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Christmas dreams Saturday

Break out the Christmas carols, the egg nog, the decorations! The time is here! Saturday, Dec. 10, Santa returns to Immokalee and he's bringing his whole entourage.

Co-Grand Marshals Rick Heers and Annie Alvarez will lead the parade.

The Christmas around the World Parade and Gala committee has got a special holiday treat again this year.

Forget a white Christmas. This year is Immokalee is "Going Greener for our Environment" and showing it off in the big Christmas parade.

Line up at 4 p.m. on the corner of Carver Street and Immokalee Road (First Street), directly across from the Immokalee Seminole Casino.



Rick Heers



Annie Alvarez

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Feel better . . . just express yourself

by **Patty Brant**

Immokalee Bulletin

Even in the 21st Century, healing is not an

exact science. No one is sure how much human health is intertwined with things like feelings and attitude.

Making the best use of these "medications"



Immokalee Bulletin/Patty Brant

Bethann Mohamed, psychology fellow and Zumba instructor, got things going at the Arts in Healing presentation December 6. See more pictures of the presentation on Pages 3 and 4.

via art was the focus of a special presentation Dec. 6 at the Florida State University Center for Arts in Healthcare (UF CAHRE). Immokalee is envisioned as the regional center for the arts in medicine initiative.

The unveiling of the program Tuesday evening and training session Wednesday were a collaborative effort between the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs, Shands Arts in Medicine (AIM), the UF Center for the Arts in Healthcare and several Immokalee community agencies. Participating were the FSU College of Medicine, CHS Healthcare (Collier Health Services) and the Collier County Health Department, The Alliance for the Arts and the United Arts Council of Collier County, with support from the Kresge Foundation and the Florida Division of Cultural Affairs, are also a big part of this project.

The informal reception Tuesday evening gave an overview of the project, which seeks to use local talent as artistic therapy to develop healthy attitudes and living styles.

From break dancing to poetry, the reception served as a mini introduction to the diverse talents Immokaleans can tap into for "medicinal purposes."

Dr. Karimu Smith-Barron, Medical Education Program Director for FSU College of

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Orphaned panther back in Big Cypress

On Tuesday, November 29, 2011 Florida panther K304 -- now identified as FP194 -- was returned to Big Cypress National Preserve. The release of the cat occurred in a remote area of the Preserve around 7:30 p.m. near where the cat was removed in October of 2010. Due to transport timing and change of release area this activity was not open to the public as originally planned.

On October 25, 2010, through on-going tracking activity within the Preserve, it was discovered that the radio-collar of female panther FP102 was emitting a mortality signal. Upon reaching the site of the signal, National Park

Service (NPS) biologists found the remains of the cat. A subsequent necropsy confirmed that FP102 had died from wounds received during a fight. Five months earlier the cat had given birth to two male kittens. After the death of FP102, one of the offspring, K304, was discovered orphaned. His sibling was never found.

Upon discovering K304 the NPS, working closely with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), transported the kitten to the White Oak Conservation Center (WOCC), a wildlife facility in northeastern Florida. At the facility K304 was cared for and

housed in appropriate facilities with minimal human contact. Now K304, a young, healthy cat, is of the age that it can be released near the area it was born.

Early on November 29 the cat was captured and tranquilized within the holding facility at WOCC, fitted with a new radio collar by NPS staff and evaluated by Scott Citino, Center Veterinarian; Mark Cunningham, FWC Veterinarian and other White Oak Staff. Upon return to the Preserve FP194 was 1.5 years old, 86 pounds and determined to be in good condition. NPS staff will monitor movements of the cat by tracking the new radio collar.

Art

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Medicine Immokalee, made the initial announcement of the program and urged locals to support it - to get involved.

Bethann Mohamed is a third-year medical student who has "fallen in love" with Immokalee. She directed the audience's attention to local murals and paintings along the walls.

Dr. Javier Rosado is a Psychologist and Behavior Health Instructor on faculty at the institution. "I'm proud to be in a community where there so much talent," he said. He explained their goal of bringing the arts into health care through the community itself.

In Immokalee, Dr. Rosado will coordinate the program and reach out to the entire community. His vision is to use its people's many talents to shore up that resilience and improve its health.

The event and training are intended to be a call to the community to work together - for groups and organizations and individuals to take the initiative and build their own art-based projects.

These projects can then work their magic on bodies, minds and souls - one patient at a time.

Jenny Lee is with the US Center for the

Arts and Health Care, the core agency in the project. She noted that the FSU College of Medicine, Department of Health and Guadalupe Center are all committed to the project. She is a former dancer, actor and singer who has incorporated those talents into her health care work.

"Feelings are the essence of the arts in health care." She noted that throughout the ages, art has always been an integral part of healing rituals. She is committed to bringing that concept to rural communities like Immokalee.

Ms. Lee explained, "The program lives in the community. Arts are neutral." She added that Immokalee is unique. She is excited about engaging with the agricultural community and impressed with the youth leadership displayed here. "That hasn't happened in other communities," she explained.

Jill Sonke said four years ago funding was secured to explore art in health care in rural communities. First, the seed was planted in the Florida Panhandle. She said she is amazed at the "immense amount of creativity in this community" and at the array of community partners willing to step up.

In large communities, the arts and healing programs are often based in hospitals, she said.

The talent level at the event was extraordinary.

Immokalee High School senior Benissa Chery shared her sweet but powerful vocal talents. An Immokalee Foundation scholar, she is currently awaiting college acceptance.

Edison State College student Michael Einsenberg made a special trip from Estero to play guitar and sing.

The Unknz (Unknowns) - Jonathan Mendoza and Alex Mendoza (no relation) - are 14-year-old friends whose lives revolve around their art, break dancing. Jonathan reveals his passion as he describes how he got started dancing and his plans.

He and Alex are dedicated to practicing their art and invigorated by their audience's approval. He said the crowd particularly seems to appreciate their improvisational "routines."

Power moves are Jonathan's forte - those energetic leaps and spins - while Alex is more into the robotics movements of the dance form. In fact, they say most dancers don't do true break dancing any more and they'd like to bring it back. Jonathan also said he dreams of marrying break dance moves with cool, smooth jazz instruments like "A Quarter to Three" to create his own unique style.

Jonathan's mother, Maria Mendoza, is concerned about his dancing. After all, break dancing can be a little hazardous. That doesn't bother Jonathan and Alex. They say they truly love their dance and in-

tent to continue in spite of the unavoidable injuries that come with the territory.

"It's okay," Maria says in Spanish, "as long as they don't get hurt too much."

The young men have dance role models including their number one group Jabba-wockeez; number 2 Super Crew and number 3 Michael Jackson.

Victoria Frehe-Torres, FSU College of Medicine psychology fellow and Zumba instructor, led the group in an energetic dance routine. Arts just make people happier, she explained. It provides a basis for coming together, to interact, to get excited and build social support.

Dr. Smith-Barron said art can be beneficial to many patients including those suffering with hypertension, diabetes and even obesity.

It leads to self expression, self esteem and confidence which manifest themselves in inner peace and improved health.

Ms. Mohamed said it doesn't require a lot of materials - just you. Learning a new skill is therapeutic and can be beneficial to those suffering from depression or trauma. It's a distraction from the person's normal problems and can even help lengthen a person's life.

The message of the evening was: The more intense your life, the more you need an outlet. Laughter - or art - is still the best medicine, and we can all help provide it to each other.

Seminole Indian Casino.

Proceeds from the Santa photos go toward scholarships for IHS graduates.

Judge will awards the top parade floats with first, second and third places for nonprofits and best all around, as well as commercial participants.

Ms. Thomas said this year Christmas Around the World is trying for the Guinness Book of Records - taking on the Fort Myers Festival of Lights with its 400+ parade entries. Ms. Thomas said the Immokalee parade has entries all the way from Jacksonville and Sarasota. They googled Immokalee and decided to enter the parade!

The Eastern Collier County Chamber of Commerce hosts the gala event.

This year 2-3 year olds from Ave Maria Dance Studio will also perform for the crowd and Ten Striking Horses of Ave Maria will also make an appearance. Ms. Thomas said the committee is pleased to have Ave Maria's participation.

The event always benefits the community, so no professional vendors are allowed.

Christmas

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The entry fee to the gala is just \$1 per person - anyone six years of age or under is free.

Come out and be entertained by the famous Immokalee High School Marching Band.

Gala activities to look for include a hometown carnival with rides and games; extreme games like laser tag, sticky wall and other cool inflatable games.

Immokalee kids can feel the thrill of gliding on ice skates across a frigid rink and sliding down a snow-covered mountain.

For the adults - how about a "Can-you-Dance Contest" to determine Immokalee's top dancers including the best salsa couples, as well as other popular dance teams. There will be different categories ranging from 6 years old to adulthood.

A cash prize will be given to the best dancers.

Okay, here comes the "green" part. There will be a recycled costume fashion Show. Walk the runway with your fashions. Each entry must have a recycled costume item. Cash prizes will be given.

More "green" Christmas fun - enjoy the fourth, fifth and sixth grade students' essays on "How I can change my environment in Immokalee to go greener."

Chairman Cherryle Thomas hopes everyone comes out for some safe educational fun. She said the students' essays are always impressive and that they are always a hot topic of discussion at Immokalee's schools.

And what would a big community party be without lots of great food? Get your mouth ready for some great ethnic foods including Chinese, Hispanic and Cuban.

Parents, bring your little "Christmas package" all dressed up for the holidays. Babies from six to 18 months can compete.

All baby outfits must have some red or

green or gold or white to represent Christmas colors.

The Naples News photographer and our local newspaper photographer will be at the Gala to take pictures of beautiful baby event.

Wind up your dancing feet for the 15-minute marathon jitterbug contest. How's that for getting folks moving?

Over 20 participants are in the prettiest baby contest this year. Each will receive a certificate.

The music will continue with Three More Tenors from Seacrest Community School at the gala and marvel at the recycled costume contest - everything from Elvis and dashikis!

Then hang around to check out the recycled Christmas trees made from all sorts of disposable plastics.

Kids will get a kick out of the extreme carnival, but it's Santa's arrival via helicopter that always wins the kids' hearts. Have your kid's picture with Santa for just \$5. Children will also receive a new book, courtesy of the

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Students First

by Joe Landon

Just who are we and what do we do? Whether you have a child attending one of our Collier County Public Schools or not, you probably want to know how many students we have and in how many schools, and what our student population looks like demographically. You might want to know the daily attendance rate of our students, how many students we feed each day, and how many school buses we have transporting how many students along how many miles. These are the kinds of things dealt with in the Quick Facts section of our just-released Report to the Community. The five priorities of our new Superintendent, Dr. Kamela Patton, are detailed in this report. The top priority, Student Achievement, is given a good deal of treatment as you might expect with FCAT, ACT, SAT, and Advanced Placement exam results being shared. There is information in the report about the new elementary level Standards-Based Progress Reports, and the changes made by the state in graduation requirements. Finance is one of the pillars supporting Student Achievement, and this year's budget numbers are shared in this report. Human Capital, another pillar, is represented with information about our teaching corps. Community, the third pillar, involves community partners and our generous volunteers; numbers of



each are shared. Info regarding Communications, the fourth pillar, can be found in the report as well. The district's Governance Model (or Way of Work) is outlined. And the report shares our vision and mission, and provides you with a Strategic Plan update. To check out our Report to the Community – our report to you – go to the home page of the district Web site at www.collierschools.com where you'll find a couple of prominently displayed links to it. If you don't have Internet access, let us know with a call to (239) 377-0180 and we'll happily send you a printed copy.

I really want to emphasize that this is one of the easiest reads ever. Everything contained within is in capsule or summary form. There's no "educationese," just plain talk about the impact the district is having on our most precious resource – your children, our students. For us, "Excellence in Education" is what it's all about, and in Dr. Patton's message in the Report to the Community, she talks about wanting our district to become a great district, and asks for your help in making it so. "It requires a team effort – students, teachers and other staff, parents, and other community members – working shoulder-to-shoulder to provide the very best education possible." And she invites you to join the team!

Time to apply for school choice

Parents – if you are seeking to have your student attend a school other than the one he or she is zoned for, it's time for you to submit a Collier County Public Schools Out-of-Zone or School Choice request. Parents of students who are currently in either program must reapply. Approval is based on space availability at each school, and school bus service is not available in either case.

Out-of-Zone priority applications will be accepted between December 15 and January 15.

What is Out-of-Zone?

Per Board Policy 5120, the assignment of a child to a school (not to include an exceptional student program assignment) in a geographic area other than the school normally designated, is referred to as an "Out-of-Zone" school assignment. Out-of-Zone assignments are based on need, such as after-school care, work schedules, high school attendance at a specific career academy, or

hardship. Parents submitting an out-of-zone application must provide supporting documentation. Approvals are based on space availability.

School Choice priority applications can be submitted any time during January.

What is School Choice?

Per Board Policy 5120.01, School Choice provides the parents/guardians the opportunity to choose a school other than the school to which their students are zoned. Reasons are unnecessary when applying for School Choice. Approvals are based on space availability.

You may apply for either online at <http://www.collierschools.com/parents/zoning-info.asp>.

For further questions or to submit documents: Email: zoninginfo@collierschools.com; Phone: 239-377-0540; FAX: 239-377-0506; Mail: Lisa Roa/Student Relations at 5775 Osceola Trail, Naples, FL, 34109.

Thank you

To the Immokalee Bulletin:

On behalf of the entire Front Porch organization, I wish to extend our heartfelt thank you for the remarkable article that ran in the November 17 Immokalee Bulletin. You know, when your centerpiece is helping someone else, you really are not aware of the many talents that you have. While reading the article, the words appeared to come off the page and reminded me of God's love. We endeavor to be a part of the change and to know that we made a difference in someone's life.

Again, thank you for seeing the value in our nonprofit. May your home and the Immokalee Bulletin be filled with blessings and peace now and forevermore.

With gratitude,
Vicki Carr
Community Liaison Front Porch



Submitted photo

The historic Monroe Station.

Learn about the "Monroe Station and the Trail"

When the Tamiami Trail was completed across the Everglades in 1928, Barron Collier set up six patrol stations along the road to help motorists. One of these historic buildings is Monroe Station, once a popular wayside stop in the desolate Big Cypress east of Ochopee.

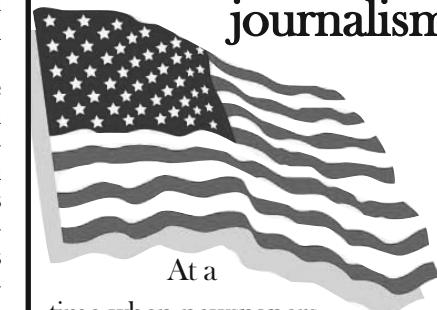
It became a popular meeting place for hunters who still leave their trucks there when negotiating the Loop Road on swamp buggies. The building has been closed and boarded up for many years but it is listed on the National Register of Historic Places.

You can hear about the history of Monroe Station, the gladesman culture that favored it, and plans for its future at an illustrated lecture on Friday, December 9, at 5:30 p.m. in the Community Church Annex in Everglades City. Speaker Bob DeGross is the Chief of Interpretation and Public Affairs at Big Cypress National Preserve where there are many archival records.

Members of the public are welcome and invited to share their memories of Monroe

Station after the formal presentation. This free event is hosted by the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation. For more info, see their Web site www.evergladeshistorical.org or phone Marya at (239) 695-2905.

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Feelin' the music

Break dancers, Jonathan Mendoza, left, and Alex Mendoza (no relation) are the Unknz (Unknowns). Here they show off some of their moves at Tuesday's Arts in Medicine event. Jonathan and Alex met at Immokalee Middle School and Jonathan turned Alex on to the dance form. The two perform throughout the county almost every weekend. Their dream is to make it big on America's Best Dance Group one day and end up with a gig in Las Vegas.

Florida Community Bank holds food drive for St. Matthew's House

Naples, FL – Florida Community Bank's Naples branches reached out to help those in need this holiday season with a drive for the St. Matthew's House annual free Thanksgiving meal distribution.

The bank collected 456 food items to help SMH provide Thanksgiving dinners for over 1,000 struggling families in our community.

"Our team of employees really embraced the opportunity to give back to our community. They saw the need to help our local community and not only donated food items, but also volunteered their time to help St. Matthew's House distribute the food. It is really great to see people within our community supporting each other," said Leah Pogel, Branch Manager, Florida Community Bank.

Please visit Stmatthewshouse.org or contact Communications and Event Officer Julie Clay at 239-774-0500 for more information.

About St. Matthew's House

The mission of St. Matthew's House is to change lives in a spiritual environment that is both compassionate and disciplined, as well as providing housing for the homeless and

food for the needy. A 501(c)(3) non-profit entity, SMH, along with Immokalee Friendship House, has been serving the homeless, hungry and hopeless in Collier County since 1987. SMH is the only emergency housing and recovery program in the county, offering 170 beds for men, women, and families. SMH is also the only feeding ministry in Naples, serving meals at Justin's Place and operating a substance-abuse recovery program (the first of its kind in Southwest Florida) under the same name. SMH also operates three thrift stores, two food pantries, a full service catering company, Wolfe Apartments transitional affordable housing, and a direct assistance program to individuals and families in need.

About Florida Community Bank

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Community Briefs

Designers' Boutique

The Women's Shelter's Designers' Boutique returns with more vendors and new days!

The Shelter for Abused Women & Children's Designers' Boutique, part of the 2012 Mending Broken Hearts with Hope Luncheon, is set for Monday and Tuesday, February 20 and 21, 2012, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at The Ritz-Carlton, Naples, 280 Vanderbilt Beach Road.

Held in the Plaza Ballroom and the Artisan Room, this year's Designers' Boutique moves to Monday and Tuesday, and features 32 vendors including some 'favorites' from previous years - Anita Ford Collection, Nina McLemore Collection, Melanie White

Designs, The Romantic Room, Trillion, A Wreath of Wishes - as well as new vendors such as Fancy's Folly, Queen Bee Studio, ThRedHeads, Valerie Louthan and more!

Admission to the Designers' Boutique is free; \$5 valet parking on Monday, or complimentary valet parking with a Ritz-Carlton retail or food and beverage purchase.

The Boutique is one component of The Shelter's Tuesday, February 21, 2012, Mending Broken Hearts with Hope Luncheon featuring Dr. Jackson Katz as keynote speaker and including a general reception, Silent Auction, Drawing/Raffle and the luncheon.

Tickets for the 12th annual Mending Broken Hearts with Hope Luncheon are \$350/person; \$1,500/Patron; sponsorships available.

Calling all CNA's and HHA's

Caregiver Services Inc. will be conducting interviews for Certified Nursing Assistants and Home Health Aides for the Immokalee area. All interested individuals who have a current CNA/HHA License are welcome to apply.

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Early dismissal for local students in January

Collier County Public School middle and high school students will have three end-of-semester early dismissal days during mid-term/semester exams in January. The early dismissal time is three hours earlier than the dismissal time on other days. Each child's school will send home details related to the school bell schedule on exam days. Breakfast and lunch will be served on all early dismissal days.

For Semester 1, end-of-semester middle and high school exam days and early dismissal days are as follows:

- Wednesday, January 11, 2012
 - Thursday, January 12, 2012

ESC Collier Campus' Student Services Building Opens

December 2, 2011 – NAPLES, FLA. – Edison State College Collier Campus students now have a one-stop location for their needs. The new, 23,700 square-foot Student Services building is open and ready.

"It's a beautiful, energy-efficient building that gives our students a single location for our students, from admission, testing, records and advising to the cashier's office and our new, expanded bookstore," said Dr. Robert R. Jones, Interim Campus President. The Student Services Building also has administrative offices and a community room on the second floor. Visitor parking to the building is available off the west entrance to the campus on Grand Lely Drive.

Dil Well Road safety project begins

Construction is starting this week on the Oil Well Road Safety Improvement Project that will widen the travel lanes and add paved shoulders on Oil Well Road between Everglades Boulevard and Oil Well Grade Road. Plans call for the two travel lanes (one eastbound and one westbound) to be widened from 10 feet wide to 12 feet wide, the addition of three-foot paved shoulders on the north side and five-foot paved shoulders on the south side of the roadway, plus replacing the guardrails at the Faka Union Canal Bridge and at the box culvert (drainage structure) at the east end of the project limits.

The county currently is widening Oil Well Road in two sections in a separate project, from two lanes to four lanes from Immokalee Road to Everglades Boulevard, and from two lanes to six lanes from Oil Well Grade Road to just east of Ave Maria Boulevard. The upgrades to the middle section of Oil Well Road that are now starting are scheduled to be substantially complete in spring 2012 with final completion in summer 2012. The final asphalt and pavement markings are being coordinated to be completed when the final layer of asphalt and pavement markings are scheduled for the other

· Friday, January 13, 2012

The January 11 and January 12 early dismissal days apply to middle and high school students only, but January 13 will be an early dismissal day for all students K-12.

End-of-semester early dismissal days provide extended time for exam periods and sufficient time for teachers to carefully score the assessments. Exam periods will be the same length at all schools district-wide.

Collier County Public Schools' early dismissal day information is posted on the "Calendars" page of the district Web site at www.collierschools.com.



Submitted photo/**Marya Repko**

Have fun doing your holiday shopping!

Come to historic Everglades City on Saturday, December 10, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for Art-in-the-Glades when hand-made crafts and local artworks will be on offer. Let the kiddies play on the swings in McLeod Park while you browse among the booths under the pavilion and then enjoy hotdogs and baked goods for lunch as you listen to live music. Vendors are invited to set up a table. For information, call Marya on (239) 695-2905 or see www.evergladeshistorical.org. DIRECTIONS:

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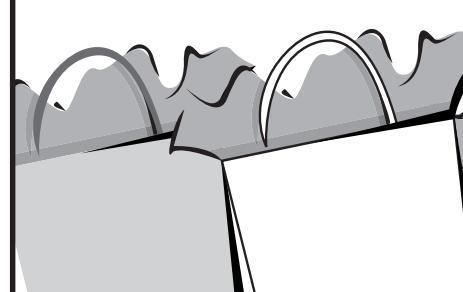
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Notice is hereby given that two or more members of the Immokalee CRA/EZDA Advisory Boards may attend public meetings during the month of December.

Christmas Around the World Gala: December 10, 2011 at the Immokalee Sports Complex, located at 505 Escambia Street, Immokalee, FL 34142, 5:00 P.M.

Eastern Collier Chamber of Commerce Board Meeting: December 14, 2011 at the Chamber of Commerce Office, 720 North 15th St., Immokalee, FL 34142, 8:30 A.M.

Immokalee Fire Control District: December 15, 2011 at the Fire Station, 502 East New Market Road, Immokalee, FL, 7:00 P.M.

Immokalee Water & Sewer District Board of Directors: December 21, 2011 at the Immokalee Water & Sewer District Office, 1020 Sanitation Road, Immokalee, FL 34142, 3:30 P.M.

Immokalee Community Taskforce Meeting: December 27, 2011 at the Collier County Health Department, 419 North First Street, Immokalee, FL 34142, 10:00 A.M.

Immokalee Beautification MSTU Advisory Committee: No meeting scheduled in December.

In regard to the public meetings:

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Collier County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee

Monday, Dec. 12, 3 p.m.

Notice is hereby given that the Collier County Affordable Housing Advisory Committee will meet Monday, December 12th, at 3:00 p.m. at the Board of County Commissioners chambers, located on the third floor of the Collier County Government Center, 3299 Tamiami Trail E., Naples, Florida 34112-5746.

Collier County Contractors Licensing Board

Wednesday, Dec. 21, 9 a.m.

Notice is hereby given that the Collier County Contractors Licensing Board will meet Wednesday, December 21, at 9:00 a.m. in the Board of County Commissioners chambers, third floor, Collier County Government Center, 3299 Tamiami Trail East, Naples.

Collier County Finance Committee Friday, Dec. 16, 10 a.m.

Notice is hereby given that the Collier County Finance Committee will meet Friday, December 16, at 10:00 a.m. in the County Manager's Front Conference Room, second floor, Collier County Government Center, 3299 Tamiami Trail East, Naples.

Sun-N-Fun opens for Collier County Schools Winter Break

Sun-N-Fun Lagoon Water Park will open for Winter Break from Thursday, December 22 through Wednesday, January 4 from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day. Sun-N-Fun Lagoon will be closed Christmas Day.

Relax right in your own back yard at Sun-N-Fun Lagoon's family friendly attractions. Plus, Collier County residents with a driver's license showing a Collier County address receive a discount of \$2 on entries for those 48 inches or taller!

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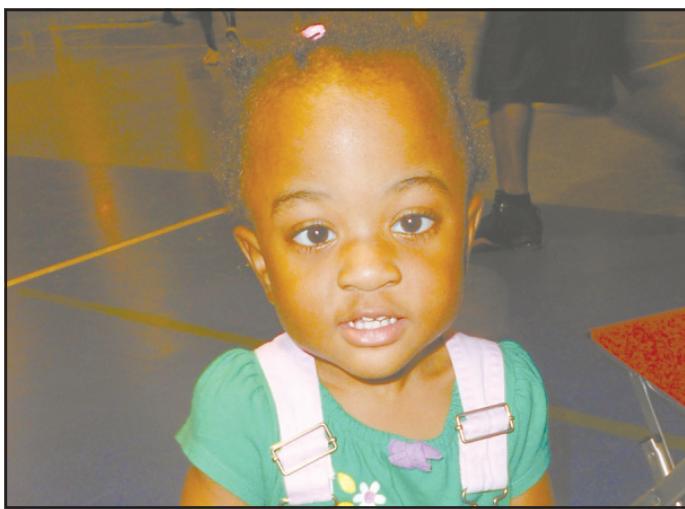
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For more information about Sun-N-Fun Lagoon or other public pool facilities, please visit the Parks and Recreation Department online at www.napleswaterpark.com. or call Sun-N-Fun Lagoon at (239) 252-4021.



Submitted photos/Mintzy Berry

Ebony Townsend, Louis Hall and Shay Fryson-Simon.



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Cheerleader, three-
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Turkey Hoops Basketball a Thanksgiving success

IMMOKALEE – Thanksgiving is a time for families and friends to share a meal, reminisce and watch football. This year basketball was added to the weekend list of things to do as locals gathered to watch the charity game. The Turkey Hoops basketball game hosted by the Greater Immokalee Front Porch kicked off Saturday, November 26, at the "Gym" (Sports Complex) with opening prayer by Ms. Mintzy Berry followed by I.H.S. student Ebony Townsend, who enthused the crowd with singing the National Anthem.

The lineup included Tremaine Dale, Jernell Hughes, Devid Pierre, Miah Warren, Demandre Fuller, Benito Colaazo, Johnny Veren, Joshua Washington and many others. A surprising appearance by female hoopster, Ernishia Freeman, showed her prowess on the court. Shay Fryson-Simon maintained the scoreboard while Reggie Howard filled

the gym with sultry sounds. James Hall and Louis Hall referred with backup from Wilson Riley.

As quoted by Henry Ford, "Coming together is a beginning; keeping together is progress; working together is success." This sums up the evening with family, friends and locals that joined together for a successful event said, volunteer player Devid Pierre. The energies that filled the gym were very exciting as the crowd cheered on the three-shooters, free throws and most of all, the teamwork. Future games should be proposed as this is a great way to get us guys and gals together for a fun-filled event said, Devid.

A hearty thank you to the attendees, volunteers, Front Porch Board and Community Circle Group members and staff of Parks and Recreation for your support.