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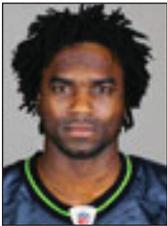
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## Edgerrin James honored with proclamation presentation

District 5 Commissioner Jim Coletta presented a proclamation to former NFL great Edgerrin James just before the opening of James' third annual youth football camp in Immokalee on Monday, July 25. The proclamation ceremony took



Edgerrin James

place at 8:15 a.m. at the Immokalee Sports Complex – 505 Escambia Street.

Collier County Parks and Recreation hosted the third annual Edgerrin James Speed and Agility Football Camp which offers local children the chance to learn football skills from NFL pros.

"This proclamation recognizes Edgerrin James's generosity and commitment to his hometown of Immokalee," said Commissioner Coletta. "The youth football camp

continues to grow in popularity and I anticipate this year's camp to be another exciting day for the young people of Immokalee and the surrounding areas. Edgerrin's camp engages each participant, from the beginner to the more seasoned athlete, giving them a chance to realize their potential in a safe and fun environment. Edgerrin James and the camp instructors should be commended for their commitment to positively

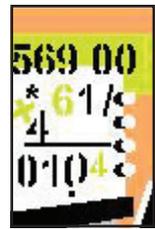
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Immokalee Bulletin/Patty Brant

Annette Anderson and her husband, David, have their hands pleasantly full, caring for children all day long. The couple hopes to expand to a much larger facility, with the assistance of IMMBIZ.

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## IFD: Future unfolding

By Patty Brant  
Immokalee Bulletin

The future of Immokalee Fire Department continues to unfold with the latest developments from the district board meeting July 21.

As a result of that board meeting, Big Corkscrew Island Fire Department will be overseeing IFD's administration over the next 30 days.

Twenty-year fire department veteran Raul Dimas has been serving as deputy chief. He is scheduled to go back on the line as a lieutenant, pending his annual physical this week. All firefighters get yearly physicals at this time.

Negotiations for services to the Seminole Tribe are evolving, according to Lt. Dimas. The Seminole Tribe has agreed to look into updating its contract for fire protection with IFD. The original contract, dated 2004, has never been updated.

The fire district is seeking

\$125,000 per year from the Tribe - a prospect the Tribe is considering, Lt. Dimas reported.

In the meantime, Lt. Dimas said the Tribe agreed to pay the district \$38,000 for fiscal year 2011-12.

The district is also planning changes in inspections of commercial buildings, with fee increases starting Sept. 1.

Fire Marshall Leo Rodgers will do the majority of inspections, but other options include use of some part time help or of other departments like Big Corkscrew Island. The board is looking for its best options, Lt. Dimas said.

A decision has yet to be made on appointing a new fire chief.

IFD currently has 14 firefighters on the line, the minimum necessary for coverage. They are divided between the New Market Road fire station and Ave Maria.

A suggestion to augment the department with volunteer fire-

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## Entrepreneur works towards better future

By Patty Brant  
Immokalee Bulletin

Annette Anderson has been in the family childcare business for 11 years, caring for some 110 children over the years from newborns up to children five years of age.

A licensed practical nurse, Annette at one time cared for foster children. She had to put them into day care while she worked, but didn't like what she saw. So she soon opted to get into family child care herself.

She took the 30-hour class through RCMA and began what has turned out to be her calling.

She started out caring for six children. At that time it was just her

by herself.

Annette's husband David was still working for Duda Sod farms at the time. In 2002, he retired and has helped out with the kids ever since.

In 2003, Annette was granted a license for a large child care home and can care for up to 12 children at a time. She currently has ten.

She doesn't have any evening hours at this time.

You won't get rich caring for children, but there are other good reasons - like seeing them smile; and gathering up their sweet comments like, "Miss Annette, I want to live with you" or "Be my grandma," "Be my auntie."

They can't wait to get in when their parents drop them off in the morning. They even call her on her

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influence young people.”

Edgerrin James was born and raised in Immokalee and recruited from Immokalee High School to play for the University of Miami. In 1999, Edgerrin was drafted fourth overall by the Indianapolis Colts and was named AP NFL Offensive Rookie of the Year. He holds the Colts' team record for most career total yards rushing. Edgerrin also played for the Arizona Cardinals and Seattle Seahawks.

“On behalf of the Eastern Collier Chamber of Commerce (ECOC) and myself personally, I would like to thank our Commissioners for recognizing one of our local heroes who has come back to help give our youth a better chance to be successful,” said ECOC President Fred Thomas, Jr.

The Edgerrin James Speed and Agility Football Camp is for school-aged children - age six and up including high school students. Last year 1,100 participants attended the camp which included walk-in campers as well as those who were pre-registered.

Each camper was placed in groups based on similar age, size, and/or experience level. The camp emphasized the basic fundamentals and skill development essential to improving football performance. Campers received valuable instruction on technique enhancements, teamwork, sportsmanship, and educational life skills.

Edgerrin James provided food and drinks for the campers throughout the day.

Following the football camp, Edgerrin and the Immokalee Sports Complex hosted a pool party for the kids as a “cool off” to end the day from 3:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. Parents were also invited to attend the party as well.

## Proclamation

WHEREAS, children are the future

of Florida and it is important that we take action to ensure that they are provided a positive start to life; and,

WHEREAS, we place the utmost value on their safety, welfare and health and we strongly support programs designed to advocate for their best interests; and,

WHEREAS, former Immokalee High and National Football League (NFL) star Edgerrin James is hosting a football camp for young people 6-18 years old benefiting the children of the Immokalee Area; and,

WHEREAS, the host will share his love of football, teach fundamentals and communicate the importance of discipline, hard work and respect in dealing with challenges both on and off the field; and,

WHEREAS, the County recognizes the positive impact this former NFL star has on the youth in our community and are pleased to welcome him as a inspiration for our youth for the third year in a row.

**NOW THEREFORE**, be it proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners of Collier County, Florida, that July 26, 2011 be designated as

The Edgerrin James Foundation Football Day done and ordered this 26th Day of July, 2011.

Board Of County Commissioners  
Collier County, Florida  
Fred Coyle, Chairman  
Attest:  
Dwight E. Brock, Clerk.



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/Paula Springs  
**Football great and Immokalee Hometown boy, Edgerrin James is honored by a proclamation given by District 5 County Commissioner James Coletta just before the Speed and Agility Free Football Camp was about to begin on Monday, July 25.**

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cell phone on the weekend or the rare holiday she and David take off.

There isn't anything Annette doesn't like about her child care business. Of course, she doesn't look forward to the paperwork - it's time she could be spending with the kids. Keeping up on the rules governing day care is another challenge. They are very strict and change every so often so she has to keep up on it.

Annette and David are closed Saturday and Sunday and major holidays and are off the week after Christmas. The rest of the year they've always got a home full of kids.

“You need to love the kids in spite of “whatever” - every one has their own faults,” Annette points out.

Child care has other challenges as well. “I've got to be smiling no matter how I feel,” she said. The kids are all individuals with their own personalities. Annette has to be ready to handle anything. She recalls one baby who screamed constantly for three months. No one could figure out why, but she was one of Annette's kids until she was five and went to “big kid school.” Annette said she turned out to be one of the best kids she ever cared for.

There is a big need for child care all over. It takes special people to do the work and, Annette said, “I'm glad I'm here to do it”

Annette is working on her bachelors degree through Grand Canyon University online. She's only seven classes away from graduating.

She recommends the child care field only if you have the heart for it. As with any entrepreneur, you have to be in your field for the right reasons, she said. Making money may be a good reason to be in some businesses, but child care isn't one of them, she notes.

She does have big plans, however. Annette hopes to open a center for 100 children and is working through the Immokalee Business Center (IMMBIZ) to make her dream happen. Currently, she's working on a three-year budget plan. Her next step is to come up with a business plan.

Even child care requires the basics of business principles for success.

Annette and David plan to be hands-on at their new facility when it opens, but they'll still need a lot of help. That means, jobs for other Immokaleeans. Besides fulfilling Annette's dream, her new center will be a boon to the community. She'll need 14 teachers plus a director, cook and cleaning people.

Annette doesn't just “warehouse” kids for hours at a time. She provides lots of educational and social stimulation for young minds. At the new facility, she also wants to offer arts classes, like dance and drawing and to have extended care for parents who work late.

In 2004, Annette's child care earned national accreditation; then again in 2008. As part of the original certification, Annette and David got a trip to Philadelphia and a cash award she used to put in a butterfly garden for the children.

She is currently in the process of becoming nationally certified again.

As an entrepreneur, Annette understands the need to educate yourself in all aspects of your business. She is taking advantage of opportunities IMMBIZ offers to help small business owners and those who aspire to be small business owners. IMMBIZ is helping her fulfill her long time dream of expansion. IMMBIZ has the know-how. She has the energy and the vision.

“I see big things,” she says with a smile.

# IFD

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fighters is still on the table, but the firefighters' contract will have to be updated for that to happen.

Until the lack of manpower is solved, the Carson Road Fire Station will remain closed. That station was renovated and cleaned by volunteers recently.

The Immokalee Fire District laid off Fire Inspector Elisa Yanes and Deputy Chief Raul Dimas accepted a voluntary demotion to lieutenant in June.

Financial deficits are at the core of the deluge of changes taking place at the fire department.

Seven firefighters have been laid off in the process.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Student volunteer opportunities

I am a counselor at Immokalee High school and one of our goals at IHS is to have a data base of local pre-approved agencies where students are able to provide volunteer/community service. If you are an agency that has been providing volunteer opportunities to our students or an agency that has a need for student volunteers please do send me your contact information. We are also interested in agencies that can provide job shadowing or internship opportunities to our students.

Volunteer services that qualify for Bright futures must meet the following guidelines:

- All services are of an altruistic nature, unpaid, and not for personal gain
- All services are supervised by an approved adult representative of the agency
- Service does not interrupt a student's regularly scheduled school day
- Service must be completed by the last Term of the student's senior year
- The site is related to service, humanitarian/caring, community needs and does not involve:
  - promotion of or direct relationship to religious or political activities
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  - the presence of illegal substances or unsafe conditions

• the use of students for financial gain  
If you have student volunteers I want to make you aware of some changes required for volunteer and community service documentation for this upcoming school year. One of the main changes will be that students need to get prior approval from his/her counselor to ensure that the community service they will be providing meets the criteria stated above. Students, parents and site supervisors also need to sign an agreement prior to the student providing any community service activities. Students must also obtain documentation from the site supervisor on agency letterhead which will provide student hours, dates of service and service activities.

Thank you and please do feel free to contact me if you have any questions.

The link to the requirements, criteria and agreement for community service is below.

[http://www.collier.k12.fl.us/Student\\_services/docs/CommunityServiceHS.pdf](http://www.collier.k12.fl.us/Student_services/docs/CommunityServiceHS.pdf)

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## IWSD announces temporary change of drinking water disinfection treatment

IWSD will be temporarily changing the disinfection process for the IWSD potable (drinking water) water supply. From August 01, 2011 to August 15, 2011 IWSD will disinfect the water with free chlorine rather than combined chlorine/ammonia (chloramines).

This conversion to chlorine (which is a stronger disinfectant) from chloramines (which is a longer-lasting disinfectant) allows IWSD to perform a water distribution system purge as recommend by the Department of Environmental Protection for water utilities using chloramines as their primary disinfectant.

This change will start at 8 a.m. on Aug. 1st and IWSD will then return to the chloramines disinfection process on August 15th at 8 a.m.

This temporary change in disinfectant does not cause adverse health effects.

However, during the period customers may experience a slight increase in the taste, odor and color of the water due to the change in treatment.

Customers on kidney dialysis who use a proportioning machine to prepare dialysate at home are advised to contact their equipment supplier or physician take any appropriate steps to accommodate the change in water disinfection and to install the proper filtering devices if needed.

Customers who have fish tanks or other aquatic species are advised to contact a pet store to ensure proper pretreatment of the water before adding or changing the water in the tank to avoid any problems associated with chlorine.

Customers are asked to call IWSD at 239-658-3630 with any questions concerning this change in disinfectants.

## Christian Fellowship to host special service

The International Christian Fellowship formerly known as 1stUnitedPentecostalChurch will be celebrating 30 years of ministry in LaBelle. The founding pastor and his wife, Rev. and Mrs. Jerry F. Dean will be ministering Sunday morning, 10:30, Aug. 14. All are invited to help celebrate this event. A special invitation is given to all who have been a part of this local congregation throughout its existence. A delicious dinner and fellowship will follow the morning service. For more information, contact pastors Sammy and Tracy Co at 863-675-1112.

## Commissioner's aide to visit

Commissioner Jim Coletta's Aide, Paula Springs, will be in Immokalee on Wednesday, Aug. 3.

Ms. Springs will be attending the Eastern Collier Chamber of Commerce Member Breakfast meeting, which is held the first Wednesday of each month from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m. Meeting location is the Roma in Havana Ristorante, 1025 W. Main Street, Immokalee.

Ms. Springs will also be available by appointment to meet with constituents at the Immokalee office, 310 Alachua Street from 9:30 a.m. until 4 p.m. Anyone who would like an appointment to meet with her, please call 239-252-8097 or email her at [PaulaSprings@colliergov.net](mailto:PaulaSprings@colliergov.net).

Commissioner Coletta remains available by telephone at 239-252-8391 or e-mail at [jimcoletta@colliergov.net](mailto:jimcoletta@colliergov.net)

## Weather Forecast

Weather forecast for Collier County from the National Weather Service

### Local Forecast

**Thursday:** A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after noon. Partly sunny and hot, with a high near 95. East wind between 6 and 8 mph.

**Thursday night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 75. East wind between 5 and 7 mph.

### Extended Forecast

**Friday:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 96. East wind between 5 and 8 mph.

**Friday night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 74. East wind around 6 mph.

**Saturday:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 96.

**Saturday night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 75.

**Sunday:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 96.

**Sunday night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 75.

**Monday:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 96.



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# Support The Shelter's '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 most all school supplies (Go to local stores for a full list of schools and supply lists - Gift cards to Target, Wal-Mart, Payless Shoes, etc.

Items are distributed to children resid-

ing 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

## Local Red Cross needs volunteers

Florida's Southern Gulf Coast Region has created a class to help train Immokalee volunteers to be workers and managers in local Red Cross hurricane shelters. The class, Shelter Operation, will be offered Tuesday, Aug. 16 from 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the One Stop at 750 South 5th Street, Immokalee.

Volunteer Disaster Chair for the Collier Red Cross Chapter, Al Goodall, noted that Immokalee High School and Immokalee Middle School are the primary community shelters. Elementary schools are opened as shelters if additional shelter space is needed. "We haven't been seriously threatened since Hurricane Wilma in 2005, so we need to recruit additional new shelter staff workers in case this summer brings a major hur-

ricane to Collier County," Goodall said.

Participants in the class will learn shelter procedures, call-out policies and management strategies. Many Red Cross volunteers are seasonal residents, so the local agency needs to recruit year-round residents who may be available during hurricane season. Participants must be at least 18-years-old and be willing to complete a background check before beginning service in a shelter.

Any Collier County resident interested in this community service is urged to phone the Red Cross Chapter office at 239-596-6868 to register. There is no charge for this course, but pre-registration is encouraged.

# National Night Out combines family fun with safety

The Collier County Sheriff's Office is preparing for a big "Night" on the town.

On Tuesday, Aug. 2, CCSO will join forces with neighborhoods and communities across Collier County for the 28th annual National Night Out.

National Night Out is designed to heighten crime and drug prevention awareness; generate support for, and participation in, local anti-crime efforts; strengthen neighborhood spirit and police-community partnerships; and send a message to criminals letting them know neighborhoods are organized and fighting back.

CCSO is celebrating the fight against crime by hosting free events and activities that bring neighborhoods, communities, businesses, and law enforcement together. There will be an array of CCSO displays, demonstrations and information. There will also be safety festivals at community parks and other locales, cookouts, lemonade stands, bounce houses, bike rodeos, and basketball contests as well as appearances by McGruff the Crime Dog and more.

Please join us as we let criminals know they are not welcome in Collier County.

Here's a look at CCSO events and activities planned for Tuesday, Aug. 2:

IMMOKALEE: Safetyfest, under the pavilion at Immokalee Community Park, 321 N. 1st St., from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Deputies will discuss safety tips for bicyclists and pedestrians as well as other crime prevention topics. Deputies will install bicycle safety lights and provide bike helmets as needed. McGruff the Crime Dog will be on hand to talk to kids about what to do if approached by a stranger. Representatives from the Center For Missing & Exploited Children will offer child fingerprinting and child ID kits. Firefighters from the Immokalee Fire Department will conduct demonstrations and discuss fire safety. A drawing will be held to give away several new bikes. The event will also feature a child bike rodeo and free food and refreshments.

# Summer camp hosted for blind and visually impaired



Courtesy photo/Collier Lighthouse  
**Young Zachary, just five prepares for his very first horseback ride by choosing his own horse.**

Lighthouse of Collier's third week of camp caught the campers horsing around. The campers enjoyed a day of horse back riding and instruction at Naples Equestrian Challenge (NEC). NEC's mission is to improve the lives of children and adults with special needs through therapeutic riding and other equine-related programs. Camper, Zachary, just over five years old, was the first to pick out the horse he wanted to ride. Zachary's mother, Valerie stated "Zachary's first time horse back riding ex-

perience was very calm, relaxing and with lots of smiles!" To learn more about NEC visit, [www.naplesequestrianchallenge.org](http://www.naplesequestrianchallenge.org).

The Second Summer Camp, made possible by the very generous donations of Mr. and Mrs. Scribner, Eliane Cline Cleaning, Inc., and The Naples Beach Hotel, is scheduled every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday in the month of July from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The camp is being held at The Naples Beach Hotel with field trips, too. Field trip transportation generously donated by American Comfort Limousines.

If you know a child that is blind or visually impaired and wants to have fun, please call Lighthouse of Collier to sign up for the free camp!

The mission of the Lighthouse of Collier is to promote the development, implementation and on-going evaluation of programs and services which foster independence and enhance the quality of life for the blind, visually impaired and their caregivers. To make a donation or learn more about Lighthouse of Collier please visit [www.LighthouseofCollier.org](http://www.LighthouseofCollier.org) or call 239-430-EYE4 (3934).

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# Better household budgeting - Tracking your spending

**By Dottie Cook**  
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**Dottie Cook**

In last week's article we went through the steps of building a budget. Next is the important step of tracking your spending during the month to see exactly where your income goes. This can be done on paper, computer, or even some phone applications that help you track expenses. No matter what method you use, be sure to write down or record the date, amount you spent, and what you bought. This is made easier if you have columns on your paper or spreadsheet that you can enter the expenses under. That way at the end of the month you can add up the numbers in each column and compare the amount you spent against your items in your budget to know how you are doing.

The purpose of tracking spending is to see where our money really goes. At the end of the month, see if you have any surprises in terms of what you spent. For example, many of us don't realize how much we spend on eating out with friends or picking up fast food for our family. But even at \$6/day for lunch each work day, you would end up spending about \$120/month or \$1,440/year.

However, the purpose of a budget is not to cut out everything non-essential item that you enjoy. If you do that, staying on budget will be too hard and you'll stop trying. Rather, leave money for some things you enjoy in your budget but do them in moderation based on what you can afford, or save them as special treats to reward yourself when you reach certain goals. In the example above, maybe you want to bring your lunch some days and save eating out with your friends for special days of the week.

The first month of using a budget you may find your spending is very different than what you budgeted. Use your spending record to review your budget and make adjustments to categories that were too high or low. But remember to look for other expenses to cut if you have to raise the budgeted amount for some.

This is also the time to think about your needs versus your wants. A need is something you must have like food, a safe place to live, and similar things. On the other hand, wants are things that are nice to have but aren't absolutely necessary. These may include a newer car when your old one is still

running fine or the latest electronic gadget on the market. But if your budget is already tight, you will need to wait to buy these things until you save enough money or until your income has increased.

As you consider new purchases, take time to stop and think about them. If they are items you want rather than need, think about whether you have the money to pay for them and what you will have to give up to purchase these items now. The goal is to stop and think about your purchases rather than buying something impulsively or without considering all the costs.

As you go through the next month, track your spending again using your adjusted budget. If you find it hard staying on budget, you might want to switch to a cash method. In this, you take your income for the coming month and break it into envelopes for each category. So if your food budget is \$250, you'd put that amount of cash in an envelope, and do the same with your other categories. When the envelope is empty, you stop spending on that category until the next month or find ways to borrow from other envelopes if you absolutely must. With this approach you don't use your credit or debit cards to "carry you over" until the next paycheck. Rather, you live on what you have available in the envelopes. This is a great approach for people who tend to charge too much on their credit cards and are serious about reducing spending.

Last, stay focused on your goals. When it gets hard to stay on budget and not spend that extra money for something you really want but don't necessarily need, think back to your goals. Think about why you're trying to save money and what that will allow you to do when you reach that goal. Maybe it's buying a new car or paying off a credit card. Think about how you'll feel when you accomplish that goal and let that help motivate you to stay on your budget.

Next week we'll continue our series and cover ways to save money.

The Empowerment Alliance of Southwest Florida is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization based in Immokalee but serving all of Southwest Florida. The Empowerment Alliance is a HUD-approved Housing Counseling Agency. We provide free one-on-one budget, credit, homebuyer, and foreclosure prevention counseling that is funded through grants by Collier County, HUD, and private sources. For more information, call us at 239-658-3315 or e-mail us at [easf@earthlink.net](mailto:easf@earthlink.net).

## School News

### Uniform sale

In the main hallway of the school, Lake Trafford Elementary School Uniform Sale on Saturday, Aug. 6, 9 a.m.-noon.; Saturday, Aug. 13, 9 a.m.-noon. and Saturday, Aug. 20, 9 a.m.-noon. They will be selling Uniforms and taking orders. Tops—Polo shirt Colors: Forest green, Gold or White Bottoms—Khaki/Tan or Navy . Open House - Friday, Aug. 19, at 1-2:30 p.m. Parents and Students are welcome to come and meet their teacher.

### Annual Back to School Shoe Program applicant deadline approaching

Guadalupe Center of Immokalee will be hosting its annual Back to School Shoe Program during the week of August 15-19. Parents with children in kindergarten-eighth grade are encouraged to apply to see if they qualify. Applications are being taken through Friday, Aug. 5, from 8:30-10 a.m. and from 1:30-4 p.m. at the Guadalupe Soup Kitchen at 211 S. 9th Street. Parents or legal guardians must bring a form of ID, two months proof of income of both parents and their children's birth certificate or legal custody form. For more information, please contact Merline Dieujuste at 239-657-3202.

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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 healthcare 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.

### iTECH has program openings for fall semester

There are still a few openings at the Immokalee Technical Center for our fall semester! One of interest is the Heavy Equipment Mechanics diesel program. This program is sponsored by Caterpillar and Kelly tractor. It is a two year program preparing students for a career in large equipment repair and maintenance. Other program openings are also available including Culinary Arts, Cosmetology, Early Childhood Education and more. Interested students need to contact iTECH to apply, or just stop by. We have advisors reading to assist students in enrolling today! Financial aid is available. Call 239-377-9900.

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# Program highlighting student progress reports aired on TV

With the beginning of the new school year comes a new way of reporting a child's progress to mom and dad for students in all Collier County elementary schools in grades Pre-K through 2nd. It's called Standards-Based Progress Reporting. The report replaces traditional report cards, and is better aligned with the state of Florida's Sunshine State Curriculum Standards, which require that all classrooms instruct students using a standards-based educational approach.

A special TV program focused on the Standards-Based Progress Report will be aired on The Education Channel, cable 99. The program, Standards-Based Progress Reporting: The New Report Card PreK-2nd is hosted by Jan Goldsmith and brings together a panel of guests including the district's Chief Instructional Officer, Beth Thompson, principals Francine Eufemia (Estates Elementary) and Dr. Jan Messer (Parkside Elementary), music teacher Hilary Shore (Estates Elementary), kindergarten teacher Suela Spahiu (Parkside Elementary), and

Veterans Memorial Elementary parents Gloria Blume and Buffie Parks to discuss aspects of the new progress report.

The program will be shown at 9 p.m., on The Education Channel, cable 99, on the following dates:

- Monday, Aug. 1 through Friday, Aug. 12 and;
- Monday, Aug. 15 through Sunday, Aug. 21

After viewing the show, we'd like to get your thoughts. If you found the program helpful, or have any suggestions for future programming, please send your feedback to feedback@collierschools.com.

To learn more about the standards-based progress reporting system please visit the district's Web site at www.collierschools.com and click on "Standards Based Progress Reports" under "Looking For?" Contact any district elementary school, or contact Beth Thompson at 239-377-0201.

## Public Notices

### Domestic Animal Services impounds 49 dogs

Collier County Domestic Animal Services impounded 49 dogs today surrendered by a local breeder because of a foreclosure proceeding on his property resulting in an eviction. The 20 adult dogs and 29 puppies are all golden retrievers and Labradors.

Humane Society Naples is accepting four mothers with litters and five puppies – a total of 33 dogs. The balance of the adult dogs (16 in all) will be housed at DAS's Immokalee shelter facility, pending a full health assessment. Collier Spay Neuter Clinic has agreed to surgically sterilize all the healthy adults and an adoption event is being planned. For more information on adopting any of the dogs, please call Collier County Domestic Animal Services Director Amanda Townsend at 239-252-7387.

The Tourist Development Council Subcommittee as a subcommittee of the Tourist Development Council Advisory Board will hold a public meeting on **Thursday, July 28**, at 9:30 a.m. in the Growth Management Division/Planning & Regulation Building, conference rooms 609 and 610, located at 2800 N. Horseshoe Drive, Naples.

a public meeting on **Monday, Aug. 8**, at 9 a.m. in the Board of County Commissioners Chambers, located on the third floor, Collier County Government Center, 3299 Tamiami Trail East, Naples.

The Collier County Development Services Advisory Committee will meet **Wednesday, Aug. 3**, at 3 p.m. at the Growth Management Division/Planning & Regulation building, conference rooms 609 and 610, located at 2800 N. Horseshoe Drive, Naples.

The Collier County Planning Commission will meet **Thursday, Aug. 4**, at 9 a.m. in the Board of County Commissioners chambers, third floor, Collier County Government Center, 3299 Tamiami Trail East, Naples.

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## Immokalee Foundation welcomes new board members

The Immokalee Foundation, dedicated to empowering Immokalee's children through programs focused on education, vocation and life skills, recently announced the installation of the 2011-2012 board of directors.

Newly elected officers are Peter Negri and Charles Campbell.

"We are honored to have Pete and Charles join The Immokalee Foundation board of directors," said John Costigan, chair.

"Together, with the board and staff, we will continue to support the children of Immokalee."

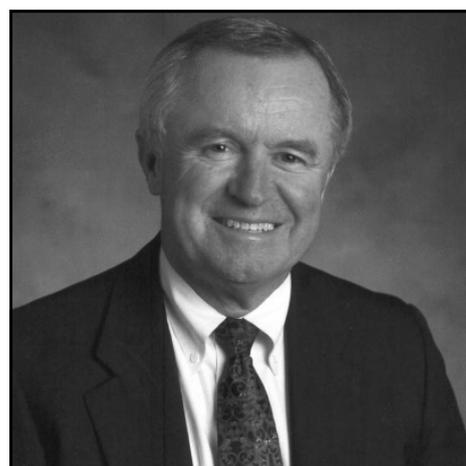
Board members at large are John Costigan, chair; John Henry, interim treasurer; Alison Douglas, secretary; Charles Campbell; George Franks; Blake Gable; Don Gunther; W.R. "Skip" Hildebrand; Cynthia Janssen; Kevin Johnson; Lisa Merritt; Peter Negri; Louise Penta; Jeffrey Randall; Peggy Redlinger; Robert "Bob" Schoonmaker; Bob Tarter; and Joseph Zednik.

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



Courtesy photo

**Peter Negri is one of two new board members of the Immokalee Foundation.**



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**Charles Campbell joins 17 other board members of the Immokalee Foundation.**

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### Public Notice

**NOTICE OF MEETING:** Collier will hold a Regular Meeting of the Board of County Commissioners on **Friday, July 29, 2011 at 3:30 P.M.** at the office of the Immokalee Water & Sewer District, located at 1020 Sanitation Rd., Immokalee, FL 34142, due to lack of quorum on July 20, 2011, 393203 1B 7/28/2011

### Public Notice

**INVITATION TO BID**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that sealed bids will be received by Goodwill Industries of SWFL, Inc. (GWSWFL), at their Main Office located at 4940 Bayline Drive, North Fort Myers, FL 33917 until 10:00am on Wednesday, August 24th 2011. Bids must be hand delivered. These bids will be opened and recorded at 11:00 am on Thursday, August 25th 2011.

GWSWFL is accepting bids for minor renovation of a single story structure located at 905 Roberts Avenue, Immokalee, FL. **Bidders must be State of Florida Certified General Contractors.**

Further information may be obtained by contacting Mark Bowers at GWSWFL; (239) 995-2106 ext 269. Email: [MarkBowers@goodwillswfl.org](mailto:MarkBowers@goodwillswfl.org)

Goodwill Industries of SWFL, Inc. is the owner of this property. Funding for this project is provided by Collier County Department of Housing, Human and Veteran Services, using the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Federal Regulations during construction, such as Davis Bacon will be enforced. **Any award of this contract is contingent on the availability of these funds.**

**Type of bids desired: Line Item Price as per plans and specifications.**

A pre-bid meeting will be held **at the site (905 Roberts Avenue)** on Tuesday, August 2nd 2011 at 9:00am. (Meet and sign in at front entrance lobby). This meeting is for the purpose of allowing contractors to bring any omissions, or questions concerning the **Schedule of Work** to the attention of the Owner. This is an opportunity to observe the existing site limitations and ask questions concerning the project prior to bidding and failure to do so will demonstrate the contractors' acceptance of the **Scope of Work** as defined in the Schedule. Any addenda issued as a result of this meeting will be issued in writing within two (2) working days of the meeting to all contractors present at the meeting. **IT IS MANDATORY THAT THE CONTRACTOR OR HIS REPRESENTATIVE ATTEND THIS PRE-BID MEETING. FAILURE TO ATTEND WILL RESULT IN FORFEITING THE RIGHT TO BID ON THIS PROJECT.**

A copy of the contract documents including the plans, specifications and bid forms may be obtained from GWSWFL office at 4940 Bayline Drive, North Fort Myers, FL 33917 beginning Monday, July 18th 2011. **Interested Contractors shall pay GWSWFL a \$150 non-refundable fee to obtain one complete set of architectural plans.**

Questions regarding contract procedures and technical specifications should be directed to Mark Bowers, Facilities Director at 239-995-2106 ext 269. Email: [MarkBowers@goodwillswfl.org](mailto:MarkBowers@goodwillswfl.org)

All bids must be in accordance with the plans and specifications and identified by the name of the bidding contractor, name and address of the Owner, name and address of project, and the date and time of bid opening.

Minority, female-owned and small businesses are encouraged to submit bids for this project. General Contractors are encouraged to solicit bids from minority and female-owned subcontractors.

The work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 1701u (section3). The purpose of Section 3 is to ensure that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD-assisted projects covered by Section 3, shall to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low-very low income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.

The Owner reserves the right to reward the contract to the Bidder of his choice or to reject any or all bids.

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# Alumni reconnect at 'ol' school' basketball game

Special to the Immokalee Bulletin

Applauding, cheering, clapping, standing ovations and good tidings describes the atmosphere that filled the gym. Take it back to the ol' school days alumni basketball game held July 22 was very successful as more than 30 alumni attended the event. There were alumni from the Class of 1970 to the Class of 1990. Also attending were current players and parents of former players. The game consisted of four 15 minute running clock quarters as both teams rose to the occasion.

The game was opened with prayer by Minister Tony Allen followed by Ebony Townsend who moved the crowd with a rendition of the National Anthem. "It was a beautiful evening for the game as attendees mingled with former classmates and networked with others." The amount of alums that attended was very impressive. To have former players that played here over 20 years ago attend the event really showed their passion for the love of basketball and the spirit of giving back. "We had a great group of Alumni and Friends returning, and a lot of positive feedback and interest in future activities were expressed," said Riley. This was a great opportunity for the community to come together for such a worthwhile cause. We are so excited.

Local resident, Reginald Howard, was honored for his dedication to the community. He was presented with a plaque from the alumni players. We really want to thank Wilson Riley, Front Porch's Youth Empowerment Academy participants, Joe Boney and staff of the Immokalee Sports Complex, South Immokalee Community Circle Group, volunteers, attendees and most of all, Joshua Pray for his appearance and willingness to perform during halftime as they had a lot to do with making this event such a success. Kudos to our outstanding, energetic referees, James Hall and Louis Hall.



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**Eastern Collier County Chamber of Commerce secretary, Myriam Brown enjoys the basketball game with friends.**



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**Shalonda and Rhoderica Washington root for their favorites at the Ol' School Basketball Game Reunion held last Friday night, July 22, at the gym. Many of the alumni from the 1970s joined in.**



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**Immokalee High School Alumni player, Jerry Lee Sloan was on hand for the Ol' School Basketball game held at the gym on Friday night, July 22.**



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**Willie James Oliver and Eddie Porter, Sr. were just two of many who came out to enjoy the Ol' School Alumni Basketball Game and - the food that went along with it. The game was held at the gym on Friday night, July 22. It brought out many of the former alumni players from Immokalee high school to play the game - "Ol' Style."**

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**Wilson Riley, Reginald Howard, Riley Riley and Lanorris Hall came out to play basketball with other Immokalee High School Alumni members last Friday night, July 22. Immokalee resident, Reginald Howard was presented with a plaque from his peers at the event recognizing him for his community dedication.**