

Local resident thwarts home burglary

A local Immokalee resident got an unwelcome surprise on Thursday morning, Nov. 10, when he went home to find three teens burglarizing his home. The homeowner said he came home from work and opened his garage door. He heard noises coming from inside the house. After looking around the corner of the house, he saw two people, one male and one female coming out of a bedroom window.

Collier County Sheriff's Office deputy Corporal Shawn Foley stated in his report that the homeowner said that the male suspect was carrying a bag that belonged to him and that he chased the two suspects who were on foot in his vehicle, following them around the rear of several other homes.

"I got into my car where they



Ozbel Cantu

Daniel Lee Garcia

were walking I saw a black Dodge Charger picking them up and I got in front of the car with my car. Then I chased them (while on the phone with 911) down Lake Trafford Road then they turn onto Carson Road traveling south," he said.

"I saw a cop coming towards us he made a U-turn and stopped the car. I told the deputies they had broken into my house," stated the homeowner.

Deputy Foley reports that he was responding to the address reported in a burglary in progress, Collier County Dispatch gave the description of the vehicle to be a black Dodge Charger with suspects inside. Cpl. Foley was traveling south on Carson road when he spotted two male suspects in the Charger and a female who was sitting in the rear driver side seat. The deputy turned around on the vehicle getting behind it to call in the license plate number and found that it had been altered to conceal one of the characters. After a short pursuit, the suspect vehicle was stopped at Carson Road and Dimar Lane where all three suspects were removed from the suspect vehicle and secured in separate vehicles.

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Courtesy photo

Collier County Sheriff's Office Deputies head off three suspects who had reportedly burglarized a local home. The homeowner came home to find the burglary in progress. In the photo above, the driver of the suspect getaway vehicle, Daniel Lee Garcia, 19 is being arrested after exiting the vehicle.

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Immokalee Front Porch group volunteers, Director-Liaison Vicki Carr (right) and volunteer, Mintzy Berry Lee have been working together towards making a better community. Both are involved in bringing programs that benefit local residents young and old.

Front Porch, lifeline to the community

By Patty Brant
Immokalee Bulletin

It's hard to think of a segment of the Immokalee population that the Front Porch group does not respond to. These volunteers have something to offer everyone, from the elderly to youth.

Front Porch Director-Liaison Vickie Carr has been a volunteer with the program since 2006, although she said she does get a small stipend for some projects. Volunteer Mintzy Berry Lee has been with the program since 2010. Both women have a hard time containing their enthusiasm for the program.

Vickie Carr is currently involved in an African American elderly

needs assessment that includes recapturing the limitless history and knowledge of Immokalee locked away in their memories. She is looking for documentation on Immokalee's black heritage, capturing it in pictures, video and personal remembrances. Old photos and stories reflecting the history and values of the black community are welcome. She plans on using these as teaching tools in Immokalee's schools, helping to pass this heritage on to the next generation.

Part of the Front Porch's mission is to help foster family values to kids in the community, which

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The suspects, Ozbel Cantu, 18, of the 1500 block of Edward Avenue, and Daniel Garcia, 19, of the 300 block of West Bouganivillea Road, were arrested Thursday by Collier deputies on Carson Road at the 1200 block of Adams Court. The two male suspects were taken to Immokalee Jail Center. Both were charged with two felonies including burglary of an unoccupied dwelling and grand theft - \$10-\$20,000. Bond for suspect Cantu was set at \$5,000 and \$15,000 was the bond set for Daniel Lee Garcia.

A 16-year-old girl also arrested, Carolyn Cortez. She was taken to Juvenile Detention and charged with three felony charges including burglary of an unoccupied dwelling, grand theft \$10-\$20,000 and burglary while armed after Crime Scene investigators recovered a large beretta folding knife in her bag that had been left in the victim's home.

After the suspects were arrested, the homeowner returned to his home after making a statement to the arresting officers.

Crime scene investigators were at the home when the homeowner returned to find that his home had been ransacked during the burglary and that he had returned home just in time before other items already gathered up were carried out of the

house.

Belongings that were identified and returned to the homeowner included camera equipment; jewelry items identified by the victim's wife as hers, electronics, CDs and even shoes.

"Crime does not pay," the homeowner said, "You will get caught."



Courtesy photo
Carolyn Cortez, 16 is escorted to an awaiting Sheriff's Deputy patrol car after being apprehended along with two male suspects. The three were arrested after a high speed chase by the homeowner after coming home unexpectedly to find them exiting his home.

Don't miss Immokalee High School Indians Football action!

Class 5A District 12 Champs, Immokalee High School Indians take on Lehigh High School tomorrow night at 7:30 p.m. The Indians get home field advantage after a victory over Golden Gate on Nov. 5. Admission is \$8. If you are parking at the field, it will be \$5 and parking at the school is \$2. Don't miss any of the action!! **Go Indians!**

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fits right in with this heritage project.

Vicki said recently that she has some 75 interviews completed, most 15-30 minutes long. The project still needs a logo, a photographer and a writer to pull it all together. Copies of the 60-90 minute video, which is expected to be complete in August 2012, will also be for sale.

Often times the simple access to information can make a dramatic difference in people's lives. The Front Porch's main goal is to inform the community on ways to help themselves and be independent, young or old. Times are tough for families, so where can a family go to get help with house repairs or medical equipment? Where can you get eye glasses fixed locally? Well, you can start with the folks at Front Porch.

For youth, summer jobs can be a gateway to their future, providing hands-on experience of lifelong importance.

Last year one Immokalee High School student worked at the chamber office through Front Porch, soaking up the business atmosphere and learning basics on how to conduct yourself in a business environment.

Front Porch demystifies some of the basics of entering the work force: making out resumes, helping youngsters understand the need for business dress and instilling in them the foundation of customer service. Improving self confidence is, of course, at the root of all these lessons.

Experiences like a summer job can bolster self esteem and foster the idea that an individual student can carve out a future for themselves, regardless of where they come from.

"If you think you can't, you don't" Mintzy observes. That's why she and the others at Front Porch work so hard to show kids that they can make their way in a competitive world; they can learn what they need to know to excel in the world and in their private lives.

Take one withdrawn, shy student and help him or her improve their personality,

show them that a smile and a good attitude can be just as important in their lives as a diploma, and you can bring to light the eager-to-learn young person underneath, she reasons.

One young man Front Porch reached out to now speaks to younger kids, motivating them as he was by the folks from the project.

Mintzy believes it's important for young people to learn of other cultures, see the world. She always encourages young people to get out in the world that's "out there waiting for you."

The elderly are an inspiration, she says, to those coming up - a resource not to be dismissed.

The Community Circle group meets at The House of Prayer, 401 S. Second St. the last Thursday of the month at 6 p.m.

According to Vicki, "There's a lot involved" in Front Porch. "It's rewarding and enjoyable, and helps people feel their self worth."

Front Porch is looking for two board members to round out the five-member board.

The group can always use a little help in the office, which is open Monday-Friday from 2-5 p.m. Volunteers are always welcome

The Front Porch project came into being in 2002 under Gov. Jeb Bush.

The Front Porch project includes the area from S. Main Street to Arden Ave. and another section around 9th Street and Main.

Vicki said it concentrates on blighted areas and slums. She added that not much has changed in many Immokalee neighborhoods, except First Street and Main Street medians. She said a grant replaced the roof at Immokalee Apartments and added impact windows. Some landscaping has been accomplished through a Collier County Community Block Grant.

If you would like to volunteer for the Front Porch project or make a donation, please call 658-1300. The Front Porch office is located at the Collier County Health Department across from the David Lawrence Center.

Rotary to host 'Night With the Stars' event

The Rotary Club of Immokalee will be hosting a "Night With the Stars" on Friday, Nov. 18, from 7-10 p.m., at Lake Trafford. Come join us for a FREE presentation of our amazing galaxy, and view the planets through the telescopes of the Southwest Florida Astronomy Association's members at Lake Trafford.

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Letters to the Editor

Christmas Around the World

If further information is needed, Christmas Around the World Parade and Gala Event

Entertainment Application for Dec. 10, after the parade, our Christmas committee would like the participation of all of our adults and students in the community to take part in our Christmas Entertainment. Please contact the Eastern Collier Chamber of Commerce at 239-657-3237 (Myriam) and Ms. Cherryle Thomas at 239-657-0080 for an application to be part of the Entertainment program. We will be featuring several contests for everyone to enjoy including: "Can You Dance Contest" with a cash prize to the winner. Only Singles or Partners...NO Groups please.

Dances are: Salsa - Polka - Cuban Shuffle - The Twist - Do The Dog - The Mashed Potato - The Swing - The Tootsie Roll - The James Brown-The Cha-Cha - The Boogie; and any other dance routine from the 50's

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We are offering a 20 minute Marathon for couples only to do the "Jitterbug Dance."

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Cherryle Thomas
Event chair



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/Rick Heers

Hundreds flocked to the First Baptist Church recently to pay their respects to local storekeeper Franch LeGrand. Mr. LeGrand was well known in the area for his small family-owned grocery store and also for his humor and kind demeanor to his customers in the community.

Community says goodbye to long time Immokalee storekeeper

By Rick Heers

Special to the Immokalee Bulletin

An estimated crowd of over 1,000 came out Saturday morning at First Baptist Church of Immokalee to pay final respects and celebrate the life of Franck LeGrand, known affectionately by his family and friends as "99". Besides brothers and sisters, Rosica, and sons, Beau (Beauty Smith), Roney (Franck, Jr.), and daughters, Rosica and Francesca and several grandchildren.

Franck was very well known in the community and area for his grocery store on First Avenue South that specializes in Caribbean foods and commodities. His love for his family, friends and Jesus Christ were clearly evident at the funeral.

A bit of humor was inserted into the ceremony by giving two possible explanations as to where he picked up the nickname "99"—one being that he told his daughter when she was very young that it took him 99 days and nights to swim from Haiti, and

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Local Forecast

Weather forecast for Collier County from the National Weather Service

Local Forecast

Thursday: A 10 percent chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 85. Calm wind becoming southeast around 6 mph.

Thursday night: A 10 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 65. Northeast wind between 3 and 5 mph.

Extended Forecast

Friday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 83. Northeast wind between 5 and 13 mph.

Friday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 64. East wind between 7 and 9 mph.

Saturday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 84.

Saturday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 64.

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

Monday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 84.

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Obituaries

Jack W. Johnson Sr.

IMMOKALEE — Jack W. Johnson Sr., born Nov. 21, 1923, in rural Randolph country North Carolina, passed away Nov. 9, 2011.

He was the youngest of seven children born to Herman and Stella Lowe Johnson. At the urging of a fellow serviceman, Jack moved to Florida in search of work following his service in the U.S. Navy during World War II. While working as an ironworker in Miami, Jack met and married Audrey, his wife of 56 years.

In the fall of 1961, Jack moved his family to Immokalee where he would become a local legend in the farming community. He was a well respected man known for his strong work ethic, intense dedication and his ability to fix almost anything. Jack had a lifelong love of the outdoors, hunting, motorcycles and stock car racing.

Jack was preceded in death by all of his siblings; his wife, Audrey; and his life long friend, employer and business partner Johnny.

He is survived by one, Jack and his wife Ann; one granddaughter, Carissa Burdette and her husband Dan and their daughter Amaryn; one grandson, Clint Johnson and his wife Myra and their son Josiah; numerous nieces and nephews and a large number of people forever changed by his life and work.

A memorial service was held Sunday afternoon, Nov. 13, at 2 p.m. at the First Baptist Church in Immokalee.

Memorials may be made to Avow Hospice of Naples.

Care was entrusted to Brister Funeral Home, Immokalee.

Sign the online guest book at bristerfuneralhome.com.

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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**.

In order to do this we have to move up our deadlines: **Display advertising is due by 5 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 17**

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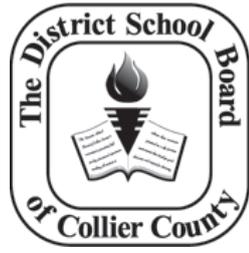
Obituaries will be taken up to 2 p.m. on Monday, November 21

Students First

Teacher evaluations are about to change

By Joe Landon

Collier County District Schools



You may have heard about a new teacher evaluation system that's in the works. While our teachers and school administrators are getting ready for it, we thought that you'd be interested in learning more. We sat down with Debbie Terry, the school district's Executive Director of Human Resources, to have her tell you about the Collier Teacher Evaluation Model or CTEM, as it's being called. Here's the Q & A

What is CTEM?

"It's the teacher evaluation model we began creating this past summer, working very closely with the teacher's union in doing so. All instructional staff will be evaluated this year using CTEM. Right now we are in a "hold harmless" period with everyone learning and practicing as they are observing and being observed. As of the beginning of the second semester, Jan. 17, the 'real' evaluation period begins."

So, why a new teacher evaluation model in the first place?

"The State of Florida (Senate Bill 736 and Race to the Top) is mandating that all districts create an evaluation model with instructional practice and student achievement built in. We did just that."

How will teachers who are being observed receive feedback following the observation?

"We are fortunate that our Superintendent, Dr. Kamela Patton, recommended that the School Board purchase an electronic tool called iObservation. Our school administrators will use it when they go into a classroom to do an observation. Each

teacher will then receive an e-mail telling them that their feedback is ready. The teacher will be able to go to the website, log in, and be able to see the feedback from their individual classroom observation. There will then be an opportunity to discuss the observation."

What will the evaluator be

observing?

"The short answer is each teacher's classroom strategies and behaviors based on the 'Marzano Art and Science of Teaching Framework Learning Map.' Some 60 actual behaviors or elements are covered. This includes things like communicating learning goals, tracking student progress, and celebrating success. What a teacher does to engage students, and what a teacher does to communicate high expectations of all students, will also be observed. How a teacher plans and prepares for lessons, for the use of technology, and for the needs of students with special needs will be looked at. Finally, each teacher's professional growth plan and each teacher's relationship with colleagues are among the many areas being evaluated."

There must be a considerable amount of training that goes along with this?

"We are doing a lot of training, both in house and with experts coming from the outside. There are monthly webcasts for school administrators and they then pass the information along to their teachers. Each group principal meeting features training focused on our evaluation model and the research behind it."

And ultimately, the big goal of this new system is?

"To increase student achievement and to help teachers improve their classroom practices."

And that's why all of us working in a school or at the district office do what we do in the first place!

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Registration for Spring 2012 classes at Edison State College opened to the general public on Nov. 15.

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istration runs from Nov. 15 through March 14 for classes beginning March 14.

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Schools observe 'Walk Safely To School Day'

Collier County's Walk Safely to School Day is scheduled for this Friday, Nov. 18. Walk Safely to School Day emphasizes safety and health by encouraging children to walk or bike to school, promoting safety in numbers with the "Walking School Bus," and teaching young children how to cross streets safely and practice other safe walking conditions.

Six Collier County elementary schools have been chosen as "featured" schools for this year's Walk Safely to School Day – Golden Gate, Golden Terrace, Poinciana, Parkside, Eden Park and Village Oaks elementary schools. Featured schools will have a "Walking School Bus" – children, parents, volunteers and school staff will meet at a designated area and walk together to school – as well as community service demonstrations and character visits. Participating characters include HelMutt the Bicycle Safety Dog, Vince and Larry Crash Dummies, Cyler the Robot, Smokey the Bear, the Southwest Florida Waste Management Manatee and McGruff the Safety Dog.

Golden Gate Elementary School is further adding to the day by also holding their Science and Sweets family event, with a focus

on healthy lifestyles. Activities will include a heart rate station, a mini Zumba class, an obstacle course, and more!

Walking and biking students will receive a book bag, thanks to the Florida Department of Transportation, filled with safety literature and safety gadgets from PedBike Resource Center. Law enforcement will accompany each "Walking School Bus," to help alert drivers of this activity.

Collier County's Walk Safely to School Day is organized by the Community Traffic Safety Team, in collaboration with the Safe Kids Coalitions, the Collier County Health Department, Naples Pathways, Waste Management and Collier County Public Schools. Other participating agencies include, Collier County Growth Management Division, Florida High Patrol, the Collier County Sheriff's Office, and Fire and Forestry Departments.

Parents are encouraged to walk to school with their child and participate in Walk Safely to School Day activities. To learn more or to find out if your child's school is participating, please contact the school directly.

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IHS student to be honored at Miami Dolphins game

Immokalee High School (IHS) senior Mariela Vega, who received a Sun Life Rising Star Scholarship in September, will take part in a special awards presentation at the Miami Dolphins vs. Buffalo Bills football game this Sunday, Nov. 20.

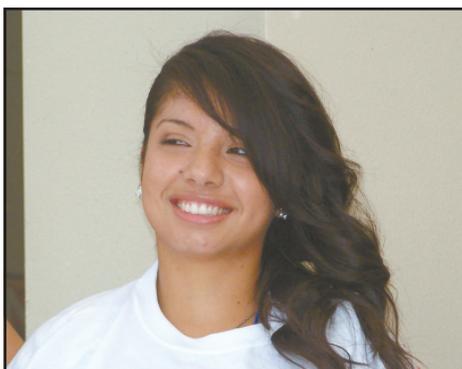
The presentation is scheduled to take place on the field prior to the 1 p.m. game kick-off. Board Members and staff from the Guadalupe Center will join Mariela on the field, as well.

The Miami Dolphins Foundation surprised Mariela with a \$5,000 Sun Life Rising Star scholarship this past September. Only four students were chosen in the South Florida region.

The Guadalupe Center, based in Immokalee, also received a \$50,000 grant through this program, which seeks to promote financial literacy as a means to achieve long-term financial wellness and stability.

Tickets to the game are available for purchase from the Guadalupe Center, which will receive a donation from the Miami Dolphins for every ticket sold.

To learn more or to purchase a ticket, please contact Jennifer Weimer at the Guadalupe Center at 239-657-7126 or via email at jweimer@guadalupecenter.org.



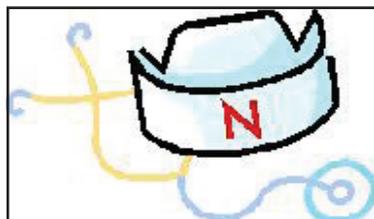
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At the Sept. 21 presentation, a \$50,000 grant to the Guadalupe Center and \$5,000 scholarship to IHS senior Mariela Vega was made. At the top and also in the center of the bottom photo is Mariela, smiling and taking in all that was happening during the presentation.



Immokalee Bulletin/Patty Brant
In the back row from left: Sun Life Financial Senior Philanthropy Program Manager Kaitlin Jaquez, Jeanette Sparano (wife of Dolphin Head Coach Tony Sparano), Mariela Vega and Miami Dolphin Foundation Vice President Nat Moore. Front row: two Miami Dolphin cheerleaders helped keep up the excitement level.

iTECH nursing grads to be 'pinned' tonight

An exciting event is coming to Immokalee this week. Immokalee Technical Center (iTECH) will hold a graduation and pinning ceremony for the third Practical Nursing class to have started and completed their entire nursing program at the school. A total of



19 graduate practical nurses will take part in the commencement ceremony beginning at 6 p.m., this evening, Thursday, Nov. 17, in the iTECH conference center located at 508 North 9th Street, in Immokalee.

The students began their journey at iTECH on Sept. 6, 2010. Their 1,350 hours of post-secondary education has included studying pharmacology, nutrition, mental health, anatomy and physiology, and the nursing care of children and adults. In addition to iTECH, the graduate nurses have learned at numerous hospitals and health clinics throughout Southwest Florida.

The iTECH Practical Nursing program focuses on producing an outstanding practical nurse who is ready to take and pass the NCLEX-PN (Nursing Council Licensure exam – Practical Nurse, and to func-

tion well in a broad variety of nursing settings caring for adults, children and the elderly. Over 50% of the program is clinical.

The graduates are grateful to local funding agencies and contributors for their support.

After celebrating this Thursday, the graduates will work on becoming licensed practical nurses which is accomplished by successfully passing the National Council Licensure Examination (NCLEX-PN). The 19 practical nurse graduates are:

Velora Bishop, Candice Brown, Marinela Campos, Jessica Caseres, Robert Charles, Beatriz Concepcion, Reyna Escobedo, Amber Flint, Joaquina Ochoa, Anquiette Goree, Phillip Holda, Angela Martinez, Statoka Mays, Joel Murray, Adalberto Pereira, Senise Petit Bien, Marie Polydor, Modeline Celestin Rene, Jania Thompson. To learn more, please call iTECH's Director of Health Science, Johnna Dettis at 239-377-4531.



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For many years, Edison State College has presented a series of concerts to the general public for free. It's that time again.

"It's an opportunity to enjoy an afternoon concert of outstanding music," said Dr. Thomas Smith, musical director. "It's a chance for our musicians to showcase their talent, give back to the community and have a lot of fun."

Sunday, Nov. 20

Edison State College Jazz Ensemble
This afternoon concert features many of the finest jazz musicians and vocalists in the region performing new and traditional selec-

tions from big band era jazz. The program includes Maynard Ferguson's, "Cruisin' for a Bluesin," Tadd Dameron's, "Ladybird," Oscar Hammerstein's, "All the Things You Are," and Oliver Nelson's, "Stolen Moments."

Edison State College Jazz Ensemble
Nov. 20, at 3 p.m.

Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall,
8099 College Parkway, Fort Myers
Joyce Van Deusen at 489-9332.

Free admission

Monday, Dec. 5

Edison State College Symphony Orchestra and Edison State College Chorale Combined Concert.

The Edison State College Chorale will be joined onstage by the Riverdale High School Chorus, as they perform excerpts from "Messiah." Included on the program

will be the "Hallelujah Chorus," "Comfort Ye My People," and "Every Valley Shall Be Exalted," along with many more selections from George Friedrich Handel.

In addition, the Edison Symphony Orchestra will perform the Overture from Johann Sebastian Bach's Orchestral Suite No. 2 in B minor, BWV 1067, for string orchestra and flute; and one of Franz Joseph Haydn's most famous "London" symphonies: "The Clock," Symphony No. 101.

The Edison State College Chorale and the Riverdale High School Chorus on Dec. 5, at 7:30 p.m., at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall, 8099 College Parkway, Fort Myers. Info: Joyce Van Deusen at 489-9332.

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Frozen turkeys and groceries needed for holiday giveaway

St. Matthew's House (SMH) is reaching out to the community for the 24th year to help low-income families enjoy a Thanksgiving meal. They are in urgent need of 1,000 donated frozen turkeys plus all the "fixins", both to give out and with which to prepare a traditional dinner to be served in its dining hall on Thanksgiving Day. Currently less than 300 turkeys are in storage, and barely enough groceries to go with them. Please consider donating frozen turkeys and all traditional side items (excluding corn) such as canned green beans, yams and cranberry sauce; instant potatoes; boxed stuffing and jarred turkey gravy. Food donations can be dropped off at the main facility at 2001 Airport Rd. South in Naples, and are needed by this Saturday for packing and giveaway on Monday.

SMH will be taking reservations for Thanksgiving groceries from qualifying families at the main facility this Wednesday - Friday, Nov. 16-18 and volunteers will pack the groceries in the SMH dining hall on Saturday, Nov. 19 from 9 a.m.-11 a.m. An expected 1000 families will then arrive at the Home Depot parking lot at Davis Blvd. and Airport Road on Monday, Nov. 21, to receive their meals in one of two drive-through times: 10 a.m.-noon, and 4-5:30 p.m.

To jumpstart the turkey donations, the

Collier Professional Firefighters Local 2396 (made up of East Naples and Golden Gate firefighters) will be delivering \$2,000 worth of frozen turkeys in their 5th annual SMH Turkey Drop on Friday at 10:30 a.m.

At the Bonita Springs Thrift Store food pantry location, SMH will be signing up families for meals today, Thursday, Nov. 17, from 10 a.m.-1 p.m., then distributing the meals on Tuesday, Nov. 22 from 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Approximately 100 Lee County families in need are expected to sign up at this location.

St. Matthew's House thanks Dave Williams and Sweetbay Supermarkets for lending them a refrigerated truck in which to store the frozen turkeys for holiday giveaway. They also thank Home Depot, located at the corner of Airport Rd. and Davis Blvd, for the use of their parking lot, where the truck will be parked and the distribution of food will take place on the 21st.

In 2010, SMH volunteers served over 550 meals to those in need in our community on Thanksgiving Day in its dining hall. Given the economic times, they expect to serve that many again, if not more. Please call St. Matthew's House Communications and Event Officer Julie Clay for further information 239-774-0500 or 239-298-5026.

Immokalee volunteers needed for income tax assistance program

Volunteers from the Immokalee area are needed for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program, a collaborative effort between Catholic Charities of Collier County, the Legal Aid Society of Collier County, Redlands Christian Migrant Association and the Internal Revenue Service.

"Anyone can volunteer for this program. You do not need any accounting experience," said Karynn Cavero, Unit Head of the Low Income Taxpayer Clinic of the Legal

Aid Society of Collier County. Last year the program assisted 47 families who received more than \$60,000 in tax returns.

Training is provided and volunteers will be asked to donate four to six hours a week during February and March helping clients at Guadalupe Social Services of Catholic Charities in Immokalee. For more information contact Ninfa Drago at 239-657-6242 or email ninfad@centurylink.net.



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/Rick Heers
Lavigne Ann Kirkpatrick was the speaker; Mary Curtis, Dr. Weiss, Vicki Jo Letchworth, and Michele Arnold were on the discussion panel.

Collier Senior Resources shares with the community

By Rick Heers

Special to the Immokalee Bulletin

Several dozen people representing a variety of service organizations met for several hours last week at the Naples Daily News Community Room to listen to a number of presenters share ideas on how we can better serve our seniors and their caregivers. Collier County is blessed to have the Collier Senior Resources and the Leadership Council on Aging to coordinate services to the community. The first goal of the Women's Philanthropic Network was to improve community communications regarding senior services. This network has been transformed into the Leadership Council on Aging. One of the goals was to provide a way for seniors to research and locate services within the community. At the old Golden Gate Library they have set up a Virtual Resource Directory, a center without walls. The second goal was to start a "211" information resource for the county...one of the only counties without such a service.

Jim Barton, chair of the CSR hosted and directed the panel discussions following a presentation by Mary George representing the Community Foundation of Collier County promoting the new "211" program for Collier County. The CFCC has raised over three-fourths of the \$611,000 to start up this much needed resource, and is busy raising the annual cost of \$200,000 per year to provide this service to all of Collier County. To

find more information about this service and to see if your organization can be included in this directory, you can contact Brad Bailey at: collier211@gmail.com.

Two panels presented their programs to those present. The first panel included Mary Curtis of PACE-Program for All-inclusive Care for Elderly, Allen Weiss, M.D.-CEO of NCH Healthcare System who shared the program at Brookdale Center for Aging-a Rehab and extended care facility, Michele Arnold, director of Collier Area Transit, Vicki Jo Letchworth of the Shelter for Abused Women & Children, and Lavigne Ann Kirkpatrick, R.N. of Avow Hospice. Following this panel presentations were made by Jerry Sanford of the North Naples Fire Department, Jim Klug representing the Lions Club, Steve Edmonston of the Alzheimer's Support Network and Betty Gamel, A.R.N.P. of the Senior Friendship Center. A wonderful program is offered now by the North Naples Fire Department in which they deliver groceries for seniors who are confined to their homes. In cooperation with Publix at Riverwalk, employees of Publix fill the list for seniors, and two days a week, the firemen make the deliveries free of charge to the senior's homes and/or apartments.

Following the panel discussions and a question/answer period lunch was served.

Where does Immokalee need sidewalks?

The Collier County MPO will hold a public workshop to present the Immokalee Walkable Community Study. This study is to be used to identify and prioritize future sidewalks throughout the Immokalee Community.

Please plan on attending this public workshop to learn more about the Study and to provide YOUR input into the final version of this document.

When: Monday, Nov. 21, at 2 p.m. at Immokalee Community Park, 321 North 1st Street. For more information please contact Lorraine Lantz, Principal Planner, at 239-252-5779.

Hundreds attend CCSO's Day Against Slavery event

By Rick Heers

Special to the Immokalee Bulletin

The Collier County Sheriff's Office, in partnership with the Collier County Coalition Against Human Trafficking, held a special program at the Community Park in Immokalee this past Saturday. Several hundred local farm workers and their families came out to enjoy free grilled hot dogs and hamburgers, prepared by deputies along with music and drawings for prizes provided by La Ley, radio station WAFZ who broadcast live from the site.

The CCSO annually sponsors this event to help inform the community of the dangers of human trafficking which seems most prevalent in agricultural communities. Along with McGruff the crime-fighting dog, the most popular site appeared to be the special mobile unit that fingerprinted the children free of charge. There was a constant line waiting for entrance into the special unit. The Minor-



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Mothers with young children line up in front of the CCSO Special Mobile Unit that fingerprinted children free of charge during the event.

ity Affairs Task Force and Crime Prevention Section of the CCSO provided information about a variety of programs to keep our community safe from criminal activity.

The Collier County Health Department and number of other community service organizations set up tables to advertise their business, providing tokens and gifts to those who visited their site.

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