

Motorists should note new crosswalk areas

By Patty Brant
Immokalee Bulletin

Big changes continue to reshape downtown Immokalee. Motorists and pedestrians will need to use a little extra caution as they get used to additional crosswalks and heightened safety precautions now installed along Immokalee's main road.

Part of the Community Redevelopment Agency's (CRA) recommended improvements for the area between 1st and 9th Streets, two more crosswalks have been added, for a total of five designated areas for people to cross Main Street. Signs and crosswalks were provided by the Florida Department of Transportation.

In addition, new yellow flash-

ing lights mark the crosswalks, drawing motorists' attention to the crosswalks and people who may be attempting to cross the street. Several trees have even been removed to further increase visibility.

As the main thoroughfare through town, Main Street (SR 29) can become very busy, especially at certain times of the year. This includes people on foot as well as vehicular traffic.

Collier County Sheriff's Lt. Drew Lee noted that Main Street is a divided highway that has had several pedestrian fatalities for various reasons. Some motorists simply don't stop for walking traffic as required. Some pedestrians

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Homecoming week

Immokalee High School 2011-2012 Homecoming Court Candidates, Aaron Daniels and Amalea Rodriguez (left photo), Jean Deceus and Alexia Sanchez (center) and Joseph Flores and Linda Jean Pierre, all Seniors, are three couples selected as candidates for this year's Homecoming Court. The game against Lely High School will be held tomorrow night at Gary Bates Stadium. More Homecoming Court Candidates and representatives photos on Page 8

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Take a bow

Students from Immokalee Community School take their bow during a rehearsal last Friday for a music video they are producing. The video will feature dancing to the inspirational music, Waving Flag, written for the last Olympics. The students are being led by dance instructor Isabel Castro, as part of the United Arts Council's Miracle Program.

IHS to show 'Pink Pride' during upcoming game

Immokalee High School "Pink Pride" supports the American Cancer Society as part of the NFL's 'A Crucial Catch' campaign. On Oct. 14, the Immokalee Indians will take on the Cape Carol Sea Hawks on the field and a very important cause off the field – the fight against breast cancer.

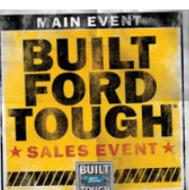
A Crucial Catch is a nationwide screening reminder campaign to help women stay healthy. Immokalee High students will be participating in awareness and fundraising activities during the week of Oct.



10-14. The Indians will sell pink ribbon tattoos, pink rubber wrist bands, and football cards (in support/in memory of) to place on our Wall of Hope which will be displayed at the football game. In addition, students will create facts and awareness posters/flyers to display throughout the school.

So, GET YOUR PINK ON and join Immokalee High School "Indian Pride" in our fight against breast cancer Oct. 14, kick off 7:30 p.m.!

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ignore the crosswalks.

Last week CCSO officers targeted that area, between 1st and 9th Streets, to call motorists' and pedestrians' attention to the new crosswalks and the increased emphasis on pedestrian safety. Law enforcement wants to educate motorists and pedestrians alike about pedestrian safety.

From Monday through Friday, September 26-30, officers had 304 contacts with pedestrians (including school children) in that area and 268 motorists to make their point. Verbal and written warnings were given to motorists who did not properly stop for pedestrians crossing Main Street.

Florida State Statute 316.130 governs motorists and pedestrian crosswalks. The following sections are of special interest in this matter:

(b)The driver of a vehicle at any crosswalk where signage so indicates shall stop and remain stopped to allow a pedestrian to cross a roadway when the pedestrian is in the crosswalk or steps into the crosswalk and is upon the half of the roadway upon which the vehicle is traveling or when the pedestrian is approaching so closely from the opposite half of the roadway as to be in danger.

(9)Whenever any vehicle is stopped at a marked crosswalk or at any unmarked crosswalk at an intersection to permit a pedestrian to cross the roadway, the driver of any other vehicle approaching from the rear shall not overtake and pass such stopped vehicle.

(12)No pedestrian shall, except in a marked crosswalk, cross a roadway at any other place than by a route at right angles to the curb or by the shortest route to the opposite curb.

19)A violation of this section is a noncriminal traffic infraction, punishable pursuant to chapter 318 as either a pe-

destrian violation or, if the infraction resulted from the operation of a vehicle, as a moving violation.

Lt. Lee said for the time being his officers will continue to give warnings, for the most part, to those who do not respect the crosswalk law.

Failing to stop for pedestrians in a crosswalk is a moving violation. Motorists can be ticketed and receive a \$163 fine.

Pedestrians can be ticketed for a non-moving traffic violation and fined \$61.50.

However, Lt. Lee said the intention is not to burden people with additional fines, especially with the state of the economy. The effort is intended to education motorists and pedestrians and to save lives.



Immokalee Bulletin/Patty Brant

Motorists now have prewarning that they are approaching a pedestrian crosswalk. Mind these flashing yellow lights and pedestrian warning signs - it could save you a ticket and perhaps even a life.

Immokalee Housing Report shows great improvement

By Rick Heers

Special to the Immokalee Bulletin

In February 2011, the Immokalee Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) and the Immokalee Housing Collaboration contracted with consultants to update the 2004 Immokalee Housing Condition Inventory. Agencies which were present for the recent meeting included the Collier Housing Authority, the Empowerment Alliance of Southwest Florida, I HOPE, Immokalee Housing and Family Services, and Habitat for Humanity of Collier County. Funding for this comprehensive research project was provided by two grants from the Community Foundation of Collier County/Immokalee Nonprofit Network and the Immokalee CRA.

The results of the study showed that significant improvements have been made in housing conditions in Immokalee, in spite of areas that still need a great deal of attention. In the study that was done in 2004, 3,558 housing units were evaluated, while in 2011 the study covered 6,268 housing units. The increase in number of units is due mainly to two factors—first of all is the inclusion of units within trailer parks, and the new housing developments by the Empowerment Alliance, Immokalee Housing and Family Services, Habitat and Everglades Housing.

The improvements to the housing conditions from 2004 are attributed to increased code enforcement, the site improvement plan process for mobile home parks, the increased number of new units, and major efforts by the nonprofit organizations that

have repaired and rehabilitated many housing units in Immokalee.

The results of the study show that dilapidated, deteriorated and substandard housing units totaled 833 in 2004, but were only 215 in 2011—a drop from 23 percent of the housing units in 2004 to less than 4 percent in 2011. The number of standard condition homes rose from 57 percent to 86 percent. Even property conditions (overgrown vegetation, rubbish, fences, inoperable vehicles, etc.), improved from 15 percent in 2004 to 2 percent in 2011.

To maintain these improvements there will be a continued need for strong code enforcement (staffing in Immokalee from the county has increased since 2004), good planning processes, and a well-funded maintenance and rehabilitation program to keep the current housing stock from becoming substandard and dilapidated. Attention must be given to address the 916 housing units that currently need maintenance, major repair or demolition and the 129 units that have some forms of dangerous conditions with the structure or property. Of special concern is that 19 percent of the roofs that were surveyed need repair or replacement, especially since many of the homes are owned and lived in by very low income individuals or families.

Public Meetings

- The Collier County Affordable Housing Advisory Subcommittee will meet Monday, Oct. 10, at 1 p.m. in the conference room of the County Manager's Office, second floor, at 3299 Tamiami Trail E., Naples.
- The Collier County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee will meet Monday, Oct. 10, at 3 p.m. at the Board of County Commissioners chambers, located on the third floor of the Collier County Government Center, 3299 Tamiami Trail E., Naples.

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Letters to the Editor

Domestic Violence Awareness

As I write this letter, we have 72 people and 16 pets residing in our emergency shelter and on-site kennel -- the largest census we've experienced to-date. This brings to mind two important facts:

1. Our outreach and awareness efforts are working as people who need our services are accessing them and

2. Our doors are ALWAYS OPEN! Yes, there are challenges in meeting the needs of so many individuals under one roof - imagine having 72 guests, some cats, dogs, lizards, birds and turtles at your house tonight - but this is exactly why The Shelter's Beau Venturi Home exists. To protect all victims of violence.

Moreover, we exist to prevent abuse before it begins - which is why October's National Domestic Violence Awareness Month activities are so crucial to our mission. With knowledge, we can stop abuse before it even takes hold in the next generation (see our list of October events below!)

But, to prevail over violence, we each need to take action. Today, in addition to asking you to share this email with family and friends, and bring a guest to one of our October events, I'm calling on you to donate - your time, talent or treasure.

Together we are transforming lives,

neighborhoods and communities!

**In peace and gratitude,
Linda Oberhaus, Executive Director**

Public assault

I learned with horror that two Immokalee men were publicly assaulted recently for no better reason than being gay. There are few uglier equations than bigotry and violence. As a community, we must fervently condemn these acts and work to make Immokalee a safe, welcoming place for everyone. Tolerance of homophobia -- fear or hatred of individuals on the basis of the gender of those they love -- makes possible the reprehensible crime that was committed against these two men.

**Jordan Buckley
Immokalee resident**

Shrinking government?

There are some Americans who are trying to shrink our government in order to have more freedom. This is an empty soundbite. It is our government, and only our government who protects our freedoms.

Shrink our government and you will risk living in the shimmers of freedom.

**Juan Puerto, M.D.
Immokalee**

Avow Hospice to present Children's Grief workshop

Avow Hospice will hold a workshop for children aged 6-12 who have experienced the death of someone they love. Children attending the session will benefit from fun, creative and therapeutic activities that provide opportunities to express their feelings, build coping skills and reinforce positive memories of their loved ones, all within a relaxed, safe and non-judgmental environment.

The session will be held Saturday, Nov. 5, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Career and Service Center, 750 South 5th Street, Immoka-

lee. It will be led by Raquel Gonzalez, Avow Hospice Children's Bereavement Counselor and Licensed Clinical Social Worker and Lillian Cuevas, Avow Hospice Immokalee Outreach Coordinator.

Parents are invited to participate in a special group session from 9 to 10:30 a.m. to learn tips for supporting their grieving children.

The session is offered without charge. To register a child or for more information, call Raquel Gonzalez at 239-261-4404 ext. 3724.

New county speed limits in effect

Collier County motorists may notice changes to some speed limit signs as new speed limits along sections of three county roads are now in effect. The Collier County Board of Commissioners recently adopted the new speed limits for sections of Collier Boulevard, Pine Ridge Road and Bailey Lane.

The new speed limits were adopted to improve the safety of the roadways and to provide better consistency with other speed limits in the county. The Collier County Sheriff's Office wants drivers to be aware of the new speed limits.

Here are the changes:

* The speed limit has been reduced to 50 mph on Collier Boulevard between

Green Boulevard and Golden Gate Boulevard in Golden Gate. The previous speed limit was 55 mph.

* A 35-mph speed limit has been established on Bailey Lane between Coco Lakes Drive east to Airport-Pulling Road in North Naples. This section had no posted speed limit.

* The speed limit has been increased to 50 mph on Pine Ridge Road from Logan Boulevard to Collier Boulevard in Golden Gate. The previous speed limit was 45 mph.

New speed limit signs are posted. Bright orange flags will be installed on the signs to alert motorists to the changes.

Community News in Brief

County Legal Aid to offer tenant assistance

Are you a tenant who is renting a home in Collier County? We may be able to help you if you have a dispute with your landlord over rent owed, repairs needed, fees, or deposits. To pre-screen for an appointment, please call: 1-866-506-5553. Once you have provided our office your contact information, the intake paralegal will call you to set up an intake appointment so you can qualify to meet with an attorney. Legal aid service is free to all accepted clients!

Garvin on TV

A segment on Immokalee's Jimmy Garvin will air **Oct. 12** at 9 a.m. on the Golf Channel. Part of the special was filmed in Immokalee this summer.

Free family film Saturday

New Hope Ministries from Naples will again be at the Immokalee Community Park this coming Saturday, **Oct. 8**, from 3-5 p.m., this time featuring the new release, and great family film "**Soul Surfer**," the inspiring story of the young teenager who was attacked by a shark while surfing.

Parents may drop off their children or may stay and attend the movie with them. Free refreshments will also be provided.

First Baptist Homecoming to honor first responders

At its 95th Homecoming Celebration this Sunday, **Oct. 9**, First Baptist Church will have a special time to honor and recognize all first responders (sheriff's officers/EMT/fire fighters/wildlife officers) during its 10:45-11:45 a.m., worship service. All first responders will also be invited to attend a free dinner on the grounds immediately after the morning service. Please sign up at your local headquarters or call First Baptist at 239-657-2694. First Baptist is located at 1411 Lake Trafford Road in Immokalee.

Talent show included in Children's Fair

The Shelter's for Abused Women & Children is hosting their very first Talent Show at the Children's Fair - Immokalee's Got Talent on **Oct. 25**, from 3:30-5 p.m. at the Immokalee Sports Complex, 505 Escambia Street.

Come out and show your talent and have three chances to win a prize! There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

For more information, contact Josie Means at The Shelter for Abused Women and Children 239-657-5700 ext. 204.

Farm labor supervisor training program offered

Receive training in knowledge and understanding of legal compliance issues in four key areas of farm labor supervisory core skills including: Administration, Farm worker protection laws, wage and hour, record-keeping, worker compensation, insurance, surviving inspections; Transportation and Housing, DOT regulations, drivers and vehicles, Housing regulations and best practices, Worker Safety; WPS, first aid response, agricultural equipment safety, field sanitation/food safety, vehicle inspection; Personnel Management, Managing workers, human trafficking, discrimination, sexual harassment, child labor, stress management.

The classes are for Supervisors of farm workers: Labor Contractors, Crew Leaders, Bus Drivers.

The fee for the class is \$25 per class -

\$100 complete program and there are two classes - one for Spanish and one in English speaking individuals with class sizes limited to 30 students each.

Certificates: Attendees will receive a Certificate of Attendance for each class they attend.

Those who attend all four classes receive a Certificate of Completion

Refreshments and light lunch are included with all classes.

Immokalee class dates:

November 16, 17

Immokalee, Southwest Research & Education Center, 2685 SR 29 N. Immokalee Tel: 239-658-3400

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Students First

School Board to visit local district

By Joe Landon

Collier County District Schools

You're invited to a big event taking place in Immokalee a little less than a month from now. Your School Board will be visiting Immokalee on Tuesday, Nov. 1, and I am inviting you to attend on behalf of School Board Chair Julie Sprague, Vice Chair Roy Terry, Board Members Barbara Berry, Pat Carroll, and Kathy Curatolo, and your new Superintendent, Dr. Kamela Patton. They'll be in Immokalee on Tuesday, Nov. 1, to conduct a School Board Workshop that day beginning at 4:30 in the afternoon in the beautiful and recently renovated Immokalee High School Auditorium. This is a great opportunity for you



to learn about what's happening in our schools and school district, up close and personal, from the school district's governing body – the five-member School Board and the Superintendent. Spanish and Creole translators will be on hand to help anyone needing them. And you are invited to speak during public comments time if you'd like.

Well we have one more fantastic opportunity for you to connect with us. Dr. Patton is asking you to spend some time with her on Thursday, Nov. 17, as she hosts an Immokalee Superintendent's Town Hall Meeting. It'll be held from 6 to 7 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 17, again in the Immokalee High School Auditorium. As you no doubt have heard by now, Dr. Patton is very passionate about communication. She looks

for every possible way to communicate with you, and this will give her the chance to communicate face-to-face in an informal, comfortable setting. If you have a question you'd like to ask her during the Town Hall Meeting, you can submit your question in advance online. Go to www.collierschools.com. You'll find an "Ask the Superintendent" icon right there on the home page. Or you can bring your question to the Town Hall Meeting, at the high school, the evening of Nov. 17.

Please save the dates. We hope to see you at one or both of these important Immokalee events:

- School Board Workshop – 4:30 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 1, at Immokalee High School

- Superintendent's Town Hall Meeting – 6 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17, at the high school

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High school Science Club makes big plans

The Science Club of Immokalee High School is respectfully requesting a donation of \$25-\$50 for its 2011/2012 Science Fair Project. This is our pilot year and we are in dire need of funding for materials. Our goal is to raise \$3,000 to fund the creation and presentation of science fair projects for interested students in grades 9-12, with the fair to be held in January 2012.

The Science Club is new to Immokalee High School this year, and we have many exciting ventures in the works. Science fair projects seeking funding include production of a catapult and a trebuchet, a windmill created and powered by used car parts, a device to capture lost electricity from electrical outlets, an anti-gravity ball, ground wa-

ter testing, extraction of local tree bark and flora and many others. Thirteen finalists will be selected to travel to Naples to compete at the district level, and 13 finalists from that competition will travel to Orlando to compete at the state level.

Membership in the Science Club builds manipulative skills and encourages higher order thinking. It offers students a way to be creative and craft a project based on something they want to learn about. It is a great learning tool, and we hope for much success so we may continue competing in the Science Fair in the coming years.

Thank you for your consideration of our request. Please make checks payable to Immokalee High School Science Club. Do-

nations of building and presentation materials are also greatly appreciated, as well as donated time to assist students working on projects that require construction. We hope to hear back from you at your earliest convenience. Should you have any questions in the interim, please feel free to contact Linda Day, sponsor of the Science Club, at (239) 377-2652, or davl@collierschools.com.

Education Center of Southwest Florida plans for upcoming year

The board of directors of the Education Center of Southwest Florida held their monthly business and biennial strategic planning meetings facilitated by Gregg Gillman, Hendry County Economic Development director. During that meeting the directors present confirmed their commitment to keep the Education Center operating during the 2011-12 year and move forward with the plans to build the campus on Helms Road. At the facilitator's direction the board was encouraged to enhance the existing resources in Hendry and Glades counties and focus on the ECSWF's mission and vision.

The board reviewed those businesses and agencies that are presently and in the past collaborated with the Edcenter and continue to build those partnerships. The first step identified by the board was the need to improve public relations and market

the school's mission to the community over the next two months. The Captain Hendry Dinner, scheduled for the evening of Dec. 1, is the main fundraiser for the Edcenter and provides funding for day to day operations for the next year.

Local support for that event is of paramount importance to the immediate future of the Education Center. You are encouraged to purchase a ticket and donate items for the live and silent auctions. If you want to find out more about this career and technical education school and how you can support it visit the web site, educationcenterswfl.com or call 239-860-6722. Call 863-675-6800 to enroll in the construction, computer or the Social Media classes scheduled as needed.



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National Latino AIDS Awareness Day: United We Can

Oct. 15 is National Latino AIDS Awareness Day (NLAAD), which reminds all Americans, specifically Hispanics and Latinos, HIV testing should be part of their routine health care. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recommends everyone between the ages of 14 and 64 take an HIV test at least once a year, due to the fact that at least 25 percent of those infected do not know that they are HIV-positive. Early diagnosis and treatment of HIV infection is key to maintaining personal health and for preventing the spread of HIV to others.

In Collier County, Hispanics account for 21 percent of Collier County's total population. Based upon data from the Florida

Department of Health, 23 percent of the cumulative reported AIDS cases in Collier County are individuals of Hispanic origin. In addition, Hispanics currently make up 38% of the county's reported HIV+ cases (individuals who are HIV+, but who have not yet advanced to AIDS). Since HIV reporting tends to reflect more recent infection, there is evidence that an increase in case rates is occurring within the Hispanic population of Collier County. Whether we realize it or not, HIV/AIDS is in our neighborhoods, and it affects all of us here in Collier County.

For this reason, the HIV/AIDS Network of Collier County (HANCC) is proud to sponsor the following FREE events celebrating Na-

tional Latino AIDS Awareness Day from Oct. 10 through Oct. 15. Some of these sites will be offering Rapid HIV testing with same day results. Others will offer traditional testing with a two-to-three week wait for results.

Oct. 10: FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Marion E. Fether Medical Center - Immokalee - 8 a.m.-6 p.m.

Oct. 11: FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Marion E. Fether Medical Center - Immokalee - 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Oct. 12: FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Health Dept. - Immokalee - 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Oct. 13: FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Marion E. Fether Medical Center - Immokalee - 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

Oct. 14: FREE Rapid HIV Testing: Marion E. Fether Medical Center - Immokalee - 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Rapid HIV testing at Collier County Health

Department in Naples is normally \$20. The next time we will be offering FREE Rapid HIV testing is on Nov. 29 & 30 and Dec. 1. For more information regarding these events, the HANCC meeting schedule, or HIV/AIDS in Collier County please contact Nilda Proenza, Collier County Health Department HIV/AIDS and Hepatitis Program Manager, at 239-252-2683.

National Latino AIDS Awareness Day is sponsored by the following HANCC members:

Collier County Health Dept. - Naples: 3339 East Tamiami Trail, Government Center Building H; Call 239-252-8593. Collier County Health Dept. - Immokalee: 419 1st Street, Immokalee; Call 239-252-7300.

Marion E. Fether Medical Center, 1454 Madison Ave. West, Immokalee; Call 239-658-3000.

Animal Services celebrates Adopt-A-Shelter-Dog Month

DAS works hard to find loving homes for all of kinds of animals here at the shelter, but this month we are focusing on our canine pals. October is Adopt-a-Shelter-Dog Month, and we plan on finding loving homes for lots of our four-legged friends.

DAS is offering the October dog adopters hundreds of dollars in savings in coupons from local pet care providers. In addition, each person that adopts a dog in the month of October will be entered into a raffle for great prizes from local retail stores. The winner's name will be drawn at the end of the month.

Whether you are looking for a running buddy, a best friend, or a companion for your children, now is the time to do it. Big or

small, sleek or fluffy, we have every variety of homeless pooch, and each one needs a home and your love.

You can check out some of the amazing pets available for adoption at DAS on our "Happy Tails" television show. "Happy Tails" airs every night at 7 p.m. on Comcast Ch. 97. Also, on our web site www.collierpets.com you can check out our "Pets of the Week" section. Of course, nothing beats coming down to the shelter to take a look in person at 7610 Davis Blvd., just east of the intersection of Santa Barbara Blvd. and Davis Blvd.

For more information, please call Daniel Christenbury, Public Information Specialist at 239-252-6956 or 239-252-PETS.

Early dismissal day set for next Tuesday

The second of eight School District of Collier County early dismissal days for the 2011-2012 school year is set for Tuesday, Oct. 11. The early dismissal time for elementary, middle, and high school students is three hours earlier than the dismissal time on other days.

The early dismissal day is for the purpose of school improvement inservice for all staff, especially as they work in designing challenging and engaging lessons for

our students. The district hopes that this advance notice will allow for after-school child care arrangements to be made.

To view the entire 2011-2012 school calendar, including the remaining seven scheduled early dismissal days, visit the district's Web site (www.collierschools.com) and click on "Calendars" under the "Quick Links" heading on the left side of the home page.

Southwest Florida Nature Conservancy to open early

Clarification: Please note that the planned opening for Conservancy of Southwest Florida Nature Center is now early 2012. Once we have an actual date, it will be posted on www.conservancy.org and we will notify everybody and send out a media release.

Access to various activities and features throughout the Conservancy Nature Center campus will be phased in throughout 2012, leading up to a grand re-opening tentatively scheduled for November, 2012.

Current Conservancy of Southwest Florida members will be receiving invitations for members-only "Sneak Preview" events to be scheduled on certain days in November and December, 2011 to view work in progress. Conservancy members will also be receiving information and will have first access to registering for Winter Camp. Winter Camp offers three days of eco-adventures for aspiring naturalists in grades 2-5: Dec. 26-28.

For more information about Winter Camp registration and the status of the Conservancy of Southwest Florida Nature Center opening date and hours of opera-

tion, please check back often to www.conservancy.org.

The Conservancy of Southwest Florida and Nature Center is located in Naples, Florida at 1450 Merrihue Drive, off Goodlette-Frank Road at 14th Avenue North.

For information about the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, call 239-262-0304 or www.conservancy.org.

About the Conservancy of Southwest Florida: The Conservancy of Southwest Florida began in 1964 when community leaders came together to defeat a proposed "Road to Nowhere" and spearheaded the acquisition and protection of Rookery Bay. The Conservancy is a not-for-profit grassroots organization focused on the critical environmental issues of the Southwest Florida region --- water, land and wildlife. This is accomplished through the combined efforts of environmental education, science and research, policy and advocacy and wildlife rehabilitation. The Wildlife Rehabilitation Clinic treats more than 2,400 injured, sick and orphaned animals each year and releases about half back into their native habitats.

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Filing a Small Claim is a way to settle a legal dispute with someone when the damages or value of property involved does not exceed \$5,000. Small Claims court is called the "people's court" and a lawyer is not required.

This seminar will focus on the basic requirements for filing

a Small Claim in Collier County, including the details of the specific process steps. In this seminar a review of the various forms and fees associated with the administrative processes in filing and resolving a Small Claims case will be presented.

The seminar is designed to be highly interactive with participant questions, case examples and group discussion.

However, the Clerk's Office, is not able to provide legal advice.

Visit: <http://www.collierclerk.com/CourtDivisions/Civil/Small-Claims> for more information on the seminar.

Extension Service to offer Farm Business workshop

Mistakes happen. We all make them. But did you know there are six common mistakes many farm business owners often make that can jeopardize the operations that they've worked a lifetime to create? Do you know what they are? And more importantly, would you like to know if you're making one or more of them in your business right now?

The Collier County University of Florida IFAS Extension office is sponsoring a workshop on Oct. 25, at 6 p.m., to outline these mistakes and how to avoid them. The workshop will be held at the Extension offices at 14700 Immokalee Road from 6-8:30 p.m. The cost for the workshop is \$35 per farm operation. The workshop is designed to relate to single small farm business owners up to multi-generational operations.

The University Extension Department has partnered with a financial group to present this workshop. These individual instructors are a specially trained multidiscipline team focused on the business-owner market. The firm focuses on financial planning, asset protection and wealth management. The program that will be presented has become a central tool in their effort to help

business owners create a financial firewall around their business and personal assets. Business owners who experience this educational briefing have been able to quickly measure their level of risk associated with these common mistakes.

The businessKillers® program is built around short, video vignettes that illustrate real-life situations. All six topics to strengthen and maintain a healthy, prosperous business will be examined....and you will leave the presentation with a personalized snapshot of how well you are protecting your business by answering a few simple "yes/no" questions. Plus, you'll hear from subject matter experts and review practical solutions you can implement immediately.

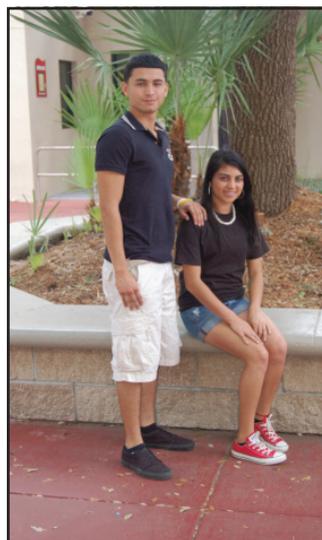
All participants must pre-register for this course by Oct. 18. To register make checks payable to - Collier County BCC and mail to: Collier County University Extension Office, 14700 Immokalee Road, Naples, Florida 34120. For more information please call 239-353-4244.



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Homecoming candidates

Seniors, Juan Tello and Jimena Solis (top left), Julio Duvernoir and Gisset Diaz (center), Lado Garcia and Adriana Lara (top right) and Ramiro Reyes and Ruth Estrada (lower right) will all be on the top billing of candidates for the Homecoming Court at this Friday's Homecoming event. The game will take place at Gary Bates Stadium at 7:30 p.m. against Lely Trojans of Naples.



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Homecoming representatives

Immokalee High School Homecoming representatives for freshman students are Loudridge Juste and Monique Williams (left), Sophomore representatives are Benny Valdez, Jr. and Paula Rosales and Juniors are Elijah Basile and Annie Morgan.

Weekend Weather

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers after 2 p.m. Mostly sunny, with a high near 89. Northeast wind between 3 and 11 mph.

Friday night: A 10 percent chance of showers. Mostly clear, with a low around 65. Northeast wind between 6 and 8 mph.

Saturday: A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 89. East wind between 6 and 13 mph.

Saturday night: A 30 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 65.

Sunday: A 30 percent chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 89.

IHS takes huge win over Gulf Coast Sharks

By Moises Diaz

Special to the Immokalee Bulletin

The Indians went into Shark stadium to deal the Sharks a tough 47-0 lost on homecoming night. Immokalee (4-1) gave Gulf Coast (0-4) their fourth straight loss of the season Friday evening.

Immokalee's junior running back Jacky Marcellus had a tremendous game which included two rushing and one receiving touchdown. Marcellus came in during the second quarter to play corner back. He had two interceptions.

"It's a win and a game that really puts my mind on track to remind (me of) my goals," said Marcellus.

The biggest play of the game came when junior quarterback Tshumbi Johnson connected with wide receiver Xavier Richardson with a 77-yard touchdown reception.

Other notable players were running back D'Ernst Johnson with two rushing touchdowns; quarterback Tshumbi Johnson with a rushing touchdown, and safety Xavier Griffin with an interception.

The Indians took control from the begin-

ning, scoring a minute and thirty seconds into the game. It was a great chance for the players to get out and make plays. The starters came off at halftime allowing the younger players to finish the game.

"The most impressive thing is that we came out and played with a lot of emotion from the beginning of the game," said head coach Jerrod Ackley.

Coach Ackley coached at Lely High School before coming to Immokalee two years ago. He left as offensive coordinator to take over the head coaching position with the Indians.

This week, the Immokalee Indians host the Lely Trojans of Naples. Both teams first district play of the season. It will be homecoming night for the Indians as they look to get an early lead in a three team district with Lely and Golden Gate. Lely is now 1-4 coming off a heartbreaking home loss last week to Barron Collier High. Game will be at Gary Bates Stadium in Immokalee, Florida. Kick-off will be at 7:30.

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