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Honoring a legacy - connecting the past

Special to the Immokalee Bulletin

On Aug. 20, the Greater Immokalee Front Porch hosted a reception in honor of our elders and their contributions and dedication to the Immokalee community. The intent of this reception was to introduce our upcoming project entitled, "Connecting the Past, Enduring the Future," by gathering old friends for roundtable talk. The reception was held at the elegantly decorated House of Prayer compliments of Cynthia Clinton.

Members of the Front Porch group interviewed several of the honorees which was filmed and photographed. These recordings will be formatted in a usable

media product to educate others about the African American culture and relate it to the history of Immokalee.

Honorees enjoyed an afternoon of food, music and a relaxed atmosphere as they were served by volunteers.

The honorees articulated their compliments of the reception and expressed their gratitude. It was a good opportunity for the elders to come together and share their stories. One of the attendees, Ms. Jeweldine Gray, had gracious words in support of the glamorous afternoon and the work that Front Porch is doing on behalf of the Immokalee community. She

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Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/Rommy Torrico
Ms. Mintzy Berry Lee, Ms. Juanita Hosea and Ms. Vern Henderson are all part of the Greater Immokalee Front Porch organization hosting a recent reception to honor the elders in the community and to bring about awareness and remembrance of contributions to the community from African American members of the Immokalee community.

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From left: Abram Saucedo 13, and Christian Aviles, 12, watch as 13-year-old Juan Aviles caulks the hull of their summer boat project.

Boat building bars summer boredom for local kids

Summer projects, lifetime skills

By Patty Brant
Immokalee Bulletin

Summer may be over, but memories last a lifetime.

Members of the Collier County Sheriff's Office Youth Relations Bureau once again made some great memories with Immokalee kids.

Just a couple weeks before school started deputies once again put on a unique week-long program at iTECH.

As part of the Youth Relations Bureau Summer Fest deputies helped kids build five boats this summer: two in Naples; two in

Everglades City; and one here in Immokalee.

These craft are actually flat bottom skiffs, 12' long and very stable. They have to be. The kids are required to take them out and make sure they're "seaworthy." They accomplished this at Jubilation Lake the final day of the program.

Youth Relations Bureau deputies involved in the program included Cpl. Barry Ardrey, Cpl. Dan Rogers, Cpl. D. Gross, Cpl. Josh Pence and Cpl. Mike Sutton.

The kids spent four days drilling, hammering, gluing, caulking and painting their boat into a seaworthy vessel in preparation for the launch event.

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And that's not all. They also learn to master oars - or at least are introduced to the technique.

Cpl. Sutton said kids learn basic woodworking skills at the program. They work with epoxy, pvc, wood and paint with latex and oil paints. They learn to use a jigsaw to cut out the floor, drill and hammer till the project takes shape.

Abram Saucedo, 13, was there all week and brought along a couple buddies, Juan Aviles, 13, and Christian Aviles, 12.

Abram said he does some woodworking and repair work with his dad. He was bored at home, so this project was just what he needed to kick up his summertime. Juan and Christian were there to have fun, too.

Christian loves baseball and plays little league. He said his favorite part of working on the boat was sanding.

Juan is also into baseball and says he plays all positions. He said he's getting pretty accurate with a hammer.

Each of the boats the students produced went to the sponsor of the individual boat. Each put up \$1,000 for the kit. Randy's Fish Market in Naples sponsored the Immokalee boat. Others went to Tamiami Ford, Everglades City Lions Club, North Naples Fire Department Union and Sunshine Ace Hardware.

The Immokalee community stepped up to help with this program once again. Lunches were donated by McDonalds, Roma-Havana, Winn-Dixie, Popeye's and Burger King.

Earlier in the summer CCSO deputies put on a woodworking program for kids at iTECH in which they made shadowboxes and other small projects, but also made a unique folding chair they could take home.



Immokalee Bulletin/Patty Brant
Collier County Sheriff's Office Youth Relations Bureau Cpl. Mike Sutton, Christian and Juan Aviles, Cpl. Dan Rogers and Cpl. Barry Ardrey put sweat equity into their summer boat project.

CCSO launches intensive crackdown on impaired driving

The Collier County Sheriff's Office is participating in an intensive crackdown on impaired driving starting Friday and ending Sept. 5.

The 2011 National Impaired Driving Crackdown is part of the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration's (NHTSA) ongoing program to reduce the number of impaired driving-related fatalities.

According to NHTSA data, 10,839 people were killed in U. S. motor vehicle crashes in 2009. Alcohol-impaired fatalities accounted for 32 percent of all motor vehicle crash fatalities during 2009, or an average of one fatality every 48 minutes. Nearly half of these tragic deaths occurred between 9 p.m. and 3 a.m. Additionally, according to the National Roadside Survey of Alcohol and Drug Use, roughly one in six nighttime, week-end drivers tested positive for illegal or prescription drugs.

"Sadly, many people clearly do not understand that impaired driving, whether un-

der the influence of alcohol or drugs-even prescription drugs-is no accident, nor is it a victimless crime," said Sgt. Tim Cornelius of the CCSO Safety and Traffic Enforcement Bureau. "The message we want to send to drivers in Collier County is simple: If you are caught driving while impaired, you will be arrested. No exceptions."

CCSO joins nearly 10,000 other law enforcement agencies across the nation in support of this initiative. Special enforcement operations will be conducted throughout the county during this period including sobriety checkpoints and roving saturation patrols or "wolf packs".

"If you go out, designate a sober driver; even if you beat the odds and manage to walk away from a crash, driving impaired is simply not worth the consequences," Sgt. Cornelius said.

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stated, "I was born in Immokalee and no one has never asked me about life growing up in the community."

Filled with teary eyes, Ms. Phyllis Fryson reminisced on her childhood in Immokalee and spoke very highly of her heartfelt love for teaching. Another notable attendee was Frank Massey (Thomas) who was elated to be invited to such an event. He recalls moving to Immokalee in December 1948 from Cleveland, Ohio and 62 years later, he still remains rooted in the community. In addition to the above referenced historians, Front Porch representatives interviewed Mrs. Ella Mae McCrea, Ms. Lucy Mae Hall and her cousin, Mr. Will Carr. Other honorees in attendance included Mr. Don Bailey, Ms. Vern Henderson, Ms. Juanita Hosea and their guests.

Ms. Mintzy Berry Lee concluded the evening by serenading the honorees and attendees with a rendition of "One Day At A Time."

We would like to extend a special thanks to the Pastor and members of the House of Prayer for their assistance with this special reception. We would also like to extend a



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/Rommy Torrico
Mrs. Ella Mae McCrea was one of the local elders from the Immokalee community who was interviewed and who recalled her life in Immokalee.

special thank you to photographer Rommy Torrico who graciously used her skills in capturing the memorable moments of the reception.

If you wish to collaborate with us on this project, questions may be directed to Front Porch at 239-658-1300.

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Commissioner's aide plans September Immokalee visit

Commissioner Jim Coletta's Aide, Paula Springs, will be in Immokalee on Wednesday, Sept. 7.

Commissioner Coletta will be attending the Florida Fish & Wildlife Commission meeting in Naples on Sept. 7. On his behalf, his Aide, Paula Springs, will be available for office hours in Immokalee.

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 to 9 a.m. Meeting location is the Roma in Havana Ris-

torante, 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.

Commissioner Coletta remains available by telephone at 239-252-8391 or e-mail at jimcoletta@colliergov.net.

Community News

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.

Fire Control District Fee Schedule

The Immokalee Fire Control District has established a schedule of fees to conduct existing building fire safety inspections and other services. The fees were established due to continuing loss in income because of lower property values. The District has already lost its Fire Chief and Deputy Chief, a Fire Inspector and 7 firefighters. These fees

are needed to help support the fire prevention bureau freeing up tax dollars to pay for fire suppression. Please check out web page at www.immfire.com

'Remembering Our Babies' a community memorial service

A special remembrance ceremony for those who have lost a baby will be offered by Avow Hospice in partnership with the Collier County Department of Health and the Florida Department of Health. The service will be held at 3 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 13, at the Health Department Conference Room located at 419 N. First Street in Immokalee. The service will include readings and a lighting of candles. Participants are invited to bring photos and/or share their story. Refreshments will be served. No fee to attend. Reservations requested. Call 239-252-7307 or 239-252-7306; Spanish-line 239-252-7358.

Obituaries

Marinella Warden Guevara, 77

IMMOKALEE — Marinella Warden Guevara, 77, of Immokalee, passed away peacefully on Aug. 25, 2011, surrounded by her loving family.

She was born on Aug. 8, 1934, in Steprock, Ark., and has been a resident of Immokalee for more than 50 years. She will be remembered by those who knew her as a strong, independent woman who was fiercely protective and deeply devoted to her family. She was a talented seamstress, upholsterer and enjoyed creating quilts. She also enjoyed following NASCAR and the Dallas Cowboys.

She is survived by her longtime companion, Billy Beam; her children, Linda (Ray) Mead, Pete (Debbie) Guevara, Virginia (Ty) Blackburn; grandchildren, Kenneth (Danielle) Guevara, Andrea Mead, Steven and Elizabeth Blackburn; and great-grandchildren, Caleb, Cameron and Thomas Guevara. She is also survived by her brother, Jerry (Janice) Warden and sister-in-law Elvira Warden.

At her request, no memorial service will be

held. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to: Caloosa Humane Society, Inc., PO Box 2337, Labelle, FL 33975; or Avow Hospice, 1095 Whippoorwill Lane, Naples, FL 34105-3847.

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Public Meetings

- The Collier County Code Enforcement Special Magistrate Hearing will be held on Friday, **Sept. 2**, at 9 a.m. in the Board of County Commissioners chambers, third floor, Collier County Government Center, 3299 Tamiami Trail East, Naples.

- The Collier County Development Services 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.

- The Collier County Board of County Commissioners will hold a public workshop with the Economic Development Council of Collier County on Friday, **Sept. 23**, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the Board of County Commissioners chambers, third floor, Collier County Government Center, 3299 Tamiami Trail East, Naples.

Immokalee Weather

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, with a high near 92. Heat index values as high as 102. East wind between 5 and 7 mph.

Thursday night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before 11 p.m. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 72. East wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Extended Forecast

Friday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 92. East wind between 3 and 8 mph.

Friday night: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly before midnight. Partly cloudy, with a low around 73. Southeast wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

Saturday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms, mainly after 11 a.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 91. East wind around 7 mph.

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

Sunday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 90. East wind around 7 mph.

Sunday night: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 76.

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Back to School Fresh Start continues

Rain or shine, the quest to give local students a "fresh start" continued with "free" haircuts on Friday, Aug. 19. Hosted by the Greater Immokalee Front Porch, local barbers, Tomassa Brown (right) and Wilson Riley (top), joined in to offer their talents. **w**



Students First

Teacher share from first week

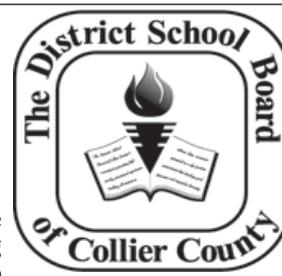
By Joe Landon
Collier County District
Schools

"Teachers teach because they care. Teaching young people is what they do best." The quote from Horace Mann is especially appropriate as we put the new school year in perspective by sharing the observations of a few of our teachers in their very own words:

"The students of Lake Trafford Elementary School are off to a spectacular start! Our school community has warmly welcomed our new Principal, Mr. Brian Castellani, and our new assistant Principal, Mr. Oliver Phipps. Our faculty and staff are fully committed to supporting the academic development of all learners." Susan Pratt, Math Coach, Lake Trafford Elementary School.

"This marks the beginning of my 25th year of teaching in Immokalee and it's been just as exciting as ever. I know that after the first weeks I've laid a good foundation of what students can expect from my program. This gives the students a sense of comfort which helps them to relax and learn more effectively." Jaime Hernandez, Immokalee Technical Center.

• "The start of a new school year is al-



ways very busy with many procedures falling into place. A foundation has been laid in the last couple of years and our school has certainly improved. Teachers and students are looking forward to a very productive school year that will push our school to new heights." Charles Krause, Eden

Park Elementary School.

• "My new students have high enthusiasm about the work in the criminal justice class they are embarking on. I am especially pleased that they have come ready to learn, ready to follow directions, and are accustomed to obeying class rules. They are excited about learning the skills needed to become a criminal justice professional over the next four years in our school's academy program. Don Crabtree, Immokalee High School.

• "Amidst the busyness the start of school brings, I am always reminded of how precious and wonderful our children are. To see my kids' hopeful enthusiasm and eagerness to learn encourages me to rededicate myself to teach them to the best of my ability." Jean Lorenz, Naples High School.

We thank our teachers for sharing their first-hand observations and for opening the windows to their classrooms to give us a peek at the wonderful education taking place inside.

Reminder of online late school bus notice postings

Parents of the 20,000 School District of Collier County students who ride a school bus everyday are reminded of an easy way to learn if their child's bus is delayed on the trip home. Late bus notices are being posted, as needed, on the home page of the district Web site: www.collierschools.com. Look for the school bus icon and the "Late Bus Notice" link on the page in the "What's New?" area. It appears any afternoon that a school bus is running more than a half hour behind schedule. Just click on the Late Bus Notice sign to find out if, by chance, your child's bus is running late. If more than one bus is late, a listing of the bus numbers that are delayed can be found. If a school dismisses students later than usual on a given afternoon, we'll post a similar Late Dismissal notice there as well.

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Students get help, encouragement from local organizations

"It does take a village, to work with the family, to raise a child and weather the storms of life," said Mintzy Berry Lee, volunteer with Greater Immokalee Front Porch.

This statement was proven true as the Youth Empowerment Academy (YEA) rolled out this summer with help from The Immokalee Foundation. Five energetic students were given the opportunity to interact with their peers, develop leadership skills, become better résumé writers, gain workplace experience, and generally grow on personal and professional levels. Motivational lectures were presented by local community residents.

Enrolled in this year's program were Alfredo Murphy, Ebony Townsend, Marie Osta Jean, Timara Howard and Shedlyn Joseph.

When asked about his experience, Shedlyn Joseph responded by saying, "This was more than a job. The knowledge and skills acquired and passion of the YEA leaders are invaluable."

Other members of the village that encouraged the students were host agencies, The Learning Spot, Immokalee Housing and Family Services, County Parks and Recreation, and the University of Florida/IFAS, and the Department of Community Affairs.

"Life is easier when you are part of a network of friends and family, a neighborhood."



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/Immokalee Front Porch
Mintzy Berry Lee gives help and encouragement to summer program participant, Shedlyn Joseph. Shedlyn and others learned valuable lessons and were given the opportunity to gain knowledge of business skills including resume writing and also to get a better understanding of how the business world works. Immokalee Front Porch Organization helped to sponsor and members volunteered to held teach and to mentor the five students who participated in the workshops.



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/Vicki Carr
Lydia Johnson, Mintzy Berry Lee, Timara Howard, Ebony Townsend, Alfredo Murphy, Marie Osta Jean, Shedlyn Joseph gather to learn from volunteers during a summer program geared toward the building of business skills for local young people.

Church to host Living Proof Live simulcast on Sept. 10

Saturday, Sept. 10, First Baptist Church of Lehigh Acres is hosting an exciting simulcast at their church, 507 Sunshine Blvd. North in Lehigh Acres. Bible teacher, speaker and author, Beth Moore will be live from Lubbock, Texas for a very special Living Proof Live event, thanks to simulcast technology. Joining her is contemporary Christian singer, arranger, and worship leader, Travis Cottrell and his praise team. The event begins at 10:15 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. Call for ticket prices and for more information, 239-369-6141 or visit fbclehigh.com.



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/Adam Herrera

Fall sports event

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CCSO offers back-to-school safety tips

School is back in session in Collier County. That means parents need to reinforce safety messages with their children and drivers need to be alert on the roads.

Monday marked the first day of school in Collier County.

This week look for deputies in marked patrol vehicles and in unmarked vehicles with their emergency lights flashing parked at school speed zones, crossing guard intersections and other areas where large groups of students walk to and from school.

Also look for lighted marquee message boards with the message "Give Kids A Brake" around the county.

The Collier County Sheriff's Office asks parents to take the time to talk with your child about safety. Do not assume your child knows what to do.

CCSO offers these back-to-school safety tips:

Walking to and from school

- * Plan a walking route to school or the bus stop. Choose the most direct way with the fewest street crossings and, if possible, with intersections that have crossing guards.

- * Walk the route with your child before school starts. Tell him or her to stay away from parks, vacant lots, fields and other places where there aren't many people around.

- * Teach your child to cross at designated crosswalks at intersections.

- * Mind all traf-

fic signals and/or the crossing guard. Never cross the street against a light, even if traffic is not visible.

- * Wear reflective material; it makes you more visible to street traffic.

- * Be sure your child walks to and from school with a sibling, friend or neighbor.

- * Teach your child never to talk to strangers or accept rides or gifts from strangers.

- * Tell your child that if anyone follows them on foot to get away from him or her as quickly as possible. If anyone follows them in a vehicle, they should turn around, go in the opposite direction, and try to quickly get to a spot where a trusted adult may help them. Advise them to be sure to tell you or another trusted adult what happened.

- * Teach your child that if a stranger tries to take them away, they should quickly get away and yell, "This person is trying to take me away," or "This person is not my father/mother/guardian."

- * Teach your child that if a stranger tries to grab them, they must make a scene and make every effort to get away by kicking, punching, screaming, and resisting.

Safety around the school bus

- * Make sure your child knows their bus number. This will reduce your child's stress and avoid confusion on which bus to ride.

- * Make sure your child knows their telephone number and address.

- * Parents/guardians should visit the bus stop with their child.

- * Walk the route to and from the bus stop with your child, pointing out landmarks and safe places to go if they are being followed or bothered by a stranger. The safe places can be used if your child needs help.

- * Teach your child what to do if the bus does not arrive on time.

- * Teach your child to stay with a group while waiting at the bus stop.

- * If an adult approaches your child for help or directions, remind them that adults should not ask children for help; they should

ask another adult.

Bicycle Safety

- * If your child rides a bike to school, instruct him or her to always travel with a friend.

- * Ride in well-lit areas and never take shortcuts.

- * Always wear a helmet while riding. Helmets should fit properly and the straps should always be fastened.

- * Wear bright color clothes and place reflectors on the bike.

- * Avoid wearing headphones because music can be distracting and cause you not to notice potential hazards around you.

- * Teach your child that he or she is subject to the rules of traffic signs and signals, just as motorists. They should be alert to traffic signs and know what they mean.

Cyber Safety for parents

- * Keep the computer in a high traffic area of your home. Parents should monitor the sites their children visit.

- * Parents should monitor a child's online activity, sexual predators frequent chat rooms and social networking sites looking for victims.

- * Software is available to filter out obscene material and to lock out inappropriate web-sites.

Cyber Safety for children

- * Never give out personal information, such as name, address, phone number, school name or location, team name, or town you live in.

- * Never agree to meet someone in person that you've first met on-line. Always tell your parents that the person wants to meet.

- * Never respond to messages that make you feel scared, uncomfortable or confused. If you receive a message like that, tell a parent right away.

- * Be careful what type of photos or information you post or share. What you may think is private may go public.

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Concerned about your credit score? Workshop includes free credit report

Do you know your credit score and how it affects you? Do you know how to dispute incorrect items on your credit report and repair negative ones? These issues and others will be discussed at the Understanding Your Credit Workshop to be held Tuesday, Sept. 13, from 6:30 to 8 p.m. at Empowerment Alliance office at 750 South Fifth Street in Immokalee.

The first 25 Collier County residents who register and attend will also receive a free credit report and review. The reviews will be scheduled Thursday, Sept. 15 from 3 to 8 p.m. and where participants will meet individually with a credit coun-

selor to review their credit report and discuss ways to improve their score.

There is no charge for the credit report, but attendees must be Collier County residents and must pre-register and attend the workshop on Sept. 13.

In the workshop, we will focus on how credit scores are calculated and what affects them; how credit scores are used, ways to dispute incorrect information that appears on a credit report and strategies for repairing and rebuilding damaged credit. We will also discuss ways to establish credit for teenagers and young adults.

The workshop will be offered

by the Empowerment Alliance of Southwest Florida and is sponsored by the Collier County Housing, Human, and Veteran Services. The Empowerment Alliance is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization and is a HUD-approved Housing Counseling Agency. It has been offering budget, credit and foreclosure prevention counseling in Immokalee and the surrounding areas for more than seven years.

The workshop is free. To register, please call Angela Johnson at the Empowerment Alliance at 239-658-3325.



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/Manny Touron

The U18 Soccer Pit Cobras have kicked off the new season with a great game and plan to "turn up the heat" each week. Come out and support the boys - and also the Ladies Soccer Pit Cobras for a great season!

U18 boys Soccer Pit Cobras open new season with tie

By Manny Touron

Special to the Immokalee Bulletin

The U18 Boys started the season this past weekend when they traveled to Bonita Springs. The Cobras are now playing across the state in the South Florida United Youth Soccer Association.

This game exactly what you would expect from two excellent soccer teams. It was a tight game all throughout the ninety minutes of play with both teams having chances to score. With about 15 minutes left in the game Bonita finally broke through after a forward picking up a loose ball in the area and putting it past goalkeeper Pepe Guzman.

The Cobras continued to battle but Bonita almost scored their second goal had it not been for left back Carlos Paz who dove and kicked the ball out after the ball got behind goalkeeper Guzman.

Determination and persistence paid off for the Cobras this Saturday morning. With 5 minutes left in the game, Coach Garza moved Alejandro Mendoza, our center defender to the front line to put extra pressure

on the Bonita defense. Jesus Velazco challenged a ball in the area that was picked up by Mendoza and quickly put past the Bonita goalkeeper for the tying goal.

The referee quickly blew the whistle to end the game. Our boys have learned that the game is not over until the last whistle is blown.

The team will play a friendly match this Sunday at 11 a.m., in Immokalee at the Sports Complex against the same Bonita Storm team. Both teams are off from league play due to the Labor Day holiday weekend. Come and support the local boys.

The Ladies U18 Cobras continue to play well. Although they lost their last two games by close scores, individual play has improved and we see continued progress at practices. These young ladies will become strong as they continue to gain experience and will do well towards mid-season.

Coach Woods is very pleased with the progress so far. Standouts thus far are Isabela Perez, Cynthia Gomez, Yeisa Barrera, Maria Rodriguez, Maria Leon, and Adriana Galvan.

Sports News in Brief

Special Olympians - On to finals

Congrats to our Special Olympians! All of our athletes have qualified for the Area Bowling Games in Bradenton, on Sept. 24.

In Doubles:

Johnny Garza and Julio Loya - First Place
Wilder Vasquez and Daniel Jose - First Place

Sodi Louis and Mary Garza - First Place

In Unified Doubles:

Angel Palacio and Adriana Carranza - First Place

Ellie Galvan and Amanda Carranza - Sec-

ond Place

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