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Football rivals meet - Indians prevail, 39-28

Immokalee Indian spirit took hold in second half

By Moises Diaz

Special to the Immokalee Bulletin

Only two high school football programs in southwest Florida have earned the title of state champs; Naples High School in 2001, Immokalee High School in 2004, and again Naples High School in 2007.

This rivalry dates back to 1959 when the two schools first met on field. Naples won that game 19 to

0. Although the Golden Eagles hold the winning record with 22 wins out of the 42 times they've met, the Indians have won 9 out of the last 15 games.

Head coach Bill Kramer took over for the Golden Eagles 15 years ago. Immokalee High School is the only school in Collier County with a winning record against him.

Gary Bates Stadium in Immokalee was packed to the rim on Friday night as the Indians took host to the Golden Eagles. Immokalee fought against their rivals taking the victory during the second half

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Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/Adam Herrera
Head coach Jerrod Ackley (above left) gets his victory Gatorade shower after the winning touchdown by Captain Jordan Alce. Immokalee Indians Captains, Deadrin Senat, Xavier Richardson, Jordan Alce, and Tshumbi Johnson of Friday's game walk on the field for the coin toss.

See more IHS vs Naples football photos on Page 8

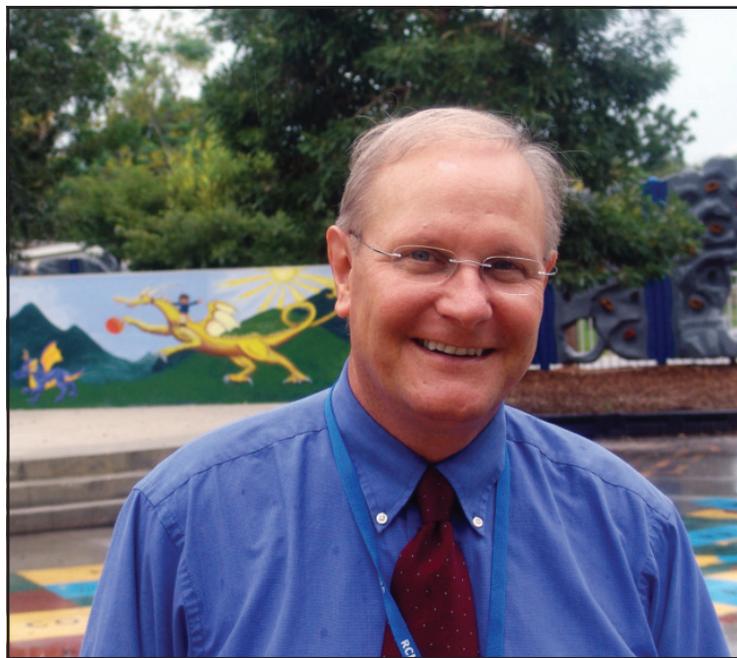
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Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/RCMA
Jim McDevitt is beginning his second year as principal of Immokalee Community School. Mere days after meeting his new faculty members in 2010, Mr. McDevitt learned the school scored as only 'F' school in the district. His challenge had begun.

Immokalee Community School director raises grades, hopes

He found a new challenge, then it grew

RCMA

Special to the Immokalee Bulletin

After nine years as an elementary-school principal in affluent suburbs of Denver, Jim McDevitt decided to move across the country to run RCMA's Immokalee Community School, filled with the children of low-income farmworkers.

Mr. McDevitt met his young, idealistic faculty at a four-day training retreat in August 2010. They buzzed with plans for the new school year.

Then, on the retreat's last day,

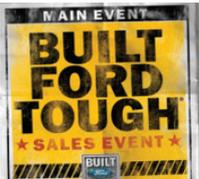
the State of Florida published school-by-school FCAT scores. Immokalee Community School became the only "F" school in Collier County.

"It was painful," said Maria Jimenez, director of Charter Schools for RCMA. "There were tears of anger, tears of frustration, tears of how, how could this be?"

Everyone there, including Mr. McDevitt, knew the "F" threatened the school's charter, its right to operate.

"It was like, wow!, he says now. "Everybody's job is going to be on the line."

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Bethune Center construction on track for January 2012 opening

By **Patty Brant**

Immokalee Bulletin

Immokalee's old Bethune Center may be gone, but the spirit and work of education continues. The new structural form of the school is rising from the ashes, like the Phoenix, the namesake of one of the programs the center will house.

Built in 1954, the Bethune Center was a beacon in the black community. Former students and teachers cherish memories of what the center meant to them. Memories are forever, but bricks and mortar are not. Facade and air quality issues made most of the classrooms unusable. Bethune is the only new construction project on the Collier County School Board's five-year plan.

The board is not only rebuilding the school, but recognizing its traditional role in the community as well.

Construction on the \$6.5 million project is on track. It began last May and has reached the half-way point. The building is to be ready for students this coming January.

Meanwhile students remain in portables placed around the perimeter of the site. Classes had been forced to use them because the facility was unusable. The portables will be gone come January, when a new era of education and community picks up where previous generations left off. Students, staff and the community are looking forward to embracing a new facility that will be conducive to learning, and will also be welcoming to the community. The legacy of the old Bethune Center - that education begins with community - will be reborn.

When the school is complete, construction on site will continue, however. By June 2012, the entire facility, including a building to house federal programs will stand on the site.

The exterior of the buildings will be of an "integrated style" intended to blend in with the residential area surrounding them. They will be stucco with brick accents. There will be a recreational area, principal's office,

dining areas, an exam room as well as class rooms. The second floor will include class rooms, a science lab, a staff area and a media center.

The new school decor will be accented in red, gray, white and black to keep students connected with Immokalee Middle School's and Immokalee High School's red and white colors. Since the school houses alternative programs, students are intended to eventually return to their main campuses.

Perhaps the most exciting aspect for many is the homage to be paid to the original Bethune Center that was so in tune with the community. The foyer will be accented in the old school colors, blue and gold, and proudly display photos and memorabilia from the school's past.

In addition to both two-story buildings, the basketball court will be relocated on site and an outdoor play area will be added. Both will be available to the community after school hours.

Collier County School programs on campus at Bethune include Beacon High School Immokalee, an on-line high school designed for at-risk students in danger of not completing their high school graduation requirements. Students are still required to report to school, however, their classes are on-line. They have instructors in the room facilitating classes, tutoring and testing.

New Beginnings Immokalee provides opportunities for developing academic and personal/social skills for students in grades 4-8 who have been significantly disruptive in the classroom. The Immokalee site serves students in grades 5-8. Opportunities are provided to help students toward promotion, graduation and becoming good citizens. Phoenix Immokalee is the last step in attempting to keep students from being expelled. Students must abide by a Behavior Contract and maintain their academics for a specific time period.

Federal programs housed on site include Head Start.

RCMA

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He reassured the group that he had revived struggling schools before.

"I knew that I wanted a challenge," Mr. McDevitt says. "But this was even more of a challenge."

Low-income students commonly struggle in school. Their modest home lives provide fewer learning experiences than in affluent households. And at Immokalee Community School, many of the students speak English as their second language.

But McDevitt attacked such thinking. These children were capable of matching their suburban peers, he argued. The school would teach and test them relentlessly, and celebrate every success.

He promptly:

-- Lengthened the school day by 40 minutes and devoted the time to math instruction.

-- Ordered that students be tested in math at least weekly.

-- Created a "Math Masters" board in the

cafeteria, to carry photographs of high-scoring math students.

-- Marshaled support staff, after-school teachers and volunteers to provide one-on-one reading instruction, at least 15 minutes every day, for 50 struggling students.

-- Personally observed and mentored the teachers.

-- Used the school's mascot - dragons - and the theme of fire to rally the kids.

After the testing regimen began, a teacher posted a class-by-class list of average math scores near the teacher mailboxes. The list mysteriously vanished. But the teacher persisted, and the weekly list became standard reading. Low-scoring teachers huddled with high-scoring teachers for advice. Test scores slowly rose.

"Teachers worked hard - really, really hard," Ms. Jimenez said. "Jim gave them incredible confidence in themselves."

New FCAT scores, which arrived late in June, affirmed the work. Immokalee Community had risen from the F to a C. Its scores showed the greatest improvement of any Collier County school. Immokalee Community's third graders posted the second-highest math scores of any third-grade group in the county.

When school resumed recently, everyone went to work to improve on the C. But the first days of school were different this time. Television and newspaper teams visited to

spread the news of success.

"The kids believe in themselves," McDevitt said. "The momentum is there. The fire is being started."

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of the game, 39 to 28.

Scoring in the game was tossed back and forth. Naples scored first with a 34 yard run by senior quarter back Billy Crook in the 8th minute in the first quarter. Immokalee fired back with a 58 yard pass from stand out quarter back Tshumbi Johnson to sophomore wide receiver JC Jackson.

The Golden Eagles had the lead at half-time, 22 to 12 over the Indians.

The Indians, after having a rough first half filled with penalties, came out in the second half focused and determined to finish strong. Quarter back Tshumbi Johnson took his game to another level. He ran the ball through and around a young but talented Naples defense. He finished the night with 225 yards on the ground; two touchdowns

and throwing for another two touchdowns through the air.

The highlight of the game came on a 94-yard touchdown run on a reverse play by junior running back Jacky Marcellus. The touchdown came during the third quarter and the Indians never looked back.

The intensity of the Indians was definitely sky high for the game and they will have to carry it into Palmetto Ridge High School this Friday night.

The Bears, who might not seem like a huge threat on paper, are certainly a team to be reckoned with. Not only are they coming off a huge upset over the Gulf Coast Sharks last Friday night, but the Bears also beat the Indians 45 to 13 a year ago.

Game will be in Naples, at Palmetto Ridge High School. Kickoff will be 7:30.

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Letters to the Editor

9-11

On the tenth anniversary of 9/11 our leaders continued to tell us that we are at risk for more terrorist attacks and that we were attacked because of who we are. Osama Bin Laden clearly told us that we were attacked because of our policies in the Middle East.

Creating policies is one of the things we do, but it is not who we are.

I am concerned that the rhetoric of today avoids dealing with the moral compass and will not bring us hope for peace tomorrow.

Juan Puerto, M.D.
Immokalee

Rotary Club seeks WWII vets for Honor Flight Tribute

The Rotary Club of Immokalee is looking for World War II veterans who might be interested in a free, one-day, trip to Washington, D.C. as part of an Honor Flight Tribute.

Our club voted to participate in this worthy tribute, said President Gary Ferrante, in order that we might be able to recognize one of our veterans. Honor Flight was founded in 2005, and pays special tribute to World War II veterans, Gary added. Thus far, 63,000 men and women, those members of the "Greatest Generation" who fought so valiantly for our freedom. Unfortunately, these great Americans are dying at a rate of 1,200+ each day.

Honor Flight gives those veterans selected a one-day excursion to our Nation's

Capital to visit their memorial and other patriotic venues in Washington, D.C., including the Tomb of the Unknowns, the Marine Corps Memorial, and others.

This one-day flight to Washington will depart from and return to Fort Myers International at no cost to the veteran, and will provide the opportunity to say a huge 'Thank You' for service to our country, Mr. Ferrante said. Rotarians will provide qualified medical and ambulatory assistance when necessary. Interested veterans are asked to contact the Immokalee Rotary Club at P.O. Box 5274, Immokalee, FL 34143 or watch for details on the District website and download an application at www.rotary6960.org.

Lighthouse offers programs for blind/visually impaired residents in Collier County

Lighthouse of Collier, Inc., Center for Blindness and Vision Loss and Florida Division of Blind Services collaborate to offer programs to help blind and visually impaired be independent in Collier.

Have you been recently diagnosed with Macular Degeneration, cataracts, tunnel vision or another eye condition? Who helps you learn how to socialize, navigate, communicate and feel safe in a sighted world?

Lighthouse of Collier offers classes on every Tuesday and Thursday starting:

Sept. 20, through Oct. 27, or Nov. 8, through Dec. 22, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Please call 239-430-3934 to sign up. Seating is limited.

The classes will teach:

1. Skills for safe, independent navigation at home, work or in the community.
2. Skills to live independently and safely at home: Tactile medication labeling, cooking, money identification, grooming and other daily living tasks.
3. Use of assistance technology from large print displays and Braille, to accessing Email & Internet with talking PCs.

Coping with Vision Loss

Imagine going blind or having any vision loss. Who helps you cope and to feel confident that you can live a healthy and productive life? Lighthouse of Collier offers classes

in coping with vision loss. The classes are offered by appointment. Please call 239-430-3934 to sign up. Seating is limited.

Classes held at Lighthouse of Collier's donated office space at 424 Bayfront Place. 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 learn more please visit www.lighthouseofcollier.org or call 239-430-EYE4 (3934).

I HOPE expands hours to help the community more

By Rick Heers

Special to the Immokalee Bulletin

In order to better serve our Immokalee community I HOPE will soon begin increasing their hours at the I D C-I HOPE Distribution Center. As of Monday, Sept. 19, I HOPE will have its distribution center open from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. five days a week-Monday-Friday, and will be open from 8:30-11:30 a.m., on the first and third Saturdays of each month. That means that the distribution center will be open for business on Oct. 1 and 15, Nov. 5 and 19, and Dec. 3 and 17.

The I HOPE Distribution Center is open to families for a \$25 annual membership fee, and for businesses/churches/non-profits for an annual membership fee of \$100. Available to any in our community are lawn tools-lawnmowers, weed-eaters, chain saws,

blowers-- pressure washers, compressors, windows, tile, carpet, cabinets, appliances, toilets, sinks, showers, door knobs, interior and exterior lights, ceiling fans, and used furniture, to name a few of the items. All items are available for a donation to I HOPE that is 20-30 percent of what you would pay on the market. Not all items are always available, and all items are cash and carry - no deliveries are available-cash or checks only at present.

The I D C and I HOPE office are located at 2050 Commerce Avenue, Suite #7, at the TMI building in the Tradeport Technology Park, off C.R. 846. You may call David Grove or Rick Heers at the office-239-657-3889.

Land Development Regulation (LDR) Workshop planned

The Immokalee Community Redevelopment Advisory Board will hold a public workshop Sept. 15, from 6-9 p.m., Southwest FL Works, 750 South 5th Street, Immokalee, to review the draft Land Development Regulations for Immokalee. These regulations govern the construction design and development throughout the Immokalee area. If you have a questions or con-

cerns regarding such regulations please plan on attending.

Interpreters will be available in Spanish and Creole. For a copy of the draft LDR please call Christie Betancourt at 239-252-2313 or pick up a copy at our new CRA office located at 1320 North 15th Street, Immokalee.

Homebuyer Workshop set

Empowerment Alliance of Southwest Florida & Florida Community Bank will host a Homebuyer Workshop on Saturday, Sept. 17, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at House of Prayer, 401 S. 2ND Street, Immokalee - (light lunch included).

This workshop will give prospective homebuyers a comprehensive understanding of: Readiness to buy a home; Obtaining financing; Responsibilities of home ownership; Budgeting; Credit scores & Ways to improve them; Selecting a home; Protecting your investment

Registration is limited so register early by calling Angela Johnson at 239-658-3325.

Weather Forecast

Weather forecast for County from the National Weather Service

Local Forecast

Thursday: Isolated showers. Sunny, with a high near 93. North wind between 3 and 5 mph. Chance of precipitation is 10 percent.

Thursday night: Mostly clear, with a low around 70. East wind between 3 and 6 mph.

Extended Forecast

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 93. East wind between 3 and 6 mph.

Friday night: Mostly clear, with a low around 69. East wind between 6 and 8 mph.

Saturday: A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 93. **Saturday night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 70.

Sunday: A 40 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 92. **Sunday night:** A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 75.

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School district launches 'Smiles Across America'

The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile visited Mike Davis Elementary School (MDE) on Tuesday to launch the "Smiles Across America Program." Dr. Kamela Patton, Superintendent of Collier County Public Schools, participated in Tuesday's launch ceremony, along with half a dozen MDE second grade students.

The Smiles Across America Program will allow 500 second grade children at five Collier County schools to visit the Care Mobile again this year. Each second grade student will receive dental exams with dental sealants on permanent teeth at no cost, thanks to a partnership with Collier Health Services (CHS) and Oral Health America. The sealants will be applied by University of Florida dental students and by CHS Dental Director, Dr. Kelley Johnson, who will also be providing direct supervision of the students. The five elementary schools that will participate are



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/CCPS
Dr. Kamela Patton, administrators from participating schools and various organizations, and Mike Davis Elementary School second grade students come together to launch the Collier County Smiles Across America program.

Lake Trafford, Manatee, Mike Davis, Parkside, and Pinecrest.

The Collier County Smiles Across America Partnership is made possible by two grants - \$50,000 from the Wal-Mart Foundation and \$20,000 from Oral Health America.

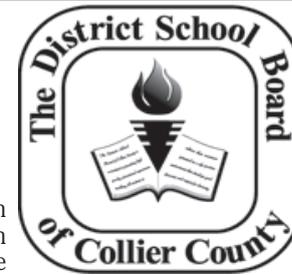
Students First

Learning a new language By Joe Landon

Collier County District
Schools

If you have a student in your family who is an English Language Learner, you'll be happy to know that you have an opportunity each day to learn what the English Language Learners program is all about, and how to make the most of it for your child. And it'll be easy to learn ways you can help your child since there is a TV show you can watch full of the information you need. It's called Passport to America and the good news is that the information that's shared can be viewed and listened to in three languages: English, Spanish, and Creole. Topics cover just about every aspect of school life for students who are English Language Learners - everything from reading for meaning, to getting ready for math, to expressing ideas in speech and writing, to many, many more. There are 19 new shows produced each school year. Again, we've tried to make watching Passport to America as easy as possible, putting it on TV at 6 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. each day on The Education Channel, Comcast cable 99, and online at www.collierschools.com.

Even if you aren't able to watch when the show is on TV or is streamed online, we have what we call "Webisodes" of



Passport to America archived on our Web site - again at www.collierschools.com. Just click on The Education Channel icon on our home page, go to The Education Channel menu item on the left side of the page, and click on "Videos on Demand" to get to the Webisodes to pick a topic of interest.

If you are the parent or guardian of one of our Collier County Public Schools' students, we'd like to hear from you. Parents tell us that communicating electronically, using e-mail, works best. That in mind, if you have an e-mail address, we're asking you to share it with us so that we, in turn, can share information you need or want about your child's school or his or her school district. When we need to reach you instantly, as would be the case in the event of weather-related school closings, having your e-mail address is critically important. With a couple of months left in the hurricane season, this is a timely reminder. Having your e-mail address will also help us reach you when we have info to share in a school or school district newsletter. By now you've no doubt heard that communication is the passion of our new Superintendent, Dr. Kamela Patton. I know that she wants to communicate with you, and again, e-mail seems to be the most efficient way to do just that. We hope to connect with you!

School Advisory Councils host Community information workshops

The schools in your community are inviting parents and community members to be involved in the schools' planning processes. School Advisory Councils (SAC's) are for parents and community members with interest in filling a meaningful advisory role supporting schools. All SAC meetings at all Collier County Public Schools are announced monthly and open to all community members and parents; in addition, many schools have SAC membership seats open that need to be filled soon. It is hoped that you will contact your local school principal about the SAC schedule and meetings and attend a CCPS SAC WORKSHOP.

SAC Workshops for all Collier County community members and parents wanting to learn more about getting involved with their school SAC's, to understand SAC basics, and to provide SAC training and tools, are being held in NAPLES and in IMMOKALEE soon.

- Immokalee SAC Workshop - 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Sept. 27, in the cafeteria of Immokalee Middle School located at 401 9th Street (in Immokalee). Parents and community members supporting Immokalee schools are encouraged to attend.

Annual College night coming soon

Collier County Public Schools' annual College Night is right around the corner! Students and parents are cordially invited to the program taking place 4:30-7 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 22, in the Golden Gate High School gymnasium (2925 Titan Way).

Approximately 100 colleges and universities will send representatives to College Night. For additional college resources, information, and decision-making questions go to: http://www.collierschools.com/student_services/college.asp.

Throughout the evening, students and parents will have the opportunity to visit with the various college and university representatives. Representatives will provide information about programs offered, entrance requirements, expenses, financial aid, campus life, and more.

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21st Century Oncology supports drowning prevention efforts

Gift will assist low-income children in Collier County

While drowning is undeniably tragic, it is also preventable. That's why 21st Century Oncology is diving into a water safety initiative in Collier County with a recent donation of \$20,000 to drowning prevention programs through the Safe and Healthy Children's Coalition of Collier County (SHCCCC).

Drowning is the leading cause of injury-related death among children under age four in Florida, and every year thousands of children are treated in emergency rooms for drowning-related incidents. In Collier County, the NCH Healthcare System Emergency Departments treated 70 water related incidents involving infants and children in 2010. There were 19 children admitted to the Pediatric Intensive Care or Pediatric Step Down Unit with six of the 19 requiring assistance with their breathing via intubation and airway support. Additionally, Physicians Regional Healthcare System saw 7 water-related incidents involving infants and children that required treatment at their emergency room between 2009-2010.

"21st Century Oncology's contribution will help 500 disadvantaged children in Collier County learn water safety through our Swim Central program," said Dr. Todd Vedder, chair, Safe & Healthy Children's Coalition of Collier County and Chairman of Pediatrics at NCH Healthcare System. "Water safety lessons have been proven to decrease

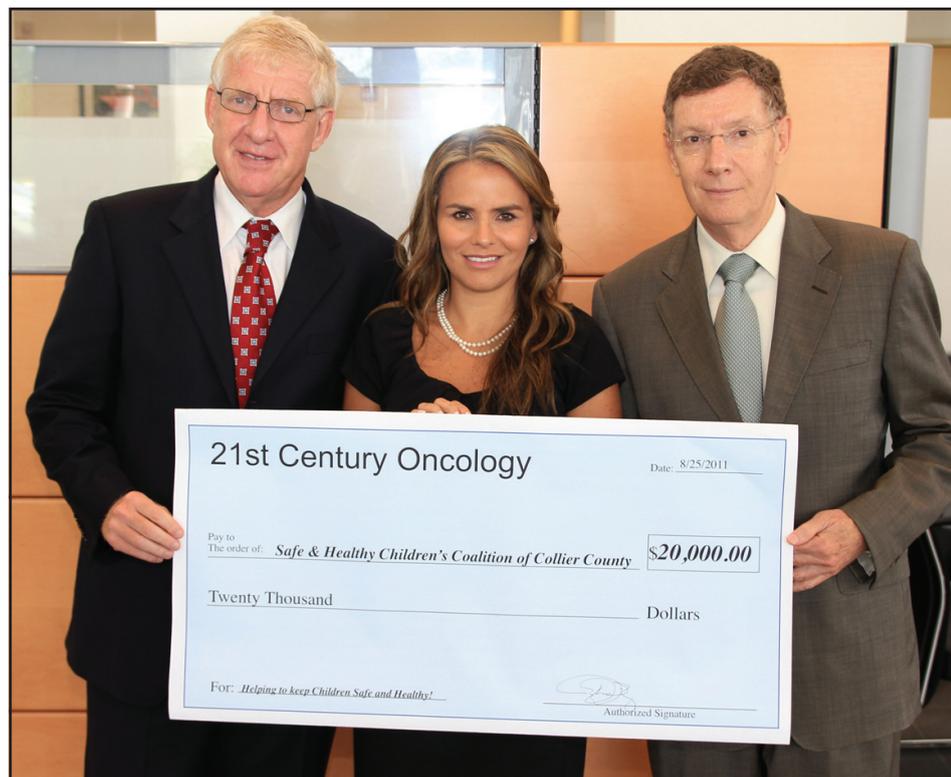
the risk of a child being a victim of a non-fatal or fatal drowning. The more children who learn this lifesaving skill, the more likely we can reduce the number of drowning incidents in Collier County."

"The physicians and staff of 21st Century Oncology are proud to be a part of this water safety initiative," said Daniel Doseretz, M.D., of 21st Century Oncology. "Surrounded as we are by water, it is critical that every child growing up in Southwest Florida has a basic understanding of water safety and what they can do to keep themselves safe."

Through the SWIM Central Program, Certified Water Safety Instructors and Lifeguards will provide ten, 30-minute swim lessons over a two week time period. These curriculum-based lessons will focus on floating, calling for help and being able to jump, kick and return to the pool wall.

The goal of SHCCCC is to continue to facilitate partnerships with local agencies to develop synergistic programs that address defined health and injury prevention issues involving Collier County youth. With the help of donations from supporters such as 21st Century Oncology, we will continue to make a difference in the lives of Collier County Children. For more information about the Safe and Healthy Children's Coalition of Collier County contact Paula DiGrigoli at: 239-252-5361, or visit the Coalition on Facebook at:

<http://www.facebook.com/pages/Safe-Healthy-Childrens-Coalition-of-Collier-County/166142276738548>



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin
Daniel Doseretz, MD, co-Founder and CEO of 21st Century Oncology, presents a gift of support for drowning prevention programs to Paula DiGrigoli, Vice-Chair, Safe & Healthy Children's Coalition of Collier County and Health Educator Consultant at the Collier County Health Department and Allen Weiss, MD, President and CEO of NCH Healthcare System.

Pharmacy Tech program offered at Edison College Collier Campus

Classes start Oct. 6

Edison State College Collier Campus, in partnership with the University of Florida, is now offering a pharmacy technician training program with an internship.

The 14-week course provides students the skills needed to assist a pharmacist in the packaging and mixing of prescriptions, maintaining client records, assisting with inventory control and purchasing. The course also includes an 80-hour externship. Students will then be eligible to apply for certification by the Pharmacy Technician Certification

Board and meet the training requirements of the State Board of Pharmacy. Registration is now underway and enrollment is limited to only 10 students. Tuition is \$3,900 and includes text books. Classes meet on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings from Oct. 6, through Jan. 21, 2012.

To register for this class, call 239-732-3128 or to download the form, visit: edison.edu/collier/ce.

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

Edison State College Collier Campus Career Fair Set

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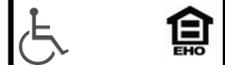
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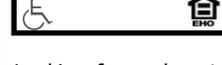


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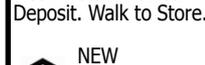
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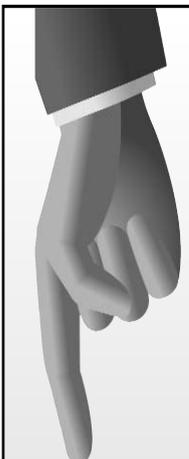
The RCMA School Board Meeting will take place on Monday, Sept. 26, 2011. The meeting will be held at the University of Florida Gulf Coast Research & Education Center, 14625 CR 672, Wimauma, Florida. The School Board Meeting begins at 12:30 PM and is open to the public. Questions or concerns, please call Maria Jimenez at (239) 289-7995. 397692 1B 9/15/2011

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PACE Center for Girls - Change a girl, Change the World

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help them remain on track or allow them to reach their correct grade level, if they are behind. When the girls complete the program, the Transition Services Coordinator maintains contact with them for 3 years in order to continue to provide support and other services.

PACE is proud to announce that over the summer, 20 girls successfully completed the program and either graduated or returned to public school! This is a great accomplishment as these young ladies now have the

opportunity to put their skills to the test outside of the Center. PACE staff are extremely proud of these girls and look forward to a very successful year!

If you know a girl who can benefit from all that PACE has to offer or if you would like to see firsthand what goes on at the Center, please feel free to stop by 160 N. First Street in Immokalee or call 239-377-9860 to schedule a tour. PACE is changing lives, one girl at a time!

Shelter outreach office to host finance workshop

Join The Shelter for Abused Women & Children's Immokalee Outreach Office for "Knowing Your Finances," an Allstate Financial Literacy Program, Saturday, **Sept. 17**,

from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Collier County Health Department, 419 North First Street, Immokalee.

Join experts in their fields to discuss:

- Credit/budgeting - Ana Salazar, Housing Director, Empowerment Alliance of Southwest Florida
- Income taxes - Karyn Caverro, Unit Head, Low Income Taxpayer Clinic, Legal Aid of Collier County
- Banking - Bernardo Barnhart, Vice President, Florida Community Bank
- Auto and home insurance options - Renee Moisan, Allstate Agent, Brooks In-

urance Services In addition to the courses, participants will also enjoy raffle prizes.

This program, made possible by the Allstate Foundation and the National Network to End Domestic Violence, utilizes Allstate's "Moving Ahead through Money Management" financial literacy curriculum coupled with the Florida Coalition Against Domestic Violence's "Economic Empowerment Program" and local resources.

For more information on "Knowing Your Finances," please call The Shelter's Immokalee Outreach Office at 239-765-5700, ext. 206.

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World Rabies Day awareness recognized

The Collier County Health Department (CCHD) promotes rabies awareness, education, and prevention by celebrating World Rabies Day on Sept. 28. From 2008-2010 the Collier County Health Department investigated an average of 52 cases per year where an animal bit a human and post-exposure (after the bite) rabies treatment was recommended to prevent rabies transmission. Collier County health officials remind residents that rabies prevention begins at home. World Rabies Day provides an opportunity to increase awareness of a serious disease that affects humans and animals. Preventing rabies is as simple as ensuring adequate vaccination of pets and farm animals, avoiding contact with wild animals, and educating those at risk.

The worldwide campaign aims to raise awareness and resources to enhance prevention and control of rabies, with the overall vision of successful human rabies prevention and elimination of dog-to-dog transmission of rabies. Founded by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Alliance for Rabies Control, a United Kingdom charity, the World Rabies Day initiative aims to bring together relevant partners in an effort to address rabies prevention and control.

Rabies is caused by a virus that people and other mammals can get through certain exposures to the saliva or nervous tissue from a rabid animal and is nearly always fatal without proper post-exposure treatment. When an animal is infected with rabies, the virus is shed in the saliva and can be passed to another animal or a person, usually through a bite. Transmission may also occur if this saliva or the animal's nervous tissue enters open wounds, the mouth, nose

or eyes of another animal or person.

Thirty-two counties in Florida have reported 61 animal rabies cases during the period January 1, 2011-July 31, 2011. Raccoons account for 43 of the 61 cases. Unvaccinated outdoor cats are the domestic animal particularly at risk for developing rabies in Florida. Because of good animal vaccination programs and human post-exposure treatment, rabies is an uncommon human disease in the U.S. Typically 1-3 cases of human rabies are reported per year in the U.S. During 2009 four human rabies cases from the U.S. and Puerto Rico were reported to the CDC.

If your pet, farm animal, or any wild animal bites you or someone, you should wash the wound thoroughly with soap and water for at least 5 minutes, contact your physician immediately, and report the bite to the local health department and/or local animal control services. If your pet or farm animal is bitten by another animal, you should contact local animal control services, and your veterinarian immediately and have him/her examine your pet and assess your pet's vaccination needs.

CCHD promotes, protects and improves the health of all people in Collier County. Please protect your family and join the Collier County Health Department and other community agencies in raising awareness about this serious disease, and the methods for preventing it. For more information about rabies and World Rabies Day, please visit www.worldrabiesday.org or http://www.doh.state.fl.us/environment/medicine/rabies/World_Rabies_Day.html.

NOTICE OF MEETING

There will be a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Immokalee Water & Sewer District on Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at 3:30 P.M. at the office of the Immokalee Water & Sewer District, located at 1020 Sanitation Rd, Immokalee, FL 34142.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

- 1. Call to Order**
 - 2. Preliminaries**
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
 - B. Roll Call
 - C. Adoption of Agenda
 - D. Employee Recognition
 - 3. Consent Agenda**
 - A. Public Concerns
 - B. Staff Good Cause Items
 - C. Board Concerns
 - D. Old Business
 - E. New Business
 - F. Director's Report
 - 4. Action Agenda**
 - A. Recommendation on RFQ'S for Engineering Contract
 - 5. Discussion Agenda**
 - A. Attorney's Report
 - 6. Other Public Interests**
 - 7. Adjournment**
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Indians vs. Golden Eagles, 39-28



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/Adam Herrera

Full house of Indian fans came out to Gary Bates Stadium on Friday night, Sept. 9, to see a good game between Immokalee and longtime rival team, Naples High School Golden Eagles. After a first half struggle, the Indians spirit prevailed with a win of 39-28.



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A moment of silence was observed before Friday night's game against Naples in honor of those lost on and following the 9-11 Terror Attacks on the U.S. (above left). Tshumbi Johnson and Jacky Marcellus celebrate after 24 yd., run for one of his two running and two passing TDs for the game.



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Golden Eagles Defense try to contain Tshumbi Johnson with no success during the game on Friday, Sept. 9. Indians took over the second half winning 39-28.



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A slight mustard problem

Principal Jim McDevitt of Immokalee Community School helps kindergartner Aaric Cintron open his mustard in the school cafeteria. It was just days after Mr. McDevitt arrived at the Immokalee School when he was informed that the school failed to make the grade - the only "F" school in the district. The school is now a solid "C" and rising after a year of hard work and new ideas posed a challenge to students, faculty and staff.



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