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# Redevelopment agency moves to new space

Larger space opens new doors to better services

#### **By Patty Brant**

Immokalee Bulletin

Welcome to the new home of the Community Redevelopment Agency in Immokalee!



That was the enthusiastic message imparted to each visitor at the CRA's new office Aug. 17. Staff had finally left their cramped and inadequate space on Alachua Street for the spacious rooms at the old Barron Collier office at 1320 N. 15th Street. Barron Collier has relocated to Ave Maria.

Previously, the CRA and Business Development Center shared a tiny building with the permitting department and code enforcement. Collier County Commissioner For District 5 Jim Coletta also has an office there, which staff had to vacate when he was



Now code enforcement, permitting and The CRA's open house was a great opportunity for colleagues and the comthe commissioner's office remain in the munity to get a good look at the organization's new facility. Pictured from left: old building at 310 Alachua Street, where resident Joanne Loukenon, Maria Rodriguez of code enforcement, PACE Directhe CRA had been located since December tor Marianne Kearns, CRA Executive Secretary Rosemary Dillon, IBDC Manager Marie Capita, Project Manager Brad Muckel, CRA Executive Director Penny Phil-See CRA - Page 2 lippi and Ed Marad from code enforcement.

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# Middle East visitors learn local history

#### **By Patty Brant**

Immokalee Bulletin

In miles and culture, Immokalee is about as far away from the Middle East as you can imagine. Still, there is much to share, some good, some bad.

Last week a group of visitors, mainly from the Middle East, came to Immokalee as part of a multicultural program delving into human trafficking.

Visitors from Bahrain, Bangladesh, Egypt, Jordan, Kuwait, Tunisia, Nepal and Mozambique spent the last two days of this trip in Collier County. Wednesday they heard about law enforcement and about the legal system from Ave Maria Law School representatives, the Shelter for Abused Women, Immigrant Advocacy Center and

Human Trafficking Awareness Partnership Inc. In Immokalee on Thursday, they got a general appreciation of Southwest Florida's agriculture history from local expert and Immokalee native, Dallas Townsend. The session hopefully provided some important background for the knowledge they learned previously. The Immokalee session took place at the PACE Center for Girls.

Each person could take the information they learned and apply it to the situation in their own

Mr. Townsend is a former Collier and Hendry County Extension Agent and grew up on a cattle ranch in the Immokalee/Felda

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**PACE Executive Director Marianne Kearns welcomed visitors** from the Middle East to Immokalee Aug. 18. They were touring and learning about the area as part of a program on Human Trafficking hosted by the Greater Naples Chamber of Com-

### **VISIT**

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area, giving him special insight into the area's agricultural roots.

His presentation included facts and figures from around Southwest Florida. He said Collier County is approximately 14.5 percent in ag land. Hendry has the largest amount of land in agriculture in Southwest Florida, 88 percent. Both counties include large tracts owned by the government and used as natural preserves.

He explained to the visitors that the area's major commodities are beef, citrus, vegetable and, in Hendry and Glades only, sugarcane.

Putting it all in historical context, he related that cattle was the area's first major industry, brought by Ponce DeLeon in 1521. He said the Seminoles have been raising cattle since the 1700s.

In the 1800s Florida cattlemen shipped their herds to Cuba through Punda Rassa. They shipped to Cuba because the Cubans paid in gold.

Florida was all open range till the 1950s. Cattlemen used brands and ear marks to identify their free-ranging animals.

Mr. Townsend delighted the guests with a digital view of an original hand written Brand Register Book from the Hendry County Courthouse, dated July 10, 1929-September 7, 1948. Every county in Florida has such a book, he said.

He then took the visitors on a digital journey through Southwest Florida's agricultural history that included Texas fever tick infestations in the early 1900s and cattle dips.

Cattle had to be dipped every 14 days to destroy the ticks, he said. The program began in this area in 1932. There were dipping stations in Immokalee, LaBelle, Chocoluskee Island, Marco Island and Naples. The vat in Immokalee was located just north of where the casino stands today. Its remains can still be seen on the Roberts Ranch.

He recounted the land boom of the 1920s, brought to an end by vicious hurricanes in Miami and Lake Okeechobee, in 1926 and 1928, respectively. Thus began a depression in Florida that started even before the Great Depression gripped the rest of the country.

He told of the role of Range Riders who tried to gather cattle abandoned in the Cypress Swamp, but had to kill those they couldn't get.

In another bit of local history, he showed a receipt from the old Roberts Store (behind where McDonalds is now) from 1942. At that time two pounds of coffee sold for 70 cents. He also showed a bill for \$50.34 that included two gallons of gas for 46 cents; and a \$7.50 credit for five days' work. The document showed it took about one-third of a day's wages to buy two gallons of gas.

Locals also trapped animals for skins to supplement their income.

In 1930 the government put up a batterypowered electric fence through Big Cypress to Bonita Springs - from Palm Beach County to the Gulf - to keep cattle out of the swamp. Some of the original posts can still be seen and remain in use (without the electrical charge)

In 1937, the Federal government eliminated white tail deer in Florida and in the 1940s the deer tick was taken on.

Other natural pests caused serious problems, such as 1.3 million cases of screw worm in Florida. A sterilization program for male screw worms was highly successful and in the late '40s cattle prices increased to 40 cents per pound from 15 cents.

In 1948, the Collier family sold land to others including Immokalee's Roberts family, which bought 2,700 acres in South Hen-

By the 1960s most of the land in Hendry and Collier was in the hands of large land-

Mr. Townsend recounted the move from Brahman and Red Devon cattle in '30 to Hereford, Angus and Santa Gertrudis bulls in the '40s.

After WWII cattlemen established improved pastures on old vegetable farms.

In the '60-70s the local cattle industry thrived with 150,000 brood cows in Hendry and Collier, but in 1975 there was a crash in the cattle industry.

In the late '70s freezes sent citrus to from mid-state southward into Hendry and Collier along with vegetable crops.

Back in the 1920s, timber was the big rush and in 1921 the Atlantic Coastal Railroad came to Immokalee. From 1908-28 Standard Lumber Co. supplied Sears and Roebuck prefab houses cut from local pines. There were some 24 sawmills south of La-Belle; "Sears" was a town in that area with a school, commissary and 500 people.

Hurricanes ended the lumber boom in the 1930s.

When the last virgin cypress in the area, located in Corkscew Swamp, was threatened, Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary was created to save these irreplaceable gems for

Vegetables have always been important

miami Trail was cut through the wilds of the state to ship vegetables to market.

Before WWII locals added lime to the pine flatwoods acidic soils, which were farmed for vegetables.

Immokalee turned out to be an excellent location for vegetable crops, with fungisides and plastic mulch added in the '60s to spur growth.

In 1995, farmers from the East Coast moved in to both Collier and Hendry as the coastal areas became more and more crowded.

There were some 175,000 acres cleared in Collier, and 250,000 acres in Hendry.

Citrus also has a long history in Collier and Hendry. In 1894-95 two freezes in Marion County forced citrus groves to move south. At that time, Hendry County already had working groves at the Caloosahatchee River. In Immokalee groves were planted at Roberts Ranch in 1914.

In 1960, citrus was a growing industry in these parts, with 983 acres in Hendry; and 191 in Collier. By 1961, there were 20,000 acres near LaBelle, mainly owned by A. Duda & Sons and Berry Groves. These days acreage has swollen to 66,814 Hendry and 30,336 in Collier.

Citrus groves are battling their own enemies, including canker, which has killed 1 million trees in Hendry and Collier.

Water is without a doubt the biggest challenge looming over South Florida's agriculture industry, Mr. Townsend told the group. Without irrigation, farmers would have to use twice as much land to equal current production.

And the area's attraction for human pop-

in South Florida. In the late 1800s the Ta-ulation puts cities and towns in direct competition with agriculture for the precious

Environmental concerns are also chipping away at agricultural interests. Beginning in the '70s, the government began buying up land for environmental preservation, including Big Cypress Preserve and panther habitat. At this time some 64 percent of land in Collier County is set aside for such use, mostly south of Alligator Alley.

In Hendry County, the story is the same. In addition, the government purchased Berry Groves on SR 80 west of LaBelle for the purpose of building a water reservoir. After millions of dollars to purchase, engineer and begin preparation, the project has been abandoned. The site is unsuitable for a reservoir - a fact many locals tried to explain from the beginning. Mr. Townsend explained it was a \$150 million failure of the South Florida Water Management District, currently being leased back to a private company. He pointed to the purchase of prairie land at Dinner Island Ranch, as a similar issue.

Toward the end of his presentation, he mentioned other flaws in government programs, like banning DDT, which was very successful in controlling pests. The chemical was blamed for causing thin eagle shells, causing a decline in the eagle population. However, he said it has been proven that the thin shells were caused by stress, not DDT. However, the chemical is still banned, which he said has contributed to an increase in malaria outbreaks in Malaysia.

The international visitors ended their US tour in Immokalee. The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce hosted the local itinerary.

# **CRA**

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Executive Director Penny Phillippi was all smiles as she and staff members provided tours of the facility, sharing plans that will result in more and better services to the community.

Maps, renderings and posters line all sides of the "map room," a spacious place for staff to consult with clients.

In another large room, potential new businessmen and women will learn skills that can change their lives, and the community, for the better as they take the IMMBIZ

entrepreneur class. Staff is very appreciative of the ten computers donated by Sun Coast for the computer lab. They will be used by the entrepreneur class and also for classes in programs like Quick Books.

The building has two good sized rooms that will be used as incubators for new businesses. These rooms may be split to accommodate more start-up businesses, depending on their space requirements. Entrepreneurs with minimal physical equipment needs can use this space to launch their businesses, also taking advantage of technical assistance from the CRA staff until they can grow and become self sufficient.

Staff members have their own, adequate offices - something new for these hardworking people. At their old building, they shared office space.

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#### **Letters to/from the Editor**

#### From the Editor

To commemorate the 10 year anniversary of the 9-11 attacks and to honor our fallen heroes since that date, the Immokalee Bulletin is planning to print a page in tribute to those lost in the Sept. 8 edition. Sponsorships are available for local businesses, organizations and also for individuals to be printed along with the tribute page. The cost for each space is only \$35. Please reserve yours as spaces are limited. For a look at how the page will be set up, please contact Dale Convers at cbnews@newszap.com or 863-675-2541 ext 4253. You can also see a copy of the page on our Immokalee Bulletin Facebook page.

#### After school program

2011-2012 Miracle after school program begins Aug. 29. Be sure to ask your school if your child is eligible!

The 21st CCLC Miracle grant serves approximately 985 students from 3rd-12th grade and operates at each of the school sites in the Immokalee community. Our program helps to motivate students and improve students grades, test scores, and school attendance. In addition to academic

support, Miracle also provides personal enrichment and encourages leadership from all students. Miracle Place is based around a mini-economy that allows students to operate a community, within our program. Students will participate as business owners, elected officials and consumers within their Miracle Place community.

For further information please contact your individual school site.

Sincerely, Gloria T. Rodriguez Site Coordinator Miracle 1/SES 21st CCLC Southwest Florida Workforce **Development Board** 

#### Thanks from all

This is written to offer our sincere thanks to Florida Community Bank for their generosity in providing an afternoon of food, fun and music to our students. On Aug. 19, all the students from Immokalee who participate in fall activities were invited to FCB to celebrate the beginning of an exciting school year. The cheerleaders, cross country team the band and also the football team took part in this event. This event allowed the students from Immokalee High the opportunity to interact with people from the community who have supported them over the years. We look forward to a great season and thanks again to FCB.

T-shirts and other items will go on sale next week. We have new I.H.S materials as well as some things from last year. Here is a list of prices:

Old T-shirts and Hats \$10, Old Jackets \$15, New T-shirts \$12-\$15, Season Tickets (home games) \$50, Parking Pass (home games) \$25, All sports pass (home games)

**Tony Allen Immokalee High School** 

#### IMMBIZ to host new session of Immokalee Business Entrepreneur School

So you think you want to start a business? Sign up now for the IBDC - Entrepreneur School. The classes will be held starting Sept. 12-Oct. 17 each Monday from 5:30-7:30 p.m., at 1320 N. 15th Street, Immokalee. This six-week course is designed to provide an approach for thinking through the development of a new business idea or the growth of an existing small business. For more details or to register, please call 239-269-9628.

#### **Obituaries**

#### Scarlett Lucille Hamm, 63

FORT MYERS — Scarlett Lucille Hamm, 63, of Fort Myers, passed on to be with the Lord in heaven on Aug. 8, 2011, at Hope Hospice, Fort

She was born on May 22, 1948, in Fernandina Beach, a child of Jacob Frank and Lois Lee (Morris) Hamm.

She became a resident of Fort Myers when her parents followed the shrimping industry boom. As a kid, she remembers having tea parties with seagrape leaves as plates. Her brother (Frank) was forced to participate. But she also remembers playing "Zorro" and "Davy Crockett." Despite the fun, she also recalls the destruction of

held a soft spot in her heart for Texas, as her family often migrated between Florida and Tex-

As an elementary teacher for one year in the Lee County School District, she then taught at both Highlands and Lake Trafford Elementary Schools in Immokalee where she was known as both Mrs. Billman and Ms. Hamm. Scarlett was very creative and artistic and she made her school lessons fun and effective. She cared for her students very much and held the philosophy that to improve the future, we have to invest in

She saw beauty in everything and over the years attended the First Baptist Church of Fort Myers Beach and McGregor Baptist Church. She was very loyal to friends and family. She loved them all dearly.

She always rooted for the underdog, especially during the ups and downs of the Dallas Cowbov football seasons. Scarlett had a good sense of

Hurricane Donna.

Scarlett was a proud "Florida Cracker" but she as following the shrimping season.

our students today.

humor and would tell the most interesting stories of her life's adventures. She is well loved and will be missed very much.

She is survived by her daughter, MaeLee (Juan) Madrigal of Fort Myers; and her sister, Glenda (Paul) Ranttalo of Emigrant, Minn.

A Memorial Service was held on Sunday, Aug. 21, from 3:30 to 5:30 p.m., at Hope Hospice, 9470 HealthPark Circle, Fort Myers, Florida

Family and friends may send flowers to Hope Hospice or make a donation to one of the following organizations: Hope Hospice, ADK sorority, Red Hatters, C.R.O.W, First Baptist Church of Fort Myers Beach or McGregor Bap-

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# Weather Forecast

Weather forecast for Collier County from the National Weather Service

**Local Forecast** 

**Thursday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly sunny, with a high near 92. Heat index values as high as 100. Breezy, with a north wind between 13 and 20 mph, with gusts as high as 28 mph.

**Thursday night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 2 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 75. Northwest wind between 8 and 10 mph.

#### **Extended Forecast**

a low around 75

**Friday:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 8 a.m. Sunny, with a high near 94. West wind between 6 and 14 mph, with gusts as high as 18 mph.

Friday night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms before 11 p.m. Mostly clear, with a low around 75. West wind between 3 and 7 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 1pm. Sunny and hot, with a high near 96. Calm wind becoming west between 8 and 11 mph.

Saturday night: A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly clear, with a low around 75. West wind around 6 mph becoming calm. Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Sunny and hot, with a

high near 96. Calm wind becoming west between 5 and 8 mph. **Sunday night:** A 10 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly clear, with

**Monday:** A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny and hot, with a high near 96.

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#### **Love that Dress!**

PACE of Collier County is busy getting ready for its inaugural Love that Dress! fundraiser auction Aug. 31. PACE directors had a great time helping to sort over 1,000 new and gently worn dresses for the event Wednesday, Aug. 31, at the Naples Grand Hotel. PACE has 17 centers throughout Florida, which provide educational and social guidance for young girls. From the left are: Mindy DiPietro, Angelina Spencer and Vice Chairman Lori Cohen all of the PACE Board of Directors, help sort over 1,000 dresses donated to the

# New student progress reports rolled out

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

During the 2010-11 school year, four elementary schools in the district were pilot schools for the new standards-based progress report. Teachers and parents provided ongoing feedback regarding the progress report. It was found that the new system provides more specific information about the individual student's progress toward meeting curriculum standards.

A district committee is also currently working on the expansion of the standardsbased progress reporting system for the intermediate grade levels (3rd through 6th grade). This year, the district will pilot the intermediate grade level standards-based progress report with future plans for districtwide implementation in the 2012-13 school

A special TV program focused on the

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 principals, teachers, and parents to discuss aspects of the new progress report.

The program will be shown at 6:30 p.m., on The Education Channel, cable 99, on Monday, Sept. 5, and Wednesday, Sept. 7 through Friday, Sept. 9.

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 the district's Executive Director for Elementary Programs, Jennifer Kincaid, at 239-377-0107.

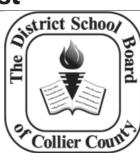
#### **Students First**

#### Welcome back! **By Joe Landon**

Collier County District Schools

What a glorious day Monday was for everyone involved in any way with Collier County Public Schools. We saw a sea of smiling faces at the schools we vis-

ited. One principal described "a feeling of enthusiasm and excitement" as her school opened for the year. Lake Trafford Elementary School Principal Brian Castellani's students "truly displayed the 'Three R's' on the first day – respect, resourcefulness, and responsibility." Immokalee Middle School opened its doors to students as a "B" school for the very first time. Principal Abel Jaimes says that, as expected, "students were nervous at first and as the day progressed their nerves turned to relief after meeting their teachers and familiarizing themselves with our building." Manatee Middle School is also a "B" school for the first time ever, and Principal Peggy Aune thanked parents for helping make it happen. "I really value parent involvement and that's part of the reason we have great student achievement." Bob Spano celebrated his 34th first day as an educator and the Mike Davis Elementary School Principal told me it was his best yet! His school, which had a "C" grade last year, began this year with an "A."



Veterans Memorial Elementary School Principal Tim Ferguson's teachers were excited about launching a leadership development program, The Leader in Me, based on Steven Covey's 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. Lake Park Elementary School's theme is Inspired Educators Create Champion Learners.

have many 'young champions' on their way to a year to be filled with student success and learning" says Principal Tamie Stewart. Corkscrew Elementary School Principal Kim Lonergan called it a great day "with wonderful helpers (parent volunteers) called 'pink pals,' only one crier (a mom), and a lot of learning!" Gulf Coast High School Principal Ken Fairbanks led the opening day pep rally as Sharkey the mascot and the students loved it. An excited Mike Davis teacher. Brianna Bailey. one of 425 new teachers, told me she was so very happy. "I have a wonderful class and I'm part of a wonderful team." Naples High School Principal Nancy Graham says the kids were great but "my reality on the first day is that if everyone arrives safely, has a place to go each period, eats lunch, and gets home safely then the first day is a success!" And that it was! New Superintendent, Dr. Kamela Patton, called Monday an "A++ day for all of our schools."



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Pictured from left to right are Juan Delgado, Gavino Barrera, Iliana Perez, Teacher Joe Lee Gallegos, Branch Manager Izzy Prieto, Vice President Bernardo Barnhart, Lisa Souza, Marielena Garcia, Nadege Severe.

# Local bank gives helping hand at Guadalupe Center

staff members volunteered at the Guadalupe Soup Kitchen. Giving back to our community and getting involved is a trademark of Florida Community Bank. From the Immokalee Branch were Izzy Prieto-branch manager, Bernardo Barnhart-vice president relationship manager, Mariela Peña, administrative assistant. Also volunteering were Beth Reid-mortgage loan officer from the Naples branch, Linsay Armstron, training and development manager from North Cape Coral, Ashley Brooks-training/branch manager of the Punta Gorda branch, Cindy Sto-

On Aug. 16, Florida Community Bank ver-branch manager of North Port Charlotte, Patty Hensly-Englewood branch manager, Maria Quinones-Golden Gate branch manager, and the following three staff from the Lehigh Acres Branch, Samantha Fegueroa-Teller, Anita Harman, teller supervisor, and Amanda Partridge, branch manager.

> The folks at Guadalupe were very appreciative of their cheerful endeavor to give of their time. The bank is not only looking to donate to great organizations with great cause, but also to get involved and show our support to this community.

# Radio station donates school supplies

school supplies the School District of Collier County received from radio station B103.9 FM. The station's "Big Mama and The Wild Bunch" crew delivered two pallets full of everything ranging from pens, pencils, notebooks, crayons, and more were dropped off at the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Administrative Center. All of the supplies will go to dis-

The idea to collect and donate the school supplies arose when Big Mama and The Wild Bunch felt, and even more so, knew the local area was having trouble financially. Executive Morning Producer for Big Mama and The Wild Bunch, Adam Star noted that, "just seeing the burden of stress on the parents' faces in this community was heart

They teamed up with Pepsi and lived in a house made out of Pepsi in the parking lot of the Wal-Mart located on Colonial Boulevard and Six Mile Cypress Parkway, in Ft. Myers. The Pepsi house was described as being comparable to an apartment. It had actual walls, doors, and windows – all made out successful," said Star.

We recently told you about a donation of Pepsi. The crew brought in furniture and broadcast their show every morning out of the cozy house, raising school supplies for four-and-half days! For each school supply someone donated, they would, in turn, receive a can of Pepsi. As the days went on, the house got smaller, but the crew wasn't leaving until all the Pepsi was gone - making sure they had school supplies for schools in Charlotte, Collier, and Lee counties.

After all was said and done, Big Mama and The Wild Bunch raised more than \$10,000 worth of schools supplies. In addition, they also sponsored 43 kids from The Abuse Council Treatment Center (ACT).

All 43 kids have a brand new outfit for school - shirt, pants, and shoes, as well some supplies for the first day of school.

"We really owe it to the community for coming out and donating, as well as some local businesses contributing too. The kids in this community are the future leaders. We need to supply them with the tools to be

# TIF welcomes new coordinator

The Immokalee Foundation announces the appointment of Heather Meech as event coordina-

Meech will be responsible for developing, planning and coordinating TIF events.

"Heather's event plan- **Heather** ning experience is a valu- Meech able contribution and

we welcome her to the team," said Jennifer Whitis, director of development for The Immokalee Foundation.

Meech has more than seven years of hospitality and event experience, includ-



ing Garden of Hope and Courage, Making Strides Against Breast Cancer, Little Black Dress, Stiletto Sprint, Campiello Golf Invitational, Tommy Bahama Coconut Classic and Naples Winter Wine Festival. She attended the University of Akron and

graduated from Florida Gulf Coast University with a Bachelor of Science degree.

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.



# Susan Wulber joins TIF The Immokalee Foundation announces the appointment of Su-

san Wulber as director of finance and administration.

Wulber will be responsible for accounting operations, planning and day to day employee administration.

Wulber has an MBA with more than 25 years of professional experience providing managerial, business and financial analysis for organizations, including Allen Systems Group, Chemical Abstracts Service, Bell & Howell Publications Systems Company and LEXIS/

Susan Wulber

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# Public forum open for participants

members have participated in Community Circle discussions in the Immokalee area. Community Circles met at Farm Worker's Village, at Ave Maria and at several neighborhoods in Immokalee.

The goal of these discussions was to develop ideas for action that would make their neighborhoods and community a better place to live. We think your role in the community gives you a special interest in the topic, and we'd like you to be involved as we move to community action.

We'd like to invite you to the Action Forum, where all the groups come together and share their ideas. This program is a partnership with the Immokalee commu-

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From the discussions that have taken place so far, many good ideas have arisen and the Action Forum is the next step. The Action Forum will include:

- 1. Highlighting of themes and top priorities emerging from the community circles.
  - 2. A process for the Action Forum attendees to choose priorities from among the
  - many ideas. 3. A chance for people to sign up for action groups.
  - 4. A celebration of accomplishments and a chance to meet others from community circles and the community.
  - 5. An opportunity for community leaders to see the fruits of this form of civic participation and comment.
  - 6. Announcements of plans for the future.

Your presence at the event would be greatly appreciated by the community. For more information, contact Robert Halman, Collier County Extension, at 239-353-4244.

The Collier County Code Enforcement

Board will meet Thursday, Aug. 25, at 9

a.m. at the Board of County Commissioners chambers, third floor, Collier County Gov-

ernment Center, 3299 Tamiami Trail East,

will meet Friday, Aug. 26, at 2 p.m. in the

County Manager's Front Conference Room,

second floor, Collier County Government

sion, Land Development Services Depart-

ment, Comprehensive Planning Section and

the County Attorney's Office will conduct

a public meeting regarding new proposed

boundaries for the Collier County Board of

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Board of Collier County and meet Monday,

Aug. 29, at 7 p.m., in the Game Room,

Immokalee Community Park, 321 N. First

sion will meet Thursday, **Sept. 1**, at 9 a.m. in

the Board of County Commissioners cham-

bers, third floor, Collier County Government

Center, 3299 Tamiami Trail East, Naples.

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vices Advisory Committee will meet Wednesday, Sept. 7, at 3 p.m. at the Growth Management Division/Planning & Regulation, conference rooms 609 and 610, located at 2800 N. Horseshoe Drive, Naples.

**Immokalee Bulletin** August 25, 2011

# **Immokalee High School Indians Football is back!**

**By Moises Diaz** 

Special to the Immokalee Bulletin

The Immokalee High School football team kicks off the 2011 season in a preseason classic game against LaBelle High School. The Indians are coming off a productive season and were crowned District Champs a year ago. Heading into his second year as head coach, Mr. Jerrod Ackley is looking forward to bettering last year's progress. Although the game between the Indians and the Cowboys doesn't effect either teams' hopes to reach the playoffs, it will be an exciting game. Tshumbi Johnson, Xavier Richardson, and J.C. Jackson are a few of many who will be returning this year.

Come out and support the Indians this Friday night at Cowboy Stadium at LaBelle High School. Kick off time is at 7:30 p.m.



of the hard hitting action. Go Indians!

Immokalee Bulletin File Photo

The upcoming season of Indians Football is about to begin. Don't miss any

# FLORIDA COMMUNITY BANK Florida Community Bank

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### Hendry Motorsports host back to school night

The Hendry County Motorsports Park is ready to re-open its gates for the second half of the 2011 race season Saturday, Aug. 27. Saturday's re-opening will have a special gate price for that night and a special cause - Back to school night. It will only be \$5 to enter the grandstands and kids 12 and under will be free. Also kids, don't forget to bring your bicycles for the kids bike race (all kids competing will receive a prize).

Immokalee is one of hardest hit areas for unemployment. Many families in our community cannot afford school supplies for their children, and with the tough economy it is hard for our school system to provide the much needed supplies for the children. Stop by your local dollar store and pick up a few school supplies before you head to the race track. Most school supplies are needed. Gates open at 4 p.m. Racing starts at 7 p.m. For more information go to their Web site www.hendryracing.com.

# Football games to be broadcast to Immokalee

#### Catch all the Immokalee **High School Indians action**

Can't get away to watch the exciting Immokalee Indians football games on Friday evenings? Now you can listen to the games, live, broadcast over one of Immokalee's distinctively new and great radio stations, the Call-FM at 90.5 on your FM dial. That's right, football fans. Rob Robbins, president of the Call-FM has made arrangements with Immokalee High School and the Collier County School board to announce home and away games. The CALL's official organization is Call Communications Group Inc., a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, and they are actively seeking sponsors for this new work. The CALL operates three full-power primary FM radio stations and four FM translator stations, with headquarters in Miami and a potential audience of 4.1 million listeners across south Florida. One of their translator towers is located here in Immokalee. The Call-FM caters especially to youth from the



ages of 13-25. and caters to vouth-oriented Christian music with a positive message. As a nonprofit, they raise funds to operthrough ate direct donations and local advertising. Local longtime announcer for Immokathe Indians, Steve Price, will be sharing announc-

ing responsibilities with Bernardo Barnhart, another IHS alumnus. Anyone interested in talking further with the owner can reach him at 305-494-0392. You can also check them out at: www.CALLFM.com.

#### Check presentation

Tony Allen (left) and Jerrod Ackley (right) from Immokalee High School were on hand to accept a check in the amount of \$1,200 from the Immokalee branch of Florida Community Bank on August 19. The presentation was part of a day long event for student participants of Immokalee Fall Sports programs. The funds donated will be used to support Immokalee High school student fall sports programs. Presenting the check is Florida Community Bank Vice President, Bernardo Barnhart.

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