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Local educators gets surprise classroom grant funding

Many teachers received a surprise visit on Sept. 2, by representatives of The Education Foundation with Connect With A Classroom grant awards – 119 grants, in 36 schools, totaling over \$54,000.

The Connect With A Classroom grant program was established to enable teachers to request funding for creative, innovative projects that cannot be funded through the regular school budgets. After the application deadline, a dedicated group of community members and educators review and score the grants and allocate funding. This year's funding is provided by: Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union/Suncoast for Kids Foundation; The English-Speaking Union;

License for Learning License Plate Fund; SW Florida Workforce Development Board; Greater Naples Unit of New York State United Teachers Retirees, Florida; and various community members. This year the grants that have not received funding will remain on the current website until October for an individual or organization to have an opportunity to fund projects. Visit www.ConnectWithAClassroom.org to view both funded projects and those that are in need of funding.

"It is refreshing to be able to provide an avenue for teachers to enhance the curriculum and expand the experiences and horizons of students beyond the basics. The

imagination, innovation, and inspiration of the teachers combined with strong support from and connection to the community provides a win-win-win experience for the students of Collier County" stated Lenore Brakefield, Grant Chair.

License for Learning is another opportunity for the community to show their support for education. When you purchase a Florida Educational specialty license plate, twenty dollars of the plate's cost goes directly toward benefiting students, schools and teachers within the county of purchase. To purchase or renew your Florida Educational specialty plate, please visit: www.License4Learning.com.

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Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/Education Foundation
Greg Pasanen of Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union and Education Foundation Board member congratulates Eden Park Elementary teacher Belinda Sanchez with her grant, along with Principal Melba Meriwether and Assistant Principal Oliver Phipps.

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Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/Adam Herrera
Players react when Indians defense cause Barron Collier to fumble the ball, with first and goal on the Immokalee 1-yard line, the ball popped free after a big hit. The ball ended up in the hands of Immokalee senior Kervins Clement.

Jax Biomedical Leadership Council announces additions

Blake Gable, president of Real Estate for the Barron Collier Companies, today announced a series of advancements in plans for the Jackson Laboratory – Florida Biomedical Village.

To date, memos of understanding have been signed with:

- The University of South Florida and USF Health to collaborate on research, education and clinical care, including the creation of a facility at the Village;

- Edison State College to create a Collegiate High School focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics on site;

- Athleticode, a for-profit company that offers genetic testing to athletes to identify risk of injury, to locate at the Village and to explore with JAX the genetic basis of injury;

- Florida Gulf Coast University to collaborate on educational programs for its students; and

-Collier County Public Schools to coordinate educational opportunities with JAX to maximize its Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics curriculum.

New developments announced by Gable are:

Additions to the BLC
 The appointment of Dr. Wilson Bradshaw and Dr. Charles Hewett to the Biomedical Leadership Council, an advisory board tasked with enhancing, assisting, and advising in the development of the Biomedical Research Village proposed for Collier County and anchored by The Jackson Laboratory – Florida.

"As we develop the Council, we want to have representatives from the academic, biomedical, business, pharmaceutical, political, science, and venture capital fields,"

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Greg Pasanen congratulates Highlands Elementary teacher Cathy Stack on receiving her classroom grant, along with Principal Sean Kinsley.



Pincrest Elementary students are joined by Principal Karey Stewart to watch as their teacher Mia German, receives her classroom grant from Greg Pasanen from Suncoast Schools Federal Credit Union, and Education Foundation Board member.



Immokalee High teacher Janette Bostin is excited to see that her classroom grant is funded and is cheered by her students.

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The Education Foundation will soon be launching a new website to help build the technology capacity through which community and schools connect in efficient, collaborative ways. The site is expected to launch in October, but visit www.GetOnTheBusCollier.org to learn more and to sign up for the launch notification! Until then, to view or fund a Connect With A Classroom

Grant, please go to: www.ConnectWithA-Classroom.org and give educators more opportunities to enhance learning for Collier County students. A new, and improved, Connect With a Classroom function will be part of the new website.

The Education Foundation of Collier County began funding classroom grants in 1991-1992, and in 2003-2004, devised the web-based "Connect With A Classroom" tool, which was groundbreaking in the state of Florida for teachers to use an online vehicle to request community support.

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he comments. Dr. Wilson Bradshaw is president of Florida Gulf Coast University. Prior to joining FGCU, he held senior positions at Metropolitan State University in St. Paul, MN, Bloomsburg University, and Florida Atlantic University. A Florida native, he earned his bachelor's and master's degrees in psychology from Florida Atlantic University, and his doctorate in psychobiology from the University of Pittsburgh.

Chuck Hewett, a Maine policy leader and executive with a background in state government, energy systems management and international pharmaceutical development, is vice president and chief operating officer of The Jackson Laboratory. Earlier, he served with Cianbro Companies of Pittsfield, a major infrastructure construction company, and was chief operating officer for the State of Maine executive branch. He holds a B.A. from Williams College and M.F.S. and Ph.D. degrees from Yale University.

Conference Attendance

Attendance by representatives from the BLC of the annual conference of the American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists on November 14-18 in New Orleans.

Engagement of CB Richard Ellis

Involvement of national commercial real estate firm CB Richard Ellis. The firm's Life Science and Consulting Groups, led by Patricia Ardigo and Thomas Jirovsky, have been engaged to provide an array of consulting services in order to identify potential users for the Biomedical Village project.

CB Richard Ellis Group, Inc. (NYSE:CBG), a Fortune 500 and S&P 500 company headquartered in Los Angeles, is the world's largest commercial real estate services firm,

with more than 300 offices worldwide. CB Richard Ellis offers strategic advice and execution for property sales and leasing; corporate services; property, facilities and project management; mortgage banking; appraisal and valuation; development services; investment management; and research and consulting.

Venture Capital Firm Alignment

Confirmation of interest to work with start-ups in the Biomedical Village from firms like Sequoia Capital, a Menlo Park, CA firm which invests and assists founders of venture and growth stage companies.

Sequoia has provided early stage and growth funding for companies including Apple Computer, Cisco Systems, Google, Onyx Pharmaceuticals, Oracle, PayPal, Ventritex (now part of St. Jude Medical), Yahoo!, YouTube and Zappos. MOU with the Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board Joe Paterno, Executive Director of the Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board, has entered into a Memorandum of Understanding with the BLC committing necessary resources to ensure both employers located within the Biomedical Research Facility and local residents receive the recruitment assistance and training required to ensure they are competitive within their respective market. Training programs available include educational and vocational components that can be either on the job, in the classroom or a training specifically customized with a combination of both classroom and on the job.

Talks are underway with additional academic institutions, for-profit businesses and referral sources. Additional announcements will be shared as they become available.

For information on The Jackson Laboratory - Florida Biomedical Village:

www.jax.org/florida

www.enaplesflorida.com

Weather Forecast

Weather forecast for Collier County from the National Weather Service

Local Forecast

Thursday: A 50 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 92. East wind between 3 and 5 mph.

Thursday night: Mostly cloudy, with a low around 75. Light east wind.

Friday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 91. Calm wind.

Friday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 76. Light southeast wind.

Saturday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 92. Calm wind.

Saturday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 74.

Sunday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a high near 91.

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News in Brief

Quit smoking help available

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.

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.

Coletta to visit Immokalee

On Wednesday Sept. 15, Commissioner Jim Coletta will attend the Immokalee CRA/EZDA Advisory meeting at 8:30 a.m. Then he will be at the Immokalee Rotary luncheon meeting at Rib City. If you would like to schedule an appointment to meet with Commissioner Coletta regarding Collier County government issues, please call his aide Evelyn Prieto at 239-252-8097. Commissioner Coletta would like to encourage all citizens and community leaders to meet with him and keep him informed on local events.



Community Information Meeting

Collier County Housing, Human & Veteran Services will be hosting a series of community information meetings in September to gather input from citizens, nonprofit social service and housing organizations and other interested parties regarding the housing needs and community and economic development needs of low and moderate income residents.

The County's Housing, Human & Veteran Services (HHVS) administers HUD funded programs including Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) and Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). The department is beginning to gather information and data to prepare a new Five-Year Consolidated Plan. The HUD mandated Consolidated Plan is used to guide housing programs and non-housing community planning for fiscal years 2011-2016. The Consolidated Plan and One Year Action Plan will identify how Collier County will expend the CDBG and HOME funds it anticipates receiving in coming years. The annual allocation may be approximately \$3,000,000 for eligible activities that benefit very low, low to moderate income residents.

CDBG funds may be used for activities which include, but are not limited to:

- acquisition of real property;
- relocation and demolition;
- rehabilitation of residential and non-residential structures;
- construction of public facilities and improvements, such as water and sewer facilities, streets, neighborhood centers, and the conversion of school buildings for eligible purposes;
- public services
- activities relating to energy conservation and renewable energy resources
- provision of assistance to profit-motivated businesses to carry out economic development and job creation/retention activities.

HOME Funds may be used for activities which include, but not limited to:

- to provide home purchase or rehabilitation financing assistance to eligible homeowners and new homebuyers;
- build or rehabilitate housing for rent or ownership; including site acquisition or improvement, demolition of dilapidated housing
- funds to provide tenant-based rental assistance contracts of up to 2 years if such activity is consistent with their Consolidated Plan and justified under local market conditions. This assistance may be renewed.

The following community meetings are open to the public and nonprofit service providers and other interested individuals are encouraged to attend:

River Park Community Center 301 11th Street North Naples, FL 10:00-12:00 am. Wednesday September 15, 2010	Golden Gate Community Center 4701 Golden Gate Parkway Naples, FL 4:00-6:00 pm Wednesday, September 15, 2010
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Immokalee Community Park
321 North N 1st St
Immokalee, FL
6:00-7:00 p.m.
Wednesday September 22, 2010

If you require special aid or services as addressed in the Americans with Disabilities Act or require someone to translate or sign, please contact the Collier County Housing, Human & Veteran Services at (239) 252-2901 no later than two (2) days prior to the community meeting dates.



Junta de Información Comunitaria

El Departamento de Vivienda, Servicios Humanos y Veteranos acogerá una serie de juntas con información comunitaria en Septiembre para reunir entrada de ciudadanos, agencias sin ganancias de servicios sociales, y organizaciones de viviendas y otros partidos interesados con respecto a las necesidades de envoltura y las necesidades del desarrollo económico y de comunidad.

El Departamento de Vivienda, Servicios Humanos y Veteranos del condado (HHVS) administra programas fundidos por HUD inclusive las becas Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) y Home Investment Partnerships Program (HOME). El departamento está comenzando a reunir información y datos para preparar un nuevo Plan Consolidado de Cinco Años. El Plan Consolidado bajo el puesto mandato de HUD es usado para guiar programas de viviendas y planificación no-albergando de comunidad para los años fiscales 2011-2016. El Plan Consolidado y el Plan de Acción de un Año identificarán como el Condado de Collier gastará los fondos de las becas de CDBG y HOME que anticipan a recibir en los siguientes años. La Asignación Anual puede ser aproximadamente \$3,000,000 para actividades elegibles que beneficiaran a residentes de ingresos muy bajos, bajos a moderados.

Los Fondos de CDBG podrán ser usados para actividades que incluyen, pero no limitados:

- adquisición de propiedad real;
- Recolocación y demolición;
- rehabilitación de estructuras residenciales y no residenciales;
- Construcción de instalaciones públicas y mejoras, como facilidades de agua y alcantarilla, calles, centros vecindarios, y la conversión de edificios de educación para propósitos elegibles;
- Servicios Públicos;
- Actividades que relacionan a la conservación de la energía y recursos energéticos renovables;
- Provisión de ayuda a negocios motivados de ganancia- para llevar a cabo actividades de desarrollo económicos y actividades de creación de empleo/retención.

Los fondos de HOME podrán ser usados para actividades que incluyen, pero no limitados:

- para proveer compra de casa o asistencia de financiamiento de rehabilitación a propietarios elegibles y nuevos compradores de vivienda;
- Construir o rehabilitar albergar para el alquiler o la propiedad; inclusive adquisición de sitio o para mejoras, la demolición de albergar ruinoso;
- Fondos para proporcionar contratos de arrendatario-baso para ayuda de alquiler de hasta 2 años si tal actividad es consistente con su Plan Consolidado y justificado bajo condiciones de mercadotecnia locales. Esta ayuda podrá ser renovada.

Las juntas siguientes de la comunidad están abiertas al público y proveedores de servicios de agencias sin ganancias y otros individuos interesados son favorecidos a atender:

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Si usted requiere asistencia especial o servicios ofrecidos bajo el Acto de Americanos Incapacitados, o si requiere asistencia con traducciones o traduzca en el idioma del signo, por favor llame al Departamento de Vivienda, Servicios Humanos y Veteranos al (239) 252-2901 no menos de dos días antes de las reuniones comunitarias.

Students First

Education Foundation at work

By Joe Landon

Collier County District Schools

So you know The Education Foundation of Collier County for its annual Golden Apple teacher recognition program, but there's a whole lot more – much more – the Foundation is doing daily to support education in the Immokalee community and across the county. Just a few days ago, The Foundation visited classrooms to deliver "Connect With a Classroom" grant money to be used by our teachers for their many meaningful and very creative projects. Highlands Elementary School and Pinecrest Elementary School led the way for Immokalee schools with grant awards. Eight grant checks were handed out at Highlands. Teacher Cathy Stack received five for programs that'll teach her students about the Holocaust, show them how to create a business, and then four others with rather interesting titles: "I'm So Terrified I've Got Goosebumps," "The Latest Thing was Discovered at the Invention Convention," "Vroom! And They're Off," and "To Infinity and Beyond." Highlands teacher Valerie Concidine had two projects funded: "Highlands Hawks Butterfly Garden and Ecosystem" and "The Monarch Raise and Release Project." Teacher Todd Holappa will teach his Highlands students how to grow a garden with the help of a grant. Six "Connect With a Classroom" grants were funded for

Pinecrest Elementary School teachers. Mia German's "Got Games?" project and two for teacher Cindy Sans' students: "Centered on Learning" and "Sound it Out – Shout it Out!" Teacher Katherine Sapp's "Reading Each Month of the Year" program was funded, as was teacher Karri Strong's "ABC Extravaganza." And Pinecrest's Patricia Zawodny's "Adventures in Writing" project received a grant. Two awards were delivered at Eden Park Elementary School. "Go Take a Hike," a project of teacher Tammy Miller, and one submitted by teacher Belinda Sanchez involving teaching and reinforcing the alphabet and sounds received funding. Over at Immokalee High School, teacher Janette Bosetin's "Literacy and Mathematics" program received one of the larger grants in the amount of \$1,641 from the Suncoast for Kids Foundation/Suncoast Federal Credit Union. At Immokalee Middle School, two of teacher Courtney Cassidy's projects were funded: "Out of this World Immokalee Family Literacy and Science Celebration" for \$870, donated by the Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board, Inc., and "Turning into Reading," funded by the English-Speaking Union. We mention them, Suncoast, and the Workforce Development Board as examples of the generous community support for this grant program.

To see a complete list of all of the district grants, go to www.ConnectWithAClassroom.org.

Fresh GED Connection Series begins next week

It's that time again for the GED Connection TV show to begin airing its informative series. If you're planning to take the General Educational Development (GED) exam anytime soon, you'll want to be sure and catch this program that provides adult learners with the skills and knowledge needed to prepare for and pass the newly revised GED exam. The GED Connection series combines 39 video programs, print materials, and Internet learning activities to make studying for the test exciting, engaging, and effective. From the first episode through the last, GED Connection takes an in-depth look at the five subject areas covered on the GED exam – reading, writing, math, science, and

social studies. The helpful series also provides assistance with a multitude of topics within these subject areas. Tune in to The Education Channel, cable 99, each weekday at 6:30 a.m., and 10 p.m., beginning Friday, Sept. 17, to catch all the 30-minute episodes.

To prepare for the GED exam in a classroom setting, you're encouraged to take advantage of GED preparation classes offered at no cost at the following locations: Immokalee Technical Center, 508 North 9th Street, in Immokalee, 239-377-9900.

Lorenzo Walker Institute of Technology, 3702 Estey Avenue, 239-377-0984.

Presidential address to students scheduled

The President will address the nation's students on Tuesday, Sept. 14.

Sept. 14, is a scheduled Early Dismissal Day for all Collier County Public Schools. High school students will be dismissed at 11:05 a.m., elementary school students at 11:50 a.m., and middle school students at 12:50 p.m. on that date.

The White House has yet to announce the time of day the address will be delivered. If it is scheduled to be delivered during the school district's abbreviated school day, schools will show it, however, parents choosing to not have their child view the address will be given the opportunity to opt out. A Presidential Address Opt Out form is posted online at www.collierschools.com

with a direct link in the What's New? area near the top of the home page. It is also posted on the Parents page. Copies of the form may be obtained from any school and from the school district's Communications Services Department via e-mail at: info@collier.k12.fl.us, or by phone at 239-377-0180.

Parents wishing to opt out should complete the form and return it to their child's school.

In the event school is not in session when the address is shown live, teachers at any level may show a recording of it at a later time at their discretion, but they must give timely notice to parents or guardians giving them the opportunity to opt out.



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Helping our students come to school prepared with what they need to begin the school year is a community priority, and back-to-school timing presents great opportunities to help.

Back-to-school activities are the kick-off to The Education Foundation's Get On the Bus™ initiative, which will inspire everyone to consider how they might get involved in supporting the success and future of Collier County through education.

On Sept. 22, The Naples Beach Hotel & Golf Club will host a Back to School Luncheon for The Education Foundation of Collier County. The luncheon is presented by Fifth Third Bank, and teachers, principals, students and community members will come together and "get on the bus" in support of education. This luncheon is also supported by e Bella Magazine. In the morning, educators will work together in a Building Bridges session co-sponsored by Florida Power & Light and Grant Fridkin Pearson Athan & Crown, P.A. For more information, or to purchase tickets (\$75 each) for the Back to School Luncheon, please call 239-643-4755.

Part of this back to school kick-off is the second Back to School Supply Drive generously organized by Fifth Third Bank, which will help local school children with materials to be ready for school.

"Through this partnership, Fifth Third Bank hopes to equip children -- who might otherwise go without these essentials -- with all of the tools and materials they need to go confidently in the direction of their dreams," said David Call, President and CEO, Fifth Third Bank (South Florida).

School supplies can be dropped off at any Fifth Third Bank location in Collier County through Sept. 10. Suggested items include #2 pencils, spiral notebooks, 8 or 24-count boxes of crayons, washable glue or glue sticks, full-size boxes of tissue, antibacterial wipes or hand sanitizer, gallon- or sandwich-size zip lock bags, etc. Donations of gift cards to office supply stores or retail school supply vendors are also welcomed; The Education Foundation will purchase supplies from the school-issued supply list and distribute during the drive.

The cornerstone of Get On the Bus™ is the development of an interactive, online space through which schools and community intersect. The Education Foundation will soon be launching a website to help build the technology capacity through which

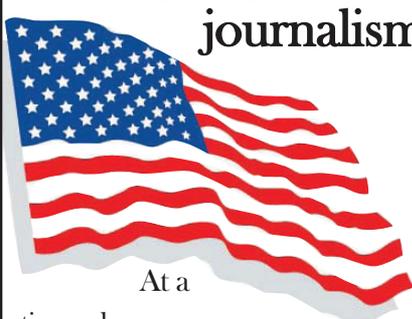
community and schools connect in efficient, collaborative ways. Kaleigh Grover 2010-11 Chair explains, "We are looking forward to serving all students, families, educators, and schools to better connect with our community."

The site is expected to launch in October, but visit www.GetOnTheBusCollier.org to learn more and to sign up for the launch notification!

About The Education Foundation of Collier County

Founded in 1990, The Education Foundation of Collier County is an independent not-for-profit 501(c) (3) organization that engages our community and schools in pursuit of a quality education for every child. Everyone has a role to play in educating our community's children. We invite you to find your seat and get on the bus! Visit www.EducationForCollier.org or www.GetOnTheBusCollier.org. Charity Navigator (www.CharityNavigator.org) has awarded The Education Foundation the highest 4-star rating for sound fiscal management for two consecutive years.

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RCMA Head Start has openings for young children

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

School district schedules early dismissal day for next Tuesday

The first of seven School District of Collier County early dismissal days is set for Tuesday, Sept. 14. The early dismissal time for elementary, middle, and high school students is three hours earlier than the dismissal time on other days.

The early release day is for the purpose of school improvement inservice for all staff, especially as they work in designing challenging and engaging lessons for our students. The district hopes that this advance notice will allow for after-school

child care arrangements to be made.

The six remaining scheduled early dismissal days for the 2010-2011 school year are October 6, December 9, February 9, March 8, May 19, and June 9 -- the very last day of the school year.

To view the entire 2010-2011 school calendar, go to the home page of the district Web site (www.collierschools.com) and look under "Calendars" on the "Quick Links" menu on the far left side of the page.

Wife Appreciation Day is Sept. 19

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October is National Domestic Violence Awareness Month - Get involved!

The Shelter for Abused Women & Children will once again be hosting a series of activities throughout October as part of the certified domestic violence center's National Domestic Violence Awareness Month Campaign.

As in previous years, the series of events is designed to raise awareness about intimate partner violence, educate about available programs and services, as well as involve the community in helping to prevent abuse before it begins, protect victims and prevail over violence in our homes, neighborhoods and community.

Educating with Emery Boards
Saturday, October 2, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Volunteers will hand out Shelter emery boards at ten Publix locations in Collier County in an effort to raise awareness about National Domestic Violence Awareness Month and The Shelter's life-transforming programs and services.

Youth Symposium
Saturday, October 9, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Co-sponsored by Hodges University and The Shelter's Youth Advisory Council, this event features Danielle Joy Linheart presenting information about dating violence and

healthy relationships.

Immokalee Linguistics Community Meeting
Monday, October 11, 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

Held in Immokalee, this event features a panel of speakers discussing services available for children and domestic violence victims within the community.

Women of Color Caucus Meeting
Friday, October 15

Held at The Shelter's Naples Office, The Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence Women of Color Caucus will meet to discuss issues and identify critical needs across the state of Florida.

Haitian Symposium
Saturday, October 16, 8 a.m. Registration, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Program

Hosted and sponsored by First Baptist Church Naples, this event is designed to provide Haitian pastors and members of the community the opportunity to learn more about domestic violence and healthy relationships with presentations by The Shelter and keynote speaker Dr. Gaston. An Agency Fair will provide guests information about services available for victims in our community.

NAACP Freedom Fund Banquet
Saturday, October 16, 6 p.m. to 11 p.m.

The Shelter's Director of Programs, Lisa Reddick, will emcee this special event and provide a domestic violence awareness overview to those in attendance.

Presentation to the Dental Association of Collier County Thursday, October 21, 6 p.m.

A Shelter Advocate will present "Domestic Violence in the Workplace" and provide those in attendance information on local services available for victims of domestic violence.

Strut Your Mutt
Saturday, October 23, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

at Germain BMW, Naples The Shelter is partnering with the Humane Society Naples for this annual Pet Halloween Costume Contest complete with prizes for winners, local vendors and adoptable pets! Beyond helping our four-footed friends, the event raises awareness about the fact that animal cruelty is domestic violence.

Immokalee Children's Fair, Vigil and Peace March

Tuesday, October 26, 3 p.m. Fair, 6 p.m. March

Join The Shelter's Immokalee Outreach Office for an afternoon of awareness and

fun! The day begins with a Children's Fair complete with games and refreshments, as well as booths by local service agencies. At 6 p.m., the community joins Shelter staff and volunteers for a police-escorted Peace March/March on Main Street complete with a Vigil commemorating those lost to domestic violence, honoring victims and survivors and advocating for peace in our homes.

InVEST Legal Symposium
Thursday, October 28, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Attorneys, law enforcement, judiciary, advocates, court personnel and other legal service providers will delve into the issue of batterer accountability as The Shelter's InVEST Advocate provides ideas, insight and training to community partners in an effort to send a clear message to abusers - Collier County is a violence-free community!

Immokalee Health Fair
Saturday, October 30, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

The Shelter's Immokalee Outreach staff will provide a presentation on intimate partner violence and the impact of abuse on one's health during this community event.

For more information on The Shelter's National Domestic Violence Awareness Month Campaign, please call 239.775.3862.

CDC recognizes National Gay Men's HIV/AIDS Awareness Day - Free testing

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimate fifty-three percent (53%) of new HIV infections occurred among men who have sex with men (MSM) in 2006. By the end of 2007, MSM accounted for 61.5 % of reported cases of HIV infections in adult and adolescent men. MSM also accounted for 47% of all reported adult and adolescent HIV cases in 2007 and continued to represent over 50% of all reported AIDS cases among adult and adolescence men during the same year.

In Florida, at least:
1 in 22 MSM,
1 in 29 white MSM,
1 in 12 black MSM,
1 in 18 Hispanic MSM and
1 in 20 other MSM are living with HIV/AIDS

For this reason, the HIV/AIDS Network of Collier County (HANCC) is proud to sponsor the following FREE events celebrating National Gay Men's HIV/AIDS Awareness Day from **Sept. 12-16**. Some of these sites will be offering Rapid HIV testing with same day results. Others will offer traditional testing with a two-to-three week wait for results.

Sept. 13
FREE HIV Testing: Marion E. Fether Medical Center; FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Collier County Health Dept.- Immokalee
8 a.m.-6 p.m.
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Sept. 14
FREE HIV Testing: Marion E. Fether Medical Center; FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Collier County Health Dept.- Immokalee
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Sept. 17
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8 a.m.-4 p.m.
1-4 p.m.

Rapid HIV testing at Collier County Health Department in Naples is normally \$20. The next time we will be offering FREE Rapid HIV testing is on Oct. 12, 13 & 14 and November 30 & December 1 & 2. For more information regarding these events, or HIV/AIDS in Collier County please contact Deborah Harris, Collier County Health Department HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis Program Manager, at 239-252-2683.

National Gay Men's HIV/AIDS Awareness Day is sponsored by the following HANCC members:

Collier County Health Dept.- Naples. Call 239-252-8593.

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Immokalee first-year coach Jerrod Ackley address his team after the game. The team took the Barron Collier team by six points in the first game - IHS Indians 13, Barron Collier, 7. The next game for IHS Boys Varsity Football will be Friday, Sept. 10, at Naples High School. The game begins at 7:30 p.m. Come out and support your hometown team!



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Xavier Richardson catches 26 yd pass from Tshumbi Johnson for touchdown.



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