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Red Cross seeks volunteers

By **Patty Brant**
Immokalee Bulletin

The Red Cross is one of the most recognized organizations in the world, providing assistance in disasters great and small, but also educating people to "prevent, prepare for and respond to emergencies."

Recently the Red Cross combined Collier and Lee counties, along with Hendry and Glades, to form Florida's Gulf Coast Region.

John Cain, Director of Volunteer Services for the newly-formed region, explained that the Red Cross is looking for a more active roll throughout the

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Special April/Easter hours for I HOPE

Due to Good Friday and the special Easter weekend coming, I HOPE Distribution Center will be closed this Friday and Saturday. A good supply of new carpet direct from the mills in Georgia is available at \$5 per square yard. We are running a current special sale of \$100 for pallets of tile-currently only bathroom and kitchen and border tile that would normally cost \$350 per pallet-first come/first served.

The Warehouse and office will also be closed on Friday and Saturday, April 20 and 21 as our staff will be in Orlando

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Special to the Okeechobee News/Waddy Thompson
Immokalee's Lake Trafford returns to its glorious beauty and invites visitors and residents to enjoy its offerings. "Here are your waters and your watering place. Drink and be whole again beyond confusion." Robert Frost (1874-1963)

SFWMD: April is Water Conservation Month

Statewide emphasis encourages an ethic of water conservation throughout Florida

Highlighting an ongoing commitment to water conservation, the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) is again observing April as Water Conservation Month.

"While we depend on water resources every day of every month, Water Conservation Month is a valuable reminder that South Florida's water is a limited and precious resource," said SFWMD Executive



Director Melissa Meeker. "It's a perfect opportunity to assess your water use and identify additional ways to conserve, whether it's on your yard or at your home or business."

Water conservation practices include installing an aerator on your sink, watering the lawn by hand

or installing low-flow appliances, such as a showerhead or energy-efficient washing machine.

For 14 consecutive years, Florida has recognized Water Conservation Month in April, the height of the South Florida dry season. Springtime is traditionally the season when limited rainfall, an increase in temperature and higher evapotranspiration rates put stress on regional water supplies. The District remains under a water shortage warning, which indicates the region may enter water shortage conditions in upcoming weeks.

Throughout April, the District

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area, including Immokalee. The focus is on "local people serving local people."

John's job is to build up the local volunteer base.

He said Red Cross volunteers can be as active as they want and can receive training classes in any of 30 areas of work such as managing a mass care shelter, feeding, logistics and transportation.

Education classes are available in first aid, CPR, swimming, babysitter preparedness and more.

Services and courses are also available for non-English speakers.

Red Cross Disaster Action Teams (DATs) respond to all local natural disasters - hurricanes, tornadoes, floods, fires and so on.

Last year the Red Cross responded to about three fires in Immokalee.

The Red Cross closed its office in Immokalee's One Stop Center due to budget restraints and currently does not have an office here. However, the organization believes in local services, simply requiring a minimum of six participants to bring a class to Immokalee.

The Red Cross Service to Armed Forces

in Lee and Collier is very active, John commented, acting as the go-between or communicator among the service member, the family and the branch of service. The Red Cross helps cut through the red tape to get death certificates and other paperwork so leave can be granted for the service member in times of family crisis.

He said Collier and Lee also has a very active Veterans Assistance program that serves homeless vets, and a support group, especially for those reacclimating from combat service.

Adult volunteers must be at least 18 years of age. Prospective volunteers must undergo a confidential background check and application process. Youth volunteers are 12-18 years of age and have their own application process, which includes parental permission. The area youth director is Shari Stott.

For young children, the Red Cross puts on a Masters of Disaster presentation, an age appropriate orientation into preparing for bad times.

There are many opportunities for Red Cross youth volunteers, John said, including special projects and coming up with ideas for fund raisers. They can also help out in shelters, do client casework and do computer input.

Andy Jerant is the Red Cross Regional Disaster Director. He said the Red Cross

has realigned its organization from individual chapters, adding this will bolster areas where more assistance is needed. It is also intended to reduce long travel distances to provide assistance in outlying areas.

The regional concept is bringing the Red Cross "back to basics" with community volunteers, Andy noted, providing volunteers to each community who know their own community best.

Red Cross training is free, can help individual communities prepare for emergen-

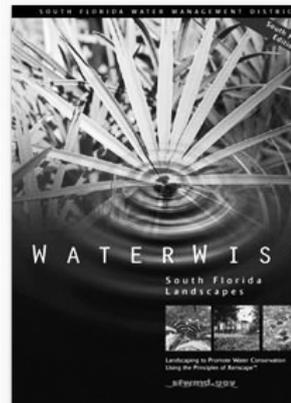
cies and ensure the best service by utilizing volunteers with a strong understanding of their own community.

Families are encouraged to have an emergency plan that everyone is familiar with, including a place to meet if the family gets separated. Residents should also always have an emergency preparedness kit handy.

For more information, Immokalee residents can call the Red Cross Naples office at 239-596-6868.

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is participating in a broad range of events to raise awareness and promote wise water use:

- The Florida Automated Weather Network (FAWN) irrigation tools workshop on April 11 in Belle Glade

is a cooperative effort between the District and the University of Florida to demonstrate advanced irrigation tools to agricultural users and other large irrigators.

- The District and the Florida Section of the American Water Works Association will hold the 4th annual Water Conservation Expo and Vendor Fair on April 27 in West Palm Beach. The event focuses on helping commercial and institutional facility managers identify ways to reduce their water use and lower their operating costs.

Water conservation is essential year-

round for addressing the impacts of weather extremes and growing demands on a limited water supply needed by South Florida's 7.7 million residents, economy and environment.

When water shortage orders are not in place, the District follows Year-Round Water Conservation Measures that target outdoor irrigation, which accounts for up to half of the estimated 179 gallons of water used per person per day in South Florida. The Year-Round Landscape Irrigation Rule is just one of many initiatives implemented under the District's Comprehensive Water Conservation Program.

The Comprehensive Water Conservation Program was approved by the SFWMD Governing Board in September 2008 to encourage more responsible use of water resources throughout South Florida. Numerous stakeholders worked with the District to define specific regulatory, voluntary and incentive-based programs and in-depth education and marketing efforts that help to foster a year-round conservation ethic.

For more information on ways to save water, visit www.savewaterfl.com.

CCSO Deputies: homicide suspect may have fled country

Detectives believe a man suspected of killing a 24-year-old man in Immokalee on Monday may have fled to Mexico.

Detectives with the Collier County Sheriff's Office's Major Crimes Bureau secured an arrest warrant Friday morning charging Lemuel Meza Cruz, 33, with second-degree murder in the slaying of Juan Flores Monroy, 24, 321 Wells St., Immokalee.

Witnesses told detectives that Meza Cruz and Flores Monroy got into an argument in an open field near the 200 block of Wells Street around 9 p.m. Monday. The argument led to a physical altercation in which Meza Cruz stabbed Flores Monroy with a knife.

Flores Monroy staggered along a footpath to the side of the road, where his body was discovered by a passing motorist shortly after 8 a.m. Tuesday.

The Collier County Medical Examiner's Office determined the manner of death to be homicide.

By checking flight manifests, detectives found Meza Cruz was listed as a passenger on a flight out of Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International Airport in Atlanta bound for Mexico City, Mexico, around 5:30 p.m. Tuesday.

CCSO has contacted federal authorities for assistance in apprehending Meza Cruz, whose last known address was 610 Booker Blvd. in Immokalee, detectives said.

Anyone with information is asked to contact 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). CCSO has released this photo of Meza Cruz.

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attending the International Floor and Wall Covering show held at the Orange County Convention Center. While there, our staff

will be loading up five semi trailers full of new materials-up-scale tile, granite and marble, and cabinets. New materials will be available for our customers after April 22.

Starting in May, the warehouse hours will be changed to Tuesday-Friday from 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. and the first and third Saturday from 9-Noon.

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Letters to the Editor

Potential conflict

Republican County Commissioner Jim Coletta has a potential financial "conflict of interest" concerning the proposed Incinerator plant to be built in Immokalee by the Growth Design Corp.

Here is the timeline. For the last three years the Growth Design Corp. has been pursuing the Immokalee incinerator project. Coletta and his son-in-law "Dino" Dean T. Daniels have had prior private business partnerships. Two years ago Dino incorporated the bio fuel crop company American Made Renewable Fuels. The company is listed at 3054 Adcock Drive, in Labelle, which is a residence owned by Coletta.

Two years ago American Made Renewable Fuels applied for a federal bio fuel crop grant. Coletta has said the application was not for the incinerator plant in Immokalee and that the application has been denied. Last year Growth Design Corp met with Coletta and Dino at Immokalee Airport. Also, last year Dino tried to rent two hangars at the Immokalee Airport for American Made Renewable Fuels.

Last year Commissioner Coletta spoke at the Golden Gate Estates Homeowners Association in favor of the Growth Design Corp. incinerator in Immokalee. And just last week Growth Design Corp said the incinerator plant will be a public private partnership with the Collier County Government.

I have questions. How much taxpayer money will this cost Collier County citizens?

And when will Coletta produce the grant application to prove he has no financial conflict of interest? Until the grant application is made public there will always be the perception that Commissioner Coletta is hiding something.

John Lundin
Candidate Collier
County Commissioner
District 5 seat

Commissioner's Rebuttal

In response to John Lundin's Letter to the Editor, I have no "conflict of interest" concerning the proposed waste to energy plant to be built in Immokalee by Growth Design Corporation. I do not own the property at 3054 Adcock Drive in Labelle. Additionally, regarding the grant application Mr. Lundin has referenced, no such grant exists; there-

fore, there is no grant documentation to produce. I am not in business with my son-in-law Dean Daniels and have had no prior businesses with him.

This letter is borderline slander and effective immediately, I will no longer engage in responding to future ludicrous accusations Mr. Lundin feels compelled to create.

Sincerely,
Jim Coletta
Commissioner, District 5

Help Homerun Harvest Softball Tournament

On the heels of last year's overwhelmingly successful Homerun Harvest Softball Tournament, organizers have begun planning for this year's event. There will be a double elimination softball tournament combined with a free, kid-friendly carnival on April 21 that hopes to build on last year's fundraising achievements. The agricultural community of South Florida and their partners joined Lipman to raise over \$20,000 last year. All of that money directly benefited the children of Immokalee by providing scholarships to attend a local summer camp where as they wouldn't have been able to afford it otherwise. Organizers hope to raise money for our local community by asking the agricultural community to support us again this year.

This grassroots, employee-driven event seeks to exceed last year's efforts and raise even more money and awareness to a growing issue in our community. Unfortunately, many local children start out at a disadvantage because they cannot afford the basic school supplies that help them get a proper education. The kids of Immokalee are already presented with enough challenges, providing supplies for school such as pencils, rulers and notebooks should not be one of them. Our goal is to raise enough money to provide 500 backpacks filled with school supplies to the children in our community free of charge. Our back-to-school backpack will prepare children for a successful school year and boost their self-esteem and confidence.

There are many ways you can support us and help the children of our community. You can enter a team from your company, become a sponsor of our event, or you can donate school supplies to help fill the back-

packs. We are asking for your support to make this event a success. We expect this to be a fun-filled day for everyone and welcome your participation.

Please contact us with any questions or suggestions and we hope to see you 'step up to the plate' with us in April. Call Lorie Turrubiatez at 657-4421.

Your partner in caring for our community,
Lorie Turrubiatez,
Event Chairman
Homerun Harvest Softball Tournament. A fundraiser for the kids of Immokalee

Immokalee Harvest Festival

The Eastern Collier Chamber of Commerce of Immokalee with the outstanding support of The Florida Community Bank (FCB) would like to invite you to participate in our "Annual Harvest Festival in Immokalee," April 14-15. 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 9th and Main Street at 11:30 a.m. and go directly down to the AirportPark located at 165

Air Port Blvd/State Road #29

. Lineup time is 10:30 a.m. in the same place.

Our Harvest Festival will host the following activities:

04/12/2012 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

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 HomeTown 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-Mr & Ms. Tomato

*Photo Opt Station with your favorite JOHN DEERE Tractor as your backdrop

*Bounce House, Rock Wall and much more.

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

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

*A KIDS Tent with games, arts and craft and much more.....

*Vintage cars and swamp buggies on display with judges to give out all the trophies

* Do a Cake Walk for your favorite Desert

* Take part in the Beautiful Balloon over Paradise Festival going on at the same Event. Everyone will be amazed to see the Ballons in flight.

Gate Admission to our Harvest Festival is FREE. Parking cost \$5 per vehicle.

Partial proceeds 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 Immokalee Collier Chamber of Commerce at 239-657-3237 or e-mail icoc@comcast.net

Sincerely,
Harvest Festival Event Organizer
Cherryle Thomas

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Immokalee Run and Ride for Literacy planned

The second annual Immokalee Run and Ride for Literacy happens on Saturday and Sunday, April 14 and 15 at the Farm Worker Village, 1800 Farm Worker Way, Immokalee. All proceeds go to The Family Literacy Academy of Immokalee, managed by Jump Start.

The 5K run/walk begins at 8 a.m. on Saturday, April 14 at the Farm Worker Village. Runners can register on the Immokalee Run & Ride for Literacy website at <http://www.immokaleerunsandrives.com> by April 11th for a \$15 fee, \$10 for students; register after the 11th or on the day of the event for a \$25 fee. There is also a one mile fun run for children and adults on an enclosed course within the Farm Worker Village. Each pre-registered runner will receive a commemorative t-shirt as well as a homemade taco breakfast after the race. John Biffar of Endurance Sports Timing will officiate. First, Second, and Third place awards will go to overall male and female finishers, plus top 3 finishers in each age group. Door prizes and raffles will also occur. Registration and check-in opens at 7:00 am the day of the event. Two hundred plus runners are expected to participate, up from 71 in 2011.

The 15 mile, 30 mile and/or the Metric Century Ride begins at 9:30, 9 and 8 a.m. respectively on Sunday, April 15 at the Farm Worker Village. The rides wind through Immokalee, Ave Maria and the surrounding countryside. Those wishing to participate can register on line at Immokalee Run & Ride for Literacy website by April 11th for a \$20 fee or after the 11th or on the day of the event for a \$25 fee. Each participant will receive a taco breakfast, lunch, SAG support along the routes, as well as an Immokalee

Veggie Bag at the conclusion of the ride. Extra meal tickets are available for \$5 each. Door prizes and raffles will also occur. Registration and check-in opens at 7 a.m. the day of the event. All riders must wear a CPSC approved helmet. Two hundred plus riders are expected to participate, up from 73 in 2011.

Sponsors for the Run and Ride include: Lipman Produce, Southwest Florida College, Pepsi Bottling Group, McDonald's, One on One Leadership Foundation, HSA Engineers & Scientists, Florida Community Bank, Johnson Tomato, Publix Super Market, Roma in Havana Ristorante, Trek Bicycle Store, Little Caesar's Pizza, Lake Trafford Marina, Kipling Capital L.P., Kenneth K. Thompson P.A., Davis Oil Co., Handy Food Stores, Tropical Smoothie, and The Secret Ingredient of Ave Maria. To become a sponsor contact Donna Johnston at johnston.donna@gmail.com or call 239-657-2398 or 484-908-2186 for levels of giving and in kind donations. Partners of the event include: The Collier County Housing Authority, Endurance Sports Timing and the Caloosa Riders Bicycle Club of Southwest Florida.

The Family Literacy Academy of Immokalee, managed by Jump Start, provides full service family literacy to Immokalee families with children ages birth to five. Classes include preschool instruction and educational play for children 0 to 5 as well as classes in English as a second language, reading and parenting for parents. The Family Literacy Academy of Immokalee is structured to involve the family as a whole, thereby making long-term intergenerational change in order to secure a healthy quality of life for children thus breaking the cycle of illiteracy.

News in Brief

Learn to run a better business

Business Plan Writing Workshop – six sessions begin on April 5, 5:30-7 p.m.

Women & Minority Owned Business Certification – 4/21/12 10 a.m.

Mastering QuickBooks – 10 hour course – April 28th & May 5th

Procuring Government Contracts – 5/26/12

Business Plan Writing - Key to Success is in the Plan!

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ganizational and Management Plan, Service or Product Line, Funding Request, Financials and Appendix.

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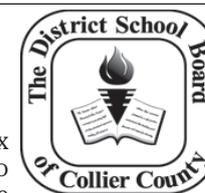
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Students First

Budget talk

By Joe Landon
Collier County District Schools



So, why do we need the Tax Neutral Referendum? Why do we need voter approval to move money from one account or budget (capital) to another (operating)? Do we really have a \$1 billion budget? And what about the extra billion dollars Governor Rick Scott is giving to public education? All good questions, and many like these, were dealt with during the recent Collier County Public Schools' Referendum Town Hall Meeting conducted by our Superintendent, Dr. Kamela Patton. As you may have heard, the school district has placed that tax-neutral-cost-neutral referendum on November's General Election ballot. It's actually a renewal of the referendum approved by 79 percent of registered voters in 2008. The funding, now about \$14 million a year, runs out next year (June 30, 2013). That's why renewal for another four years is being sought this year – that's why you are being asked to vote on it again. During the town hall meeting, Chief Operational Officer Michele LaBute spoke about the district's reserves, continuing economic challenges, our students and the programs we provide them, and she shared general

budget information with everyone who joined us for the meeting. She also talked about how revenue has declined and costs have escalated since approval of the referendum four years ago, and she detailed the spending reductions we've experienced since. This town hall meeting was held so far in advance to give people an early look at the referendum, and to give our seasonal residents among us the chance to learn about it before heading north for the summer. And if you weren't with us the night of the town hall meeting, no worries, you can watch it on TV. We'll have it for you, on The Education Channel, Comcast cable 99 and online on the World Wide Web at www.collierschools.com on the following schedule:

- 9 p.m. Monday, April 9 through Sunday, April 15

- 9 p.m. Monday, April 16 through Sunday, April 22

- 3 p.m. Saturday, April 21 and Sunday, April 22

If you have feedback to share about the telecast or the referendum itself, or if you have spending reduction ideas or suggestions to share, just send an email to feedback@collierschools.com. As always, we love hearing from you.

Collier County School District recognizes outstanding employees

It's been a good week in Collier County's Public Schools, with six employees being recognized as employees of the year. They received the news in surprise classroom visits from Superintendent, Dr. Kamela Patton. The honorees are:

- Khris Betten-Jutasi of Lorenzo Walker Technical High School – Collier County's Nominee for Florida Department of Education-Macy's Teacher of the Year

- John Davis of Pelican Marsh Elementary School – Collier County Elementary School Teacher of the Year

- Denise Henderson of Manatee Middle School – Collier County Middle School Teacher of the Year

- Bob Bentley of Naples High School – Collier County High School Teacher of the Year

- Chris Fowler of Lorenzo Walker Institute of Technology – Collier County Post-Secondary Teacher of the Year

- Steven Mendez of Veterans Memorial Elementary School (Plant Operator) – Collier County's Nominee for Florida School-Related Employee of the Year

The six, representing their peers, will be officially recognized at the May 8 School Board Meeting. Photos taken during the exciting classroom visits can be found online by visiting www.collierschools.com/photos/3-21-12.htm.

Do you have a Preschool age child?

If your child turns 4 years old on or before September 1, your child is eligible for VPK (Voluntary Prekindergarten).

Community Coordinated Care for Children (4C) in Labelle, Clewiston and Immokalee is open for VPK registration.

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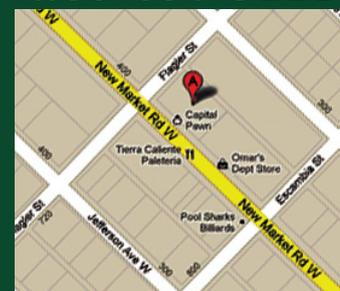
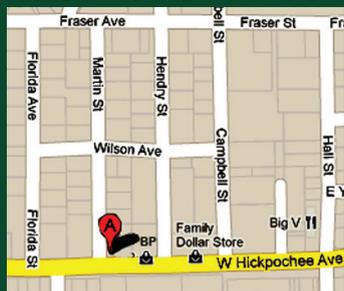
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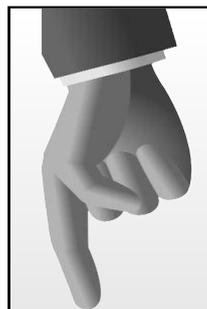
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Organize the camp facility in a manner that ensures the health and safety for all employees.

Ensure that all government regulations are met regarding camp management.

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Responsible for camp records, attendance summary, and reporting of exit and entry of guests, visitors, and residents.

Oversee garbage collection, house-keeping, and maintenance of all camp facilities.

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Provide training to employees in camp safety, security, rules, and regulations. Perform all other associated duties as assigned.

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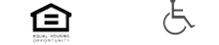
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PUBLIC NOTICE COFFO will have it's quarterly Board meeting in 778 West Palm Drive Florida City, FL 33034 Friday, April 27, 2012 at 10:00am. 414142 IB 4/5/2012

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NOTICE OF SUBMISSION
TO ALL THE CITIZENS OF COLLIER, HARDEE, HENDRY, HILLSBOROUGH AND MONROE COUNTIES, FLORIDA:

The State of Florida has submitted to the United States Department of Justice, for preclearance as provided by Section 5 of the Voting Rights Act, a plan to reapportion and redistrict 40 single member Senatorial districts for the election of members of the Florida Legislature.

You are hereby notified that a copy of said submission is on file at the House Redistricting Committee office, Room 400, House Office Building, 402 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, and at the Senate Reapportionment Committee office, Room 103, Senate Office Building, 404 South Monroe Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32399, where the same may be inspected during regular business hours. The submission may also be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.floridaredistricting.org> or <http://www.flsenate.gov/redistricting>.

Any person desiring to make comments concerning said plans may direct the same to Mr. T. Christian Herren, Chief, Voting Section Civil Rights Division, Room 7254-NWB, U.S. Department of Justice, 950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530, telephone number (800) 253-3931. Comments may also be emailed to vot1973c@usdoj.gov, with "Comment" in the subject line.

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Hurricane Season is coming

By Rick Heers

Special to the Immokalee Bulletin

Believe it or not the 2012 hurricane is only about two months away, and the IRCC continues to actively prepare for the season in Immokalee. The IRCC is the Immokalee Recovery Coordinating Center, a group of committed local individuals who are doing their best to see that when the next natural disaster hits, we will be ready for it. Representatives meet monthly now through the end of hurricane season.

Leading the IRCC is Ron Mosher, of the Collier County Sheriff's Office. The IRCC considers it a privilege to partner with the Collier County Public Schools by using the iTECH as their place to meet, and then, should a disaster strike, the IRCC will spring into operation with headquarters at the iTECH.

I HOPE originally provided the funding to start the IRCC under grants provided through the Community Foundation of Collier County. Not only did they fund a Disaster Preparedness Plan, but they also provided the funding for I HOPE to put together a mobile trailer equipped with a 35kw diesel generator that can operate a large office if the community loses power during and after a severe storm.

The IRCC is the "Immokalee connection" to the Emergency Operations Center

in Naples, and is looking for two individuals who work in and know Immokalee, but live in Naples, who could be our representatives at the EOC in Naples immediately after a severe storm. Training will be provided for those individuals who'd like to help out the community in this way. Anyone interested should call Ron Mosher at 239.253.4278, or see Rick Heers at I HOPE. Part of the work of the IRCC is to enlist businesses/churches to sign a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the county to house PODS in case there is a natural disaster. They are also working on a program through Rev. Thom Street of the First United Methodist Church to active a HAM radio system to use in emergencies.

The IRCC will help coordinate immediate disaster assessment in the aftermath of a hurricane or tornado, and participates with the county and state in drills to make sure our operation runs smoothly. Among the organizations that are involved in the IRCC are Collier County Emergency Management, CCSO, the Collier County Health Department, Information Collier, code enforcement, the Immokalee Fire Department, iTECH, the Immokalee Water and Sewer Department, Collier Housing Authority, I HOPE and the Florida National Guard.

Pinecrest Elementary School to host Family Movie Night

Pinecrest Elementary School PTO will be hosting Family Movie Night on Friday, April 20. The movie "Hop" will be shown in the cafeteria from 5 p-7 p.m. The PTO would like to invite our students, families, and the community to attend. The PTO is also pre-selling 1 slice of pizza, bag of popcorn and a drink for \$2.50. If buying the night of the movie the price will be \$3. To order please contact: Iesha Martinez at 239-377-8095.

Public Meetings

- The Collier County Tourist Development Council will meet Wednesday, April 11, at 9 a.m. in the County Manager's Front Conference Room, located on the second floor of the, Collier County Government Center, 3299 Tamiami Trail East, Naples.
- The Library Advisory Board will meet Wednesday, April 18, at 10 a.m. in the Headquarters Library located at 2385 Orange Blossom Drive, Naples.
- The Growth Management Division - Planning & Regulation will hold a public meeting to provide interested persons and residents of the community the opportunity to review proposed amendments to the Land Development Code. This meeting is the third in a series of four In Focus Community Meetings and will focus on proposed amendments to the landscaping sections of the Code. The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 10, at 10 a.m. in the Growth Management Building, Room 610, 2800 N. Horseshoe Drive Naples.
- The Collier County Board of County Commissioners, in its capacity as the Collier County Airport Authority, will hold a joint public workshop with the Collier County Airport Advisory Board on Monday, April 16, at 9 a.m. in the Board of County Commissioners chambers, third floor, Collier County Government Center, 3299 Tamiami Trail East, Naples,

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Free fishing Saturday in Florida's fresh waters

The possibilities for taking advantage of the upcoming license-free fishing day, Saturday April 7, in Florida are almost endless. That's because people of all ages can cast their lines into 3 million acres of lakes, ponds and reservoirs and 12,000 miles of fishable rivers, streams and canals.

The hardest part might be picking your destination.

These abundant resources, coupled with responsible freshwater fish management, are why Florida is known as the "Fishing Capital of the World."

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) scheduled the first of four license-free recreational fishing days on this holiday weekend so more people will have the chance to get out and try their luck. Plus, this weekend coincides with a productive freshwater fishing period, when the weather is usually pleasant. Many of Florida's recreational sport fishes, such as black bass, bluegill and redear sunfish, move into the shallows to spawn during spring, making them more available for anglers to catch.

Besides enjoying the fun of reeling in a fish, people find that recreational fishing is a

good motivator to enjoy the great outdoors. In fact, fishing is a prime reason lots of folks get outside in the first place.

Fishing is a low-cost, wholesome form of entertainment, which is why the FWC offers four days when a recreational fishing license is not needed. The FWC also made June 2 and Sept. One license-free saltwater fishing days and set June 9 as the second license-free freshwater fishing day. These days coincide with a holiday weekend, National Fishing and Boating Week or open-harvest seasons for popular bay scallops, lobster and king mackerel.

All other bag limit, season and size restrictions apply on these dates for recreational, not commercial, fishing.

To make your fishing day successful, check out My FWC.com/Fishing for freshwater fishing tips, locations and rules.

So escape the hustle and bustle Saturday by telling everyone you've "gone fishing." But don't forget to take your kids and spouse and friends to share the fun

FWC offers hunter safety course

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) will host a free hunter safety course on April 14 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. and April 15 from 8 a.m. to noon.

Attendance on both days is required for certification. Participants must successfully complete the online portion of the course prior to attending and bring the final Web report to the FWC course on April 14. It does not have to be notarized.

Students will learn about hunting laws, safe gun handling and hunter ethics/responsibility, among other topics, before taking the final test. The course also includes live-firing instruction on a shooting range.

The class is at the North Naples Fire District, 1885 Veterans Park Drive, Naples, FL

34109.

Participants can sign up at MyFWC.com/HunterSafety or by calling the FWC's South Region Office at 561-625-5122. A link to the online part of the course and a statewide schedule of hunter safety classes are available at MyFWC.com/HunterSafety.

Anyone born on or after June 1, 1975, must pass an approved hunter safety course before purchasing a Florida hunting license. Parents or legal guardians must accompany children under 16 years of age to all classes. To participate in live-fire exercises, children under 18 years old must present a parental release form signed by a parent or legal guardian.

County Bar Association offers Free Legal Aid clinic

The Collier County Bar Association in conjunction with the Legal Aid Service of Collier County is pleased to offer a free legal clinic to our community. Half hour consultations with an attorney will be offered in a variety of practice areas. Services will be offered at Legal Aid Offices, 4125 East Tamiami Trail, Naples on Saturday, April 28 from 10 a.m. until noon.

Attendee will be helped on a first come, first served basis. No reservations will be accepted and pre registration is not required. Some foreign language interpreter will be available.

Please call the Collier County Bar Association for further information at 239-252-8711 or 239-252-8138. The services are sponsored in part by the Collier County Bar Association.

THE THORN

EASTER EXPERIENCE

First Baptist Church to Present "The Thorn Easter Experience" on Easter Sunday

This year at First Baptist the greatest story ever told comes to life with "The Thorn Easter Experience." Through realistic videos, dramas and beautiful music, attendees will experience the power and compassion of Jesus' life, the pain of his crucifixion, and the triumph of his resurrection.

Services will be held April 8 at 10:45am. First Baptist is one of the first churches in the country to present "The Thorn Easter Experience," a unique Easter celebration that includes compelling videos, inspiring songs, beautiful graphics and dramatic monologues adapted from "The Thorn Live," a spectacular stage presentation seen by nearly one million people over the last 14 years.

This is the first year the exclusive licensed content from "The Thorn Live" production has been available to churches to use in creating a worship experience unlike any other Easter service.

First Baptist is excited to be able to invite everyone in Immokalee to attend this unique production and hopes many will come see Easter in a whole new way. First Baptist is a Southern Baptist Church located at 1411 Lake Trafford Road, Immokalee, FL. For more information go to www.fbcimmokalee.org or call 239-657-2694.


EASTER First Baptist Church
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