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## Priddy named to FWC Commission

By Patty Brant  
Immokalee Bulletin

Liesa Priddy understands the value of what's around us every day. She grew up involved with the great outdoors: camping, fishing, hunting, kyaking and canoeing around Immokalee.



Liesa Priddy

During that time she developed a love for and a caring attitude toward those things that make up the Everglades experience.

It is that understanding that prompted her to apply for the seat on the Florida Wildlife Conservation Commission being vacated by Dwight Stephenson.

On Dec. 22, Gov. Rick Scott officially appointed Liesa to that position. She took that seat Jan. 6 and will remain in that position until Jan. 6, 2017. Her appointment is contingent on confirmation by the Florida Senate.

Being interested in the position for several years, Liesa knew that few openings come up on the commission. It has only seven members, each serve five-year terms.

She said has always been concerned about the management of fish and wildlife resources in Florida. She strongly believes in making sure they are

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## 2012 first freeze...

*more winter to come*



Submitted photo/Gene McAvoy

Last week's spotty freeze caused some damage to area crops, but farmers were spared the destruction of 2011. Here a tomato field in Felda shows the effects of subfreezing temperatures.



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/Gene McAvoy

Eggplant in Felda look pretty bedraggled after being subjected to freezing temperatures last week.

## Freeze impact - no comparison

2011 freeze brought much worse

By Patty Brant  
Immokalee Bulletin

The first cold temperatures of 2012 did a little damage to area crops, but nothing resembling the terrible loss farmers and citrus growers faced after last year's devastating freezes.

University of Florida Cooperative Extension Director and Region-

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available for future generations, for our current citizens and tourists.

The Southwest Florida area hasn't had a representative on the FWCC since the 1990's when Joe Marlin Hilliard of Clewiston served. FWCC members serve at large, she said, but she believes that a local perspective on the important issues involving the Everglades is a big plus for the area as well as the entire state.

She sees an opportunity to supply the local input into statewide issues that has been lacking for many years. Each commission member has the opportunity to contribute something to the discussion that the others may not have, she points out. She will have her chance to share her intimate knowledge of the Everglades that others from other geographic areas may lack.

Leisa was raised in Immokalee and attended schools here from K-8 before going off to school. As a young person she soaked up the natural lifestyle of her family and has sought to preserve it for her own family.

Leisa has been the owner of JB Ranch since 2007 and a conflict of interest coordinator with Cohen and Grigsby P.C. since 2006. Previously, she was the office manager for Siket, Solis and Maher from 1999 to 2006. She has served on the Ave Maria Steward-

ship Community District since 2005 and on the Big Cypress Basin Board from 2004 to 2010. She served on the board of directors for the Economic Development Council of Collier County from 2009 to 2010 and received the 2011 Land Conservationist of the Year Award from the Florida Wildlife Federation. Liesa received a bachelor's degree from Georgia Southern University and attended the Graduate School of Banking at Louisiana State University.

The FWCC has a broad spectrum of responsibilities including all fishing and hunting regulations for the State of Florida; the management of all state owned wildlife management and hunting areas; and also includes research and the law enforcement aspect. She said the commission is responsible for over one thousand employees.

You can add protected and endangered species to the list.

The commission is required to meet a minimum of five times each year but also has special meetings for budget planning and other important issues as they arise.

Looking forward to serving on the commission, Liesa hopes to make sure Florida's resources are always available to the public and that public land is used to maximum capacity. Our environments, she believes, always have something for everyone. Even those who are not directly "connected" to the wildlife scene benefit from some exposure to nature, she noted.

## FREEZE

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al Vegetable Agent IV Gene McAvoy said the damage was spotty, due to "micro climates" throughout the area in which there were some very localized freezing temperatures. In fact, some areas saw subfreezing temperatures for six to eight hours, as low as 24-26 degrees.

He said some corn and beans, as well as older tomatoes and peppers, were lost. Devil's Garden saw no freezing temperatures at all.

More southern areas like Collier County were spared a lot of crop damage. In fact, Mr. McAvoy said Immokalee was actually warmer than Palmdale in Glades County, with about a six degree difference. Still, some Immokalee farmers lost older tomatoes. They avoided additional damage by keeping their crops warm with running wa-

ter. Some taller crops suffered frost damage as the warmth from the water did not reach the tops.

Citrus seems to have fared well as growers pumped water to protect the trees. Mr. McAvoy said there was some foliage damage on some trees, but it's hard to say what the impact might be.

Pockets of sugar cane sustained damage and will have to be harvested quickly.

Pasture grass turned brown from the frost, increasing feed costs for cattlemen. Depending on the length of time before it greens back up, it could mean the difference between profit and loss from some operations.

All in all, Mr. McAvoy said area ag interests probably lost in the tens of millions of dollars in crops to the latest freeze - not nearly the \$200 million they lost in the catastrophic freezes of 2011.

A cold front is expected this weekend, but farmers are not anticipating any serious freezes.

# CCSO continues to seek community help in locating missing boy

Three years ago, a search began for 6-year-old Adji Desir after he went missing while playing outside of his grandmother's house in Farm Worker Village in Immokalee.

The Collier County Sheriff's Office has never stopped searching for Adji.

CCSO and Adji's family still hold out hope that he will be found.

On anniversary of Adji's disappearance, the CCSO is issuing this release to once again ask the community's help in providing any additional information that may aid detectives.

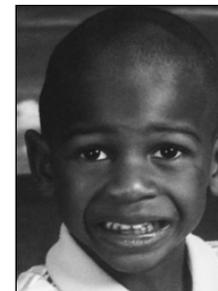
Adji, who would have turned 9 in October, was last seen playing outside his grandmother's house in Farm Worker Village in Immokalee on Jan. 10, 2009, while his mother was at work. There has been no sign of him since.

More than 1,300 people from law enforcement and other agencies around Florida including 700 CCSO deputies joined in an intensive weeklong air, ground and water search for the boy, who is developmentally disabled. Searchers combed the Immokalee area on horseback and all-terrain vehicles, in helicopters, with K-9, as well as in patrol cars, boats and on foot.

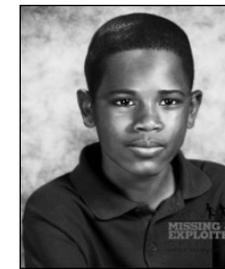
CCSO investigators fielded hundreds of tips in the weeks after Adji's disappearance, but the number of tips has since dwindled.

National exposure of the case helped to generate dozens of new leads after Adji was featured on the cover of the November 2009 issue of People magazine, which profiled the cases of six children who went missing that year.

Adji's photo and information were featured on national direct mail advertising fliers distributed to 75 million homes across the United States in November/December 2009. The National Center For Missing & Exploited Children® (NCMEC), Valassis Inc, a leading media and marketing services co-



Adji Desir, age 6



Adji Desir, age 9 (age progressed photo)

pany, and the U.S. Postal Service distributed the fliers as part of Valassis' Have You Seen Me?® picture program.

NCMEC recently generated a progressed photo of how Adji may now appear at the age of 9. Click here to view Adji's profile on NCMEC's website.

Adji's disappearance was profiled in July 2011 on the television program "Vanished With Beth Holloway." A crew from "Vanished" was in Collier County for more than a week in 2011 conducting interviews, including with CCSO Sgt. Ken Becker and Detective Ellen Kastner of the Special Crimes Bureau and Adji's family members, for the segment.

The case has also been profiled on CNN's "Nancy Grace" show and on "America's Most Wanted" as well as on the AMW website.

CCSO is asking the community to repost this news release on their social media sites to help generate leads.

Anyone with information is asked to call the Collier County Sheriff's Office at 239-252-9300, or if you wish to remain anonymous call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-780-TIPS (8477).

The age-progressed photo was generated by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children depicting how Adji Desir may appear as a 9-year-old.

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## Letters to the Editor

### Annual Harvest Festival in Immokalee

The Eastern Collier Chamber of Commerce with the outstanding support of The Florida Community Bank would like to invite you to participate in our "Annual Harvest Festival in Immokalee," April 14. The community of Immokalee in an effort to revive our traditional Harvest Festival, needs your help and participation, just like in the past, to make this festival the fun experience we all remember.

This year's Festival Theme is.....

"Harvesting, the Past, the Present and the Future in Immokalee"

The parade will began at Popeye's around Schumann's Curve at 11:30 a.m. and go directly down to the Airport Park located at 128 Airways Road/State Road #29. Lineup time is 10:30 a.m., on the curve.

Our Harvest Festival will host the following activities:

April 6, at 7 p.m.

"Harvest Festival Queen Competition"

\*The Official Harvest Festival Queen Court Crowning Competition will take place at the Immokalee High School Auditorium-701 Immokalee Drive, Immokalee. Admission is \$5 per person. Kids under 6 years of age are FREE!

April 14 at 11:30 a.m.

Harvest Festival Parade Starts:

\*Collier County Sheriff Department Color Guards and Immokalee High School ROTC Color Guards lead our colorful Parade down the street.

\*Eastern Collier Chamber of Commerce Executive Director and Chamber's President start off our lineup of VIPs and Dignitaries

\*Harvest Festival Queen Court Floats, Agricultural Floats and our Famous Immokalee Middle and High School Marching Bands and lots of other walking entries.

\*View our unique Antique Autos rolling down our Parade route and much more....

Schedule of Event at Airport Park immediately after the Parade.

\*There are exotic Food Vendors of all cultures, and our famous, Wild Hog BBQ with the Immokalee Salad.

\*Live Home Town entertainment ALL DAY!

\*4-H LIVESTOCK Demonstration with the winners from our local County Fair

\*Unique multicultural Arts and Craft items available

\*Celebrate with us the winners of our local Baby Contest

\*Photo Opt Station with your favorite Horse or Tractor

\*Bounce House

\*Rock Wall

\* Mr Leg Contest, any Males can participate and strut down our runway with for the most beautiful "LEGS"

\*Farm Workers Tomato Staking Contest & others work related Agricultural obstacles with trophies

\*An array of Agricultural Fruits and Veggies that are grown in Immokalee for sell

\*A KIDS Tent with games, arts and craft and their own Ice Cream Wagon for refreshments

\*Horseshoe Competition against different Farms/Crew leaders with a trophy

\*5 minutes Sack Races with small prizes all day

\*Vintage cars on display with judges to give out all the trophies

\* Do a Cake Walk for your favorite Dessert

\* We have a Dunk Tank for that Favorite person you always wanted to get wet!

\*Display of some of the largest Fruits & vegetables grown in Immokalee with the growers on hand for questions

\*Pick up a Rubber Duckie and find your fortune

\*Ring Tossing to get that perfect prize

Gate admission to our Harvest Festival is FREE. Parking cost \$2 per vehicle.

Net proceeds made from this Event goes directly to the Eastern Collier Chamber of Commerce Scholarship Funds to benefit graduating Seniors from Immokalee High School.

The Harvest Festival committee is looking forward to your participation.

If additional information is needed, please call...Eastern Collier Chamber of Commerce at 239-657-3237 or e-mail ecoc@comcast.net

Sincerely,  
Harvest Festival event chair

## Weather Forecast

Weather forecast for Collier County from the National Weather Service

### Local Forecast

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 75. Calm wind becoming west around 6 mph.

**Thursday night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 52. West wind around 6 mph becoming calm.

### Extended Forecast

**Friday:** Sunny, with a high near 73. North wind between 5 and 9 mph.

**Friday night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 45. North wind between 3 and 7 mph.

**Saturday:** Sunny, with a high near 74.

**Saturday night:** Mostly clear, with a low around 47.

**Sunday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 73.

**Sunday night:** Partly cloudy, with a low around 46.

**M.L.King Day:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 70.

## Community News in Brief

### Beginner violin lessons offered

The Ave Maria Hometown Band & Orchestra will be starting a beginning violin program in Ave Maria, 10 minutes away from Immokalee for children that are nine years old or older. Our organization started with a concert band group, then progressed to a band. Last year, we added an orchestra. We are continuing with the orchestra for musicians that are in eighth grade to university level, with 3 years experience or more and also the Classical Virtuosi of Ave Maria beginning violin program. The cost for the beginning violin program is approximately \$10-11 a lesson for 41 lessons, and the cost for the orchestra program is about \$20 a les-

son. For more information, visit our website [www.amhbo.org](http://www.amhbo.org). For more information, please contact Mary Stuller, founder at 239-300-2742 or cell: 239-200-4331.

### Quit Smoking in 2012

Tobacco Free Florida offers a number of free and convenient resources to help Floridians quit using tobacco. Call the Florida Quitline at 1-877-U-CAN-NOW to speak with a Quit Coach who will help you assess your addiction and help you create a personalized quit plan. Visit <https://www.quitnow.net/florida>. Sign up for Quit Smoking Now group classes at your local Area Health Education Center (AHEC) by calling 1-877-819-2357.

## Obituaries

### Deoma Novella Vickery, 88

LEHIGH ACRES — Deoma Novella Vickery, 88, passed away on Monday, Dec. 19, 2011, at 11:10 a.m.

She passed peacefully in Hope Hospice located in Lehigh Acres. Previous to her passing she resided with

granddaughter, Joanna Vickery. Novella was born in Alabama and moved to Immokalee, at a young age. After retiring she resided in Arcadia, for many years then moved to Ft. Myers, briefly and recently relocated to Le-



high Acres. She worked in the fields and packing houses before going to work for Highlands Elementary School (in Immokalee) where she started working in the lunchroom and retired as a custodian.

She is survived by Marchia Kirkland (daughter), Roy Vickery (son), and numerous grand and great-grandchildren. She now joins her husband, Lee Vickery, and other children: Francis Vickery (daughter), Joel Vickery (son), and Lecil Vickery (son) as well as her mother, father, and siblings, Vernon (brother), Inez (sister), Ruby (sister), Berthie (sister), Cecil (brother), James Wright (brother), and we believe there may have been others who passed long ago.

Her remains will be buried at First Baptist Cemetery in Immokalee, on Jan. 14, 2012, at 11 a.m.

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## Student early release days announced

A special reminder that Collier County Public School middle and high school students will be released on Thursday, Jan. 12, and Friday, Jan. 13, for end-of-semester exam days. The early dismissal days provide extended time for exam periods while providing sufficient time for teachers to carefully score the assessments. Breakfast and lunch will be served on all early dismissal days.

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

Collier County Public Schools' early dismissal day information is posted on the "Calendars" page of the district Web site at: [www.collierschools.com](http://www.collierschools.com).

## County high school grades released

The Florida Department of Education (DOE) is releasing the 2010-2011 grades for 474 graded public high schools. Here are the Collier County results:

Immokalee High School received a grade "C" for 2011, staying the same as their grade for the 2010 year.

Lorenzo Walker Technical High School jumped up one grade from last year's grade

of D. LWIT is now listed as a "C" school.

The DOE released 2010-2011 grades for elementary and middle schools in June of 2011. Of the 39 Collier County elementary and middle schools graded by the State (not including charter schools), 15 schools were graded "A," 12 were graded "B," seven were graded "C," and five schools received a "D" grade.

## Business News in Brief

### Repair your credit

Understanding Your Credit Rating will be presented by Empowerment Alliance Saturday, Jan. 21, from 10 a.m.-noon. Learn about your credit score and what it means; Register now: 239-867-4121 ext: 206 or e-mail [RosemaryDillon@immokalee.biz](mailto:RosemaryDillon@immokalee.biz).

Come to the Credit Repair Workshop at 1320 N. 15th Street, Immokalee.

between the two organizations. Friday, Jan. 20, 9:30 a.m., 1320 North 15th Street - Suite 2, Immokalee. Special guests include Collier County Commissioner Jim Coletta, SBA District Director Francisco Marrero, Executive Director of the Immokalee CRA Penny Philippi and members of the press.

Please RSVP to [RosemaryDillon@immokalee.biz](mailto:RosemaryDillon@immokalee.biz) or 239-867-4121.

### Entrepreneur School to begin in February

So you think you want to start a business? Sign up now for the IBDC Entrepreneur School. The six week course is designed to provide and approach for thinking through the development of a new business idea or the growth of an existing small business. The next class starts on Feb. 7 and continues through March 13. Each class is held on Tuesday from 6 until 7:30 p.m. at 1320 N. 15th Street, Suite 2, Immokalee. To register or for more information, please contact Rosemary Dillon at 239-867-4121 ext 206.

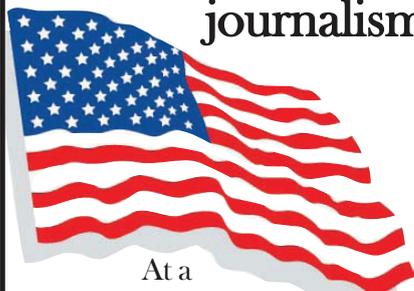
### Free landlord/tenant workshop offered

The Immokalee Business Development Center (IMMBIZ) will host a free workshop for Landlord/Tenant rights concerning commercial properties on Saturday, Feb. 4, from 10 a.m. until noon at the Immokalee CRA/IBDC office, 1320 North 15th Street, Ste 2, Immokalee. The workshop will be presented by Sam J. Saad, III, Attorney at Law. Pre-registration is necessary. For information, please call Rosemary Dillon at 239-867-4121 ext. 206.

### Strategic Alliance Agreement

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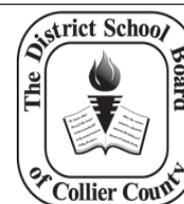
## Students First

### A new place to learn

By Joe Landon  
Collier County District Schools

I want to give you a heads up about a big Immokalee event planned for early next month. The brand spanking new Bethune Education Center will be officially dedicated by Collier County Public Schools on Thursday, Feb. 9. A dedication ceremony will begin at 5 p.m. right there at the new building — at 614 South 5th Street. You are invited to attend and then take a tour. One of the best parts of the new center is the focus on the historic nature of the Bethune Education Center. The heritage is being preserved with a tribute to Mary Bethune, located on the first floor, and with a gallery in the foyer full of mementos of the proud 60-year history of the Bethune Education Center. We'll have more info to share with you the next couple of weeks. For now though, we just ask that you save the important date — 5 p.m. February 9, 2012.

In case you didn't know, Immokalee High School is home to a Criminal Justice Academy, one of the 16 high school Career Academies in place in seven of our Collier County Public Schools. While all of our high schools have career education programs, a Career Academy differs from a traditional program in that an academy is designed specifically to offer a challenging program that's tied directly to the community and businesses through advisory councils, internships, mentoring, college



readiness, project-based learning, and other community connections. Career Academies have long been referred to as "schools within a school." Now let's get to the Immokalee High

School Criminal Justice Academy. Led by Criminal Justice Instructor Don Crabree, a law enforcement professional with more than 30 years of experience, more than 60 students are working to earn a Florida State Private Security License which will help a graduating senior land a job in the security field. In addition to their work in the classroom, the students get a ton of practice time in by taking part in parking details, athletic functions, and various community service projects. Service to the community is something that Immokalee High School "Indians" really believe in, so the academy fits the school perfectly. We saw the students on duty and in action in November when a Superintendent's Town Hall Meeting was held in the school's auditorium. I must say, we were suitably impressed! You could tell that these students just love to serve their fellow students and the community. Principal, Dr. Mary Murray, and everyone at the school should certainly be proud of the Immokalee High School Security Team and all of the students enrolled in the very successful Criminal Justice Academy. And we should all feel a little safer knowing they are there for us.

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# Volunteers from Michigan bring help to Immokalee

**By Rick Heers**

Special to the Immokalee Bulletin

Twenty volunteers from First Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor, Michigan traveled the many miles on a youth missions trip to help the work of I HOPE in Immokalee. In their second trip to Immokalee, the group of middle and high school students and their sponsors worked alongside staff from I HOPE in demolishing a home that had been declared condemned. First Presbyterian is a real believer in involving their youth in missions in America, and will annually join with another Presbyterian Church in Boise, Idaho each summer to travel to the southwestern part of the U.S. to assist in similar projects. Our hats are off to this fine group of exemplary young people.

While the work of I HOPE is usually that of building and rehabbing homes, occasionally they reach out to families who desperately need to have their dwellings demolished and carried away. Code enforcement had already levied pending fines against the owner of a condemned home on Price Ave., in Immokalee, but the fines were mounting as the family did not have the funding available to do the work.

At a cost of approximately \$2,500 to I HOPE, with the cost defrayed by the careful work of the volunteer group from Michigan, the work was able to be completed in less than a full week. No longer is the uninhabitable dwelling an eyesore and danger to the neighborhood.

Cooperation between non-profits is what helps I HOPE reach out and help families that are in need. In addition to the volunteer Presbyterians from Michigan and the staff of I HOPE, First United Methodist Church ladies provided evening meals for the group at their church fellowship hall on Roberts Ave., and Bethel Assembly of God Church provided housing for the group at their farm facility (formerly the Johnson Ranch) north of town. Without this type of cooperation this work could not be done.

It is important for the community to know that I HOPE cannot continue to provide assistance to the 65 homeowners who have applied for assistance unless other donations come in to help provide the cost of materials and permits. These are just a sampling of low income families who are anxiously looking for assistance. Anyone wishing to make a tax deductible donation to I HOPE, Inc., can come by their office/warehouse at 2050 Commerce Avenue in the Tradeport Technology Park, Unit #7, or can mail the same to P.O. Box 777, Immokalee, FL 34143-0777 receipts will be gladly distributed. For further information you may also call Rick Heers or David Grove at 239.657.3889.



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/Rick Heers  
**Fresh like Michigan Christmas Trees, these volunteers from First Presbyterian Church in Ann Arbor, Michigan bring lots of energy and new beauty to the Immokalee Community. Nearly two dozen young people came ready to work doing demolition, rebuilding and clean up. The volunteer work is particularly important to local homeowners who do not have the funds for repairs and fines levied due to the run down conditions of their homes.**



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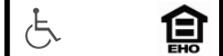
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**Public Notice**  
 There will be a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Immokalee Water and Sewer District on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at 3:30 P.M., at the office of the Immokalee Water and Sewer District, located at 1020 Sanitation Rd, Immokalee, FL 34142.

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
2. Preliminaries
  - A. Pledge of Allegiance
  - B. Roll Call
  - C. Adoption of Agenda
  - D. Employee Recognition
    1. November- Employee of the Month-TBA
    2. December- Employee of the Month-TBA
  - 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. November 16, 2011 Regular Meeting
  - B. Civil Rights Compliance Report
  - C. December Budget Review
  - D. Fixed Assets Acquisitions-Disposals
  - E. Various Reports
  - F. USDA Reporting for Stimulus Money
  - G. Project Change Orders
  - H. Engineer's Report - Greeley and Hansen
  - I. Director's Report
4. Action Agenda
  - A. Approval of Extending Line of Credit W/FCB
  - B. Approval of Rate Study
  - C. 2011 Fiscal Year End Audit
5. Discussion Agenda
  - A. Attorney's Report
6. Other Public Interests
7. Adjournment

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 COFFO will have it's quarterly Board meeting in  
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 214 South 1st Street  
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 Friday, January 27, 2012  
 at 10:30am.  
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**RCMA School Board Meeting Notice for RCMA Wimauma Academy**  
 The Annual RCMA School Board Meeting will take place on Monday, Jan. 30, 2012. The meeting will be held at the University of Florida Gulf Coast Research & Education Center, 14625 CR 672, Wimauma, Florida. The School Board Meeting begins at 12:30 PM and is open to the public. Questions or concerns, please call Maria Jimenez at (239) 289-7995.  
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**RCMA School Board Meeting Notice For Immokalee Community School**  
 The Annual RCMA School Board Meeting will take place on Monday, Jan. 30, 2012. The meeting will be held at the University of Florida Gulf Coast Research & Education Center, 14625 CR 672, Wimauma, Florida. The School Board Meeting begins at 12:30 PM and is open to the public. Questions or concerns, please call Maria Jimenez at (239) 289-7995.  
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**Public Notice**

# Sample ballots mailed out

This week, the Collier County Supervisor of Elections Office began mailing sample ballots to every registered voter who has not yet requested a mail/absentee ballot for the upcoming January 31, Presidential Preference Primary (PPP) Election. The sample ballot indicates which contests voters are eligible to vote. Eligibility depends on where a voter lives in the county and/or the voter's registered political party. Voters are encouraged to complete the sample ballot and use it as a guide when voting in person during Early Voting or on Election Day.

Collier County voters may exercise their right to vote in one of three ways: mail/absentee ballot, during Early Voting or on Elec-

tion Day at the precinct indicated on their voter information card. If voting in person, voters are reminded to bring a current photo and signature identification to the polls.

**Mail/Absentee Ballot:** Any registered voter is permitted to request and vote a mail/absentee ballot. Requests may be made online at: [www.CollierVotes.com](http://www.CollierVotes.com) or by calling the Supervisor of Elections Office at 239-252-8450. The last day to request an absent ballot be sent through the mail is Jan. 25. It is important to note that mail/absentee ballots are NOT forwarded and will be mailed to the address provided to the Supervisor of Elections Office. After Jan. 25, voters requesting an absentee ballot will be required to pick up their ballot at the Supervisor of Elections Office. Absentee ballot pickup requests made by 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday will be available for pickup after 8 a.m., the following day. Absentee ballot pickup requests made on Friday will be available for pickup after 8 a.m., the following Monday.

Once the absentee ballot is completed, the ballot must be returned by 7 p.m. on Election Day in the official ballot envelope provided by the Supervisor of Elections Office. Don't forget, the ballot envelope MUST be signed by the voter. If returning an absentee ballot by mail, please be aware that on Jan. 22 the USPS will be increasing the cost of mailing a one ounce piece of mail from 44-cents to 45-cents.

If you received an absentee ballot and decide to vote in person during Early Voting or on Election Day, you should bring the marked or unmarked ballot to the polls so it may be cancelled.

**Early Voting** - Beginning Jan. 16-28, registered voters have the option of voting early at any one of the seven designated Early Voting sites. Early voting is offered Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the following locations: the Supervisor of Elections Office, Everglades City Hall, Naples City Hall, Golden Gate Library, Headquarters Library, Immokalee Library and Marco Island Library.

**Election Day** - Jan. 31, is Election Day and the last day to vote in the PPP Election. On Election Day, voters must vote in their assigned precinct as indicated on their voter information card. Visit: [www.CollierVotes.com](http://www.CollierVotes.com) for directions and a photo of the polling site. Voters must provide both a photo and signature identification when voting in person. Acceptable forms of identification include a Florida driver license, DMV issued Florida ID card, U.S. Passport, debit or credit card, military ID, student ID, retirement center ID, neighborhood association ID or public assistance ID. If a photo ID does not include a voter's signature, the voter will be required to provide an additional form of identification that provides the voter's signature.

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# Soccer Pit U18 Cobras travel to Tampa Bowl

Star forward catches eye of college reps

By Manny Touron

Special to the Immokalee Bulletin

The Soccer Pit U18 boys traveled to The Tampa Bay Sun Bowl during the Winter Holiday to play in a college showcase tournament. This trip began in January of 2010 when The Soccer Pit applied for a community grant through the Immokalee Foundation to be able to showcase the team's abilities in front of college coaches.

The tournament took place Dec. 27-29, where the team played a total of three games in a round robin format. The team lost the

first two games in very close contests 4-3 and 1-0 to very talented teams from Florida and Georgia. The third game came to a 0-0 tie with both teams having opportunities to score.

This was a great experience for the kids and we want to thank the Immokalee Foundation for making this trip possible. We are hoping that some of the coaches were able to appreciate the talent that we have in this community.

So far, we know that two colleges, Methodist University in N.C. and Millsaps College in Missouri are interested in Junior forward Eduardo Soto.



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/Manny Touron  
Soccer Pit Cobra players listen up as they are given strategies for the games held at the Tampa Bay Sun Bowl. The boys were able to showcase their talents before some college representatives at the event held at the end of December.



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/Manny Touron

The U18 Boys Soccer Pit Cobra are excited as they exit the van bringing them to the Tampa Bay Sun Bowl to play in a tournament. The Immokalee Foundation grant applied for by the team was approved and was instrumental in getting the boys to Tampa where they played well and were able to showcase their talents in front of collegiate representatives from North Carolina and Missouri.

## News in Brief

### Special C.E.R.T. Training set

Andrew Marfongella, Fire Safety Inspector for the Big Corkscrew Island Fire Rescue located at Station #10-13240 Immokalee Rd. (at the corner of Immokalee Road and Randall Boulevard) in Naples. If you are interested in being a part of this class please call Andy at 239-348-8006. Anyone from Immokalee is welcomed to attend.

### COFFO plans first quarter meeting

COFFO will be holding quarterly Board meeting 214 South 1st Street, Immokalee, Friday, Jan. 27, at 10:30 a.m.

If you have any question or for more information, please call 305-970-2350.



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Please call the location nearest to you to find out more about signing your child up for VPK. Bring your child's birth certificate and proof of Florida residency (such as an electric bill) to one of the 4C offices located near you.



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