

Class 5A-District 12 Champs!



Senior Night at Immokalee High ends with Immokalee High School Indians winning the title - Class 5A-District 12 champs! With the win, the Indians clinch home-field advantage for their first-round matchup against Lehigh on Nov. 18. Go Indians! See Page 8 for more photos.

Photos courtesy/Adam Herrera

Transportation is key to local success

By **Patty Brant**
Immokalee Bulletin
Collier County Commissioner



Chamber Executive Director **Dan Rosario** and **Lois Gomez** shared door prize duties at the chamber's Nov. 2 breakfast.

Jim Coletta spoke to the Eastern Collier County Chamber of Commerce members at their monthly breakfast on Nov. 2 at Roma in Havana Restaurant. He told the group that, to meet Immokalee's needs, locals must engage in political activism.

If Immokaleeans want substantial changes, they will have to, "push the button to make this happen."

The question he posed to chamber members was: "Where will Immokalee go?"

He explained that he feels the main problem Immokalee must solve is transportation, principally SR 29 and SR 82, which hold the promise of attracting business to Immokalee once they are four laned.

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Collier County Commissioner for District 5 Jim Coletta talked turkey with members of the Chamber of Commerce at their Nov. 2 breakfast meeting at Roma in Havana Restaurant. The main topic: what locals can do to improve transportation as a means to create prosperity.

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IHS announces successes in student athletic programs

Tony Allen, Immokalee High School Athletic Program Director announced on Wednesday, Nov. 9, notable successes in several of the school's athletics programs including its District 12 Champs in Football.

On Saturday, Nov. 5, the schools boys and girls cross country team both won their district titles with the individual Indian athletes placing first and second in both races. Allen stated, "This allows our boys and girls cross country teams the opportunity to compete in the regional meet held in Titusville, FL on Nov. 12. On Friday, November 4, our IHS Indians football team claimed the district championship with a resounding victory over

Golden Gate Titans. This victory guaranteed the Indians a chance to host the first round of the playoffs on Nov. 18 against our guests from Lehigh High School."

The game will be held at Gary Bates Stadium - kick off is at 7:30 p.m. Admission is \$8 If you are parking at the field, it will be \$5 and parking at the school is \$2.

Mr. Allen added, "This is an exciting time for Immokalee Athletes and we appreciate community support of our student athletes throughout the year. Please plan on joining us as we support our teams throughout the entire school year."



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Lois Gomez of The Immokalee Foundation offered comments to the members of the Eastern Collier County Chamber of Commerce at their Nov. 2 breakfast meeting.

Many questions remain: When will the widening of SR 82 be finished? How will that progress come about with less FDOT funding?

The commissioner used the age-old adage "The squeaky wheel gets the most grease" to demonstrate what Immokalee needs to do and alluded to Hendry County's

success in getting funding to four-lane SR 80 from the Lee County line to US 27 near Clewiston and to realign the SR 80/US 27 intersection. Work on SR 80 four laning has been ongoing for a number of years. Work on the SR 80/US 27 intersection is just now beginning.

He noted that seven years ago a political action group for 82 and 29 was established, but nothing much has happened yet. The commissioner said it took several trips to Tallahassee to get US 27 and 82 on the state's Strategic Intermodal System (SIS), a network of important roads and other transportation modes.

However, the money has dried up and it's all "back to square one."

He said locals have to take a page from a previous success when they banded together to support the opening of the casino with a letter writing campaign to Tallahassee. The focus should be to get Immokalee's state representative and delegation on board and make the Secretary of Transportation aware of local needs.

What Immokalee needs, he said, is a coalition of interested parties to get Tallahassee's attention.

"The chamber needs to be politically involved," Commissioner Coletta said, "If the chamber won't do it, who will?"

In fact, he noted, the chamber should be the nucleus of political action in Immokalee and play an important role, with one dedicated person to spearhead efforts. After all, the chamber's purpose is to serve its members - that is, businesses.

Chamber President Fred Thomas agreed with the commissioner that, in order for

Immokaleeans to have their needs met, a loop road around Main Street is essential and that the chamber needs to be a central player in getting things done.

He pointed to the chamber's human resources, saying, "There are too many different entities in the chamber not to make things happen."

Mr. Coletta said the community needs to show its support for the SR 82 project to FDOT and that it needs a point person. He added that the community needs to identify its transportation goals and suggested that the main element should be a four-six lane road to connect Immokalee with urban areas.

The commissioner said Immokalee needs a political nucleus, a unifying group like the chamber to make a difference and added, "We could make an awful lot happen."

He also said a lobbyist could do a lot for Immokalee.

Chamber Executive Director Dan Rosario added his voice, saying Immokalee needs signage on major roadways to highlight what Immokalee has to offer.

He pointed out that Ave Maria has a sign at I-75 at exit 111 and suggested that Immokalee and the Seminole Reservation also should have signs there to direct travelers this way.

Fred Thomas proposed that all the various segments of Immokalee work together to get the community's needs met. He suggested the chamber, CRA, MSTU and airport all write letters to the appropriate people and agencies in order to draw attention to Immokalee's needs.

It was explained that the MSTU tried to

get signs designating Immokalee as the Home of Edgerrin James, but encountered

negative feedback.

Guest speaker Lois Gomez of the Immokalee Foundation introduced the agency's mentoring program to chamber members using her own experience with a mentor as a youngster. She credits that relationship with allowing her to become Cook County, Illinois' first 17-year-old Certified Nursing Assistant.

She said the program at Immokalee Foundation has been in existence for seven years and they need seven additional volunteer mentors for Immokalee.

She also spoke of the Strides for Education 5K run Nov. 19, at Collier County School Board Administration building. The Immokalee Foundation is sponsoring it in conjunction with the Education Foundation.

Mr. Rosario noted that the chamber is currently working on its Facebook account, a new Web site and a larger presence in the Immokalee Bulletin.

Christmas Around the World Director Cherryle Thomas reminded everyone that the event comes up December 10. Last year over 6,000 kids came to see Santa, she said. This year there will be no Immokalee's Got Talent contest, but there will be an adult couples dance contest with cash prizes. Another change this year: there will be a \$1 park entry fee.

She noted that Immokalee has the second largest Christmas parade in the area. It was started 18 years ago with \$50 and the aim of helping local students with book and travel expenses.

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Letters to the Editor

New developments for Christmas Gala

Christmas around the World Parade and Gala committee members are planning some exciting activities this year's Christmas Event

Christmas Parade Date - Dec. 10,

Christmas theme is Christmas around the World is celebrating, "Going Greener for our Environment."

Parade lineup time: 4 p.m. on the corner of Carver Street and Immokalee Road (First Street), directly across from the Immokalee Seminole Casino.

The famous Immokalee High School Marching Band will perform.

Our Breaking News - Parks & Recreation will not be charging to see their "Snow Gala" at the Immokalee Sports Complex (Soccer Fields) on Dec. 10. The big Gala Event will start immediately after the Christmas parade. No gate fees at all!

This year's Gala activities consisted of:

- Home town type Carnival with lots of rides and games
- Kids can skate on the skating rink
- Snow mountain with various snow slides

• Adults are welcome to participate in the "Can-you-Dance Contest." Best Salsa Couples, and other popular dances can participate. There will be different categories ranging from 6 years old to Adulthood. A cash prize will be given to the best dancers

• Recycled costume Fashion Show. You can walk the run way with your fashions. Each entry must have a recycled costume item. Cash prizes will be given.

• Little Christmas Dressed Baby Contest. Any Christmas dressed baby from 6 months to 18 months can compete in the competition. All baby outfits must have some red or

green or gold or white to represent Christmas colors. pictures will be taken of the Event.

- We would like each school to select grades 4,5 and 6th graders; middle and high school students to write the Christmas committee an essay on, "How I can change my environment in Immokalee to go Greener?"

The schools can select the students to participate in this project. Our committee has been corresponding with the large Beverage Companies to see if a financial incentive can be offered to each school for the best Essays.

- There will be lots of exotic foods for all ages

- We are asking for good community entertainment and arts and craft for our Gala. We are still waiting.

Please contact Myriam at the Eastern Collier Chamber of Commerce for applications for the dance contest, fashion show and the most beautiful dressed Christmas babies and don't forget the Chamber has applications for Christmas Parade, entertainment, food vendors along with arts and craft applications.

The Christmas committee selected this year 2011' Grand Parade Marshal and Co-Parade Marshal already.

Santa Claus will be coming from the North Pole to attend the Christmas Parade and Gala and he will be taking pictures with all the boys and girls in Immokalee.

If further information is needed concerning the Christmas Parade and Gala, contact our local Chamber at 239-657-3237 asked for Myriam and Joe Boney at Parks and Recreation for the Gala at 239-657-1951.

Cherryle Thomas
Event chair

CCSO Launches Sixth Annual 'Celebrate With A Star' program

The community is invited to join the Collier County Sheriff's Office as we make the holidays merry and bright for some deserving Collier kids currently dealing with traumatic, life-changing events.

This year's CCSO "Celebrate With A Star" program will benefit children assigned to the 20th Judicial Circuit Guardian ad Litem program in partnership with the Voices for Kids of Southwest Florida (VFK) agency. There are more than 400 children currently living in Collier County who have been abandoned or are alleged to have been abused or neglected. Children in the program range from infant to 17 years in age.

Participating in "Celebrate With A Star" is easy. If you'd like to provide a gift for a child, just send an e-mail to: ccsopio@colliersheriff.net and we will reply with a child's age and his or her holiday wish.

You can also now select a star through our Facebook fan page at www.facebook.com/colliersheriff. Just click on the photos tab and pull up the Celebrate With A Star 2011 album. Each picture displays a star that represents a child in need. When you

see a star that you would like to claim, tag yourself in it. That will let everyone else know that star has been taken.

Or, if you prefer, you may stop by and select an ornament from the tree in the Human Resources lobby of the Sheriff's Office headquarters, 3319 U.S. 41 E., Building J, in the Collier County Government Center. Each ornament has a child's holiday gift wish.

Gifts may be dropped off at any CCSO substation or in the Human Resources lobby of Building J at CCSO headquarters. Gifts may be turned in wrapped or unwrapped.

Please make sure to securely attach the star provided to your donated gifts.

"Celebrate With A Star" gifts must be dropped off by Thursday, Dec. 8. If you have any questions, call CCSO's Public Affairs Bureau at 252-0604 or e-mail ccsopio@colliersheriff.net.

Gifts may be dropped off in the Human Resources lobby of the Sheriff's Office headquarters or at any of the following CCSO substation locations:

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Local Forecast

Weather forecast for Collier County from the National Weather Service

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Thursday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 84. Calm wind becoming northwest around 6 mph.

Thursday night: A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 57. Northwest wind between 3 and 5 mph.

Extended Forecast

Veterans Day: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 77. North wind between 6 and 9 mph.

Friday night: Mostly clear, with a low around 57. North wind around 7 mph.

Saturday: Sunny, with a high near 80.

Saturday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 60.

Sunday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 81.

Sunday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 63.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 83.

Department of State issues official notice on early voting decision

The Department of State made its official decision for Florida's five preclearance counties to conduct Early Voting for the January 31, 2012 Presidential Preference Primary (PPP) Election: to continue the previous schedule with the start of Early Voting 15-days before Election Day. That means in Collier County, Early Voting will begin on Jan. 16 and end Jan. 28 and will be offered Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Eligible Collier County voters ready to cast their ballot early for the Jan. 31, 2012

PPP Election may do so at:

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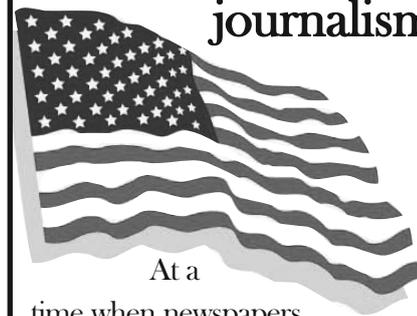
The Supervisor of Elections Office will be mailing every registered voter a sample ballot for the Jan. 31, PPP Election. The sample ballot will indicate the contests in which voters are eligible to participate. Even though all registered voters will be mailed a sample ballot, eligibility to participate in the Jan. 31, election will depend on where a voter lives in the county and/or the voter's political party affiliation.

The State is expected to complete the Ballot Certification by Nov. 15, which will indicate all contests that will appear on the Jan. 31, PPP ballot. However, the following is a list of some of the known contests that will appear on the ballot: the Presidential

Preference Primary (there are nine qualified Republican candidates and the only Democratic candidate is President Obama), the City of Naples Election, fire district referendums for Golden Gate, East Naples and Immokalee, and a referenda for the Radio Road East MSTU.

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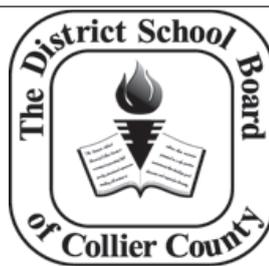
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Students First

Town Hall meeting brings ideas together

By Joe Landon

Special to the Okeechobee News



A Town Hall Meeting is a great concept. Keep it up!" That's what an attendee at one of the two Superintendent's Town Hall Meetings held last week told us. "I'm so happy I came to the meeting because I learned how I can help my kids," said another. "I like the commitment to being open with parents and communicating with us," said yet another. And finally, this comment received after we hosted 300+ parents, community members, and staff at Lely High School: "The turnout at the meeting was not an accident. Members of the community are beginning to feel they matter, and their thoughts really matter." New Superintendent, Dr. Kamela Patton, has conducted three Town Hall Meetings thus far and there are three more scheduled, including one a week from today – on Thursday, Nov. 17, in the Immokalee High School Auditorium. It will begin at 6 p.m. and we'll have you out the door at 7 p.m. that evening. And, please note that Spanish and Creole translators will be there to assist anyone needing their services. Now, we've received some pretty good feedback regarding the Town Hall Meetings as you can tell. People referred to the "Superintendent's great enthusiasm," and expressed gratitude "for emphasizing the importance of early literacy." Someone else appreciated learning about the Governance Model and being told what concerns they should bring to the school district office versus those they should take to the school

board. When asked to share suggestions for future meetings one person said to "keep having Town Hall Meetings every year," and another asked to "have more of them." As for the topics being dealt with, one attendee liked knowing where Collier education is today and why it's there. Another appreciated the information shared about online tools that are made available to K-12 parents, and someone else enjoyed learning about STEM – Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. A few thought the question and answer period, which followed the presentation, was the best part of the evening. Please join us at Immokalee High School next Thursday, Nov. 17, and be sure to turn in your feedback form as you leave so we know what you think. Hope to see you there!

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Collier district schools recognize Veterans Day

Many schools throughout the School District of Collier County will be recognizing our country's military veterans with planned activities and ceremonies to commemorate Veterans Day. From music and singing, to history lessons and actual visits from veterans, events and activities next week promise to enlighten everyone involved.

At Big Cypress Elementary School, 4th grade students will salute veterans with a Patriotic Music Program performance called "America"; Tommie Barfield Elementary School's "Morning Musicians" will hold a special music program to honor all veterans, and will participate in several Veterans Day activities on Marco Island; students at Oakridge Middle School (OMS) will watch a special production that will include the Palmetto Ridge High School JROTC Color Guard, an OMS Band performance of "America" and a featured guest



speaker. Everglades City School will hold a special Veterans Day assembly and will honor staff members who have served in the military. A number of other events are planned at several schools next week.

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

Edison State offering Pharmacy Tech program

Classes to start November 17; Limited seats open

Edison State College Collier Campus, in partnership with the University of Florida, is now offering a pharmacy technician training program with an externship. The class is available only for 10 students.

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 \$3,750 plus books and materials for \$175. Classes meet on Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings from Nov. 17, through March 17, 2012.

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

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Relay for Life Kick Off Party

2012 Relay For Life Of Immokalee Kick Off Party - "Cartooning for a Cure" set for Thursday Nov. 10, 5:30-7 p.m. at First Baptist Church (Fellowship Hall), 1411 Lake Trafford Road, Immokalee. For more information: 239-261-0337 Ext 3863, or www.relayforlife.org/immokalee.

Free family film Saturday

New Hope Ministries from Naples will again be at the Immokalee Community Park this coming Saturday, **Nov. 12**, from 3-5 p.m., this time featuring the new release, "Despicable Me" and great family film-a film for the entire family.

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



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Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/Rick Heers

Students from St. Thomas University (biscayne College) in Miami Gardens gave some volunteer time to local Immokalee residents this past week and helped out at Immokalee Friendship House, Farm Workers Coalition and also at Guadalupe Services. The students, along with their professor/supervisor, Dr. Darrell Arnold also helped out in a major way by bringing some organization to the IHOPE Warehouse.

College students volunteer and serve Immokalee

Over 80 students from St. Thomas University (Biscayne College) in Miami Gardens came to Immokalee this past week and spent time volunteering for Guadalupe Services, Immokalee Friendship House, the Coalition of Farm Workers, I HOPE, the Shelter for Abused Women and Children, PACE Center for Girls, Immokalee Child Care Center and RCMA Charter School. Without volunteer assistance many of these organizations would be limited in their ability to provide as much

assistance to their children and families.

Pictured with this article are a number of students with their supervisor/professor of Philosophy, Dr. Darrell Arnold who helped organize the warehouse at the I HOPE Distribution Center so that families in Immokalee can save BIG bucks on home improvement projects. Anyone in the area can become a member of the I HOPE Distribution Center by paying an annual membership fee of \$25.

Class-size reduction requirements achieved in County classrooms

The Florida Department of Education confirms that the Collier County Public School district is in full compliance with the State of Florida Class Size Reduction Amendment. In making the announcement, the Collier District's Chief Operational Officer Michele LaBute said, "This is the result of a truly collaborative effort and a great deal of hard work by staff at both the district and school levels. Everyone involved is to be commended!"

The 2002 Class Size Reduction Constitutional Amendment limits the size of all classes identified by the state as "core" classes. Core classes include mathematics, English, science, and social studies, among others. No core class in Collier exceeds the

limits imposed by the Amendment and the average class size is significantly below the limits.

Pre-Kindergarten through grade 3-State limit - 18 students- with an average of 14.89 students

Grades 4 through 8-State limit is 22 students-with an average of 17.54 students

Grades 9 through 12-State limit is 25 students-with an average of 19.71 students

To achieve Class Size Reduction, the district hired an additional 200 teachers this year at a cost of approximately \$13 million. School districts in Florida not in compliance with the Class-Size Reduction amendment face fines levied by the state.

Edison State College locations closed for Veterans Day

All Edison State College locations will be closed Friday, Nov. 11, in recognition of Veterans Day. Classes and campus services resume regular hours Monday, Nov. 14.

For more information about Edison State College, visit www.edison.edu.



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Fall Fest at First Baptist

Hundreds of children turned out for a Fall Festival-Halloween treat-on Oct. 31, from 6-8 p.m. With their parents enjoying the activities, the children played numerous games, enjoyed free hot dogs, cupcakes, popcorn, drinks and lots and lots of candy. Members and staff of the church turned out to provide this annual activity to provide a safe alternative program for children of the community. Plans are already being made to make next year's event bigger and better.

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NOTICE OF MEETING
There will be an Annual Meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Immokalee Water & Sewer District on Wednesday, November 16, 2011 at 5:30 P.M., at Roma in Havana Ristorante, 1025 W. Main Street, Immokalee, Florida 34142.

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Preliminaries
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
 - B. Roll Call
 - C. Adoption of Agenda
 - D. Employee Recognition
 1. Employee of the Month for September-Salvador Garcia
 2. Employee of the Year-Derrick Galvan
 - E. Public Concerns
 - F. Staff Good Cause Items
 - G. Board Concerns
 - H. Old Business
 - I. New Business
3. Consent Agenda
 - A. Adoption of Minutes
 1. October 19, 2011, Regular Meeting
 - B. Engineer's Report-Greeley and Hansen
 - C. Director's Report
4. Action Agenda
 - A. Election of Officers
 - B. Amendment 2011 Fiscal Year Budget
5. Discussion Agenda
 - A. Attorney's Report
6. Other Public Interests
7. Adjournment

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Public Notice

PUBLIC NOTICE
Board meeting is Friday, November 18, 2011. It will be held in the Immokalee COFFO Office 214 A South 1st Street, Immokalee, FL 334142 at 10:30 am. 402048 IB 11/10/2011



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Collier School Board conducts workshop at IHS

A good crowd of community members was present as the Collier County Public School Board conducted a workshop at Immokalee High School on Nov. 1 in which they honored the work of the schools in Immokalee as well as discuss several issues that are before the board.

To start the meeting several programs were spotlighted including a musical quartet from Village Oaks Elementary playing "Ode to Joy", the 47-member choir from Immokalee Middle School performing two numbers, and 8 members of the Immokalee High School BETA club singing "Lean on Me". In addition to watching a video presentation on all eight schools in Immokalee, the president of the Immokalee presented

his award-winning speech that won him the selection of state president of BETA.

Ms. Moser, sponsor, and long-time, now retired sponsor, Linda Ayer were also recognized for their outstanding leadership.

Among the items included in the workshop were the following:

- Update was presented with slides on construction at the new Bethune Education Center, named after Mary McLeod Bethune who started Bethune Cookman University. The new facility, to be opened in January of 2012 will house 170 students and all federal projects programs.

- Susan McNally presented the changes being made in state requirements in curriculum and instruction.

- Attorney Fishbane gave a detailed analysis of the staff study on criminal background screening guidelines.



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A large crowd of concerned community members including parents at Immokalee High School Auditorium on Nov. 1 to listen and to discuss issues concerning local students at the Town Hall Public School Board meeting.

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As another Thanksgiving season approaches, the staff of this paper would like to wish you and your family all the trimmings of a bountiful holiday, complete with our best wishes and gratitude.

We would also like to remind you that our newspaper office will be closed on Thursday, November 24 and that our paper will be on the street Wednesday, November 23.

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sis of the staff study on criminal background screening guidelines.

• Finally the Master Board Certification was reviewed.

All local community members will be invited to the Town Hall that Superintendent Dr. Kamela Patton will be conducting on Nov. 17.

Village Oaks Elementary wins video contest

Village Oaks Elementary School (VOE) produced the winning video entry for Reading is Fundamental's (RIF) 45th Birthday Photo/Video contest. VOE Media Specialist Stephanie Griffin directed the video titled "RIF AAARGH...HOOK A BOOK," which shares a very special pirate book distribution at VOE in Immokalee. The video shows young student explorers as they encounter pirates and discover a bounty of books on their journey. As a winner, VOE will participate in RIF's 45th online webcast birthday party Thursday, Oct. 3, and will receive \$500 and a 2011 Multicultural Book Collection.

In addition to having the winning video entry, VOE received a grant to organize another book distribution. "Because I had completed the RIF program early, I was awarded a \$1,756 privately funded Pine-Sol Grant. The students will have a 'Spring Clean - Fresh Read' book distribution in February/March, 2012," says Stephanie Griffin.

Reading is Fundamental is the nation's largest children's literacy organization. Their mission is to motivate young children to read by working with them, their parents, and community members to make reading a fun and beneficial part of everyday life.

Dragons soccer get the sweet taste of victory

By Manny Touron

Special to the Immokalee Bulletin

The Immokalee Community School Dragons Soccer Team won their first game of the season this past Saturday at The Immokalee Sports Complex by the score of 3-2. This determined group of boys and girls has worked hard and has endured a season that has become a learning experience. We knew that as the season progressed they would gain more confidence in their ability to play. They finally put it all together in this game by winning their first game. Emily Nito, Adeo Mejia, and Abraham Cortez each scored a goal giving the Dragons a 3-2 well deserved victory. The



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/Manny Touron
A first win came for the hardworking Immokalee Community School Dragons Soccer team last Saturday with more wins sure to follow. The team members played well and brought in a well-deserved 3-2 win.

Soccer Pit Cobras want to congratulate Coach Manuel Preciado for his dedication and persistence, and for being with the team every Saturday and Coach Kiki for been an instrumental part of their practices and providing needed encouragement.



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/Adam Herrera
Tshumbi Johnson tosses a pass to brother Ernest (left photo) and Tshumbi cuts through the Golden Gate Defenses. (right photo)



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IHS Senior Juan Tello #24 with his parents at the Senior Night celebration during last Friday night's game against Golden Gate as seniors were announced during the game. Senior band members perform during the game recognizing their classmates as part of the Senior Night Celebration.

Sun-N-Fun opens for Holiday Break

Sun-N-Fun Lagoon Water Park will open up for Thanksgiving Break from Saturday, Nov. 19 through Sunday, Nov. 27, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The park will be closed Thanksgiving Day.

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The park is offering a special discount this year to Collier County residents with a Florida Driver's License. With a Florida Driver's License showing a Collier County address, you and your party will receive \$2 off any 48 inch or taller entry, normally \$12. Children three and under enter free and those shorter than 48 inches are just \$5.50.

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Group rates, seasonal passes and party packages are also available. Call 239-252-4073. For more information about Sun-N-Fun Lagoon or other public pool facilities, please visit the Parks and Recreation Department online at: www.napleswaterpark.com. The public may call Sun-N-Fun Lagoon at 239-252-4021.

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ACHIEVEMENT
ALEX EXAMPLE
Alex Example was named the recipient of the 2011 Achievement Award for his outstanding performance in the classroom. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith. He is a member of the Student Body and is a member of the National Honor Society. He is a member of the Future Teachers of America. He is a member of the Future Educators of America. He is a member of the Future Leaders of America. He is a member of the Future Business Leaders of America. He is a member of the Future Engineers of America. He is a member of the Future Scientists of America. He is a member of the Future Artists of America. He is a member of the Future Musicians of America. He is a member of the Future Athletes of America. He is a member of the Future Leaders of America. He is a member of the Future Citizens of America. He is a member of the Future Americans of America. He is a member of the Future World Leaders of America. He is a member of the Future Global Citizens of America. He is a member of the Future International Leaders of America. He is a member of the Future Global Citizens of America. He is a member of the Future Global Leaders of America. He is a member of the Future Global Citizens of America.

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