

Gov. Scott visits Immokalee's 'Hi-tech iTECH'



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/Rick Heers
A visit from Florida's Governor, Rick Scott to Immokalee's iTECH Center gave him a first hand look at the most advanced vo-tech schools in the State of Florida. The governor spoke with students in the diesel training program and also with district school officials during the visit.

By Rick Heers

Special to the Immokalee Bulletin

Governor Rick Scott visited the iTECH Center in Immokalee to see one of the finest, most advanced vocational/technical schools in the state. The governor spent over an hour viewing the latest addition to the program...the Caterpillar diesel training program, met with a number of the students, as well as the staff and members of the Collier County Public Schools. Superintendent Dr. Kamela Patton, along with iTECH principal, Doran Oxender, and school board members Pat Carroll, Barbara Berry, and board chair Julie Sprague.

The Immokalee Technical Center is fully accredited with Southern Association of Colleges

and Schools (SACS) and with the Council on Occupational Education (COE). In addition to this new program, the iTECH also has CNA/LPN training, a culinary arts/commercial foods program that runs a fabulous breakfast/lunch-iCAFE, a cosmetology program, an early childhood program, Business Technology that includes accounting operations, Medical Administrative Assistant, Legal Administrative Specialist: areas of focus include Microsoft Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Keyboarding Skills, Communication Skills, Business Math, Machine and Medical Transcription, Business Ethics, Office Procedures, Filing.

A program of this nature fits right into the governor's initiative

for 2012-job creation and economic growth. His Seven Initiatives include 1.) streamlining business permitting and eliminating burdensome rules and regulations, 2.) providing tax relief and reform for Florida's working families and businesses, 3.) reforming Florida's unemployment system to create a reemployment system, 4.) restoring accountability and credibility to Florida's Workforce Boards, 5.) prioritizing vital transportation projects to facilitate economic development, 6.) offering stability to Florida businesses by balancing the budget without raising taxes and 7.) prioritizing science, technology, engineering and math-

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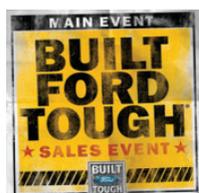
Christmas around the World Parade and Gala committee is pleased to announce the selection of our 2011 Grand Parade Marshal and Co-Parade Marshal:

Grand Parade Marshal is Richard L. Heers (Rick). Rick and his wife (Judy) moved to Immokalee in 1989 with their three children, Richard II, Robert, and Rebecca. They both worked for the Collier County Public Schools, where Rick worked as principal from 1990 to 2002 at Highlands Elementary School, Lake Trafford Elementary School and Immokalee Middle School until retiring in 2002 after spending

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Members of the Coalition of Immokalee Workers stand with Bob Lichy, congregants of Trinity-by-the-Cove Episcopal Church and sometimes backyard denizen Ariel after a hard day's work on the CIW Community Center roof. See the story and more photos on Page 5.



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ematics in education.

Many more people were attempting to attend the press conference, but the gover-

nor's staff refused to allow those who were not a part of the school system or the press, wanting to focus on the students who were a part of the new heavy equipment mechanics program. Most of his time was spent talking one on one with the young adults enrolled in the program.

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35 years in education with Christian and public schools. After retiring, Rick became pastor and assistant pastor of Friendship Baptist Church in 2002-2009. Last year, he was interim pastor at Everglades First Baptist Church in Everglades City. In 2005, after hurricane Wilma, he started I HOPE. Inc., a long term disaster recovery organization that has rehabbed over 600 homes in Immokalee.

Rick serves as the chaplain to the Immokalee Fire Department, he is the secretary to the Collier Health Service Board, and is currently serving on the Education Subcommittee of the Collier County Public Schools.

He has been actively involved in the Ministerial association, the Rotary Club, the Immokalee Master Plan, the CRA and the Immokalee Civic association. Rick also is an avid writer and supporter of the Immokalee Bulletin submitting important information, interesting stories and photos to share with local readers.

The spotlight is greatly deserved! Rick's birthday is Oct. 20. Happy Birthday to a loyal

community activist.

Co-Parade Marshal, Anais Alvarez, AKA "Annie" is the proud mother of three wonderful sons, Nicholas, Joey, and Danny. Her husband, Santos and their boys lived in Immokalee and currently lives in Golden Gate Estates. Annie has been with the Collier County Parks and Recreation Department for 15 years. She is their "Regional Manager," which includes being in charge of Therapeutic Recreation, Special Events-coordinating services in Immokalee and Naples, handling the Naples and Immokalee Maintenance road crews, the Golden Gate Community Center, Volunteer Services and overseeing all of Immokalee Community Parks.

Annie has been working in her present occupation since she was 14 years old as a teenage volunteer for the City of Hialeah Parks and Recreation. At 16, she worked as a counselor for CETA for the city.

Thirty-six years later, Annie is still working her passion in Parks and Recreation. She has worked in SWFL all together for 23 years in both Lee and Collier Parks and Recreation. Hats off to Annie!

Global vision focus of area change

By **Patty Brant**
Immokalee Bulletin

For better or worse, it seems that Immokalee is in the midst of deep changes. For years, Immokalee has been an agricultural powerhouse, a "national garden" that could easily supply vegetables for most of the year to most of the country.

Young people grew up with the expectation of working the family farm, or working jobs that would supply those farms' needs.

Immokalee is changing fast, and the expectations of its youth are changing with it. No longer can youth plan to work the farm. They cannot plan to live in their parents' world. Casinos, technology and Mother Nature have turned the tables on Immokalee's small world. It's all about "global" these days.

Fred Thomas not only understands "global" - he embraces it.

President of the Eastern Collier County Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Thomas stays on top of what's happening in Immokalee. For years he was the Executive Director of the Collier County Housing Authority.

He easily traces Immokalee's economic history over the past 20 years or so. The freezes of 1989 began the steady march of citrus from Central Florida to Southwest Florida. Oranges, lemons and grapefruit joined vegetables as major cash crops for the area. Now canker and greening are taking a toll on citrus.

Still, Immokalee's agricultural roots remain, basically intact, but that doesn't preclude big changes.

Immokalee should concentrate on several basic industries, Mr. Thomas feels: tourism, high tech and health. The Seminole Casino is putting Immokalee on the entertainment radar scope for the entire eastern US and the world.

Along with other visionaries, Mr. Thomas sees the potential that raises for Immokalee, sitting as it is on the edge of the Everglades. Tourism is one area Immokalee can capitalize on. Start at the casino, move on to tours of the Everglades' natural wonders and the Big Cypress Reservation.

Immokalee is also a perfect location for industry. This can easily become a hub of industry - THE hub for the entire southeastern area.

Immokalee can transform itself into the hub of what Mr. Thomas calls a "Mega Re-

gion" that includes Miami, Tampa, Orlando and Jacksonville.

Immokalee is strategically located within this area, but in order to make Immokalee the hub, a transportation corridor through the center of the state would be necessary. The Heartland Expressway would run 125 miles from Alligator Alley to I-4, through a Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern that includes Immokalee. Such a road would also serve as a major hurricane evacuation route. To be meaningful for Immokalee's aspirations of being a hub, a DeSoto Blvd. access would be necessary, according to Mr. Thomas.

He sees the east side of Immokalee as the logical place for the main industrial section, around the airport and packinghouses.

Some steps have already been taken. Immokalee Regional Airport is already in place. Inside the Florida Enterprise Zone, HUBZone and Foreign Trade Zone, this is the perfect location for that hub.

The Florida Enterprise Zone offers tax incentives for businesses, the HUBZone offers federal contract opportunities and the Foreign Trade Zone defers duties or taxes until goods are shipped outside of the zone.

There are snags in the plan, though. Mr. Thomas cites unnecessary county regulations as not only burdensome, but barriers to the realization of Immokalee's potential.

Finalizing development codes tailored to Immokalee's strengths and needs is the top priority for growth here, Mr. Thomas insists.

An industrial park at the airport and tax incentives for businesses are central to the plan, along with reasonable development codes, he said.

One big step forward has been the Rural Land Stewardship Program, which encourages smart growth in rural areas. This program allowed the existence of Ave Maria.

Central to guiding Immokalee to becoming an industrial hub is to improve roads; to attract businesses that supply local business with raw materials; to make local employees happy - that is, to provide family-friendly amenities that will attract and keep good workers here.

In the old days as the farming capitol, Immokalee didn't need a lot of support like family events. A larger, more urbane population requires different entertainment - and, remember, those tourists with their nice open wallets.

Human Trafficking Awareness event planned for early November

The Collier County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with the Collier County Coalition Against Human Trafficking, will hold an anti-human trafficking community event in Immokalee on November.

A Day without Slavery is scheduled for Nov. 12, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Immokalee Community Park, 321 N. 1st St.

This event for seasonal farmworkers and members of the community will provide information on human trafficking

awareness and ways to identify victims of human trafficking.

Members of the Sheriff's Office Immokalee substation, Minority Affairs Task force and Crime Prevention Section will also be on hand to provide information about other programs the Sheriff's Office offers to the public. The Collier County Health Department and other area service providers will also provide information and services to attendees.

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Candlelight Vigil memorializes those lost to substance abuse

Drug Free Collier and The Collier County Drug Court Alumni will host the annual NOPE (Narcotics Overdose Prevention and Education) National Candlelight Vigil on Tuesday, Oct. 25, at 7 p.m. A short presentation followed by the candle lighting will be held on the courthouse steps. The public is encouraged to attend.

The vigil will not only take place in Collier County, but in communities throughout the nation coming together to remember those lost to alcohol and drug related deaths and to support those suffering from addiction. According to an analysis by the Los Angeles Times, drug-related fatalities now exceed deaths due to motor vehicle accidents. The rise is partially due to the increasing num-

bers of overdoses from prescription drugs. This is the first time since the government starting tracking drug-related deaths in 1979 that drugs have caused more deaths than motor vehicles.

"This event provides a time for reflection and a call to action," said Anne Frazier, Drug Free Collier Executive Director. "More must be done in our community to prevent lives lost and plagued by substance abuse. By coming together we can save and change lives."

Join our community as we light up the night in memory on Tuesday evening on the courthouse steps.

Residents reminded of emergency information sources available

With hurricane season continuing through the end of November and the potential for bad weather that accompanies it, this is a good time for us to be reminded of the emergency information sources parents of Collier County Public Schools students can depend on for the most up-to-date and most accurate information coming directly from the school district office:

- Call the Emergency Information Hotline at 888-994-NEWS (6397) for toll-free updates in English, Spanish, and Creole.
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· Watch The Education Channel, Comcast cable 99, or online at www.collierschools.com.

School status information is, of course, released to all local media as it becomes available, but TV and radio stations must sometimes edit the information given to them for the sake of brevity. The three district-controlled sources will always provide the latest and most complete information available.

Weather Forecast

Weather forecast for Collier County from the National Weather Service

Local Forecast

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 73. North wind between 8 and 10 mph.

Thursday night: Mostly clear, with a low around 56. North wind between 5 and 7 mph.

Extended Forecast

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 81. North wind between 8 and 11 mph.

Friday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 60. North wind around 8 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 82.

Saturday night: A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 64.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 86.

Sunday night: A slight chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 67. Chance of precipitation is 20 percent.

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 84.

Community News in Brief

Show me the money!

You are invited to join in a discussions with lenders to learn where and how to get the funds that your small business may need for investments or expansion. Learn about financing, cash flow, feasibility and developing sound business relationships with your lenders. Saturday, Oct. 29, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Pace Center, 160 North 1st Street. Registration Required. Email RosemaryDillon@Immokalee.Biz or call 239-867-4121

Turkey shoot cancelled

Eastern Collier County's turkey shoot, planned for Oct. 29, has been cancelled.

Immokalee Little League

It's getting to be that time of year again when we can watch our sons, daughters play baseball/softball. The Immokalee Little League is now accepting nominations for positions on the board. If anyone would like to become a member of the Board of Directors or would like to nominate a person, please give us a call at the numbers provided. Also, accepting applications for volunteers, asst. coaches, coaches etc..... Please come out and support our children. Just remember, the children we teach and train today, is Immokalee's future, tomorrow. For more information, please call Immokalee Little League

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Women's Network

Luncheon date set

Come to the December Women's Network Luncheon at Roberts Ranch, 1215 Roberts Ranch Ave., Immokalee on Dec. 8. The luncheon is free of charge but you must RSVP. For luncheon time and to RSVP, please call Rosemary Dillon at 239-867-4121 ext 206.

Flu shots available

The 2011-2012 seasonal flu shots are now available at the Collier County Health Department. This year, in addition to the flu shot we are offering the high-dose flu shot that is specifically designed for people 65

years and older. The pneumonia shot continues to be available year round.

Cost: Flu vaccine - \$30

High-dose Flu - \$50

Pneumonia vaccine - \$70

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Area Hospice opens

Children's Grief workshop

Avow Hospice will hold a workshop for children aged 6-12 who have experienced the death of someone they love. It will be led by Avow Hospice Children's Bereavement Counselor and Licensed Clinical Social Worker and 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. 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, 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. For more information, contact Josie Means at The Shelter for Abused Women and Children 239-657-5700 ext. 204

Public Meetings

- The Immokalee MSTU Beautification Advisory Committee will meet on Wednesday, Oct. 26, at 4:30 p.m. at Immokalee Community Redevelopment Agency, 1320 North 15th Street, Immokalee.

- Collier County Tourist Development Council will meet Monday, October 24th, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of County Commissioners Chambers, third floor, Collier County Government Center, 3299 Tamiami Trail East, Naples.

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District recognizes National School Bus Safety Week

The School District of Collier County, Collier County Sheriff's Office, and Florida Highway Patrol will join with other communities all across Florida and the Nation to observe National School Bus Safety Week, which began on Monday until Friday, Oct. 21. This special week will raise awareness and show appreciation for the safe service that school buses provide to families, as they provide one of the safest modes of transportation for children. In Collier County, 19,600 students ride a school bus each day.

Florida's theme for the week, Stop on Red, Kids Ahead, reminds motorists that they must stop for the red flashing lights on school buses. Florida law requires that motorists stop upon approaching any school bus that displays its flashing red lights. The only exception is when a vehicle is traveling

in the opposite direction of the school bus and either traveling on a divided highway with an unpaved space of at least five feet, or traveling on a divided highway with a raised median or a physical barrier.

Each year, Florida drivers illegally pass school buses nearly two million times. Each illegal pass-by could result in a tragic injury or fatality of a student. The inconvenience of an extra few seconds spent waiting for a stopped school bus is insignificant compared to the loss of a child's life, which is why Florida's Departments of Education, Transportation, and Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles, have teamed up to develop the Stop on Red, Kids Ahead campaign to remind drivers of the laws and safe practices to take when approaching a school bus.



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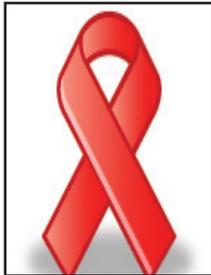
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The Martin Foundation made

the grant available, to help safeguard the lives of CHS patients and staff by placing at least one (AED) at each CHS location. AEDs require minimal training to use and all AEDs, approved for use in the United States, use an electronic voice to prompt users through each step. Time is crucial in the case of cardiac arrest. For every minute that a person in cardiac arrest goes without defibrillation, the chance of survival decreases.

Red Ribbon Week celebrated across school district



"It's Up to Me to Be Drug Free" is this year's theme for National Red Ribbon Week – celebrated during the last full week of October. The war on drugs and alcohol is a battle that's waged every day, and one of the most recognizable warriors in the fight is the Red Ribbon. Now the oldest and largest drug prevention and education initiative, Red Ribbon Week encourages working together to keep children, families and communities safe, healthy and drug-free.

Many children in schools across the nation participate in Red Ribbon Week, and Collier County Public Schools is no exception. In addition to wearing red ribbons, schools will also take part in activities to promote a drug-free lifestyle. At Lely Elementary School, students will traverse the red pathway during the 12th Annual Red Walk and learn about making safe and healthy choices; Estates Elementary School students will learn a drug-free rap

song during music class, and a recording of the song will be played on the school's morning news each day; students at Cypress Palm Middle School will be designing unique super heroes in all homeroom classes; and students at Laurel Oak Elementary School, Osceola Elementary School, Tommie Barfield Elementary School and Lely High School will conduct a canned food drive. A number of other events are planned at several schools from Tuesday, Oct. 24, through Friday, Oct. 28.

To learn more, and to see a full list of activities, please visit the district Web site at www.collierschools.com and click on "Red Ribbon Week Activities" under "Highlights." If your child's school is not listed, please contact the school directly.

Students First

Perfect partnerships

By Joe Landon
Collier County District Schools



So, we know the Governor visited Immokalee last week, and we know he was here to tout his job creation and economic growth agenda.

What I would like to share with you is, as Paul Harvey used to say, "The Rest of the Story." The story about the program Governor Scott visited. It's a textbook example of a partnership involving the school district and the community, possibly a perfect partnership in that the big winner in this win-win situation is the student! The Principal of iTECH, Dorin Oxender, shares the history of the Heavy Equipment Mechanics program in his own words.

"This program was given birth by the Immokalee Foundation who connected Don Fites, the former CEO of Caterpillar, Inc., to iTECH. This program is unique in that it has been fully sponsored by the corporate support of Caterpillar and Kelly Tractor corporations in conjunction with the Caterpillar Foundation, the Don Fites Family Trust, the Patrick Kelly Family Trust, and coordinating support from the Immokalee Foundation. The Immokalee Foundation not only pulled the partnership together, but it continues to provide sup-

port by offering scholarship opportunities for students in need along with staff support. This Heavy Equipment Mechanics program is in its second year of instruction, serving 22 students at the current time. Students in this program are receiving state-of-the-art training using Caterpillar training materials

and the heavy equipment needed to offer a real-world experience. The students leave as highly skilled mechanics in a field that is in high demand. Caterpillar and Kelly Tractor also serve as the program advisors assisting in curriculum development and internships for our students. The partnership pays for the instructor and equipment, but since the initial funding, Caterpillar continues to ship donated engines, transmissions, and other peripheral equipment to train with. A new M160 motor grader valued at more than \$350,000 is expected to arrive shortly. We're excited!"

One other observation, how fitting it was that the Governor chose one of our school district's two post-secondary centers, the Immokalee Technical Center, as the venue for his Collier County job creation visit in that the center is a place where adults are trained for meaningful careers in more than 15 vocational certified programs.

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Neighboring farmworker allies help with roof repairs

By J. Buckley, Interfaith Action of SW Florida

Special to the Immokalee Bulletin

Last Saturday, a dozen volunteers from Trinity-by-the-Cove Episcopal Church in Naples joined several farmworkers from the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW) to restore the roof of the group's Community Center on South 2nd Street. Their handiwork was timed divinely as hours after the enamel coating dried, the clouds opened up to release several consecutive days of rain atop the home of the CIW's non-profit food cooperative, anti-slavery office, multimedia library and the studio of Radio Conciencia 107.9 FM, Immokalee's low-power community radio station.

Periodic leaks from the Community Center's ceiling this summer prompted worries about the exorbitant cost of fixing the roof. But Bob Lichy, of RC Lichy and Associates in Naples, responded enthusiastically to the challenge.

A longtime social justice advocate within the Presbyterian Church (USA) in Pennsylvania, where he lives part of the year, Lichy had developed an interest in the CIW's efforts to end abuse against farmworkers. When he learned of the roof's issues, he began to seek out donations of roofing materials. In short time he confirmed a remarkably generous partner indeed.

Quite simply the day's act of goodwill simply would have been impossible without the vital contribution of CentiMark. Centi-

Mark, the roofing and flooring company best known for its innovative solutions and 24/7 emergency response service, generously supplied all the necessary caulk, coating and waterproofing materials, worth many thousands of dollars, required to redo the roof.

Ed Beck of Trinity-by-the-Cove ably coordinated with Lichy to furnish outstanding laborers from his church's service commission, whom, true to the congregation's mission, "served as Christ's hands" in repairing the cherished Community Center's roof. Trinity-by-the-Cove has long supported the CIW's work, most recently by greatly facilitating the professionalization and expansion of the CIW's farmworker-run radio station.

Wilson Perez, who has picked tomatoes in Immokalee and participated in CIW activities for several years said, "Simply put, we had no idea how to get up on a roof and make the necessary repairs. I am appreciative for the support of all of the people who made it possible."

Perez, who recently returned from the watermelon harvest in Delaware and now helms a popular music show on Radio Conciencia, concluded by saying, "It was a pleasure to be on top of the roof with them -- working together, learning together -- and now our roof no longer leaks, so I am grateful."



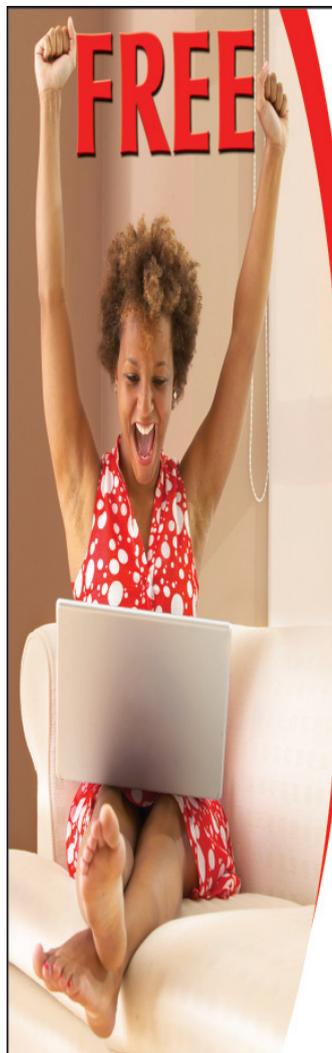
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 CIW member Leonel Perez (left) waterproofs the Community Center roof while colleague Santiago Perez and The Rev. Michael Basden of Trinity-by-the-Cove Episcopal Church lend a hand in the background. The Rev. Michael Basden (right photo) of Trinity-by-the-Cove Episcopal Church hard at work also helping with the large task of sealing in the roof protecting it against moisture leakage.



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/J. Martinez

Presentation

On Sept. 29, Immokalee Band booster President, Juanita Martinez presented a composite photo plaque to Immokalee Foundations new Director of programs, Tricia Yeggy for the much appreciated support the foundation has provided to the students in the Immokalee High School Marching Indians Band.



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There will be a special meeting for the Immokalee Water & Sewer District on Monday, October 24, 2011 at 1:00 P.M., at the office of the Immokalee Water & Sewer District, located at 1020 Sanitation Road, Immokalee, Florida 34142.

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1. Call to Order
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 - B. Roll Call
3. A. Bid Opening
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Immediate needs include:

Staple food items, pet supplies, cleaning supplies, baby needs, paper goods, snack foods, coffee, tea, condiments, baking supplies, linens.

"I want to be clear that despite our record numbers, we always have room for each and every victim of domestic violence seeking safe-haven, along with their pets," explains Beau Venturi Home Manager Danielle Mordaunt.

Donations can be dropped at The Shelter's Options Thrift Shoppe, 968 Second Avenue North in Naples. The store is open Monday through Saturday, 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. To learn more about donations needed, please call 239.775.3862.

For confidential assistance, call The Shelter's 24-hour crisis line at 239.775.1101/TTY 239.775.4265.

'Strides' event takes off to support education

"Strides For Education" 5K Walk/Run Saturday, Nov. 19

Statewide effort aims to raise funds for college scholarships for Florida's low-income students

Take Stock in Children program of Immokalee will be one of many programs across the state to present the inaugural "Strides For Education" 5K Walk/Run 8:30 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 19 at Collier County School District Administrative Building, as part of a statewide effort to raise college funds for Florida's low-income and at-risk youth. Take Stock in Children's "Strides For Education" 5K Walk/Runs will also take place simultaneously in Brevard, Broward, Escambia, Hendry, Lake, Lee, Miami-Dade, Nassau, Palm Beach, Pinellas, Sarasota and Sumter counties.

"The Take Stock in Children 'Strides For Education' 5K is the perfect way to involve the local community in our efforts and help raise funding for our scholars who desire to earn a postsecondary education," said Tricia Yeggy, director of programs at Take Stock in Children Program of Immokalee. "The goal of The Immokalee Foundation is to continue growing our program each year so that we may support even more students in Immokalee along the path to success."

Take Stock in Children aspires to have a few thousand participants statewide as part of this first-ever fundraising effort. With rising tuition costs and significant increases of other college-related expenses, children throughout Florida are struggling more than ever to achieve their dreams of a college

education.

Take Stock in Children's "Strides For Education" 5K Walk/Run is open to all individuals, families, companies and local organizations, and will feature family-friendly activities, giveaways and more. Registration is \$35 per person, with all proceeds to benefit Take Stock in Children, a statewide nonprofit organization with a 16 year history of helping low-income and at-risk youth break the cycle of poverty by providing scholarships, mentors and hope. Take Stock in Children Program of Immokalee currently serves more than 115 students in grades 8-12.

Collier County School District Administration Building is located at 5775 Osceola Trail in Naples. Registration begins at 7:30 a.m. To register prior to the event and receive a goodie bag and t-shirt, visit give.takestockinchildren.org and click Collier-Immokalee.

Take Stock in Children is currently seeking participants, volunteers and sponsors for this statewide effort. As an official Walk/Run sponsor, you can join a host of major companies who support the mission of Take Stock in Children and help students achieve their college dreams. Statewide sponsors include Helios Education Foundation, Comcast, Berkowitz Dick Pollack & Brant, and Pollo Tropical. Local sponsors include BB&T Bank and McDonald's.

To learn how to support Take Stock in Children Program of Immokalee's "Strides For Education" 5K Walk/Run as a participant, volunteer or sponsor, call The Immokalee Foundation at 239-657-2461 or visit give.takestockinchildren.org.

Take Stock in Children is a nonprofit organization with a 16 year history of providing

mentors, educational scholarships and hope for Florida's low-income and at-risk youth. The organization has provided educational support and college scholarships for over 17,000 children in partnership with more than 800 public schools throughout 67 counties in Florida. It is the only scholarship mentoring program with the mission of breaking the cycle of poverty through education, and has attained a high school graduation rate of 92 percent in Florida (as compared to Florida's average graduation rate of 76 percent). The program's multi-year commitment to students and their comprehensive program services begin in middle school and continue through high school graduation and into college. Special emphasis is placed on student accountability and specific measurable outcomes. Take Stock in Children students pledge to meet with their assigned mentor once a week, maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.5, and remain drug and crime free. Upon successful high school graduation, as a fulfillment of their contractual agreement, students are then awarded a college scholarship to any college, university or vocational school in the state of Florida. To learn more about Take Stock in Children, call 888-322-4673 or visit www.takestockinchildren.org.

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

CHS partners to offer free Autism screenings

CHS Healthcare has partnered with Eden Autism Services to offer free autism spectrum disorder (ASD) screenings onboard the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile® in Collier County. Autism disorders are a growing health concern, but is it something that parents in our community should be concerned about?

Consider this, according to the Centers for Disease control (CDC) one in every 110 children are diagnosed with some form of ASD making it more common than childhood cancer, juvenile diabetes and pediatric AIDS combined. Autism is a term to describe a group of complex developmental disorders known as autism spectrum disorders or ASD. These disorders don't discriminate and have been found to strikes individuals in all racial, ethnic and social groups consis-

tently around the world. Autism has been found to be more prevalent in boys, affecting them four times more often than girls. Screenings are a key component to early diagnosis and subsequent early intervention for the individual with ASD and their family. Studies consistently show that early treatment services offer the child with ASD the best possible developmental outcome.

Autism screenings will be offered aboard the Care Mobile to children ages 18 months to five years old. They will be administered by Eden's Director of Clinical Services, Dr. Amber Perymon, PSY.D. and Julianne Lasley, Director of Behavioral Services and a Board Certified Behavior Analyst.

A physician's referral will not be required to receive the ASD screening. The next screening will take place at Golden Gate

Community Center Oct. 26. To schedule a Collier County screening on the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile by Eden Autism staff, call 239-992-4680, extension 5011.

Eden Autism Services was founded in New Jersey in 1975 with a mission to improve the lives of children and adults with autism and their families by providing a range of community-based services to meet specific needs throughout the lifespan. Eden Autism Services Florida's services include consultations and early intervention, schools in Naples and Fort Myers for school age students, an organic training farm, and residential and employment services for adults. For more information, contact Raquel Torres at 239-992-4680, extension 5017 or Eden.florida@edenautism.org.

Food pantry supplies run dangerously low

The St. Matthew's House food pantries in Naples and Bonita Springs are running dangerously low on all staple groceries. Without significant nonperishable food donations, SMH will be forced to ration what goes in the 30+ bags given out daily to hungry families. Items needed the most include: dry cereal, oatmeal, peanut butter and jelly (small jars), spaghetti sauce (16 oz. jars), powdered milk, canned vegetables and fruit, boxed macaroni & cheese mixes, instant potatoes, dry and canned beans, rice and canned meats. Donations may be brought directly to St. Matthew's House at 2001 Airport Rd, South in Naples. St. Matthew's House is thankful for any and all donations in this time of need. For more information about SMH or any additional food pantry and Direct Assistance program needs, please contact Communications and Event Officer Julie Clay, or call 239-298-5026.



CCSO prepares Stockings for Troops program

The Collier County Sheriff's Office is partnering again with the American Red Cross Collier County Chapter to send stockings to our troops.

If you would like to make a monetary donation, please contact the American Red Cross Collier County Chapter at 239.596.6868.

The CCSO and American Red Cross are also accepting personal notes written to the soldiers. If you have the time to write a brief thank-you letter, it would mean the world to a soldier.

At CCSO, a collection box is located in the Human Resources lobby, 3319 U.S. 41 E., Building J., East Naples.

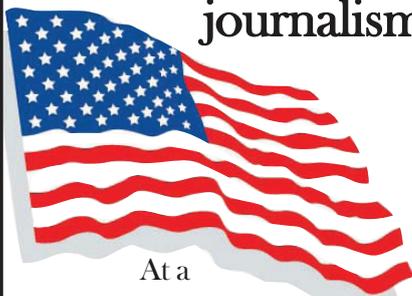
All donations are due by noon on Friday, Nov. 4.

For more information, contact Christa Renaud, chairwoman of the CCSO Agency Family Activities Committee, at 239.252.4900, or visit <http://www.colliercountyredcross.org/>.

Here is a list of most-needed items for the soldiers:

Powdered drink mix (like Crystal Light), Lip balm (SPF 15-30), Bug repellent wipes, Sunglasses (UV-rated), Small packets of baby wipes, Packs of chewing gum, Small Nerf footballs or hackey sacks, Playing cards or dice, Small puzzle books, Various small toiletry items.

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Showing support

Immokalee High School students showed their, "Pink Pride" last week, Oct. 10-14 in honor and awareness of Breast Cancer. Students, staff, faculty, athletes and others, "Got their Pink On," during the Oct. 14 game at Bates stadium as part of the NFL's A Crucial Catch campaign, a nationwide screening reminder campaign to help all women to stay healthy - for themselves as well as for their loved ones.

During the game against Cape Coral Hawks, IHS Indians Cheerleaders, "Stretched" out in front of a pink H3 Limo to remind everyone of their mission. IHS football players got into the groove showing their "Support" using Pink Sports wraps around wrists and ankles.



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