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## NASCAR visits schools

Students at Mike Davis Elementary School and Village Oaks Elementary School had a special visit last week. The Just Read Florida! NASCAR race car made a pit stop at both schools while on its tour across Florida. Four more on the story, see page 2.



## Feel good: Volunteer with iHOPE

By Patty Brant  
Immokalee Bulletin

It's always been tough to make ends meet. Now more than ever, people are feeling the pinch. Frugality is a very old virtue that is back in vogue.

With iHOPE (Immokalee Helping Our People in Emergencies, Inc.), you can be frugal and help others at the same time.

Six years ago Rick Heers established iHOPE, a nonprofit group with the mission of helping Immokalee's most vulnerable to deal with the effects of Hurricane Wilma. With that mission finally accomplished, iHOPE continues to serve the needy. iHOPE's Distribution Center is at

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iHOPE Executive Director Rick Heers climbs up on a ladder in the warehouse crammed with all types of construction tools and items essential to contractors and the do-it-yourselfer.



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# iHope

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the heart of that mission.

With three bays crammed with every type of household gadget, construction supplies, appliances and furniture, the center offers great deals on construction materials, appliances and furniture. These goods and the proceeds from selling them to the public, go to help iHOPE continue its mission of rehabbing homes and trailers for those in need.

The center receives semi loads of floor tile that sell for as much as \$4.50 a square foot retail. They can be purchased for as little as 75 cents per square foot through iHOPE.

Donated refrigerators and other appliances, gently used by a motel chains, are lined up in one bay, waiting for a buyer. Windows and doors at 20-25 percent cheaper than fair market price; used furniture from major dealers throughout Southwest Florida are available as are parts for appliances.

Who wouldn't jump at going home with \$5,000 worth of kitchen cabinets for just \$250.

Volunteers will even put brand new out-of-the-box furniture items together for you if you want.

If you don't see what you need, you can put your name on a list until that item becomes available.

Anyone can purchase items at the distribution center by meeting only two requirements. First, you must take out a family membership (\$25 per year) or a business membership (\$100 per year). After just seven months of serving the community the distribution center currently has 298 family members.

Second, you must volunteer to work eight hours in the center or help iHOPE to rehab homes. In addition, goods purchased there may not be resold.

iHOPE is Home Depot's charity of choice and many other big name stores donate used and even new merchandise to the cause. The great deals available at the distribution center are possible because iHOPE only needs to recoup the minimal cost of the items themselves (if any) plus the cost of transport and distributing them.

During 2011 388 volunteers served at the center for a total of 13,520 hours. That's over a quarter of a million dollars worth of volunteerism that helps toward getting grant funding. However, with that revenue source shrinking, iHOPE relies more and more on donations and its volunteers.

iHOPE is also a partner of World Vision

and youth mission groups. Rick has contacts throughout the country with churches and government agencies like FEMA. Church groups come from around the country to help at the center and with renovating homes.

Of course, the local community has been very supportive of the center as well.

Bethel Assemblies lodges many out-of-state volunteers and other local churches, including First Baptist and First Methodist, share some of the burden. A local packing-house donated a fork lift – an essential item in any warehouse.

The entire operation only has three paid employees: Rick Heers, Dave Grove and David Schubert. Dave Grove worked previously for Lutheran Services and said iHOPE was just a natural progression for him when that position ended. David Shubert does maintenance at the center as well as renovation of old homes and trailers. David said the feeling of accomplishment after helping someone – their appreciation – is his big payback. When he and his volunteer crew are done, the home not only looks brand new. He knows it's all been done with quality work and supplies.

Volunteer Misty Stith handles a lot of the office chores at the center. She said, "Everybody leaves with a smile on their face because they have just gotten a great deal on house fixtures or furniture - or maybe it's because dealing with the iHOPE Distribution Center just makes you feel good."

One retired volunteer who likes to fix things simply said, "I enjoy helping the com-

munity and it keeps me occupied."

State licensed contractor Irwin Jackson is a dedicated customer of the distribution center. He comes all the way from Naples to pick up electrical and plumbing supplies. "I can get good stuff at a fraction of the price," he said. He knows his patronage helps a lot of people in Immokalee, but he also knows he benefits.

Besides the great prices, regular customers know they're supporting a good cause. One satisfied customer said he saved \$1,000 on some great tile and wood flooring. The iHOPE family seems to inspire others as well because one customer came up with the idea of starting donations for a very successful Christmas Feed the Children Fund.

Rick Heers easily boils down the whole iHOPE experience to one small phrase with a huge impact: "We're simply here to help people"

With all that Rick Heers and the iHOPE family do for Immokalee, one more thing is invaluable– volunteers. The need is tremendous, but the work is fulfilling. If you can make a little time to help out, please call iHOPE at 657-3889.

The iHOPE Distribution Center is located at the TMI Building at 2050 Commerce Ave. #7 at the Tradeport. It's open five days a week 8-4 plus the first and third Saturday each month 8:30-11:30.



Immokalee Bulletin/Patty Brant  
iHOPE volunteer Misty Stith shows off some of the lovely furniture available at iHOPE's Distribution Center at the Tradeport.

## NASCAR race car stops in at two schools

Cars and reading – certainly not two things that usually go together. But, students at Mike Davis Elementary (MDE) and Village Oaks Elementary (VOE) schools got a special visit this week from a car that's all about reading. The Just Read Florida! NASCAR race car made a pit stop at both schools while on its tour across Florida. Representatives from the Florida Department of Education's Just Read Florida! initiative talked to students, and the kids got a chance to see a real NASCAR race car. Some lucky students even got to sit in the

driver's seat!

The Just Read Florida! NASCAR race car visits are a part of the state's "Take the Lead and Read" initiative – visiting communities and schools to share books and promote literacy. The race car will be taking a lap around the track at the Daytona 500 on Feb. 26 – no reading behind the wheel, of course.

To learn more, please contact Collier County Public Schools K-5 Language Arts & Reading Coordinator Dianne Faramo at 239-377-0117.

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## Weather

Weather forecast for Collier County from the National Weather Service:

### Local Forecast

**Thursday:** Mostly sunny, with a high near 84. Calm wind becoming southeast between 5 and 8 mph.

**Thursday night:** A 10 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 61. South wind around 5 mph becoming calm.

### Extended Forecast

**Friday:** A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 83. Calm wind becoming southwest around 6 mph.

**Friday night:** A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 62. West wind around 6 mph becoming calm.

**Saturday:** A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly sunny, with a high near 80.

**Saturday night:** A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 60.

**Sunday:** A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 79.

**Sunday night:** A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 56.

**Washington's Birthday:** A 20 percent chance of showers. Mostly sunny, with a high near 80.

## Obituaries

### Eloise G. Corbitt, 78

**LABELLE** — Eloise G. Corbitt, age 78, of LaBelle, passed away Feb. 12, 2012, in Cape Coral, Fla.

She was born Feb. 17, 1933, in Venus, Fla., the daughter of the late Mathey and the late Annie (Davis) Gay. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great-grandmother and loved going to the farm, gardening and cooking for her family. She lived most of her life in Immokalee before moving to LaBelle in 2002.

Survivors include her children, Jason (Kathy) Corbitt of Immokalee, Bruce (Sharon) Corbitt of LaBelle, Steve (Shelly) Corbitt of LaBelle, Kathy Corbitt of Naples, Calvin Corbitt of Immokalee and Sarah (George) Bambara of New Jersey;

## Community News in Brief

### Free seminars announced

Dwight Brock, Clerk of the Circuit Court, has announced two free – public - seminars that will be offered in collaboration with the Collier County Public Library. Detailed descriptions of each are attached.

The popular “ Searching Public Records Using Collier Clerk.com” will be held Tuesday, Feb. 21, from 2-4 p.m. at the South Regional Library on Lely Cultural Blvd. You can register by phone by calling 252-7542.

Also, “Residential Tenant Evictions” will be presented on Wednesday, March 21, from 2-4 p.m. at the Headquarters Regional Library on Orange Blossom Drive. You can register by phone by calling 593 – 0177.

To register online for either program go to: <http://host.evanced.info/collier/evanced/eventcalendar.asp?ag=&et=&dt=mo&df=calendar&cn=0&private=0&ln=all>.

### Civic group meets tonight

The Immokalee Area Civic Association will hos speaker Mark Strain, Chairman of the Collier County Planning Commission. Mr. Strain has been a member of the planning commission for 12 years. His background is in property development and a columnist for the Naples Daily News. The group sent Mr. Strain a list of questions to address on the amendment to the IAMP. The IAMP that was in place in 2008 has been completely struck and the whole IAMP has been rewritten. The meeting is Feb. 16 at 6 p.m. at IFD.

many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She is also survived by her faithful companion, her poodle, Penny.

She was predeceased by her husband, Frank James Corbitt; and sons, Baby Boy Corbitt, Jimmy Corbitt and Ralph Corbitt.

The Graveside Funeral Service will be held today, Feb. 16, 2012, at 10 a.m., at Baptist Cemetery in Immokalee with Rev. George Bambara officiating. Interment will follow in Baptist Cemetery, Immokalee.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Hope Hospice, 2430 Diplomat Parkway E, Cape Coral, FL 33909.

Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.

### IHS Class of '75 reunion

A reunion for the Immokalee High School Class of 1975 is being planned for this summer, dates and location TBA. If you haven't already been contacted, please email Bob Lilly at: [immokalee75reunion@gmail.com](mailto:immokalee75reunion@gmail.com) for details.

### Eighth Annual Migrant Expo 2012 planned for March 3

A community event for migrant and seasonal farmworkers and their families, will be held Saturday, March 3, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Collier County Health Department, 419 North 1st Street, Immokalee. This event provides information to the Immokalee community about locally available social and support services, educational/vocational opportunities and health services and screenings. You need to bring your own display table and chairs for attending staff members.

We will set up on the outside space between the Library and Health Department. To register your agency for participation, please complete the following information and submit by Feb. 24, 2012 to:

Collier County Health Department

Attn: Elia Martinez.

Phone: (239) 252-7332

Fax: (239) 252-7329

E-mail: [Elia\\_Martinez2@doh.state.fl.us](mailto:Elia_Martinez2@doh.state.fl.us)

### Men's Conference announced

In the words of Bishop T.D Jakes, “Get Ready! Get Ready!” Allen Chapel A.M.E Church is getting ready to host its first Men's Conference on March 2-4. We want you to be a part of this auspicious occasion. Some of God's most gifted preachers will proclaim the Word. Please plan to come and please pray for the success of this conference. “The Growing Church, With A Giving Heart,” 208 S. 3rd Street, Immokalee, with The Reverend Lori M. Snell, Pastor on March 2-3, 7 p.m., nightly and March 4, at 4 p.m. Pastor John White, II—Mt. Hermon A.M.E Church, Miami Gardens, Apostle Gregory Ford—Cornerstone Ministry First Assembly-Ft. Myers.

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## Medal winners

**Congratulations to the Immokalee High School Special Olympics Basketball team at the state tourney this weekend. The Indians are Silver Medalists! The last game was a heart breaker.....leading into the last two minutes and lost at the buzzer 20-18! They played so hard and Flo and I are so proud of them....if you see any of the athletes ask them to show you their medal! Congratulations goes to: Isidro Soto, Mary Garza, Daniel Jose, Sodi Louis, Wilder Vasquez, Johnny Garza, Wilder Vasquez, Latasha Gardner, Julio Loya, Juan Canuto. As an added note, Collier County Track and Field meet will be on March 3, at Golden Gate High. We have athletes participating in cycling, track, soccer, and tennis.**

## Students First

### A new place to learn

By Joe Landon

Collier County District Schools

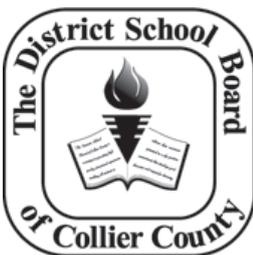
What an emotional afternoon it was, a week ago today, as everyone gathered to dedicate the new Bethune Education Center over on South 5th Street in Immokalee. I know our friend, Rick Heers, writes about the dedication ceremony elsewhere in today's edition of the Immokalee Bulletin, but I just want to share my first-hand reflections. When Claudette Williams sang the original Bethune School Song, and the 40+ returning Bethune students – the alumni – began singing along with her, I was truly moved. That moment brought a tear to my eye. To see these former Bethune students, who attended the school in the 1960's, expressing such pride in their heritage and such loyalty to their school really touched me. I don't know of anywhere else in Florida where "community" means as much as it does in Immokalee. And that moment, on that glorious afternoon, provided the best example of community spirit you may ever find.

As you probably know, the District School Board of Collier County holds a regular meeting once each month, and these sessions have become showcases of student talent. Our student stars are featured at the beginning of each meeting, and then

our outstanding students, employees, and community members are recognized by the School Board.

February is always recognized as Black History Month as it was at Tuesday's Board Meeting. The homage paid to Mary Bethune during the dedication of the Bethune Education Center was certainly fitting given that she is among the many great Black Americans to have contributed immensely to America's history. Our schools are celebrating Black History Month with special activities, events, and programs. We are celebrating with special TV programs on

The Education Channel, Comcast cable 99, and with a gallery of photos and Black History Month links on our district website. There is even a Black History Month reading list posted there. The highlight of the School Board's recognition of Black History Month featured the magnificent artwork of Lake Trafford Elementary School Assistant Principal Oliver Phipps. His awesome and dignified sketches of the prominent Black Americans from the national scene as well as the Collier County scene were synchronized to music – to the song "Lift Every Voice and Sing," adopted in 1919 by the NAACP as the organization's national anthem. This, too, was a moving tribute, one that brought a tear to my eye a second time within a one-week time span – and that's a good thing.



# Applications for Drivers Ed summer classes coming soon

Collier County Public Schools will be offering the Driver Education Summer School program beginning in June. Here is some important information for parents of high school students interested in taking the class.

Step one – complete an application for your child. Registration is only available online and can be accessed at: [www.collierschools.com/pe/drivered.htm](http://www.collierschools.com/pe/drivered.htm) beginning Monday, March 26 at 6:30 p.m., through Friday, March 30 at 6:30 p.m. Seats will be filled on a first come/first served basis. As soon as the application is completed and submitted, you will automatically receive a confirmation number, if accepted. If not accepted, you will be given the opportunity to accept or decline an offer to be placed on a waiting list. All applicants will also receive an email confirming their status.

School computers may be used to complete the application for parents/students without computer access at home. These computers may be used in the school's media center beginning Tuesday, March 27 through Thursday, March 29 from 7:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m., daily.

Students must have a learner's permit in hand on the first day of the program. Students who do not have their permits in hand will forfeit their seat and the seat will be given to the next student on the waiting list.

The Driver Education Summer School program will be held at Gulf Coast High School (7878 Shark Way) and Barron Collier High School (5600 Cougar Drive). Each school will conduct two sessions: the first session will run from Monday, June 18 through Tuesday, July 3, and the second session will begin Monday, July 9 and end Tuesday, July 24. No classes will be held on Fridays for either session. There are two time slots available to choose from for each session: 8 a.m. to 11 a.m., or 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Please note that only a pass or fail grade is given for this class, and this credit will not be used towards graduation. Neither lunch nor transportation will be provided for Driver Education Summer School program students.

To learn more, please contact Health and Physical Education Coordinator Trish Ackerman at 239-377-9264.

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# New Bethune Educational Center dedicated

By Rick Heers

Special to the Immokalee Bulletin

An overflow crowd of local people and dignitaries were present in Immokalee last week for the dedication of the New Bethune Educational Center, built on the site of the original Bethune School which was built in 1956. The school was named after Mary Jane McLeod Bethune, a gifted civil rights leader who dedicated her life to the welfare and education of African/American students. She established a school for them in Day-

tona Beach, Florida, that eventually became Bethune-Cookman University. She was president of the college from 1923 to 1942 and 1946 to 1947, one of the few women in the world who served as a college president at that time. She was also an advisor to President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Originally built as a segregated school, the new facility is, of course, open to students and staff of diverse cultures. Many of the previous staff and students were present for the dedication. Also present were school board members and Dr. Kamela Patton, su-

perintendent of schools and Commissioner Jim Coletta. Ms. Claudette Williams, former student and then staff member, sang the original school song, much to the delight of the crowd. Another well-known guest was Mrs. Dorcas Howard, who has served for 25 years as principal of Village Oaks Elementary School, and began her 50+ year working relationship with the Collier County Public Schools as a teacher here at Bethune.

The original building was 25,197 square feet with 9 classrooms and 4 offices, whereas

the new facility has a total of 34,851 square feet with 11 classrooms and 26 offices. The new facility provides a home at last for the Federal and State Grants & ELL programs, which has been moved around from building to building throughout Immokalee. Their staff are delighted now to have a beautiful, modern complex of their own.

Following the dedication, the visitors were taken on guided tours of the educational facilities as well as the adjoining Federal and State Grants complex.



The New Bethune Education Center dedication brought out an overflow crowd of Immokalee residents last week.



The New Bethune Education Center was built on the site of the original Bethune School.

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# February is career and technical education month

Technical and career centers throughout Florida are celebrating Career and Technical Education Month during February. This year's theme – "Careers Through Education." This month long observation has been proclaimed by the National Association for Career and Technical Education, and locally by the Board of County Commissioners, the City of Naples, and the District School Board of Collier County.

February's celebration highlights the role career and technical education plays in improving individual lives and the development of a community. Did you know that of

the fifteen fastest growing occupations projected through 2018, ten require skills or certificates offered at a technical center? And, there are two such centers right here locally – Immokalee Technical Center (ITECH)

and Lorenzo Walker Institute of Technology (LWIT).

For additional information about iTECH and the programs they offer, visit them online at [www.itech.edu](http://www.itech.edu) or call them at 377-

9900.

To learn more about LWIT and their career and technical programs, visit them online at [www.collierschools.com/lwit](http://www.collierschools.com/lwit) or contact a career advisor at 239-377-0900.

## A Team Challenge competition enters 23rd year

Students from nine Collier County high schools join students from other Southwest Florida schools in the 23rd Annual A Team Challenge. The televised competition honors and fosters academic excellence while presenting a unique opportunity to showcase students' academic abilities. The A Team Challenge is hosted by NBC-2 Chief Meteorologist Robert Van Winkle. Replays of the half-hour first round competitions featuring Collier County high schools will be televised on The Education Channel, Comcast cable 99 beginning on Monday, February 20 and will continue on the following schedule:

- terbury School
- 1 p.m. – Feb. 20 and 21, Feb. 23 and 24, and Feb. 26
- St. John Neumann High School vs. Edison Collegiate High School-Charlotte
- 1:30 p.m. – Feb. 20 and 21, Feb. 23 and 24, and Feb. 26
- Lely High School vs. Ft. Myers High School
- 4 p.m. – Feb. 20 through 24
- Donahue Academy vs. Gateway Charter High School
- 4:30 p.m. – Feb. 20 and 21
- 4:00 p.m. – Feb. 25 and 26
- Gulf Coast High School vs. DeSoto County High School

- 4:30 p.m. – Feb. 22 through 26
- Palmetto Ridge High School vs. Naples High School
- 9:30 p.m. – Feb. 20 through 26
- Barron Collier High School vs. East Lee County High School
- 4 p.m. – Feb. 22 through March 4
- Golden Gate High School vs. South Fort Myers High School
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## Edison Nursing program receives generous donation

An anonymous Fort Myers couple carried a deep respect for nurses. The late wife had always wanted to be a nurse, but never had the chance.

The Edison State College Foundation announced the couple's estate gift of \$728,000 on Monday to the School of Nursing on Lee Campus. Now the late wife's generous gift will give others the opportunity for a strong nursing education and increase the number of qualified nurses in Southwest Florida.

"We're grateful that this gift allows us to

sustain our superior record of training and educating nurses for the future," said Mary Myers, Interim Dean of Professional and Technical Studies. "It is comforting to know that when you need care Edison State College nurses are well prepared to respond. The generous support of this couple enhances our mission to deliver quality care."

More than 200 students are enrolled in The Nursing Program at Edison State College. The National Council Licensure Examination passage rates for the Associate of

Science Nursing Degree was more than 90 percent for the last testing period.

This large gift shows that there is tremendous trust in Edison State College and our Nursing Program," said J. Dudley Goodlette, Interim District President. "This gift will make a significant impact on nursing care in our community and in our ability to continue providing excellent educational opportunities."

## Naples Zoo to host Kids Free Days Feb. 17-20

No Federal Presidents' Day Holiday this Year, but the ZOO is Still Celebrating! While this coming Monday, Feb. 20, is called Presidents' Day by most of us, there will be no federal holiday by that name this year. In fact, there has never been a federal holiday called Presidents' Day in any year. Officially speaking, it's called Washington's Birthday by the federal government.

But whatever you call it, it's a great day to bring the kids out to Naples Zoo for fun from apes to zebras because the Zoo is offering a special Presidents' Day Weekend Online Coupon at [www.napleszoo.org](http://www.napleszoo.org) that's valid for one free child with each paid adult from Friday, February 17 to Monday, February 20, 2012.

See the baby fosas, ride a camel, hand-feed the giraffe herd, watch the new fierce African honey badgers, cruise through the islands of monkeys, and enjoy a full day of fun shows in this historic botanical garden and nationally accredited zoo. (Coupon is required.)

What about Presidents' Day? The celebration of Washington's birthday was standardized decades ago when the government created 3 day weekends by declaring it would always fall on the third Monday of February. Ironically, this change guaranteed it would never again be celebrated on his true birthday of Feb. 22, as the third Monday in February cannot fall any later than Feb. 21. In general, Washington's Birthday has been celebrated since 1796 when he was still president. (From the Federal Office of Personnel Management section 6103(a) of title 5 of the United States Code.)

Naples Zoo is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization cooperating in conservation programs both in and outside the wild for endangered species. Daily presentations include hand-feeding at Alligator Bay, Meet the Keeper Series, Jungle Larry™ and Safari Jane's™ Snakes

Alive!, and two premiere presentations in the Safari Canyon Theater. One of the zoo's most popular activities is the Primate Expedition Cruise where guests embark on a guided cruise through islands of monkeys, lemurs, and apes. The all-day pay-one-price ticket includes admission to both the nationally accredited zoo and historic garden along with all shows, exhibits, and the boat ride. (\$19.95 adults age 13+/\$12.95 children 3 to 12, under 3 free. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult at least 18 years of age). Zoo memberships and discount tickets are also available online at [www.napleszoo.org](http://www.napleszoo.org). Naples Zoo welcomes guests daily from 9:00 to 5:00 with the last ticket sold at 4:00 and is located at 1590 Goodlette-Frank Road across from the Coastland Center mall in the heart of Naples.

For more, visit [www.napleszoo.org](http://www.napleszoo.org), call 239-262-5409, or: [www.twitter.com/NaplesZoo](http://www.twitter.com/NaplesZoo) and [www.facebook.com/napleszoo](http://www.facebook.com/napleszoo) and [www.youtube.com/napleszoo](http://www.youtube.com/napleszoo).



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