leon. These two clubs will not start league play until the

end of October and will end in February. Our U10s will be coached by Aniceto Hernandez and will play in the Southwest Florida league starting at the end of September.

The club in collaboration with The Collier County Parks and Rec. will also have an in-house league for players 5 through 10 years of age. This program will not start until the end of October. If there's anyone interested in coaching an in-house team please let us know at registration time. Registration will take place in a couple of weeks. Time and place will be announced in the Immokalee Bulletin and at the schools.

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Chicago Fire makes visit to Pit Cobra territory

This is the second time that personnel from the Major League Soccer team The Chicago Fire visit the Cobras in Immokalee. Two weeks ago first team Assistant Coach Larry Sunderland, club coach and administrator Mark Prizant, and club coach Josh Ness visited the boys and ran a soccer clinic for the participants. Although the clinic had to be cut short due to the weather, the boys met with the coaches in the clubhouse. Coach Sunderland talked to the players about the commitment they need to have to make themselves good players and have success at the club level. He talked about the physical and mental preparation that professional players have to have in order to succeed at the top level. It was

a great motivational session that we hope our players take to heart as they continue their club schedule. The coaches brought Chicago Fire t-shirts and back packs for all the players in attendance. They have also sent us a wall clock, flag, poster, and sign all with the Chicago Fire logo for our clubhouse.

We hope to have more visits from their coaching staff after their season is done. The Fire is currently in fifth place of the Eastern Conference with a record of 6 wins, 7 losses, and 6 ties.

The club really appreciates coach Sunderland's visit while he is still fulfilling his coaching responsibilities with the first team.

FWC to host county hunter safety course

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) will host a free hunter safety course Sept. 8, 9, 11 and 19, in Collier County.

Students will learn about hunting laws, safe gun handling and wildlife identification, among other topics, before taking the final test. The course also includes live-firing instruction on a shooting range.

The first three classes will be at Golden Gate Fire Station No. 71, 100 13th St. SW (south of Collier County Estates Library Branch). On Sept. 8 and 9, instruction will

take place 5:30-9:30 p.m. On Sept. 11, it will be 8 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The Sept. 19 session will be 8 a.m.-noon at BSA Camp Miles, 38751 Bermont Road, Punta Gorda. Instructors will provide driving directions during the earlier sessions. Attendance on all four days is required for certification.

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Here come the Indians!

Immokalee's Indians showed what they're made of once again at the Aug. 27, Kick Off Classic stomping the neighboring LaBelle Cowboys 34-6. Lots of motivation going on along the sidelines with coaches and players alike. Immokalee fans are looking forward to another fine year. This week new Coach Jarrod Ackley will lead his young team against Barron Collier, which is rebounding off a stinging 23-2 loss to South Fort Myers. Fans can catch their team at home Friday night, game time 7:30 p.m.

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