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Immokalee Bulletin/Patty Brant
Interpreter Lynn Bowen, left, and Gloria Padilla of Padilla Construction are two of Immokalee's strong women in business, supporting their community.

Chamber encourages networking by women

By Patty Brant
Immokalee Bulletin

Women are strong contributors to Immokalee's economy - witness some 20 local businesswomen at the Immokalee Chamber of Commerce networking meeting August 9.

The women gathered around a special table at Lozano's Restaurant - mostly owners and/or managers of varied local businesses.

Chamber President Bernardo Barnhart and Executive Director

Dan Rosario started the excitement off.

Mr. Rosario told the group information about benefits from the chamber for businesses and also that the chamber acts as an advocate for businesses in government affairs. He also encouraged them to share their ideas.

The chamber also works with the Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) to help businesses

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Winn-Dixie hosts back to school event

"What a great event had at the Winn-Dixie store, 1602 Lake Trafford Rd. last week," said Matt Burkey. "The event turned out more than 300 people."

The local football team was raising money for equipment, local Immokalee EMS was on hand, as well as Lee County Sheriff's Department, all helping to bring the community together.

The event held at the local grocery store brought out local kids and parents to enjoy lots of free giveaways - just in time for back to school. The store mascot, Bimbo the bear was on hand to entertain and pose for photos with younger kids.



New rides for back to school!

Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/Rick Heers
Fifteen lucky third and fourth grade students recently received new bicycles to start of the new school year as they completed a five week summer digital media course provided by One by One Leadership Foundation of Immokalee. In the background at the presentation were Jim Lamb, John Lawson, Rob Roache, Debbie Gainor, Sinclair Williams. See the story on Page 5

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Golden Gate Blvd. Bridge construction set to begin

Construction is starting on the replacement of the bridge on Golden Gate Boulevard approximately one mile east of Wilson Boulevard across the Golden Gate Main Canal. Crews are beginning the preliminary work to construct a temporary bridge that will be used to maintain traffic during the replacement work for the permanent two-lane bridge and the approaches to the new bridge. Once the temporary bridge is in place, in approximately one month, traffic will be shifted to the temporary bridge while the old bridge is demolished and rebuilt.

The speed limit in the vicinity of the bridge work will be reduced to 35 mph during the construction. Drivers are urged to stay alert and drive with caution. The construction work on this new bridge is expected to be complete in the spring of 2013.

The Board of County Commissioners in January approved the design-build contract to replace this bridge as well as one other

bridge on Golden Gate Boulevard, which is located across the Miller Canal approximately three miles east of Wilson Boulevard. The bridge replacement construction over the Miller Canal is expected to begin in spring of 2013 with completion scheduled for that fall. The design-build team of Thomas Marine Construction, Inc. and American Consulting Engineers of Florida, Inc. is handling the bridge replacements.

To stay informed on any work that could affect your commute, check the Road Alert report which is available on the county's Web site at www.colliergov.net/RoadAlert. To obtain electronic notices, sign up at <http://www.colliergov.net/Index.aspx?page=15>. The Road Alert report is prepared weekly to inform the traveling public about scheduled road and bridge construction and maintenance projects along major roadways in Collier County where lane closures are planned or traffic flow may be affected.

Local Immokalee Democrats plan to meet

The Democratic Club of Immokalee will meet on Tuesday, August 28, at 6:45 p.m. at Rib City, 621 North 15th Street, Immokalee (239) 657-4003. The club will discuss the August 14 primary election results and preparation for the November 6 general election. The meetings are open to all.

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Immokalee Bulletin/Patty Brant

The Immokalee Chamber of Commerce and CRA hosted a women's networking luncheon August 9 at Lozano's Restaurant. Some 20 business women attended. Pictured from left: Immokalee Chamber of Commerce President Bernardo Barnhart, Cherryle Thomas, Chamber Executive Director Dan Rosario and Chamber Office Manager Patricia Penteado.

WOMEN

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solve problems.

Mr. Barnhart introduced the women to networking opportunities through the chamber. He praised the women for their tireless work and underscored the need for strong women in the community. President Barnhart said he loves to see businesswomen as role models for young women and told them he hopes they will consider joining the chamber "team."

Some of the business women present included Karen Hendry of Bruce Hendry Insurance, Inc. She pointed out the opportunities her office has provided for many Immokalee High School graduates over the years.

Currently, the insurance company employs six women at the office, plus Karen. All are licensed for inside sales. Karen herself has been in the insurance business for 35 1/2 years.

She brought with her Tina Castorena, sales associate, who deals in customer service, and all the staff members.

Off-road vehicle advisory committee to meet

The next meeting of the Big Cypress National Preserve's Off-road Vehicle Advisory Committee (ORVAC) will be held on Thursday, August 30, from 3-6 p.m. The meeting will be held at the Big Cypress Swamp Welcome Center in the auditorium at 33000 Tamiami Trail East, Ochopee.

Prior to the meeting members of the ORVAC will join Preserve staff in the field in the Bear Island Unit to provide members with background and a better understanding of issues and also equip them with knowledge that is important to all the work the ORVAC does to provide the National Park Service with recommendations on ORV related issues in any area of the Preserve. The field trip to Bear Island will provide context so that committee members can be personally familiar with the area in order to best participate in future discussions about next steps in that particular unit of the Preserve as well

Brenda Dempster, who does business accounting, attended the meeting and said she will soon open her tax business.

During her time to speak, interpreter Lynn Bowen explained that, in addition to interpreting, she often helps people with complicated concepts like computer applications and navigation systems, cost analysis and even terminology. She worked for six years with the RCMA Learning Coalition and found that she had a special feeling for helping women in their professional development. Part of what she does is to help put ideas together to build a successful enterprise.

Gloria Padilla said Ms. Bowen has helped Padilla Construction with the intricacies of winning government contracts.

Cherryle Thomas offered information about the Harvest Festival and the Christmas Around the World, which she is already planning.

This year she's hoping the community will put out the extra effort to support the big Harvest Festival Parade. The goal for the Harvest Festival is to have the biggest parade in Southwest Florida.

as in the Preserve generally.

The orientation field trip will be discussed in a public forum during the ORVAC meeting to be held from 3-6 p.m.

For more details about the ORVAC, meeting agendas and minutes, or to submit agenda items go to - <http://www.nps.gov/bicy/parkmgmt/orv-advisory-committee.htm>. Comments and requests may also be submitted in writing to - Superintendent, Big Cypress National Preserve, 33100 Tamiami Trail East, Ochopee, FL 34141, Attn: ORV Advisory Committee.

The ORV Advisory Committee was established pursuant to the Preserve's 2000 Recreational Off-road Vehicle Management Plan and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 to examine issues and make recommendations regarding the management of ORVs within the Preserve.

Letters to the Editor

Christmas Around the World

The Immokalee Christmas Around the World Committee and the Parks & Recreation Department will be hosting its 20th Annual Christmas around the World Parade and Gala on Saturday, Dec. 8, at 5:30 p.m. The parade will start on the corner of Carver and First Street directly across from the Immokalee Seminole Casino. This year's Christmas Parade and Gala Theme..."Fun N' Games."

The parade will feature float competition entries. This year is very special. Our beautiful Christmas Parade is vying for the World's Guinness Book Record for the, "Second Largest Winter Festival," in Southwest Florida. We need our entire community to join in with making History in Immokalee. We need lots of entries into the parade.

The gala will start immediately after the Christmas Parade. This year, Park & Recreation will be charging an entrance fee to the Gala. It will cost \$1 per person, children six years and under FREE!

Right now, the Christmas committee is planning details for this year's up-coming Event. Please read your local newspaper for future details.

If you have questions concerning this event please call Patricia at The Immokalee Chamber of Commerce- 239-657-3237 (Parade) or Derrick Dimas at Parks & Recreation- 239-657-1951 (Gala).

**Thanks for your support,
Cherryle Thomas-Christmas Event Chair**

IHS Fall Sports Program

As the Activities Director of Immokalee High School, it gives me great pleasure to announce the schedules of our fall sports teams. All of our young people have been working really hard this summer and in the pre-season to prepare for the season. We are looking forward to exciting season of Indian action. This Friday, Aug. 24, will be our first home football game. This is a FHSAA sponsored event and all FHSAA rules apply. Admission will be \$8 and only individuals who have a FHSAA State series pass will be admitted free of charge. If you are parking at the field, it will be \$5 and parking at the school will be \$2. This is a great time for Immokalee athletics. When our young people are competing, regardless if it's on the track or the playing field, they are representing the entire community. So don't hesitate to come out

and support our students in all their efforts.

**Yours in Athletics,
Tony Allen, Activities Director**

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Immokalee High and its administration in accordance with the Florida High School Athletic Association (FHSAA) would like to promote good sportsmanship by student-athletes, coaches and spectators. We request your cooperation by supporting the participants and officials in a positive manner. We expect our fans to cooperate in displaying good sportsmanship toward the participants, coaching and support staff members, and game officials. Profanity, racial or sexist comments, or other intimidating actions directed at officials, student-athletes, coaches or team representatives will not be tolerated and are grounds for removal from the site of competition.

Thank you for coming out and enjoy some great Indian Action.

**Tony Allen
IHS Athletics Director**

Voting District Map

As a Democrat candidate for county commissioner, I support voting rights in Immokalee. President Obama and the Department of Justice enforce the Voting Rights Act for language minorities.

Last August, the Collier Board of County Commissioners created new voting district maps based on 2010 Census population data. At the Immokalee community redistricting meeting for District 5, Commissioner Georgia Hiller and I spoke out in favor of a 59.9% hispanic voting district map. This would have allowed hispanics in Immokalee to have a majority voting district.

Unfortunately, my Republican opponent, Tim Nance, did not support Commissioner Hiller and I, in our desire to create a hispanic voting district. Mr. Nance only spoke in support of a district map favoring Golden Gates Estates, where he lives.

I challenge my Republican opponent, to explain why he does not support hispanic voting rights for Immokaleeans.

**John "Robinhood" Lundin
Immokalee**

B.A.B.E event invites local girls

First United Methodist Church of Immokalee, 303 N 9th Street

Immokalee, will host the Beautiful, Accepted, Blessed, Eternally Significant! (B.A.B.E.S.) event, on Saturday, **Aug. 25**, from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m. This event is for Middle & High School girls. Join Andrea Stephens and special guest Chandra Simmons. Middle school girls will be from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., and high school girls from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Pizza will be served and every girl that attends will receive a free book.

The B.A.B.E. Event founder/speaker, Andrea Stephens, is a former youth director,model, and author of sixteen

books for girls, including Girlfriend, You are a B.A.B.E.!, Bible B.A.B.E.s, Boyland, and the award-winning God Thinks You're Positively Awesome. She is the former Beauty Editor of BRIO Magazine (Focus on the Family). Andrea and TEAM B.A.B.E. will blow the lid off the world's myths and teach teens the truth about beauty, self-image, acceptance, giftedness, and purpose in life-from God's perspective! Attendees will be challenged in areas like peer pressure, purity, modesty, using their teen years wisely.

Tons of giveaways, a live make-up demo, pizza, a free Girlfriend, You are a B.A.B.E. book, drama and great music!

Insurance basics

Insurance basics for small business owners will be presented by Jay Roth, branch manager of Lutgert Insurance. Learn what you need to know about insuring a small business including general insurance terms, types of property and liability insurance, insuring your one-person or at-home business and disability insurance information. IMMBIZ will hold the the event Saturday, Aug. 11, from 10 a.m.-noon, at 1320 N. 15th Street.

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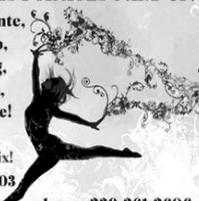


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District Schools offers reminder of emergency information sources



As we keep a close eye on the tropics, this is a good time to remind parents of emergency information sources available with the most up-to-date and accurate information coming directly from Collier County Public Schools (CCPS).

Emergency Information Hotline – call 1-888-99-4NEWS (6397) for toll free updates in English, Spanish, and Creole.

School District Website – log on to CCPS's website at www.collierschools.com.

The Education Channel – turn to The Education Channel (Comcast cable 99) for the latest emergency information.

School status information is released to all local media as it becomes available, but TV and radio stations may sometimes edit the information given to them for the sake of brevity. The three CCPS-controlled sources (as listed above) will always provide the latest and most complete information available.

IRS system helps helps college-bound students with FAFSA process

Special Edition Tax Tip 2012-12

College-bound students and their parents sometimes face last minute requests to complete or provide additional information for financial aid applications.

The Internal Revenue Service wants to help by minimizing time spent on the completion of the Department of Education's Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). By using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, applicants can automatically transfer required tax data from their federal tax returns directly to their FAFSA form.

This IRS tool is a free, easy and secure way to access and transfer tax return information onto the FAFSA form. Using the tool saves time, improves accuracy and may reduce the likelihood of the school's financial aid office requesting that you verify the information.

Here are some tips on using the IRS DRT:

• Eligibility Criteria - To use the IRS DRT to complete their 2012 -2013 FAFSA form, taxpayers must:

possess a valid Social Security Number, have a Federal Student Aid PIN (individuals who don't have a PIN will be given the option to apply for one through the FAFSA application process), and have not changed marital status since Dec. 31, 2011.

• Exceptions - If any of the following conditions apply to the student or parents, the IRS Data Retrieval Tool cannot be used for the 2012 FAFSA application:

an amended tax return was filed for 2011,

no federal tax return was filed for 2011, the federal tax filing status on the 2011 return is married filing separately or a Puerto Rican or other foreign tax return has been filed.

Applicants who cannot use the IRS DRT to meet college requests for verification, may need to obtain an official transcript from the IRS. Transcripts are not available until the IRS has processed the related tax return. To order tax return or tax account transcripts, visit IRS.gov and select "Order a Transcript" or call the toll-free Transcript line at 1-800-908-9946.

In addition, the IRS offers money-saving information for college students and their parents about tax credits and deductions for qualifying tuition, materials and fees.

Kids' History of Everglades area book targets young readers

Just in time for back-to-school, here's a kids' history of the Everglades City area. "The Story of Everglades City; A History for Younger Readers" had been out of print for several years and is now available again.

The book tells about the pioneers in this fascinating area, Barron Collier founding of the County, the building of the Tamiami Trail, Deaconess Harriet Bedell helping the Seminoles, logging in the Fakahatchee and President Harry S. Truman opening the Everglades National Park.

Author Marya Repko has written a number of local history books including her adult

version of this one "A Brief History of the Everglades City Area" (which has sold thousands of copies) plus other brief histories of the Fakahatchee, Sanibel Island, Deaconess Harriet Bedell and Marjory Stoneman Douglas. She is working on a kids' history of Sanibel.

The little "Story of Everglades City" has a handy timeline, some suggestions for further reading and visits, plus numerous historic photos. It is available from www.ecity-publishing.com where you can order online with a credit or debit card. For info, phone Marya at (239) 695-2905.

Ave Maria Dance to host Open House

Ave Maria Dance Academy is holding their annual open house this Saturday, Aug. 25, from 10 a.m.–2 p.m. Both current and prospective students will have the opportunity to meet instructors, register for dance, drama and tumbling classes and purchase (or order) dancewear, footwear and accessories.

All those who register for classes during the open house will receive a FREE Dance Academy T-shirt!

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Donation presentation

(Top photo) Immokalee Business Development Center received a \$10,000 check to help and partner up for a Micro Enterprise Fund). Pictured from left: Florida Community Bank Manager Adrian Marin, FCB Vice Presidenta and CRA Officer Nancy L. Merolla, VP, FCB Vice President and Market Executive Bernardo Barnhart, VP, Immokalee CRA Executive Director Penny Phillippi, CRA Administrative Asistant Rosemary Dillion and CRA Center Manager Marie Capita.

(Bottom photo) Florida Community Bank Manager Adrian Marin, presents a \$2,500 check for the One by One Leadership to its Executive Director John Lawson. The funds will help the organization with a computer program request.

Student Immunization time

Immunization documentation on a DOH Form 680, Certification of Immunization, is required for all students in grades pre-Kindergarten (K) through 12. Free immunizations for children through 18 years of age are available at the following Collier County Health Department locations: 419 1st Street North, Immokalee, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Appointments are not necessary. For questions, please call 239-252-7300 (Immokalee).



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Local students get new rides for back to school

CenturyLink makes bike presentations

By Rick Heers
 Special to the Immokalee Bulletin

On Friday, Aug. 17, representatives from CenturyLink presented 15 new bicycles to the third and fourth grade students who completed a five week summer digital media course provided by One by One Leadership Foundation of Immokalee.

Sinclair Williams is the program director of One by One and managed the program. During the computer training program the youth learned to tell their personal stories using digital media.

The children were referred to the program by Immokalee Housing and Family Services, a not for profit company providing housing, education and other social services in Immokalee for 101 families. Attending the presentation in addition to parents, students and family members were Jim Lamb, local administrator for CenturyLink, Rob Roache Area Vice President-RMG Business Sales Southern Region, Debbie Gainor, Area Operations Manager for the South Region Andrea C. Dyer Program Manager and Brian Hamman, Manager Market Development.

John Lawson, executive director of One by One Leadership Foundation thanked them for their interest in helping the youth of Immokalee as did Susan Golden, executive director of Immokalee Housing and Family Services.

Rob Roache V.P of CenturyLink, spoke about his work in an international telecommunications business and the rapidly changing role of technology in education. He encouraged the youth to use the bikes safely and to keep developing their computer skills. This message was echoed by the Collier County Sheriff's deputies' community policing unit, Sgt. Pat Lawson and Cpl. Wendell Davis who provided back packs and helmets to those receiving the back-to-school gifts. Sinclair Williams presented the students with certificates of completion and e-readers to students and volunteers. This year's program was funded in part by Florida Community Bank. Also assisting in the program were; Cristina and Daniel Fernandez.

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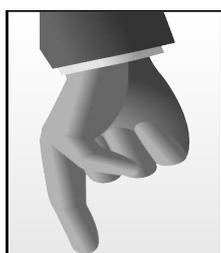
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CCSO offers back to school safety tips

School is back in session in Collier County. That means parents need to reinforce safety messages with their children and drivers need to be alert on the roads.

Monday marked the first day of school in Collier County.

This week look for deputies in marked patrol vehicles and in unmarked vehicles with their emergency lights flashing parked at school speed zones, crossing guard intersections and other areas where large groups of students walk to and from school.

The Collier County Sheriff's Office asks parents to take the time to talk with your child about safety. Do not assume your child knows what to do.

CCSO offers these back-to-school safety tips:

Walking to and from school

* Plan a walking route to school or the bus stop. Choose the most direct way with the fewest street crossings and, if possible, with intersections that have crossing guards.

* Walk the route with your child before school starts. Tell him or her to stay away from parks, vacant lots, fields and other places where there aren't many people around.

* Teach your child to cross at designated crosswalks at intersections.

* Mind all traffic signals and/or the crossing guard. Never cross the street against a light, even if traffic is not visible.

* Wear reflective material; it makes you more visible to street traffic.

* Be sure your child walks to and from school with a sibling, friend or neighbor.

* Teach your child never to talk to strangers or accept rides or gifts from strangers.

* Tell your child that if anyone follows them on foot to get away from him or her as quickly as possible. If anyone follows them

in a vehicle, they should turn around, go in the opposite direction, and try to quickly get to a spot where a trusted adult may help them. Advise them to be sure to tell you or another trusted adult what happened.

* Teach your child that if a stranger tries to take them away, they should quickly get away and yell, "This person is trying to take me away," or "This person is not my father/mother/guardian."

* Teach your child that if a stranger tries to grab them, they must make a scene and make every effort to get away by kicking, punching, screaming, and resisting.

Safety around the school bus

* Make sure your child knows their bus number. This will reduce your child's stress and avoid confusion on which bus to ride.

* Make sure your child knows their telephone number and address. * Parents/guardians should visit the bus stop with their child.

* Walk the route to and from the bus stop with your child, pointing out landmarks and safe places to go if they are being followed or bothered by a stranger. The safe places can be used if your child needs help.

* Teach your child what to do if the bus does not arrive on time.

* Teach your child to stay with a group while waiting at the bus stop.

* If an adult approaches your child for help or directions, remind them that adults should not ask children for help; they should ask another adult.

Bicycle Safety

* If your child rides a bike to school, instruct him or her to always travel with a friend.

* Ride in well-lit areas and never take shortcuts.

* Always wear a helmet while riding. Helmets should fit properly and the straps should always be fastened.

* Wear bright color clothes and place reflectors on the bike.

* Avoid wearing headphones because music can be distracting and cause you not to notice potential hazards around you.

* Teach your child that he or she is subject to the rules of traffic signs and signals, just as motorists. They should be alert to traffic signs and know what they mean.

Cyber Safety

Parents:

* Keep the computer in a high traffic area of your home. Parents should monitor the sites their children visit.

* Parents should monitor a child's online activity, sexual predators frequent chat rooms and social networking sites looking for victims.

* Software is available to filter out obscene material and to lock out inappropriate web-sites.

Children:

* Never give out personal information, such as name, address, phone number school name or location, team name, or town you live in.

* Never agree to meet someone in person that you've first met on-line. Always tell your parents that the person wants to meet. * Never respond to messages that make you feel scared, uncomfortable or confused. If you receive a message like that, tell a parent right away.

* Be careful what type of photos or information you post or share. What you may think is private may go public.

'Artivism' contest announced for Southwest Florida images

The Collier County Neighborhood Stories Project sponsors contest

Do you like to doodle or paint? Are you design-savvy on Photoshop or Illustrator? Are you always snapping photos?

Have you always been drawn to art? Then you're who we've been looking for! This is a call to action for creative individuals in the community to volunteer their work in hopes of creating an online gallery and raising collective consciousness. Every artist will be credited for their work and will have their work showcased online, at our trainings in southwest Florida and at summits throughout the state. Images from Collier, Lee and Hendry counties are highly recommended for submission but not required.

What we're looking for: We want images that show to the unjust deportations of individuals in our community and that also show hope for a new future by fighting back.

The prize is \$200 in cash and the chance to print your posters and showcase them throughout the state. There are many orga-

nizations that are looking for cool designs for these fights!

The deadline is Oct. 1. Specifications: All work should be your own original work and must be replicable (or small enough to scan- original paintings limited to 12"x16"). All digital work must be submitted in either jpeg or pdf formats with resolution of 300dpi and sized to 8.5 x11, 11x14, 16x20 or 18x24 (depending on what fits your piece best). Email your piece along with its title, a few sentences on what or who inspired you to create your piece, your name (first name is all we require or you can remain anonymous), your age and your telephone number or email address. Note: If file size is too big to send through email, contact rommy@collierstoriesmatter.org for instructions.

Contact: Send all entries to rommy@collierstoriesmatter.org or mail them to Collier County Neighborhood Stories Project at 15275 Collier Blvd #201-152 Naples, FL 34119

Visit our blog for more information: <http://collierstories.wordpress.com/2012/06/01/alzatu-voz-art-campaign/>

Benefit Walk/Run planned

John Clay 5K Run, two Mile Walk and Kids Run, 7:30 a.m., Saturday, Sept. 1, Lowdermilk Park, 1301 Gulf Shore Blvd. N., Naples.

Registrations are being accepted for the John Clay 5K Run, Walk and Kids Run. This event benefits the Collier County Sheriff's Office's Project Lifesaver program.

Project Lifesaver is a nationwide program that uses wristband transmitters to help locate children and adults with medical or disabling conditions that may cause them to wander away. On average it takes 30 minutes to locate a person using the tracking equipment.

Adult runners may register in advance for \$20, or pay \$25 the day of the race. Registration is \$10 for students and walk participants. Registration on race day begins at 6 a.m. and end at 7:15 a.m.

Refreshments will be served at the finish line.

The event is being coordinated by Gulf Coast Runners, Road Runners Club of America and sponsored by the Naples Pilot Foundation.

Registration forms are available at <http://www.gcrunner.org>. For more information call 239-434-9786.



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/Matt Burkey Winn-Dixie store team members (left to right) Tina Kelce, Meile Deleon, Maria Ramirez and Elvia take a photo with the Bimbo Mascot and a young event attendee, Jose at the recent back to school event held at the Immokalee Winn-Dixie store on Lake Trafford Road. More than 300 kids and parents turned out to enjoy the event.



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/Matt Burkey At the recent back to school event at the Immokalee Winn-Dixie store on Lake Trafford, Immokalee Highlands Elementary School Vice Principal Steve Grimes, Store Director David Dawson, Co-Director Daren Mohammed and CRM Veronica Alverado gathered where a large crowd of parents from local schools brought kids to enjoy back to school giveaways courtesy of the store.



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/Matt Burkey Winn-Dixie store team member Melie Deleon and Bimbo Rep. Carolina raffle off treats to event goers with a sweet tooth during the recent back to school event held at the store where hundreds turned out to take part in lots of free giveaways to celebrate the beginning of a new school year.

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Immokalee High Auditorium Monday, Aug. 20, 5-7 p.m. and Tuesday, Aug. 21, 5-7 p.m.

Legal Aid Naples Office Wednesday, Aug. 22, 5-7 p.m. and Thursday, Aug. 23, 5-7 p.m.

Eligible applicants are those who:

1. Graduated or have certification of completion or GED or are currently enrolled when they make their application.
2. Entered the U.S. before age 16.
3. Have been continuously present in the U.S. June 15, 2007-June 15, 2012.
4. Were present in the U.S. June 15, 2012.

Applicants will need documents to prove these four things, such as financial, medical, school and employment records.

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