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By Rick Heers  
Special to the Immokalee  
Bulletin

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## Immokalee High School Class of 2025...

Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/Literacy Academy  
The Family Literacy Academy of Immokalee, managed by Jump Start held its preschool graduation on Saturday, May 19, at Farm Worker's Village Community Center. Pictured graduates: Yatziri Garcia, Mercedes Lopez, Yoselin Gomez, Angeles Salazar, Leonardo Cervantes, Isai Arreguin, Omar Brito, Yael Ruiz, Angel Chavez, and Jose Gomez (not pictured). Preschool Instructors: Mary Ann Rodriguez, Maria Segura (lead instructor), Lydia Warden.

## Pro football team to open first season in Immokalee

By Patty Brant  
Immokalee Bulletin

Immokaleeans know their football, that's a fact. They know it and they love it. Several of Immokalee's young athletes have even made a name for themselves in the NFL. Now young Aaron Henry has signed as a free agent with the Oakland Raiders. From Pop Warner to the Immokalee High School Indians and beyond, this is fertile ground for all things football.

Now, the Stars Football League (SFL) has initiated a professional

team right here.

The Swamp Dogs' home field will be Immokalee High School Gary Bates Stadium.

The Swamp Dogs will start their season late - June 9 - against the Port St. Lucie Ironmen in Ft Pierce, Lawnwood Stadium. Tickets are on sale at the SFL Website [www.StarsFootballLeague.com](http://www.StarsFootballLeague.com). Their first home game will be June 30.

On May 12, the Swamp Dogs held try outs at Rutenberg Park in Fort Myers, putting prospective players through their paces in the

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Immokalee Bulletin/Patty Brant  
Newly formed Immokalee Swamp Dogs team owner, and CEO Pete Huthwaite.

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# PRO

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**Jay Lawrence, Swamp Dogs GM**

40-yard dash and skill drills, watching how they handle the ball, how they move.

In its second year, the SFL is looking to expand to 20 teams. At this time, there are now ten teams on the roster.

Part of the Spring league, the Swamp Dogs are getting a late start and will only June and July. The team is still being put together and promoters were adding offensive and defensive linemen to the roster.

SFL President and CEO Pete Huthwaite believes so much in this league and this team that he is financing much of it himself. He sees it as a huge business opportunity for partners. He's convinced that Immokalee is the right venue for a pro team.

Swamp Dogs General Manager Jay Lawrence is very clear on why he pushed for Immokalee to have a team.

"Immokalee will support this team," he said. "People here will love and embrace as their own like no other community." And that is fertile soil for football. He said Immokalee still has the tight knit sense of community many places have lost.

Jay has a strong history with the Florida Stingrays, a professional indoor football team in Fort Myers, as vice-president of Operations and served in that role through the 2008 season.

The Swamp Dogs are looking for players who will strive to be the best - players that

deserve to be here. Of course, it begins with athletic ability, but Jay explains that the difference between a good player and a great one is heart. He's looking for good, professional players who respect the game.

The SFL can be a launching board to the NFL, if a player has the talent and commitment to take it to the next level.

Yoshi Smith is coaching the Swamp Dogs linebacker. Immokalee born and bred, Yoshi came up through Immokalee Pop Warner through Indians Varsity, went on to play for Ellsworth Community College in Iowa Falls, Iowa, then went pro in 2008 with the Florida Stingrays and with the Florida Tarpons. Now he sees coaching as his chance to share what he knows with others.

For him, Immokalee is the perfect place for football.

"We're not a 'professional' town," he said, "but we're born and raised on football." He remembers his days as a kid, standing at the fence of Indians football games, no money to get in, but fascinated by watching the red and white uniforms moving down the field, with the band, the whole package. "It's all about opportunity for me."

Southwest Florida is a big draw for football scouts, he noted, because "we have the speed, the size and the gift." In fact, Yoshi isn't shy about predicting a championship for the Swamp Dogs - even this year, with such a short season.

He sees the Swamp Dogs team coming together comparing well to other teams, largely because of the intensity of General Manager Jay Lawrence, and the community and family support of Immokaleeans.

"I'm working with good people," Yoshi said, "It's another blessing for me."

After knowing Jay Lawrence for six years, Yoshi says of him, "He can get the job done." Yoshi also relates to Jay because, although he's confined to a wheelchair, he doesn't let

it get in his way - just like his younger brother, George. Playing for the Immokalee Indians, George was paralyzed. Now George has started his own record label called Kurious Boy and is attending iTECH, learning about studio music. Yoshi sees this business as a way to provide for his family and his community.

In spite of all the hoopla about pro ball,

for Yoshi, a chance to be head coach at Immokalee High School would be the top of the profession for him.

The SFL Swamp Dogs are here, bringing with them the excitement that formerly belonged to Fall - the cheer of the crowd, the crash of helmets, the clash of wills. It's football time again in Immokalee.



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/Shari Monetta

## Honoring Sargeant Linda Pierre

In May of 2011, A Florida not-for-profit corporation, the Sargeant Linda Pierre Memorial Scholarship, Inc. was established. The founding committee includes Larry Wilcoxson from Immokalee, Tim Nance and Shari Monetta from Golden Gate Estates, and Chuck Marshall from Naples. Two Scholarships were awarded in 2011.

Sargeant Linda Pierre, 28, Immokalee, was one of five U.S. soldiers killed April 16, while supporting Operation Enduring Freedom. Pierre, who was assigned to the 101st Special Troops Battalion, 101st Sustainment Brigade, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky., died of wounds suffered when an Afghan National Army soldier attacked them with multiple grenades, according to U.S. Department of Defense reports.

Pierre, who was in her first tour overseas and had been deployed in late 2010, served as a human resource specialist helping train Afghan soldiers and was also on foot patrol, according to family members.

The following six students are the recipients of the Sargeant Linda Pierre Memorial Scholarships for 2012. Each of the recipients is to receive \$1,000 including: Joseph Flores, Nancy Flores, Clara Herrera, Youline Lima Fatima Soto, Alicia Townsend.

Persons wishing to donate to the scholarship fund can make deposits at any Bank of America banking center in the name of the Sargeant Linda Pierre Memorial Scholarship.

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# Grant allows rehiring of six firefighters

By Patty Brant  
Immokalee Bulletin

After months of difficult times, Immokalee firefighters have something to smile about.

On May 18 IFD received the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) Grant, which provides funding to increase the number of trained, "front line" firefighters in local communities. According to the FEMA Web site, "The goal of SAFER is to enhance the local fire departments' abilities to comply with staffing, response and operational standards."

With this \$736,920 the department will be able to fill the six firefighter positions lost last year.

These jobs will be offered first to the firefighters who were laid off, although at least two have since become employed elsewhere.

Assistant Chief Mike Jenson said, with this grant, IFD will again have a full complement of firefighters - 21 - and will be able to reopen the Carson Road station. That station had been closed as uninhabitable, refurbished by a host of volunteers, and has been open only as volunteers were available to man it.

Assistant Chief Jenson said this is a two-

year grant and that it could take as much as 90 days to get everything in place. He said it will not fix IFD's financial problems, however he believes it will help till the economy turns around.

Also, voters approved a tax increase from 3 to 3.75 mills beginning this year, and the effect of that increase has yet to be seen.

"The firefighters are excited," Assistant Chief Jenson said, "and the commission is thankful for the grant." He admitted that morale plummeted after the layoffs last year, but this grant will inject some badly needed funding to revitalize the department.

"We think we have turned a corner," he commented.

Administrators including the Interim Chief Rita Greenberg, Assistant Chief and the training operations officer from Big Corkscrew have been working with the fire board and IFD administration, overseeing operations and updating policies and procedures.

Assistant Chief Jenson recalled some concern that doing double duty between Big Corkscrew and Immokalee might be a heavy burden, but he said it has worked well. "All the departments work well together," he said, and praised Immokalee's firefighters, saying, "They gave a lot to save the department."

## Letter to the Editor

### Editorial rebuttal

As a long-time resident and business owner in Immokalee, it is important that I express my opinion on recent editorials that have been placed in the Immokalee Bulletin and Naples Daily News arbitrarily blaming Commissioner Jim Coletta for decisions that were the responsibility of the county commissioners acting as a group. These claims have been made by supporters of Tim Nance; and he, himself, in a recent editorial blamed Commissioner Coletta for the "road to nowhere"-Oil Well Road.

The Immokalee community has been well-served by Commissioner Coletta over the past eight years, and hopefully he will continue his active service and support to the families of Immokalee after this fall's election. The "road to nowhere" that Mr. Nance refers to is a valuable highway to Ave Maria University-one of the newest and growing universities in Southwest Florida, to one of the newest homeowner developments, and to the future home of the new Arthrex com-

plex which in time will add hundreds of jobs and businesses in our area. Does he consider the hundreds of homeowners now in Ave Maria as nobodies? Does he consider all those college students that soon will number in the thousands nobodies? Does he think that the Arthrex development is nothing? Only someone without foresight would consider this a "road to nowhere." If all of the facts were known, much of the cost of this extended highway has been paid for by private developers.

Most of the Immokalee community who, like me, have been around the community, live and work here, have witnessed many improvements in housing, beautification and business. In my humble opinion, Jim, not Tim, is the best representative for continuing development of the Immokalee area.

**Ski Olesky,**  
Owner/operator of  
Lake Trafford Marina

## Weather Forecast

### Local Forecast

**Thursday:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms after 2 p.m. Partly sunny, with a high near 94. East wind between 6 and 10 mph.

**Thursday night:** A chance of showers and thunderstorms before 11 p.m., then a slight chance of showers between 11 p.m. and 2 a.m. Partly cloudy, with a low around 69. East wind between 5 and 7 mph. Chance of precipitation is 30 percent.

**Friday:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 93. Northeast wind between 6 and 9 mph.

**Friday night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 70. East wind between 6 and 8 mph.

**Saturday:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Mostly sunny, with a high near 93.

**Saturday night:** A 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Partly cloudy, with a low around 70.

### Extended Forecast

## Obituaries

### Leonel Garza, Sr., 69

IMMOKALEE — Leonel Garza, Sr. 69 of Immokalee, passed away Sunday, April 22, 2012 after an extended illness. Mr. Garza was born November 20, 1942 in Texas to father Ismael Jose Garza and mother Joaquina Ramirez Garza. He worked over 30 years for ABC Produce as a supervisor. Leonel Sr., is survived by his loving wife, San Juana Sanchez Garza; daughters, Mary Ann "Mawee" Garza, Claudia Garcia (Eloy), Angie Garza (Geraldo), and Marie Otila "Tila" Hernandez (Maxamino); sons, David "Boo-Boo"

Garza (Lisa), Jose "Joey" Garza (Leticia), Thomas "Bay" Garza (Martha), Pedro "Pete" Garza (Pattie); 34 grandchildren and many great grandchildren, along with extended family. He was preceded in death by his daughter, San Juanita Garcia on April 13, 2012; and son, Leonel Garza, Jr. in 1999. Visitation was held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, Immokalee. Funeral Mass was held on April 27, 2012, also at the Church. Burial followed at Lake Trafford Memorial Gardens. We would like to thank everyone for thoughts and prayers.

## Front Porch to host Basketball charity game

It's time to play basketball! You are invited to join us on Saturday, June 2, for a charity basketball game hosted by the Greater Immokalee Front Porch and Collier County Parks and Recreation. Great time to bring the entire family and help us cheer on Immokalee's most popular fathers and successful men who will show off their skills and support our local charity.

The charity game will be held at the "Gym" (Aquatic Center) located at 505 Escambia Street, Immokalee. Doors open at 6 p.m. Tip off at 7 p.m..

Admission is just \$3.

The game welcomes local talented youth an opportunity to participate as

cheerleaders and halftime performers, and family fun, great music by a local D.J., social networking and raffle drawing.

If you wish to play, please contact Wilson "Toot" Riley at 239-867-1394.

Registration Deadline: Monday, May 28. No registration fee. Space is limited - sign up today! So get up and let's play ball!

Anyone interested in performing during halftime or wish to donate a raffle item, please contact Vicki Carr at 239-503-7733 or Front Porch's office at 239-658-1300. All donations are tax-deductible.

Proceeds will benefit Front Porch's summer youth program.

## Men's Day Worship Service

Allen Chapel A.M.E Church invites you to it's second 100 Men In Black Men's Day Worship Service. On Sunday, May 27, at 4 p.m. Ladies are invited, too. Our guest preacher is Elder Isaac Thomas, who serves as the pastor of St. Mary Primitive Baptist Church of Punta Gorda. Come join us! Their men's choir will be in the house!

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## Students First

### A 'Peachy keen' day for students

By Joe Landon  
Collier County District Schools



Peaches and cream, peach cobbler (my choice over apple, cherry, or blueberry cobbler), peach upside down cake (instead of pineapple), playing the Peaches and Herb song "Re-united" as a dj on the radio in Battle Creek in 1979, and picking a peach from the tree in my parents' backyard in South Bend as a 12-year-old boy (a tasty, juicy memory). These are the things that come to mind for me when I think about peaches.



While the good folks in our Collier County Public Schools' Department of Nutrition Services also thought of fresh peaches as they celebrated Peach Day, they were about the business of making peach juice, peach chicken rice bowls, peach BBQ-glazed beef rib sandwiches, romaine lettuce drizzled with a peach vinaigrette dressing, and even peach muffins and other peach deserts. The celebration of Peach Day in our schools was in keeping with our involvement with the National Farm to School Network which connects schools and local farms with the goal of serving

healthy meals in our cafeterias and improving student nutrition. On Peach Day, each of our schools offered peaches on both breakfast and lunch menus, introducing students to new menu items and healthy food choices including farm fresh Florida peaches. Students had fun celebrating Peach Day wearing peach colors if they could at the elementary level and wearing "spirit" shirts at middle and high school. Cafeterias were decorated in keeping with the peach theme, and there was a contest entered by 20 of our schools in which peach school spirit, art work, school staff participation, and things like that were judged. During a big Peach Day Reception held here at the district office earlier this week, Calusa Park, Manatee, Mike Davis, and Palmetto elementary schools were declared winners along with Cypress Palm and Golden Gate middle schools, and Naples High School. While a good time was had by all as we celebrated,

as you'd expect there was a strong educational component here as well. Students used reading, art, math, science, and writing activities to celebrate as they learned that peaches are a great source of vitamins A, B, and C – plus they taste so good! Now while we think of our neighbor to the north, Georgia, as being the peach capital of the universe, did you know that our first peach orchard in Florida was planted in the year 1565? Peaches, sometimes referred to as "Persian apples," actually had their beginnings in China, but were developed in Persia and went from there to Europe and then to America with the colonists who came over on the boat. And did you know that the juice from peaches makes a wonderful skin moisturizer and peach juice is found in many cosmetic products?

So Peach Day in our schools was a huge success this year. To use a 1960's phrase, it was simply "peachy keen!"



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RCMA kindergarten kids are learning math vocabulary with some fun new moves. "Reach for the Sky" helps kids to remember the Y axis on a chart is vertical.

## RCMA - Math gets rowdy

Children use chants and movement to learn terms

All arms reach forward, as if to form straight-arm alligator jaws. A chant is coming.

But this isn't a Gator football game; it's kindergarten math. The gator jaws form the "greater than" sign. The children chant:

The alligator opens wide,

The bigger number goes inside!

That's how a room of 5-year-olds learns an important math symbol.

"It's a multisensory way of learning the math vocabulary," Principal Jim McDevitt said.

The technique is called STANDOUT Math. Immokalee Community School, operated by Redlands Christian Migrant Association, embraced the curriculum supplement in the 2010-11 school year, and the children's math test scores have been rising ever since.

"We believe it's because they implemented our program," said STANDOUT Math owner Scott Hussey.

STANDOUT Math executives, based in Colorado, also saw some Immokalee Community classes via Skype, and were impressed with teachers' delivery of the program. Consequently they named the school as their Southeast School of the Year for 2011.

Elizabeth Marizan's kindergarteners spring from their seats and stretch both arms toward the ceiling. They chant:

Like a Y,  
Reach for the sky!

The topic is graphs, and the rhyme helps them remember that a graph's vertical axis is the Y axis, and the horizontal axis is the X.

Each class in grades K-5 practices STANDOUT Math at least once a week.

## Project Graduation needs donations

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**COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA**  
**HUD Action Plan FY 2012-2013**  
**Citizen Participation Announcement**



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**Participación del Ciudadano**  
**Plan de Acción de un Año**



Collier County is developing its FY 2012-2013 One Year Action Plan as part of its 5-Year Consolidated Plan (CP) FY 2011-2016 as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The goals of the CP are to: provide decent housing; provide a suitable living environment; and expand economic opportunities for very low, low and moderate-income persons. The Consolidated Plan guides Collier County's efforts for addressing both housing and non-housing community activities. This One-Year Action Plan determines expenditures for activities that will be conducted in the 2012-2013 program year.

Collier County, along with its entitlement cities of Marco Island and Naples has been allocated \$2,004,496 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds. Eligible activities for CDBG funds include, but are not limited to: construction and renovation of public facilities, land acquisition, and public services in accordance with 24 CFR § 570. Approximately 100% of the total allocation will benefit low and moderate-income persons.

Collier County has been allocated \$456,777\* in HOME Initiative Partnership Program (HOME) funds to expand the supply of decent, affordable housing for low and very low-income families. \*This allocation will be decreased by \$160,000 as Collier County has agreed to repay HUD for a 2006 HOME funded project that was not completed. HOME funds must be used for housing projects/programs that meet local needs and priorities. This year's HOME funds will be to provide Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) vouchers and program support. HUD required CHDO Set Aside funds will be held until an eligible project request is received and approved. Approximately 100% of the total HOME allocation will be used to benefit very low and low-income citizens.

Collier County has been allocated \$168,745 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds. ESG funds may be used for emergency homeless shelters operations, re-housing of homeless individuals and families, Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS), and homelessness prevention activities and outreach. Approximately 100% of the total allocation will benefit the homeless or individuals/families that are at risk of homelessness. ESG will be distributed in accordance to pending HUD guidance.

The *proposed* One Year Action Plan for FY 2012-2013 includes the following activities:

**CDBG-\$2,004,496**

CDBG-Planning & Administration (HHVS)	\$400,899
David Lawrence-Access to Wellness	\$180,000
City of Naples-Land Acquisition	\$105,835
Immokalee Community Redevelopment Agency-Immokalee Business Center	\$61,088
Youth Haven – Safe and Secure Homes	\$956,000
HDC of SW FL–Homebuyer Education Program	\$84,500
Housing Development Corporation (HDC) of SW FL–Shifting	\$71,674
Shelter for Abused Women & Children	\$144,500

**HOME-\$456,777**

Payback to HOME – Cirrus Pointe 2nd Installment Repayment to HUD	(\$160,000)
HOME-Administration (HHVS)	\$29,677
Collier County Housing Authority-Tenant Based Rental Assistance, Administration	\$25,000
Collier County Housing Authority-Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA)	197,583
CHDO Set-Aside - TBD	44,517

**Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG)-\$168,745**

To be Determined based on HUD guidance	168,745
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**TOTAL for projects**

\$2,470,018

**Public Comment Period**

There will be a public comment period from May 22, 2012 to June 21, 2012 regarding the One Year Action Plan. During this period, the draft Plan will be available for review in all County's public libraries, at the Public Information Desk in the Harmon Turner Building on the Collier County Government Main Campus, in the Housing, Human & Veteran Services Department office located at 3339 E Tamiami Trail, Building H, Suite 211, Naples FL 34112, and the Collier County web site at [www.colliergov.net](http://www.colliergov.net). The document is available in a format accessible to persons with disabilities upon request (239-252-2901). All written comments from citizens will be considered in preparing the final Consolidated Plan One Year Action Plan FY 2012-2013. HHVS will respond to all written comments in writing within 15 days of receipt.

**Next Step**

A public meeting to take input on the draft Action Plan will be held on Monday, June 4, 2012 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. at 3339 E Tamiami Trail, Building H, Room 216, Naples FL 34112

**Final Action**

Adoption of the One Year Action Plan (FY 2012-2013) is scheduled for Tuesday July 24, 2012 at a regular meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. If you require special aid or services as addressed in the Americans with Disabilities Act or require someone to translate or sign, please contact the Housing, Human & Veteran Services office at (239) 252-4663, no later than two (2) days prior to the public hearing date. For additional information contact Margo Castorena at (239) 252-2912 or [MargoCastorena@colliergov.net](mailto:MargoCastorena@colliergov.net).

**Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano (HUD)**

El condado de Collier está desarrollando un Plan de Acción de un Año como parte del Plan Consolidado de 5 Años (Consolidated Plan – CP) requerido por el Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo urbano (HUD). El Plan de Acción de 5 Años está dirigido a actividades comunitarias relacionadas con viviendas y otras actividades para la comunidad. Las metas del Plan Consolidado son: proveer viviendas decentes; un entorno de vida apropiado; y la expansión de oportunidades económicas para personas de muy bajo, bajo y moderados ingresos. El Plan Consolidado dirige los esfuerzos del Condado de Collier, para dirigirse tanto a actividades de comunidad de no alojamiento como alojamiento. Este Plan de Acción Anual determina los gastos de las actividades que se llevarán a cabo en el año del programa 2012-2013.

Estamos pendiente a la asignación de Fondos del Gobierno Federal que tentativamente le a asignado al Condado de Collier juntos a sus ciudades de derecho Marco Island y Naples aproximadamente la cantidad de \$2,004,496 en Fondos para el programa de Desarrollo de la Comunidad (CDBG). Las Actividades elegibles incluyen, pero no son limitadas a: creación de empleos, instalación y renovación de facilidades públicas, y servicios públicos de acuerdo al Código de Regulaciones Federales, 24 CFR § 570. Aproximadamente el 100% de la asignación beneficiará a personas de bajos y moderados ingresos.

Habrà una asignación de aproximadamente de \$456,777\* en fondos del Programa de Asociación para Inversiones en Vivienda (HOME), para expandir el suministro de viviendas presentables y precios razonables, a familias de ingresos bajos y muy bajos. Los fondos de HOME deben utilizarse para programas de vivienda que reúnan las prioridades y necesidades locales. Las actividades elegibles incluyen la asistencia de alquiler, y la rehabilitación de casas con ejecuciones hipotecarias para venderlas. Aproximadamente 100% del total de la asignación beneficiará a personas de + bajos y muy bajos ingresos. \* Esta asignación será disminuida por \$160,000, ya que el condado de Collier ha consentido en reembolsar a HUD por un proyecto del 2006 financiado que no se completó.

Habrà una asignación de aproximadamente \$168,745 en fondos del programa de Refugio de Emergencia (ESG), los fondos podrán ser utilizados para crear refugios y realojamiento de personas y familias sin hogar, sistemas de información gerencial sin hogar (HMIS) y las actividades de prevención de la falta de vivienda y divulgación. Aproximadamente el 100% de la asignación total beneficiará a los indigentes o personas y familias que corren el riesgo de falta de vivienda. ESG se distribuirá de acuerdo a la orientación de HUD.

El propuesto Plan de Acción de Un Año para el año fiscal 2013-2013 incluye las siguientes actividades:

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**Período de Comentario Público:**

Habrà un período para comentarios desde el 22 de May hasta el 21 de June de 2010 con respecto al Plan de Acción de Un Año. Durante este periodo, El Plan de Acción de Un Año estará disponible en todas las bibliotecas del Condado de Collier, en la Oficina de Información Pública que se encuentra en el edificio Harmon Turner que está situado en el 3329 E. Tamiami Trail, Naples FL 34112; como también en el Departamento de Vivienda y Servicios Humanos 3339 E Tamiami Trail, Edificio H, Suite 216, Naples, Florida 34112, y en la página de internet del Condado de Collier [www.colliergov.net](http://www.colliergov.net). El Plan de Acción de Un Año está disponible a personas incapacitadas. Solicítelo llamando al (239) 252-2901. Todos los comentarios sometidos por escrito del público serán considerados para preparar la Enmienda del Plan de Acción de Un Año. Los comentarios presentados por escrito se tendrán en cuenta al preparar la copia final del Plan de Acción de Un Año. El Condado responderá por escrito a todos los comentarios del público presentados por escrito, dentro de 15 días de haber sido recibidos.

**El Próximo Paso**

Una junta pública se llevara a cabo el viernes, 4 de June de 2012 de 9:00 a.m. a 10:00 a.m. en la siguiente dirección, 3339 E Tamiami Trail, Edificio H, Suite 216, Naples, Florida 34112.

**Acción**

La adopción del Plan de Acción de Un Año (Año Fiscal 2013-2013) está planificada para el martes, Julio 24 del 2012 en la junta regular de los Comisionados del Condado de Collier (Board of County Commissioners). Si usted requiere asistencia especial o servicios ofrecidos como los que especifica el Acta de Americanos con Incapacidades (Americans with Disabilities Act), o si requiere que alguien le traduzca en su idioma o lenguaje por señas, por favor llame al Departamento de Vivienda y Servicios Humanos (Housing and Human Services) al (239) 252-4663 por lo menos dos (2) días antes de la fecha de la junta pública. Para más información por favor llame a Margo Castorena al (239) 252-2912 o envíe un correo electrónico a [MargoCastorena@colliergov.net](mailto:MargoCastorena@colliergov.net)

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# Housing authority receives health literacy grant

The Collier County Housing Authority (CCHA) has been awarded a one-year \$5,000 grant for the implementation of a health literacy program to benefit its Adult ESOL and family literacy students.

This grant, awarded by Florida Blue and the Florida Literacy Coalition, will integrate health and nutrition into the adult ESOL curriculum offered to residents of Farm Worker Village and at Collier Village. The focus is to help students acquire information and resources that will help them navigate the medical system and make informed health decisions.

There is a growing recognition among health care providers and adult educators around the country that limited English language and literacy skills can have a significant impact on one's health. Health Literacy is defined as the degree to which individuals have the capacity to obtain, process, and understand basic health information and services needed to make appropriate health decisions.

According to the 2003 National Assessment of Adult Literacy's (NAAL) report on the health literacy of America's adults, 14% of adults have below basic health literacy skills. Low health literacy is especially prevalent among adults who did not complete high school and Hispanic adults, who have lower health literacy than any other ethnic group. In addition, low health literacy costs between \$106 and \$236 billion a year in the form of longer hospital stays, emergency room visits, increased doctor visits, and increased medication, according to a recent report from the University of Connecticut.

The award was officially presented during the 28th Annual Florida Literacy Conference May 9-11, in St. Petersburg.

"The support of this initiative reflects Florida Blue's commitment to helping adult learners, many of whom are new to this country, become informed health advocates for themselves and their families," said Greg Smith, executive director of Florida Literacy Coalition. "We look forward to working

together with the Collier County Housing Authority to raise awareness about health literacy."

The CCHA is one of 18 grant recipients selected for the fourth grant year of this statewide initiative. Other recipients include DeSoto County Education Foundation, East & West Area Adult Schools/Polk Education Foundation, Miami Dade College Hialeah Campus, S.B. Idea Inc., Common Unity, Literacy Volunteers of Gadsden County, El Sol - Jupiter's Neighborhood Resource Center, First Baptist Church DeLeon Springs, Flagler County Schools, Florida State College at Jacksonville, International Learning Center of Jacksonville FL Inc., International Rescue Committee, Sarasota YMCA, World Relief Jacksonville, Marion County Literacy Council Inc., ECHO, and GROWS Literacy Council Inc.

The CCHA was created in 1966 by the Florida State Legislature with the purpose of providing decent and safe housing for eligible low-income families. The CCHA owns

and manages three publish housing developments: 611 units of farm labor housing know as Farmer Worker Village, 30 units of farm labor housing as Collier Village, and a 192 bed dormitory know as Horizon Village. All three sites are located in Immokalee, the center of SW Florida's agricultural community. The CCHA also provides a multitude of support services for its families through various community partnerships. Some of those services are: two day care centers operated by Redlands Christian Migrant Association; two postal service areas; and the Jump Start Family Literacy Academy which provides ESOL Literacy programs to families with children 0 to 5 years old. In addition, the CCHA serves an estimated 3100 people through the administration of the Section 8 rental assistance program and Family Self Sufficiency Program to provide support services targeted to low, elderly, disabled, homeless and farm workers who live in Collier County.

# Kevin Lilly makes bid for Property Appraiser position

Kevin J. Lilly wants to be Collier County's next Property Appraiser. He hopes voters will look at his record of 16 years with Collier County Property Appraiser and his previous five with the Florida Department of Revenue as a sound basis for electing him.



**Kevin J. Lilly**  
Candidate for  
Property Appraiser

Mr. Lilly sees the next four years as an opportunity to expand the technology supporting the office's role. He wants to embrace technology to improve the department's Web site.

He believes Collier County voters are entitled to easily understood Truth in Millage notifications that include ad valorem and non-ad valorem fees.

Mr. Lilly is an accredited senior appraiser and Past President of the American Society of Appraisers (ASA) Chapter 82; has International Association of Assessing Officers Certificates. He earned a masters in economic from Florida State University and a bachelors

in economics from the University of South Florida. He was a Certified Florida Evaluator from January 1993 till Dec. 2011, when he resigned from the office amid turmoil he said was created by poor decisions being made by the current Property Appraiser.

An example of the questionable decisions being made in the office were recently reported in a Sarasota Herald Tribune article

<http://www.heraldtribune.com/article/20120415/ARTICLE/120419742/0/columnist13?p=1&tc=pg>

"I felt it was necessary for me to resign and run for the position of Property Appraiser. I believe I can remedy the problems that have been created in that office by the current property appraiser and his chief deputy."

"I believe it's time we re-assess our future and elect a new, qualified Property Appraiser in Collier County."

He feels his background will allow him to provide professional management within the office and feels technology can play a part in effective budgeting as well as training and cross-training in-house.

In addition, Mr. Lilly sees opportunities for the Property Appraiser to increase Tangible Personal Property exemptions, reduce business taxes, attract more business and reduce fees.

During his years with the Collier County Appraiser's Office, Mr. Lilly served as a point of contact with the county budget office, independent fire districts, Cities of Naples, Marco Island and Everglades as well as with the school board. He was also liaison with the Florida Department of Revenue and news media.

In his personal life, He and his wife of 16 years have two young children. He is an active church member, coaches Greater Naples Little League and is a member of the FSU Seminole Club of Naples. He is also a member of the Collier County Republican Executive Committee.

Proud of his experience, Mr. Lilly said he wants to bring the Property Appraiser's Office up to date technologically. To that end, as a long time property appraiser employee, he said he worked to ensure equitable appraisals for all property types, built a database of county property values, developed programs for analyzing sales information and provided statistical measurements for evaluating assessments.

In his capacity with the Property Appraiser's Office, he worked with vital internal government departments including the Tax Collector and Clerk of Courts. He prepared county tax rolls for submission to Department of Revenue and worked on the team to design and implement a county wide Geo-

graphic Information System (GIS).

Before going to work for the Collier County Property Appraiser, he worked with the Florida Department of Revenue for five years.

For more information on the candidate, go to [kevin@lillyforcollierappraiser.com](mailto:kevin@lillyforcollierappraiser.com).

As Mr. Lilly and his opponent, incumbent Abe Skinner are both Republicans, this race will be decided in the August 14 Primary.

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## Community Foundation assists with needed funding

By Rick Heers

Special to the Immokalee Bulletin

Once again the Community Foundation of Collier County with its Immokalee Non-profit Network Housing Collaborative Fund has provided additional funding to assist I HOPE in its summer projects to rehabilitate the homes of needy families in Immokalee. The CFCC has provided additional fund-

ing in the amount of \$12,500 to repair the homes of 7 families in Immokalee. These residents have been waiting for almost a year hoping and praying that I HOPE would gain additional funding. These projects include placing hurricane shutters on homes, replacing faulty bathrooms, kitchen cabinets, flooring and even exterior siding on one home. These funds are in addition to

\$4,000 previously granted to I HOPE a few months back. All of these families live in owner occupied dwellings and some are suffering severe handicaps. To help with these projects four volunteer teams will be in to assist the staff of I HOPE with these projects, three of them coming through a direct partnership with World Vision.



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin

About 40 kids from the Immokalee Braves little league team departed for a great roadtrip to see a professional baseball team on the field. The team traveled to Tampa to see the Rays take on the Atlanta Braves on May 20

## Immokalee Braves take a roadtrip

By William Trevino

Special to the Immokalee Bulletin

The parents and the coaches for the Immokalee Braves had been planning a trip and the decision was made to go see the Tampa Bay Rays play against the Atlanta Braves this Sunday on May 20. The bus departed Winn Dixie parking lot at 9:10 a.m. and returned at 8 p.m. The kids and the parents had a blast.

There was a parade before the game and all the kids from different town and cities that belonged to a Little league team got a chance to walk on the actual field. Coach William Trevino would like to give a special thanks to the parents for not only going, but for those parents that could not make the trip for letting their kids go so they could

hold on to a wonderful memory. He would also like to thank a few other people that were behind the scenes, Mr. Joshua Rincon who supplied the bus for our trip, Mr. Hector Ramos and Mr. Juan Garcia for letting us use the Little League banner to show we are proud of Immokalee, Mr. Teo Alviar who was a great Asst. Manager, when I was not able to be there as a Manager for our team when we played, the team mother (Barbie Alviar) for being there with Mr. Alviar, and last but not least to the parents who were there supporting their kids through some of the few games we won, and more so of the games that we lost. We will be starting All Stars for the 9 and 10 year olds and also for the 11 and 12 year olds, look for times and dates so our community can come out and support our youth of Immokalee.



## U-10 Cobras

U10 Cobras are the youngest group in the Soccer Pit Cobras. This was their first season together. They have suffered through the pains of being together for the first time ,but they have grown alot since the beginning.

## U-13 Cobras

U13 Cobras had a successful Spring season and will finish official play as they compete in the Sweetbay Invitational Tournament at the Naples Regional Soccer Complex on Memorial day weekend. Go Cobras!



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/Manny Touron



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/Kelly Stevenson

## Very special athletes

2012 Special Olympics State Summer Games at the ESPN Wide World Of Sports® Complex held on May 18 and 19 saw more than 1,500 athletes and Coach Kelly Stevenson was part of 650 coaches and delegates. There was a total of 2,250 official participants. More than 500 family members attended the event where Johnny Garza - took the Gold Medal for Individual Soccer Skills and Elizabeth Galvan claimed the fourth place spot in Individual Soccer Skills. Sodi Louis earned the title of Gold Medalist for Individual Tennis Skills.

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