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Shakeup: Fire inspector laid off, deputy chief is back on the line

By **Patty Brant**
Immokalee Bulletin

The Immokalee Fire Board continues to work through serious financial problems. At its June 28 meeting, the Immokalee Fire District laid off Fire Inspector Elisa Yanes and Deputy Chief Raul Dimas accepted a voluntary demotion to lieutenant. His return to the line gives IFD the 15 firefighters required for basic coverage.

Financial deficits in the district's budget that came to light began the disruption of the fire department last month. With the fire inspector, a total of seven firefighters are no longer on the payroll.

Mr. Dimas was unsure if his return to the line is permanent.

Through the use of volunteers, residents and firefighters, the Carson Road Station has been repaired and refurbished but adequate manpower is still lacking to reopen it. Tuesday night's meeting began discussion of incorporating additional volunteer firefighters to reopen the station.

Mr. Dimas said there are currently ten certified volunteer firefighters on the books. He is unsure just how many volunteers would be needed to maintain service at all three stations - New Market Road, Carson Road and Ave Maria. He said he would like to have 15 certified volunteers and added that several of those

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Building team skills...



More than two dozen Immokalee students participate and were awarded certificates of completion in a team building program with The Immokalee Foundation (TIF). The program held at the Adventure Training Center in Naples used a "Survivor" theme and was geared towards helping kids to find their inner strengths. See story and photo on Page 5.

Rotarian of the Year honored at annual dinner

Richard Rice was given Rotarian of the year honors by outgoing President Sinclair Williams when the Immokalee club gathered for their Annual Installation Dinner June 22, at Roma in Havana Ristorante. In making the announcement, President Williams said, "We present this award annually to the one person

who has carried the Rotary message of 'Service Above Self' to the community and elsewhere." "I can't think of anyone more deserving, one who is always ready to give of himself for the benefit of others." "I can speak to this personally as I don't think I could

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Special to the Immokalee Bulletin
Rotarian of the Year, Richard Rice is presented his award by club president Sinclair Williams.

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Builders' Expo set for July

The Immokalee Business Development Center (IMMBIZ) is getting together a few good friends to network, trade opportunities and generally help move the building industry forward to Florida's 21st Century.

The Immokalee Builders' Expo is set for July 21, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., at the Immokalee Southwest Florida Works Center (also known as the Career & Service Center or the

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firefighters who have moved on have expressed an interest in volunteering to keep their certification.

He said reopening the Carson Road Station will require an agreement between the fire district and the firefighters union.

As another cost-cutting measure, it is also possible that administrative duties may be shared by Big Corkscrew Island Fire Department.

In the last several weeks, six firefighters resigned from IFD. Four were from the original six firefighters who were laid off, then

reinstated.

According to Deputy Chief Dimas, five of those who resigned went to work at Collier County EMS and one went to the Isle of Capri, where he had been working part time.

Three senior firefighters opted for a buy-out package, including two weeks pay and pay for all their accrued leave. One of these firefighters had been with IFD about 3.5 years; one for eight years; and the third firefighter was a 21-year veteran.

Recent rains have helped somewhat with regard to fighting fires, Mr. Dimas said. Rains have been scattered, he said, but he feels they've helped slow down fires throughout the county.

The next Immokalee Fire District meeting is planned for July 21.

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have made it through this year without his guidance and assistance. More times than I like to think, I would seek advice, and Dick was always there when I needed him." "The community has benefited, too, as he serves

as Chair of the Colliers health Services board of Directors, is chair of the Citizen's Advisory Committee to the Metropolitan Planning Commission for Collier County, is on the Airport Advisory Committee, and is very active in his church serving as Lay Minister and liturgist. This is the second ROTY recognition for Rice in his seven years as a Rotarian, having previously receiving the award in 2007.

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One-Stop Shop), 750 South 5th Street.

General contractors, developers, builders and suppliers will have the opportunity to meet with local tradesmen and procurement specialists. Anyone in the building in-

dustry is welcome to attend and participate. Contact RosemaryDillon@colliergov.net or phone me at 239-269-9628.

The Immokalee Business Development Center, or IMMBIZ, is a new kind of incubator for small businesses and energetic entrepreneurs. It is a business incubator without walls and meets new ventures where they can profit most.

Public Meetings

• Collier County Board of County Commissioners will meet Tuesday, **July 26**, at 9 a.m. in the Board of County Commissioners chambers, third floor, Collier County Government Center, 3299 Tamiami Trail East, Naples.

Public Hearing

• Thursday, Aug. 18, has been set as the date for the Collier County State Legislative Delegation's Public Hearing for the local bills. The meeting will convene at 9 a.m., in the IFAS Auditorium in Immokalee, located

at 2685 State Road 29 N, Immokalee, and will last until 11 a.m.

The delegation will reconvene at 2 p.m., in the City Council Chamber, City Hall, located at 735 8th Street South, Naples. This session will last until the completion of the agenda. Members of the public will have an opportunity to address the delegation about issues not related to local bills upon completion of the local bill agenda.

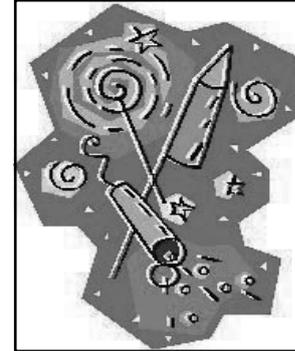
CCSO encourages putting safety first this July 4

CCSO urges residents and visitors to put safety first when celebrating the Fourth of July holiday.

Deputies will be on the lookout for illegal displays.

It is illegal in Collier County to use any fireworks that explode or fly, unless they are being used in a professional demonstration with proper permits or for agricultural purposes.

Sales at fireworks stands are limited to only legal fireworks which are on the Florida Division of State Fire Marshal's approved sparkler list. The list can be found on the Web at: <http://www.myfloridacfo.com/sfm/sparklerindex.htm> Residents and visitors who want to create their own fireworks displays should consider the safety issues. You can injure yourself lighting the wick. Lit fireworks can travel and injure someone else or set a tree



or house on fire.

Firing a gun into the air in celebration of holidays like Independence Day is also against the law. Florida law states that it is illegal to have a gun in any public place, over an occupied building or house, or in the right of way of any paved road, highway or street.

Deputies will also be patrolling neighborhoods and answering noise calls related to fireworks. The initial

complaint may result in a warning to the offender, but continuing to disturb the peace could result in arrest.

Be considerate of your neighbors and keep any celebrations involving noise to a reasonable level, especially after dark.

Better yet, the best way to stay safe is to avoid using fireworks and attend a display handled by professionals.

Immokalee wastewater plant addition goes out for rebid

By Patty Brant
Immokalee Bulletin

Immokalee Water and Sewer District (IWSD) Director Eva Deyo is hopeful construction could still begin on the planned addition to the Immokalee Waste Water treatment plant by the end of the year.

Bids on the project came in too high last month and had to be rejected, but plans were downsized somewhat and the bidding process is ongoing once again.

Ms. Deyo said the plan for additional capacity has been downsized, redesigned and rebid. The plan has basically been halved. The rest of the infrastructure for additional capacity will be constructed later.

Plans also include an administrative building and another headworks (where

everything comes into the facility).

Some 40 individuals attended a recent pre-bid meeting and 60 CDs have been sent to companies interested in the project, Ms. Deyo said. She is very pleased with the interest generated by the project.

The new bids are to be opened July 13.

After a bid is accepted, it usually takes another 60 days for a notice to proceed to go out, and then the construction company will take about 90 days to line everything up. That means construction could begin about December.

The project uses \$8 million in USDA funding.

The current plant, built in 1982, will remain on line.

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July is Parks and Recreation Month

Celebrate with Collier County Parks & Recreation

July is Parks and Recreation Month. Where can you improve your health without going to a doctor? Where can you meet new friends or spend time with existing ones? Where can children learn and grow without going to summer school? Right here with the Collier County Parks & Recreation Department.

As part of a nationwide celebration, the Collier County Parks & Recreation Department is pleased to be recognizing the many values and benefits of parks and recreation. Did you know that citizens who had better access to parks, visited parks more frequently, and engaged in physically-active park behaviors also made fewer visits to their doctor other than getting a regular checkup? Are you aware that adolescents who participated in extra-curricular activities are more likely to avoid "at risk" behaviors? Have you ever considered the economic impact that

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Please join the Collier County Parks & Recreation Department as it recognizes Parks and Recreation Month by attending or participating in one or more of the following activities: 4th of July Celebration, Sunny's Night Out, Dominos, Water Aerobics, A Canoe Trip Through the Estuary, Senior Cards, Community Yard Sale, Bingo, Shelling or Walking Through Freedom Park. Visit us online @ www.collierparks.com to view our R.E.A.L. Guide for program details.

The department will host the 10th Annual Ice Cream Social to celebrate Parks and Recreation Month. The event is scheduled for Saturday, July 30, from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. at Sugden Regional Park. Staff and volunteers will be dishing out yummy, free ice cream. Other activities will include entertainment, games, a giant water slide, canoeing, kayaking and a water ski show.

For more information, contact Parks and Recreation Administration by calling 239-252-4000 or visit www.collierparks.com.

Weather Forecast

Thursday: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 92. Calm wind becoming southwest between 6 and 9 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.

Thursday night: Isolated showers and thunderstorms before 11 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 73. West wind around 6 mph becoming calm. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Extended Forecast

Friday: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 93. Calm wind becoming south between 4 and 7 mph. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.

Friday night: Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 74. Light and variable wind. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Saturday: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 93. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.

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

Sunday: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 93. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.

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

Independence Day: Scattered showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 93. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.

Sun N Fun says 'Thanks' to active military with free admission on July 4

As a way to say "thanks" for their service to our country, Sun-N-Fun Lagoon is offering free admission to the water park for all active military on Monday, July 4, with one paid admission.



Florida Driver's License. With a Florida Driver's License showing a Collier County address, you and your party will receive \$2 off any 48 inch or taller entry, normally \$12. Children three and under enter free and those shorter than 48 inches are just \$5.50.

Add sales tax to all fees listed

above.

Group rates, seasonal passes and party packages are also available. Call 239-252-4073.

Summer Hours of Operation:

Summer hours for Sun-N-Fun Lagoon are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and the water park is open every day of the week from Memorial Day through August 21.

For more information about Sun-N-Fun Lagoon or other public pool facilities, please visit the Parks and Recreation Department online at www.napleswaterpark.com. The public may call Sun-N-Fun Lagoon at 239-252-4021.

Sun-N-Fun Lagoon is located in North Collier Regional Park at 15000 Livingston Rd.

Facility Attractions:

- 1 water slide drops into Sunny's Lazy River
- 4 water slides take you to a drop pool
- Heated family pool
- Tadpole Pool, a children's activity wading water area with a fish slide and more
- Turtle Cove, a pool for ages 5-12 years old with lily pads and ropes for climbing
- Sunny's Lazy River, 1200 feet long
- All pools except Tadpole wading area are heated

Cost: The park is offering a special discount this year to Collier County residents with a

Florida Community Bank hosts "Protect you and your business" workshop

The Collier County Sheriff's Office and Eastern Collier County Chamber of Commerce will hold a workshop on Fraudulent Checks along with a business card exchange - networking/socializing event Thursday, July 7, from 4-7 p.m. at the Florida Community Bank, 1400 N. 15th Street. All are welcome.

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Immokalee Amigos Center families learn leadership skills

Workshops help to “Bring out the best” in new community advocates

By Richard Rice

Special to the Immokalee Bulletin

To increase community involvement, the Amigos Center in Immokalee has developed a series of workshops to nurture leadership skills, with the first class of eleven receiving certificates at a luncheon held May 21.

The Amigos Center in Immokalee is a branch of Amigos en Cristo Lutheran Church, and is using a grant to provide training in community advocacy, conflict resolution and other skills.

Robert Selle, Pastor of Amigos, said “The structure is there, and the purpose is to bring a variety of programs before the participants to give them a better understanding of what

is available and offered by different agencies and/or non-profit services.” “We want this to be a strengthening type program for our participants,” he said. “How can you be effective in your community if you’re not effective in your own knowledge of your community and surroundings?”

“The thing that stayed with me was that I got to meet other people from the community who we didn’t know or feel comfortable confiding in,” said Lourdes Ruiz, one of the graduates of the first class. “I feel we already have created a bond with others in the class. I feel closer to others in the community.”

Sabina Sandoval said she jumped at the chance because it offered her an opportunity to get involved. “It gave me a better understanding of the community,” Sabina said, “and it gives us a chance to fix our own problems.”

Domestic abuse shelter conducts back to school supply drive

‘Give back - Stuff a Pack’
back to school drive

Support The Shelter for Abused Women & Children’s “Give Back - Stuff a Pack” donation drive and ensure children receiving services at the nonprofit domestic violence center have access to needed school supplies this August and throughout the year ahead.

The Shelter is seeking new:

- Gift cards to Target, Wal-Mart, Payless Shoes, etc.
- School clothes/uniforms
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Items are distributed to children residing in the 60-bed Beau Venturi Home emergency shelter, as well as to children receiving support through outreach offices in Naples and Immokalee.

Back to school items can be dropped at The Shelter’s Options Thrift Shoppe, 968 Second Avenue N. in Naples; open Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more information on The Shelter’s “Give Back - Stuff a Pack Drive,” please call 239-775-3862, ext. 235, or email rgrabau@naplesshelter.org

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Edison State College Collier Campus Health Sciences Hall on schedule

The Allen & Marla Weiss Health Sciences Hall is on schedule for a late 2011 debut on the Edison State College Collier Campus.

“The Health Sciences Hall is an exciting and innovative addition to the educational experiences we offer our nursing students,” said Dr. Robert R. Jones, Interim Campus President.

According to Frank Stout, project Manager, GATES, the general contractor for the building, work continues on the atrium roof as well as the nursing labs. The second floor wall framing has been completed.

The Allied Health Services Building, which encompasses about 43,500 square feet and will have nursing and related labs, classroom and administrative space on the first floor, with chemistry and biology labs, classrooms and administrative space on the second floor. An exterior patio will be on the roof.

The Edison State College Collier Campus, 7007 Lely Cultural Parkway, is located off Collier Boulevard, three miles north of Tamiami Trail East.



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/Richard Rice

Certificate recipients in the front row are: Margarita Acevedo, Emma Gonzalez, Lourdes Ruiz, Delfina Roa, Cruz Ramos and son. In the back row: Marcela Rice, Program Coordinator, Juana Santos, Justina Ruiz, Mazrghita Nunez, Sabina Sandoval, M. Dolores de Galvan, Rev. Robert Selle. Not shown: Susana Alvarado.

Parents - take advantage of early enrollment

Immokalee families will be able to take advantage of one-stop enrollment, transfer, or withdrawal of elementary, middle, and high school students on Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Immokalee High School, 701 Immokalee Drive, Immokalee, through July 27. Student Services personnel from elementary and middle as well as high school personnel will be able to work with families. Parents should call Olivia at 239-377-1813 to make an appointment.

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TIF students team build at adventure training concepts

Twenty-eight students from various programs of The Immokalee Foundation recently participated in a leadership/team building training with Adventure Training Concepts in Naples. Designed to help the students explore their inner strengths, students conquered several obstacle courses, team-building exercises and physical challenges.

The group was placed into two teams that competed against each other in Operation Out Play, a Survivor-themed adventure that is both challenging and competitive. The purpose of the competition was to test each person's ability to work together to successfully complete the mission.

Elda Hernandez, vocational success program manager at TIF, said the event gave the students the opportunity to build friendships and teamwork.

She said that although many of the young men and women were intimidated because it was their first time scaling walls and climbing ropes, the students fought their fears and tackled the course with enthusiasm.

Each team was assigned a team leader, but soon discovered that listening to one another's input was the key to overcoming the challenges. "If I had to take one thing away from the day, it would be to take everyone's opinion into consideration before making a final decision," said Marcos Diaz, a student in TIF's Vocational and Career Success program.

Hernandez said the obstacles were designed so that they couldn't be completed alone. Each student was determined to give it their all, as not to let their teammates down.

Luis Parra, a student in the Take Stock in Children Immokalee program, was focused on doing his best. His philosophy: "You can only control your actions and pray the others keep up."



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/TIF Linda Jean-Pierre and Marcos Diaz, both students and participants in the team building program practice their skills on the balance veam.

The students said although the day was challenging, it was fun, and the lessons they learned are ones that will stick with them as they go forward and face life's obstacles.

Hernandez said all of the students did an outstanding job. They gained confidence, leadership skills and communication skills. Most importantly, everyone learned they don't have to face challenges alone.

Since 1991, The Immokalee Foundation has been building pathways to success for many of the children in Immokalee through a variety of programs that focus on mentorship, after-school activities, college scholarships, the development of vocational skills and incentives for educational growth. In 2009, The Immokalee Foundation served 2,700 children through its core programs.

The Immokalee Foundation has a range of programs that focus on building pathways to success through college and vocational scholarships, mentoring and tutoring and opportunities for broadening experiences and life skills. To learn more about volunteering as a mentor or for additional information on TIF, call 239-430-9122 or visit www.immokaleefoundation.org.

IHS students receives national citizenship achievement award

Miss Jovenise Benjamin, a student at Immokalee High School in Immokalee has received the national Alexander Hamilton Citizenship Achievement Award for superior citizenship and achievement. Hamilton Awards are given annually by The Alexander Hamilton Friends Association (Hamilton Friends) of Seattle, Washington. Winners receive a scholarship, commemorative certificates, memorabilia, and acceptance into our extensive Hamilton Leaders Academy.

Miss Benjamin is one of 35 students selected for the award. The purpose of the Hamilton Award is to recognize high school students for their academic, personal, ser-

vice and entrepreneurial achievements and to select students for the Hamilton Leaders Academy. Our winners are high-achieving, service-oriented, high school juniors with high financial need. "The award was again very competitive. We received over 400 applications from 46 states. Winners represented 19 states," said George T. Cox, Founder and Senior Director of Hamilton Friends. "Our goal is to identify young people who have set high standards for citizenship and achievement in their lives. We are very excited about Jovenise's potential for future greatness. The Immokalee community is lucky to have her as a resident," concluded Cox.

Six L's helps RCMA kids excel in reading and math skills

Six L's Packing Company has donated \$58,000 to help the children of Redlands Christian Migrant Association learn reading and math.

Jaime Weisinger, a Six L's director who handles the company's charitable ventures, said the nonprofit RCMA meets two of Six L's' top priorities: it serves people in the communities where Six L's operates, and it benefits farm workers.

"RCMA has been one of our biggest causes for the last five years," Weisinger said. "It helps make life easier for the people who are working directly for us."

Over the last three years, Six L's has donated more than \$265,000 to support RCMA programs.

Of the latest Six L's donation, \$50,000 will go to Immokalee Community School, a K-6 charter school that primarily serves the children of migrant farmworkers. The money will help the charter school hire a reading coach and a math coach, covering half the costs.

The remaining \$8,000 will enable RCMA to sustain a reading program among its 80 childcare centers, which are scattered among farming areas in 21 Florida counties. (One of the centers is on a Six L's farm outside Naples.) The money covers RCMA's 25 percent share of the cost.



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/Bill Coats Jaime Weisinger of Six L's Packing Co. visits with Nicholas Juan while touring Immokalee Community School. Six L's donated \$50,000 toward the costs of reading and math coaches for the school.

The program, Reading is Fundamental, enables each of RCMA's 8,000 preschoolers to choose a book to take home and keep, on three occasions each year. It encourages reading at home among families that struggle with literacy.

Barbara Mainster, RCMA's executive director, called RIF "one of the best deals going."

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The location for application pick up
will be:
5251 Golden Gate Parkway
Suite #D
Naples, Florida 34116
(239) 732-0732
OR
1800 Farm Worker Way
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Completed applications may be re-
turned to either location listed
above between 8:30 am and 12:00
noon.

All applications must be received
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Safeguard tax and financial records during storm season

With the first named storm of the Atlantic hurricane season heading for Mexico, the 2011 Hurricane season has begun with Arlene.

The Internal Revenue Service encourages individuals to safeguard their records. Some simple steps can help individual and business taxpayers protect financial and tax records in the event of hurricanes and other disasters.

"Planning what to do in the event of a disaster is an important part of being prepared," IRS spokesperson Michael Dobzinski said. "The IRS encourages people to protect tax and financial documents, both personal and professional."

Listed below are tips for individuals and businesses on preparing for a hurricane and other disasters.

• **Take advantage of paperless record keeping for financial and tax records.** Many people receive bank statements and documents electronically. This method is an outstanding way to protect financial records. You can scan important tax records such as W-2s, tax returns and other paper documents onto an electronic

format.

"Be sure you back up your electronic files and store them in a safe place," advises Stepter. "Making duplicates and keeping them in a separate location is a good business practice." Other options include copying files onto a CD or DVD or other electronic storage device.

When choosing a place to keep your important records, convenience to your home should not be your primary concern. Remember, a disaster that strikes your home is also likely to affect other facilities nearby, making quick retrieval of your records difficult and maybe even impossible.

• **Document valuables and business equipment.** The IRS has disaster loss workbooks for individuals and businesses to help you compile a room-by-room list of your belongings or business equipment. This will help you recall and prove the market value of items for insurance and casualty loss claims. One option is to photograph or videotape the contents of your home and/or business, especially items of greater value. You should store the photo or videotape in a safe location away from the geographic area at risk.

• **Update emergency plans.** Emergency plans should be reviewed annually. Personal and business situations change over time and so do preparedness needs. Individual taxpayers should make sure they are saving important documents including W-2s, home closing statements and insurance records. When employers hire new employees or when a company or organization changes functions, plans should be updated accordingly and employees should be informed of the changes. Make sure you have a means of receiving severe weather information. If you have a NOAA Weather Radio, put fresh batteries in it. Make sure you know what you should do if threatening weather approaches.

• **Count on the IRS.** In the event of a disaster, the IRS stands ready to help. If disaster strikes, an affected taxpayer can call 1-866-562-5227 to speak with an IRS specialist trained to handle disaster-related issues. The IRS also has valuable information you can request if your records are destroyed. Immediately after a casualty, you can request a copy of a return and all attachments (including Form W-2) by using Form 4506, Request

for a Copy of a Tax Return. If you just need information from your return, you can order a transcript by calling 800-829-1040 or using Form 4506-T, Request for Transcript of Tax Return. There is no fee for a transcript. Transcripts are available for the current year and returns processed in the three prior years.

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People have no idea they are dealing with something so potentially dangerous.

Refilling the fire pot with gel-style fuel

while the pot is still lit is the number one cause for injury.

Injury occurs during refueling because the flame appears colorless; giving the impression the fire pot has extinguished itself. However an active flame is present.

Ceramic pots can break, causing the ignited fuel to burst outward towards people, resulting in catching their clothes afire and causing injury.

News in Brief

Immokalee Lions Club

The Immokalee Lions Club invites the public to our furniture and miscellaneous items Yard Sale/Fundraiser. This will be held on Saturday, July 2, beginning at 8 a.m. We will be parked on Highway 29 next to the Bank of America. Look for the purple and yellow colors. The Immokalee Lions Club will have plate lunches, nachos, candies, and sodas for sale. All proceeds will go towards providing assistance to the community in their needs for eye care. Help us help you.

En Espanol

El Club De Leones De Imokalee

Agradece a la comunidad de Immokalee y la Senora Maria, por facilitarnos su propiedad para nuestra venta de articulos usados el cual se llebo a cabo para recaudar fondos, y

fue un gran éxito. Tambien le agradecemos al club de Bonita Springs por todas sus donaciones El Club De Leones De Immokalee. Estamos planeando otra gran venta el dia Sabado 02 de Julio del 2011 comensando a las 8:00 a.m. hasta terminar, los productos disponibles tambien se estaran vendiendo, platos de comida, nachos, c/queso, dulces, raspados, sodas y sabritas.

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