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Redevelopment agency moves to larger quarters

By Patty Brant
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The Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) and Immokalee Business Development Center (IMMBIZZ) are in the business of helping business people in Immokalee prosper which, in turn, invigorates the entire community economically, socially and culturally.

Now, it's the CRA's turn to ex-

pand and grow. The agency and its personnel will soon move into the old Barron Collier building at 1320 N. 15th Street.

Last week the Collier County Board of County Commissioners approved a request for the CRA to lease the Barron Collier building and on July 15 CRA employees will begin moving in.

Barron Collier has relocated to Ave Maria.

Currently, the CRA, with the Business Development Center, shares the tiny building with the permitting department, which requires one employee one day a

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Firefighter Heath accepts voluntary buyout

Move keeps younger firefighters on board

On June 21, The Immokalee Fire Commission Board voted to accept a buyout offer presented by the Union President on behalf of Firefighter/EMT Terry C. Heath.

Firefighter/EMT Heath was born in Fort Myers Florida and raised in Immokalee; he graduated from Immokalee High School in 1980. As a young man he was one of many local farmers raising cattle, working the local citrus and pineapple nursery farms before his uncle Roger McGill who was a full time firefighter for the City of Fort Myers and Volunteered with the Immokalee Dept. on his days off peaked his interest in the fire service. Along with his grandfather Sam Ewing Heath who was one of the original

Charter Members of Immokalee Fire Dept. and served on the Fire Commission Board until approximately 1978. Terry's mother Joann Williams also served on the Fire Board from approximately 2000 - until her passing in 2006. Without even realizing it, fire service was in his blood.

At the age of 27 Terry became a volunteer with Immokalee Fire Dept., a year later on March 24, 1990 he was offered a full-time paid position, one of the original 10 to be paid, after attending fire school he became a certified firefighter by the end of 1990, continuing on to attain his EMT certification.

Lt. Mendoza stated "He takes with him lots of experience that he shared with the rest of the dept."

Firefighter Heath will be greatly

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Immokalee Firefighter Terry Heath discusses the situation with a fellow firefighter at a recent accident involving a truck hauling bell peppers.

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week. Code enforcement, with four employees, has the bulk of the space. Collier County Commissioner For District 5 Jim Coletta has an office there to conduct county business when he's in Immokalee.

Once the CRA vacates, code enforcement, permitting and the commissioner's office will remain in the building.

Over the years, the county-owned facility has been used as office space by a number of agencies and groups, including the health department and parks and rec, as well as the chamber of commerce.

Penny Phillippi and her team are overjoyed at the prospect of having enough room for everyone - they've been cramped since the CRA first moved in there. That was in December 2007, when Ms. Phillippi came to work for the CRA and the agency got its first physical presence in Immokalee.

Employees expect to have everything ready for the public shortly after the July 15 move-in date. Watch for an open house some time at the end of the month to give

the community a glimpse of the spacious new surroundings.

With 11 offices in the new building, the CRA will be able to have advisory board meetings on site. In addition to offices, there will be space for a computer lab. They will even be able to lease some space as incubators for small businesses only needing office space. These start up businesses will be able to share some basic office equipment with the CRA like the fax machine.

A very pleased Ms. Phillippi said, "Space is the driving factor. We need professional space." As the primary group seeking to elevate Immokalee's profile to prospective businesses, the CRA needs to project the demeanor it encourages.

She added that Barron Collier is giving the CRA an "unbelievable" rate and a two-year lease. The company has always been a strong corporate partner to Immokalee, she noted.

This is the next step in the evolution of the CRA. Ultimately, if the CRA fulfills its vision to help Immokaleans create a vibrant and continually growing economic community, the CRA hopes to built its own brand new facility.

Teen substance use top public health problem

Ninety percent of Americans suffering from addiction started smoking, drinking, or using other drugs before age 18. Almost half of all American high school students smoke, drink, or use other drugs.

Nine out of 10 Americans who meet the medical criteria for addiction, started smoking, drinking, or using other drugs before age 18, according to a national study released today by The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse (CASA) at Columbia University.

Adolescent Substance Use: America's #1 Public Health Problem reveals that adolescence is the critical period for the initiation of substance use and its consequences. The CASA report finds 1 in 4 Americans who began using any addictive substance before age 18 are addicted, compared to 1 in 25 Americans who started using at age 21 or older.

Adolescent Substance Use at Epidemic Levels:

The CASA report underscores the fact that addiction is a disease with adolescent origins. The underdeveloped teen brain makes it likelier that teens will take risks, including using addictive substances that interfere with brain development, impair judgment and heighten their risk of addiction.

The CASA report reveals that:

- 75 percent (10 million) of all high school students have used addictive substances including tobacco, alcohol, marijuana or cocaine; 1 in 5 of them meets the medical criteria for addiction.

- 46 percent (6.1 million) of all high school students currently use addictive substances; 1 in 3 of them meets the medical criteria for addiction.

The CASA report noted that alcohol is the preferred addictive substance among high school students:

- 72.5 percent have drunk alcohol;
- 46.3 percent have smoked cigarettes;
- 36.8 percent have used marijuana;
- 14.8 percent have misused controlled prescription drugs; and
- 65.1 percent have used more than one substance.

American Culture Drives Teen Substance Use

Cultural messages and the widespread availability of tobacco, alcohol, marijuana and controlled prescription drugs normalize substance use, undermining the health and futures of teens.

Forty-six percent of children under age 18 (34.4 million) live in a household where someone 18 or older is smoking, drinking excessively, misusing prescription drugs or using illegal drugs.

Less than half (42.6 percent) of parents list refraining from smoking cigarettes, drinking alcohol, using marijuana, misusing prescription drugs or using other illicit drugs as one of their top three concerns for their teens; almost 21 percent say that marijuana is a harmless drug.

The report also finds that many teens with other challenges such as a family history including a genetic predisposition, a co-occurring health problem, or a victim of trauma are at even higher risk of substance use and addiction.

A Costly Epidemic

The CASA report declares teen smoking, drinking, misusing prescription drugs and using illegal drugs to be a public health epidemic presenting clear and present dangers to millions of American teens, and severe and expensive long range consequences for our nation.

In addition to the heightened risk of addiction, consequences of teen substance use include accidents and injuries; unintended pregnancies; medical conditions such as asthma, depression, anxiety, psychosis and impaired brain function; reduced academic performance and educational achievement; criminal involvement and even death.

The report finds teen substance use is the origin of the largest preventable and most costly public health problem in America today. Immediate costs per year of teen use include an estimated \$68 billion associated with underage drinking and \$14 billion in substance-related juvenile justice costs. Total costs to federal, state and local governments of substance use, which has its roots in adolescence, are at least \$468 billion per year - almost \$1,500 for every person in America.

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missed, he hopes to continue volunteering with the dept., which would be only an added asset, he knows the history of the town and the people, any firefighter who has had the privileged to be his ride partner for the month knows, if they went anywhere, a restaurant, bank, grocery store, or even running on a call, it was almost guaranteed Terry would run into someone he knew. "He is very generous," states Lt. Mendoza who was fortunate to have been his Lt. on A-shift for the last couple of years.

On April 14, 1994, The Immokalee Fire Commission Board approved the Mission Statement that state's The Immokalee Fire Department is committed to protecting the people and property within our community. We will be responsive to the needs of our citizens by providing rapid, professional, humanitarian services essential to the health, safety, and well being of the community. Firefighter Heath has fulfilled this mission statement.



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/**Elisa Yanes Immokalee Firefighter Terry Heath takes to the streets in Immokalee during the annual MDA "Fill the Boot" fundraiser. Heath has been with the department for over two decades.**

On behalf of the Immokalee Fire Control District, we thank you Firefighter Heath for your 20 plus years of service and dedication to the community of Immokalee and a thank you to every Firefighter past and present for their service to this Dept., the Communities of Immokalee and Ave Maria.

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Kids 'Get Colorful' with CCSO

The Collier County Sheriff's Office invites area children and teens to share their artistic talent this summer. Youths who participate in "Get Colorful With CCSO" will select one of two scenes that can be printed from the CCSO web site and create a piece of artwork with a safety message. One drawing is of a CCSO deputy and the other is of a CCSO patrol car. On the back of the artwork or a separate sheet participants will write a brief description of what the scene is about.

"Get Colorful With CCSO" is not a competition. Rather, it is an opportunity for the children and teens to share their creativity and partner with CCSO to help keep Collier County a great place and a safe place. Entries may be created using crayons, markers or any other creative materials. To print one of the scenes go to: www.colliersheriff.org and click on the "Get Colorful With CCSO"

Community Events

Attention builders, etc.

Immokalee Business Development Center invites you to the Builder's Expo July 21, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at 750 S. 5th Street. General contractors, developers, builders and suppliers - meet with local tradesmen and procurement specialists. Admission is free.

If you would like the opportunity to showcase your organization please contact RosemaryDillon@colliergov.net of call 239-269-9628. Please respond by July 15.

Business networking meeting planned

There is a business networking meeting today, Thursday, July 7, 4-7 p.m. at Chile Caliente, 204 Boston Ave. Discussion will be on check/cash fraud detection. For more information please call the Eastern Collier

Public Meetings

• Immokalee CRA/EZDA Advisory Boards will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, **July 20**, at 8:30 a.m., at Southwest Florida Works located at 750 South 5th Street, Immokalee,

Immokalee Community Redevelopment Agency - Immokalee Cra Advisory Board - Immokalee EZDA for Month of July

Notice is hereby given that two or more members of the Immokalee CRA/EZDA Advisory Boards may attend public meetings during the month of July.

Immokalee Rotary Club: **July 6, 13, 20, & 27**, at iTech, conference Room, located at 508 North 9th Street, Immokalee, noon.

Eastern Collier Chamber of Commerce Breakfast Meeting: **July 6**, at Roma in Havana Ristorante, 1025 W. Main Street, Immokalee, 8 a.m.

Eastern Collier Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting: July 13, at the Chamber of Commerce Office, 720 North 15th St., Immokalee, 8:30 a.m.

Inter-Agency Council: **July 13**, at Southwest Florida Works (formally known as the Career and Service Center of Collier County-

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Completed artwork may be dropped off at any CCSO substation or mailed to:

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"Get Colorful With CCSO" will run through Aug. 12. At the end of the summer CCSO will share the artwork with the community on its Facebook page, www.facebook.com/colliersheriff, and its YouTube channel, www.youtube.com/colliercounty-sheriff.

Anyone with questions about "Get Colorful With CCSO" may call 239-252-0604 or e-mail ccsopio@colliersheriff.net.

Chamber of Commerce at 239-657-3237.

Free workshop

Certification can significantly help your business gain access to government contracts. Whether you are just starting a business or your company is already established, you can drastically benefit from these contracts.

Come and learn about the State's Minority Business Enterprise program. Attendees will be introduced to the application process and obtain answers to questions about how to navigate through the certification process.

Free workshop July 15, 3-5 p.m., 402 West Main Street Immokalee. Call 239-269-9628 or register via e-mail RosemaryDillon@colliergov.net

Immokalee), 750 South 5th Street, Immokalee, noon.

Immokalee Fire Control District: **July 21**, at the Fire Station, 502 East New Market Road, Immokalee, 7 p.m.

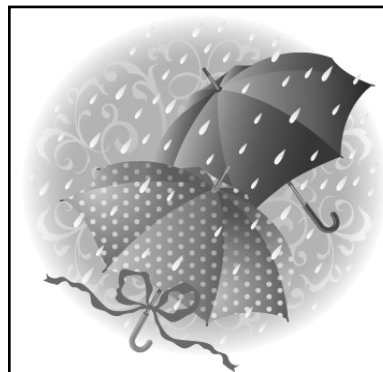
Immokalee Water & Sewer District Board of Directors: **July 20**, at the Immokalee Water & Sewer District Office, 1020 Sanitation Road, Immokalee, 3:30 p.m.

Immokalee Community Taskforce Meeting: **July 26**, at the Collier County Health Department, 419 North First Street, Immokalee, 10 a.m.

Immokalee Beautification MSTU Advisory Committee: **July 27**, at Southwest Florida Works (formerly known as the Career and Service Center of Collier County-Immokalee), 750 South 5th Street, Immokalee, 4:30 p.m.

Immokalee Business Development Center (IBDC) Builder's Expo: **July 21**, at Southwest Florida Works (formally known as the Career and Service Center of Collier County-Immokalee), 750 South 5th Street, Immokalee, 10 a.m. For more information, call Christie Betancourt at 239-252-2313.

Weather Forecast



Weather forecast for Collier County from the National Weather Service

Local Forecast

Thursday: Scattered showers and thunderstorms between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m., then showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm after 2 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 89. East wind 5 to 8 mph becoming south. Chance of precipitation is 70 percent.

Thursday night: Showers likely and possibly a thunderstorm before 8 p.m., then a chance of showers and thunderstorms after 8 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 72. South wind around 6 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Extended Forecast

Friday: Showers and thunderstorms likely, mainly after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 90. South wind between 6 and 9 mph. Chance of precipitation is 60 percent.

Friday night: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 2 a.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 74. Calm wind.

Saturday: Scattered showers and thunderstorms after 8 a.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 94. Light south wind. Chance of precipitation is 40 percent.

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

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

Sunday night: Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 76. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

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

Monday night: Isolated showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 77. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.



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IHS Beta Club excels at national convention

The Immokalee High School (IHS) BETA Club recently sent 62 of its members to the 31st Annual National BETA Club Convention held in Nashville, Tennessee. The theme of the convention was "A Volunteer State of Mind!" The Immokalee club had cause to celebrate as it received numerous accolades. In the team competitions IHS was crowned National Champions in both the Campaign Skit and Group Talent categories! The team also placed fourth in Scrapbook. Other notable individual honors:

- Efrén Moreno, Top 10 – Spanish Exam
- Linda Ayer, named National BETA Club Sponsor of the Year

BETA is an acronym for Better Education Through Achievement. The club motto is "Let us lead by serving others." To be eligible to take part in convention activities, BETA members must maintain a 3.0 grade point average. IHS has been involved with BETA for 56 years, and the club has a proud history of doing exceptionally well in both state and national competitions – having won awards at the state level every year since the mid-80's and at the national level every year



Courtesy photo

Recently retired IHS BETA Club sponsor was named "Sponsor of the Year" at the recent annual national BETA Club Convention held in Nashville, Tenn.

If you'd like to make a contribution, or help in any way, please call the IHS School Activities Office at 239-377-1818, or reach Ayer via e-mail at liayer@comcast.net.

since 1990.

"The IHS club's accomplishments continued their legacy and keeps them as one of the top performing clubs in the nation," says IHS BETA Club sponsor Linda Ayer. "The club wants to thank the community for their continued support, especially The Immokalee Foundation, The Texas Roadhouse Foundation, and Six L's Packing."

Summer enrollment reminder for parents

A reminder to parents of elementary and middle school students who need to enroll their child (if they are new to the district), or need to transfer or withdraw their child can do so this summer instead of waiting until school offices open in August. And with full implementation of the Class Size Reduction Amendment happening in August, it's more important than ever to have early enrollment numbers for all schools so staffing assignments can be made. To better serve our families and provide schools more accurate enrollment numbers, the Collier School District's Student Services Department is offering additional opportunities for parents to take care of this very important school business. Personnel is available Tuesdays from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Student Services Department at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Administrative Center (5775 Osceola Trail, behind Barron Collier High School) to enroll, transfer, or withdraw elementary and middle school students now through July 26. Parents should call Monica at 239-

377-0505 to make an appointment.

Remember, the enrollment, transfer, or withdrawal of high school students will be handled at the respective high schools. Guidance offices will be open on Wednesdays from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Please call your high school in advance to make an appointment to allow school staff to better serve you.

And Immokalee families can continue 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), now 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.

If you have additional questions, please call Student Services at 239-377-0505.

Students' immunizations - Get them now

The 2011-2012 school year is fast approaching. Why wait until the end of summer to get your child immunized for school? To avoid the lines and extended waiting periods, we encourage you to visit your local health department or private health-care provider as soon as possible. Avoid

the lines and get your child's vac Additional information can be obtained by calling 239-252-8595 or 239-252-2564. You can also visit the Collier County Health Department web site at: <http://www.collierhealthdept.org/> for more information.

United Way awards grant to Edison State College

Dr. Seuss perhaps summed it up best with his book, "The Places You Will Go" when talking about possibilities and overcoming obstacles. For the students participating in the Edison State College Project HOPE (Help One Person Excel) Scholarship Program, the potential continues to be endless, in part thanks to a \$20,000 grant from the United Way.

"Part of the process of earning this grant includes the United Way Allocation Team's analysis of our progress and how effectively we use the funds," said Fred Morgan, Director, Project HOPE, Edison State College.

It's the fourth consecutive year that Project HOPE Scholarship Program has been awarded a grant from the United Way. The Project HOPE Scholarship Program offers first-generation, at-risk students starting in ninth grade, financial assistance with col-

lege tuition and books, mentoring, tutoring, leadership training, educational field trips, Career Development Days, and special guest programs featuring business and academic leaders and in order to ensure academic success. These students graduate from Edison State College and can continue their academic careers at Edison State College or another college or university of their choice.

The \$20,000 grant, said Morgan, helps pay for a part-time instructional assistant, in addition to school supplies, enrichment workshops and more.

Community involvement is also stressed. Incoming HOPE Scholars at Edison State are asked to work together to determine a community need and a possible solution to the problem. As a group they will decide which projects to pursue.

Church holds anniversary celebration

Please join us at the House of Prayer to celebrate the 11th Anniversary of this Ministry. The focal Theme for this occasion is "A Call to Build the House of the Lord." It all happens July 11-17, 401 South 2nd Street - Immokalee. Service Hours are: 7:30 p.m. Weeknights and 1 p.m. Saturday and 11:30 a.m. Sunday. An array of powerful speakers will bless us through the Spoken Word. There will be a "special T.D. Jakes viewing on Tuesday night. A community fellowship is slated for Saturday-rain or shine. There will be songs, testimonies, music, food, children activities and more.

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U10 Soccer Pit Cobras take U10 Champion spot

The U10 Soccer Pit Cobras under Coach Aniceto won the Championship in the Clewiston Summer League by defeating Belle Glade 3-2. Coach Aniceto said that it was a tough game where the two teams played great soccer. The boys did this the day after they had claimed third place in the Bonita Summer League. This is a very

talented group of ten year olds that have a great future in soccer. The boys will take a little time off and will start to get ready for their regular league play in the fall with The Southwest Florida Soccer league. This year the boys will play in the U11 division.

The team was heavily supported by their families at home and away games.



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Parents at the Championship celebration. The Soccer Pit Cobras wants to thank the parents for their support throughout the season.



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Soccer Pit Cobras U10 Champions Bonita Springs Summer League

The U10 Cobras coached by Alex Hernandez took the Championship at the Bonita Springs Wildcat Summer Tournament. This is one of two U10 Cobras claiming Championships this summer. This group of boys was newly formed this Spring as they did not participate in regular league play, but they have shown a lot of promise and will be a group to be reckoned with this fall when they play in the Southwest Florida League. The Soccer Pit Cobras wants to thank all the parents and family members for supporting the team.

Alumni 'Hoops' game planned

Take it back to the ole' school days, the Greater Immokalee Front Porch will host and celebrate a basketball heritage with an alumni basketball game Friday, July 22.

"We're not sure what kind of turnout we'll have, but we're going to give it a shot," organizers said. "We've received commitments from about a dozen people, but players from the 70s to present are encouraged to pre-register or just show up that evening."

The game will be held at 7 p.m. Friday in "the Gym" located at 505 Escambia Street, and all former male and female players are invited, along with cheerleaders and coaches. "We're thinking this might be a

way for some of the alumni to meet and do some fellowship," organizers said.

Spearheaded by the South Immokalee Community Circle group, all proceeds will benefit Front Porch's back-to-school giveaway. Donations are \$2 at the door. Sponsors are welcomed. No events are planned for Friday night, so we are hoping the lack of schedule conflicts will lead to a large turnout for the alumni game.

Come out and make this a great evening. For more information, call Wilson "Toot" Riley 239-867-1394, Vicki Carr 239-503-7733 or email frontporch_imm@yahoo.com.

Youth Leadership program announces grads

The Leadership Collier Foundation is proud to announce the graduation of its 2011 Youth Leadership Collier program.

The mission of Youth Leadership Collier (YLC) is to develop ethical leaders committed to active community involvement. YLC empowers students to become effective leaders, showcase CollierCounty and encourage students to consider coming back to their community to begin their careers and families. YLC intends to instill the values and importance of community stewardship, helping youth to create networks and resources within their own community that will encourage involvement.

Youth Leadership Collier is a six-day intensive program that begins with a weekend of team-building activities. After the first weekend, participants will interact in daily sessions designed to give them first-hand experience in different aspects of the commu-

nity. Topics will include local government, healthcare, business, and the arts.

Among the students who successfully completed the Youth Leadership Collier program graduating from the 2011 program are local Immokalee students including:

- Benissa Chery, Immokalee High School
- Manuela Martinez, Lorenzo Walker Technical High School
- Daniela Salazar, Lorenzo Walker Technical High School
- Juan Sandoval, Immokalee High School
- Diana Sanon, Immokalee High School
- Youth Leadership Collier Class of 2011 during the presentation by the Board of County Commissioners of CollierCounty of the proclamation June 14, 2011 as Youth Leadership Collier Day.

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WEDDING
JOSEPH W. EXAMPLE & JANE A. ILLUSTRATION
 Joseph W. Example and Jane A. Illustration were married on June 1, 2011, at Local Church, near Home. The Rev. John Doe officiated the ceremony. The bride wore a white gown, and the groom wore a tuxedo. The ceremony was held at the church. The officiant was Rev. John Doe. The bride's mother was Mrs. Jane Doe. The bride's father was Mr. John Doe. The groom's mother was Mrs. John Doe. The groom's father was Mr. John Doe. The ceremony was held at the church. The officiant was Rev. John Doe. The bride's mother was Mrs. Jane Doe. The bride's father was Mr. John Doe. The groom's mother was Mrs. John Doe. The groom's father was Mr. John Doe.

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Lawrence Center receives grant to help improve access telemedicine services

The David Lawrence Center, Collier County's only comprehensive, not-for-profit community mental health and substance abuse treatment facility serving children, adults and families, is pleased to announce that the Civic Involvement Committee of The League Club, Inc. has awarded the David Lawrence Center and Foundation a \$10,000 grant from their Community Trust Fund.

The grant will be used to fund the purchase of a new vehicle in order to improve access to mental health services at the David Lawrence Center Immokalee Satellite Services Office. The vehicle will be used by case management staff to transport clients to the office for individual therapy and psychiatric medical appointments – many of which are delivered through the innovative, new telemedicine program – and to provide community based outreach, assessment and referral services.

Case management services are designed to help clients with a diagnosed mental health disorder and/or co-existing substance abuse problem achieve an optimal level of independence by coordinating care and assisting with problem solving, overcoming treatment barriers, medication management and socialization. These services are provided in the individual's natural environment such as the home or school where they can be monitored regularly to ensure

an ongoing continuity of care is maintained, newly identified needs are addressed and progress is being achieved toward treatment plan goals.

In January 2011, the David Lawrence Center launched the new telemedicine program which utilizes high-definition video conferencing units to bring doctors, therapists and clients together virtually between the Center's main campus in Naples and the rural, agricultural community of Immokalee approximately 30 miles inland. Since that time, the launch of telemedicine has dramatically increased the number of clients being served in Immokalee and the volume of individual services each client receives.

As a result, additional bilingual case management staff has been added to the Immokalee team to help deliver these telemedicine services. Case managers not only assist with transportation to telemedicine appointments, but also set up/log into the telemedicine equipment, provide translation services as needed and often remain in the room with the client during the telemedicine appointment.

David Lawrence Center CEO David Schimmel states, "Due to the mobile nature of delivering these services, case managers needed a reliable economy vehicle in order to assist clients – particular children – and their families without the ability to come

to the office for their telemedicine appointments. With the League Club's generous support, the Center has eliminated transportation as a barrier to receiving treatment. This has greatly improved the likelihood that individuals will receive the care they need, when they need it, resulting in more preventative treatment."

Prior to the launch of telemedicine, the Center relied on a handful of Spanish and Creole speaking staff from Naples to travel to Immokalee to provide medication management and outpatient therapy. Clients now have immediate access to doctors four days a week rather twice a month. In addition to improved, timely access to mental health services, the telemedicine technology has expanded the different specialties available at the remote satellite location. The treatment team can now consider who the best clinical and medical staff person is company-wide to treat each case.

Penny Isermann, League Club Vice President-Community and Chair of the Civic Involvement Committee, stated, "We are pleased to award this grant to agencies like the David Lawrence Center who work tirelessly to strengthen our community and raise the quality of life for all residents in Collier and Lee counties."

Public Meetings

- The Conservation Collier Land Acquisition Advisory Committee (CCLAAC) will hold a public meeting on Monday, **July 11**, at 9 a.m. in the Board of County Commissioners Chambers, third floor, Collier County Government Center, 3299 Tamiami Trail East, Naples.

- 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.



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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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FWC report: Nile monitor lizards sighted in South Florida counties

Sightings of monitor lizards in Broward and Palm Beach counties have increased this summer, prompting biologists with the Exotic Species Coordination Section of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and others to begin surveying and trapping efforts. The primary area of concern is the C-51 canal along Southern Boulevard in West Palm Beach.

Nine Nile monitors have been seen in recent surveys of the area. One was trapped, and a second monitor, 5 feet in length, was removed from a homeowner's screened patio last week after gaining access through a doggie door. Both reptiles were euthanized.

The FWC is working with the South Florida Water Management District, which manages the canal, to monitor traps and conduct surveys.

Several species of monitor lizards have been reported more sporadically in central Broward County but not all have been Nile monitors and not all could be verified.

"This is a high-priority species for us," said Scott Hardin, coordinator of the FWC's Exotic Species Coordination Section. "We plan to go after them aggressively to either try to eradicate them or suppress their numbers if they are determined to be established."

The FWC asks the public to report sightings of Nile monitors to 888-IVE-GOT1 (888-483-4681). The hotline has been set up by the Nature Conservancy and Everglades National Park in cooperation with the FWC. The public may also report sightings and upload photos on the Web at www.ive-got1.org.

Monitor lizards may exceed 7 feet in length and are known to be very defensive when cornered, so the FWC discourages attempts to capture the lizards. They are known to be more active during the hot summer months, explaining why reports have increased.

Nile monitors are large, predatory lizards native to Africa. This species nests around

water, and the FWC is concerned about potential predation in bird rookeries. A population of Nile monitors is established in an

area of Cape Coral, on the southwest coast of Florida.



Courtesy photo/FWC

This Nile monitor lizard was photographed June 10 during a survey of the C-51 canal along Southern Boulevard in West Palm Beach.

'Bufo' or Cane Toads can be deadly and dangerous to dogs

The recent death of a Port St. Lucie dog after an encounter with a Bufo Marinus toad has brought attention to the dangers posed by poisonous toads.

The Giant Bufo Marinus Toad (a.k.a. Marine Toad or Cane Toad) is the largest of the frogs and toads found in Florida. The giant toad is not native to the United States. It was originally released in the U.S. in sugar cane fields to help control "white grubs," larvae of pest Scarabaeidae. *B. marinus* became established in southern Florida as result of accidental release of about 100 specimens from the stock of a pet dealer at Miami airport in 1955, and by subsequent releases by pet dealers in the 1960s (Krakauer, 1968). Giant Toads are a highly predacious exotic species that will eat all types of native frogs and toads. This species is skilled at locating all types of food, they have even been known to eat pet food.

The giant toad breeds year-round in standing water, streams, canals and ditches.

CAUTION: When this non-native species is threatened or handled, it secretes a highly toxic milky substance from its large paratoid glands at the back of its head, behind the ears. This secretion can burn your eyes, may irritate your skin, and can kill cats and dogs if they ingest the secretion.

Symptoms of Giant Toad poisoning in pets include drooling, head-shaking, crying, loss of coordination, and, in more serious cases, convulsions. The dog's (or cat's) gums often turn red, an indicator used by veterinarians to distinguish toad poisoning from epilepsy. For this reason, pet owners should be familiar with their pet's normal gum color. Treatment: If you suspect toad poisoning, get a hose and run water in the side of the dog's/cat's mouth, pointing the animal's head downward so water isn't swallowed. Rub the gums and mouth to remove the toxin. This treatment is usually successful, but call your veterinarian immediately.

Its call is a low-pitched trill and a chorus that sounds like an idling diesel engine.

The native Southern Toad (*Bufo terrestris*) is sometimes mistaken for the Giant Toad. Here are a few ways to tell these toads apart:

* The Giant Toad has very large paratoid glands. The Southern Toad has smaller kidney-shaped paratoid glands, which secrete a

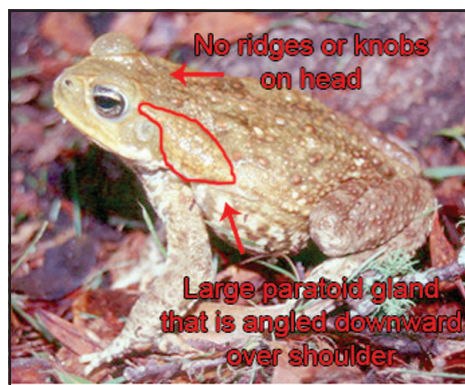
substance that may be irritating to mucous membranes but is not toxic.

* The Southern Toad has two ridges on its head that end in knobs. The Giant Toad does not have these.

* The adult Southern Toad ranges in

length from 1.75 to 4.5 inches. The adult Giant Toad ranges in length from 4 - 6 inches.

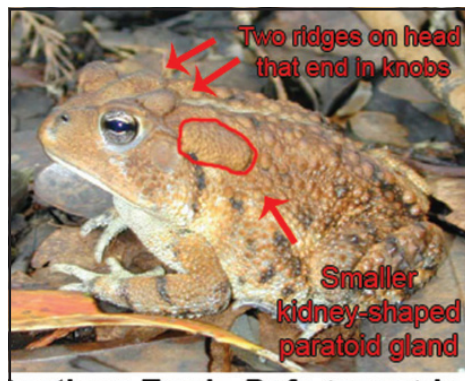
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Giant Toad - *Bufo marinus*

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Southern Toad - *Bufo terrestris*

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