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## One dozen graduate from HEM training

Immokalee Founda-  
tion celebrates  
inaugural graduation

Twelve young men, including students from The Immokalee Foundation's Career Development program, were honored at the 2012 Heavy Equipment Mechanics graduation celebration hosted by Don Fites and Joyce Hagen at The Biltmore at Bay Colony in Naples. The event recognized the first graduating class of the HEM program at the Immokalee Technical Center.

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The Immokalee Foundation is celebrating! The inaugural class in the foundation's Career Development program has just graduated from the 2012 Heavy Equipment Mechanics program. Twelve young men were honored at the Biltmore in Naples after attending classes since beginning in the fall of 2010.

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## Health Department urges precautionary measures to prevent mosquito-borne illness

Due to recent floodwaters, Florida Department of Health (DOH) officials emphasize the importance of Florida's residents and visitors protecting themselves against mosquito-borne diseases. To prevent mosquitoes from living and multiplying around your home or business:

**DRAIN** standing water:

- Drain water from garbage cans, buckets, pool covers, coolers, toys, flowerpots or any other containers where sprinkler or rainwater has collected.

- Discarded old tires, drums, bottles, cans, pots and pans, broken appliances and other items that aren't being used.

- Empty and clean birdbaths and pet's water bowls at least once or twice a week.

- Protect boats and vehicles from rain with tarps that don't accumulate water.

- Maintain swimming pools in good condition and appropriately chlorinated. Empty plastic swimming pools when not in use.

**COVER** your skin with:

- **CLOTHING** - If you must be outside when mosquitoes are active, cover up. Wear shoes, socks, long pants and long sleeves.

- **REPELLENT** - Apply mosquito repellent to bare skin and clothing. Always use repellents according to the label. Repellents with 10-30%

DEET, picaridin, oil of lemon eucalyptus, and IR3535 are effective.

- Use mosquito netting to protect children younger than 2 months old.

**COVER** doors and windows with screens:

- Keep mosquitoes out of your house. Repair broken screening on windows, doors, porches, and patios.

Symptoms of West Nile virus may include headache, fever, fatigue, dizziness, weakness and confusion.

Physicians should contact their county health department if they suspect an individual  
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## DOH

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may have a mosquito-borne illness. DOH laboratories provide testing services for physicians treating patients with clinical signs of mosquito-borne disease.

DOH continues to conduct statewide surveillance for mosquito borne illnesses, including West Nile virus infections, Eastern equine encephalitis, St. Louis encephalitis, malaria and dengue.

For more information on mosquito-borne illnesses, visit DOH's Environmental Health Web site at: <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/En->

vironment/medicine/arboviral/index.html or call your local county health department.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission maintains a Web site for reporting wild bird die offs related to West Nile virus. To report a dead bird, visit <http://MyFWC.com/bird>.

For further information, please contact your local county health department or visit:

[www.doh.state.fl.us](http://www.doh.state.fl.us) or [www.FloridaDisaster.org](http://www.FloridaDisaster.org).

The Florida Emergency Information Line: 1-800-342-3557

## Arts exhibit focuses on the Everglades

The Collier County Sheriff's Office has partnered with The Friends of the Museum of the Everglades to display a series of paintings by Everglades artist Rob Storter (1894-1987).

CCSO will host a public reception for the eighth installment of the Community Gallery, an arts exhibit housed within the Sheriff's Office, on Thursday, Aug 9, from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The gallery is located at the administrative offices on the second floor of CCSO headquarters, 3319 U.S. 41 E., Bldg. J., East Naples.

"Last Frontier: Images of the Everglades" exhibits artwork that offers a glimpse into the history of daily life in the Everglades. The exhibit runs through October during normal business hours and is open to the public.

The exhibits featured at the Community Gallery rotate every three months. Opening receptions are held for each new exhibit to continually showcase the art and partnership of the participating organization. The Sheriff's Office headquarters is a community building and welcomes all members of the public to come and view the exhibits.

The CCSO Community Gallery welcomes any local public service organizations interested in setting up a future exhibit

For more information about the gallery or how an organization can participate, contact Planning and Research Coordinator Mary Belote at 239.252.0810, or [Mary.Belote@colliersheriff.org](mailto:Mary.Belote@colliersheriff.org).

## HEM

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Don Fites, the former CEO of Caterpillar, was instrumental in developing the collaboration with public and private sectors to raise funds for the program. With the support of founding partners, The Immokalee Foundation, The Caterpillar Foundation, Kelly Tractor, Fites Family Charitable Trust, Kelly Foundation Inc., Collier County School Board and Immokalee Technical Center, the HEM program was launched in the fall of 2010.

The program is a state-of-the-art curriculum designed to prepare graduates to enter a field currently in high demand throughout the United States and Latin America. The program includes instruction for diesel engine technician, diesel engine mechanic/technician helper, diesel drivetrain technician and more.

Don Gunther, chair of the TIF board, explains the HEM program accommodates those students who choose not to go to college, but still prepares them with the skills necessary to obtain good paying jobs. "We need to educate the youth of Immokalee about their choices; this is what we are all about," Gunther said. "Kids who had a limited future are now going to have a great future - all without going to college."

Fites recognized the importance of the public and private sector partnership, but said the real stars of the evening were the students and iTech instructor Bob Moore. "They have spent thousands of hours over hundreds of days during the last two years in training that has enabled them to be competitive on a global level."

Jim Baumgartner, Caterpillar's director of corporate public affairs, noted the reason for Caterpillar's involvement is simple, "We

like to help people and get involved in our communities. We have the same needs for qualified technicians all over the world; this training represents careers for these young men."

Of the 12 students that graduated from the HEM program, 10 are already employed. Mario Ayala has been working at Kelly Tractor Company in Clewiston since January. Ayala said he is grateful for the opportunities provided to him through the program, "I have developed skills that will provide me a job that is more than an auto mechanic."

Student, Jose Barrera, agreed with Ayala, "It is an awesome program. I now have advantage over others. No matter what the economy is, the world always needs transportation. I'll always have options."

Partnerships such as this are breaking through barriers to make positive things happen in Immokalee. "What a difference Don Fites has made with this Naples and Immokalee partnership," said Gunther. "We have learned from this collaboration and have since realized the benefit so we have started down the path to create addition programs following the CAT model."

TIF's Career Development program focuses on career empowerment and post-secondary readiness through experiences that emphasize leadership, skills development and community service. Students participate in career panels, job shadowing, internships, interview training and more.

The Immokalee Foundation has a range of programs that focus on building pathways to success through college and career development, direct scholarships, mentoring and tutoring, and opportunities for broadening experiences and life skills development. To learn more about volunteering as a mentor or for additional information, call 239-430-9122 or visit [www.immokaleefoundation.org](http://www.immokaleefoundation.org).



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Jim Baumgartner, director of corporate public affairs, got involved in helping to educate qualified mechanics. Patrick Kelly and Luisa Kelly were hosts for the celebration. Don Fites, former CEO of Caterpillar, was a helpful collaborator in development of the fundraising for the program. The program involves thousands of hours of training over the past two years giving them a competitive edge in today's business market.

## Letters to the Editor

As a Democrat candidate for county commissioner, I support protecting the air quality of Immokalee through the enforcement of (EPA) Environmental Protection Agency emission laws with President Barack Obama.

Last February, at the Chamber of Commerce breakfast, I spoke out against the Growth Design Corporation's proposal to build a garbage incinerator bio-fuel plant here in Immokalee. My experience as an environmentalist has taught me to oppose energy companies that target minority communities, to build air pollution factories that release toxins. This is called environmental racism.

I contacted Commissioner Georgia Hiller,

and she discussed the air quality issues I raised against the proposed incinerator plant on the Dave Elliott radio program, which effectively stopped the project.

Unfortunately, my Republican opponent, Tim Nance, never spoke out against this attempt to pollute the air quality of Immokalee. When I questioned Mr. Nance, his only response concerned the inefficiency of tomato waste as a bio-fuel, which showed a lack of knowledge on air quality issues.

I challenge my Republican opponent, to show leadership on such important issues, as safeguarding the health of women, children and the elderly in Immokalee.

**John "Robinhood" Lundin**  
Immokalee

## Immokalee Library Hours Change

Effective Tuesday, Sept. 4, the Immokalee Branch Library, 417 N. First Street, Immokalee will resume regular uninterrupted hours. Although the library is not yet fully staffed the situation has improved so that the Immokalee staff no longer needs to close the building daily for one hour.

Library days and hours effective Tuesday, Sept. 4

Monday: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Tuesday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Wednesday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Thursday: 11 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Friday: 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

The Immokalee Branch staff wishes to thank everyone for their understanding the last several months.

## Yoga class schedules announced

Convenient and here in Immokalee - Yoga for YOU! Two classes to choose from with Instructor Koko DeLisi on Tuesday and Thursday from noon-1 p.m. The cost is just \$60. Classes also on Tuesday and Thursday from 3:15-4:15 p.m. The cost is just \$60. Come to iTECH, sign up and pay (Limited Space Available). Students must supply their own yoga mat. Both Classes Run from Sept. 11—Nov. 6.

There will be NO Classes on: Sept. 20 and Oct. 16 - (15 Classes)

Yoga is for everyone regardless of your age or condition. Talk to your doctor if you have any health concerns and share them with your instructor. Immokalee Technical Center, 508 N 9th Street, Immokalee. Call 239-658-7080 for more information. Previous participants have reported to us better sleep, improved balance, strength and flexibility!

## Career Corner

### Consumer Services

By Matt Kindermann

Special to the Immokalee Bulletin

When entrepreneurs talk about their business plans, you usually do not hear concerns about small business insurance or Workers Compensation costs. Likewise, job seekers are more concerned with finding a job rather than dealing with an old health insurance claim. Fortunately, the State of Florida has a central division that caters to all of these considerations and more. It is the Division of Financial Services and their Web site is [www.myfloridacfo.co](http://www.myfloridacfo.co).

This Web site is a virtual gold mine of information. Starting at the Finances and Economy section, Holocaust survivors can download forms to waive international wire transfer fees. Under the Citizen Resources tab, Senior Citizens can learn about common fraudulent practices targeting them such as reverse mortgage and annuity sales. You can also report insurance fraud or a commercial scam through a link or by calling the Consumer Helpline at 1-877-693-5236.

Most importantly for employees and employers, the Business and Professional section will take you to the Consumer Services Division. Consumer Services allows you to search insurance providers to determine if they are themselves insured, are licensed or have recently settled a lawsuit. It would be nice to know that your insurance agent is recognized by the State before doing business!

There are guides to file a civil remedy concerning legal actions against insurers, as well as an Insurance Market that lists contact information and comparisons to the different Health, Commercial and Residential insurance agents authorized to operate in Florida. The On-Demand library also offers multi-media presentations on everything from small business disaster preparation to residential sinkhole coverage.

**Southwest Florida Works is the regional state workforce board for Hendry, Glades, Charlotte, Lee and Collier counties. For job search assistance or employer support, speak with an employment representative nearest you by going to [www.swflworks.org](http://www.swflworks.org) and click on "Locations."**

## Immokalee Area Master Plan meeting

Notice of Public Meeting Collier County Board Of County Commissioners Adoption Hearing - Petition Cp-2008-5 Amendments To The Immokalee Area Master Plan, and Immokalee Area Master Plan future land use map; and the future land use element and future land use map and map series of the growth management plan.

Collier County, Florida for Tuesday, **Sept. 11**, 9 a.m.

Notice is hereby given that the Collier County Board of County Commissioners will meet Tuesday, Sept. 11, at 9 a.m. in the Board of County Commissioners chambers, third floor, Collier County Government Center, 3299 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, FL 34112. The meeting will be broadcast live on Collier Television on Comcast channel 97, and via [colliergov.net](http://colliergov.net).

## Environmental Assessment findings in ORV impacts announced

Superintendent Pedro Ramos has announced that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Off-road Vehicle (ORV) Designated Trail Head and Turn Lane Improvements Environmental Assessment (EA) has been signed by NPS Southeast Regional Director David Vela and is posted online.

The EA examined three alternatives in detail, addressed the environmental impacts of each, and identified a preferred alternative. The FONSI documents the NPS' choice of the preferred alternative as its selected alternative. This alternative will improve trail heads at Skillet Strand North and South, Monroe Station South, Sig Walker, Pace's Dike, and Boundary Line. Turn lanes will be constructed on U.S. 41 at Turner River Road, Burns Road, Skillet Strand, Monroe Station,

and Oasis Visitor Center.

The FONSI explains why the selected alternative will have no significant effects on the human environment. It is based on the EA and comments received from the public, agencies, and staff during the public review period, which concluded July 5, 2012. The FONSI summarizes the public comments, lists the responses to those comments, and identifies the changes to the text (errata) as a result of the comments.

The FONSI is posted on the NPS Planning, Environment and Public Comment website at:

<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/document.cfm?parkID=352&projectID=32734&documentID=49296>

## The Shelter Striders lace up for Seventh Annual 'Walk for the Way'

Join The Shelter Striders, The Shelter for Abused Women & Children's walk team, for United Way of Collier County's Seventh annual "Walk for the Way" on Saturday, Sept. 29, 8 a.m., at North Collier Regional Park, 15000 Livingston Road, Naples.

The Shelter Striders join teams from across the area walking to support the thirty local United Way social service agencies dedicated to improving the lives of more than 100,000 men, women and children in Collier County.

In addition to the Walk, participants will enjoy a community resource fair featuring

United Way agencies, live entertainment, family-friendly activities, local celebrities and mascots, healthy food from Publix, as well as a chance to compete in several contests/win prizes.

No pets permitted; no minimum donation required. To join The Shelter Striders, call 239-775-3862.

To learn more about Walk for the Way click here, or call 239-261-7112.

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# Partnership helps to build pathways to success

Nearly two years ago, The Immokalee Foundation began a friendship with Texas Roadhouse Inc. when a group of executives from the company made a three-day trip to Collier County in search of a charitable organization to support for its annual Humanitarian Day.

According to Kirsten Sands, a regional marketing director for Texas Roadhouse who had made the trip to Collier County with a group of her colleagues, The Immokalee Foundation was the 14th and final charity on the list to meet on the last day. "We were all tired and it was far away, but when we sat down with the executive director, Liz Allbritten, we just knew this was the one."

After six months of planning, in April 2011, more than 1,250 Texas Roadhouse employees and vendors came to Immokalee for the company's Humanitarian Day. The Immokalee High School athletic facility was renovated, fruit trees were planted, improvements were made to the Immokalee Friendship House building, nearly 10,000 boxes of nonperishable food were prepared and distributed to Immokalee residents, and a large mural depicting three children from Immokalee was painted on the Immokalee Housing and Family Services building. Crews also painted and installed landscaping in affordable housing communities.

At the end of the day, everyone was left with a sense of hope, pride and inspiration, and it would serve as the beginning of an important partnership between two organizations dedicated to making a difference. Most recently, this partnership would lead to employment for TIF student, Aaron Daniels, a recent graduate of Immokalee High School.

Aaron's sister, Adrienne Daniels, a 2006 graduate of IHS, a 2010 graduate of the University of North Florida and an alumnus of the IHS Beta Club, is the Local Store Marketer for Texas Roadhouse in Marietta, Ga. Former IHS activities coordinator, Linda Ayers, recommended her to Sands, who then for-



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**A great partnership between The Immokalee Foundation and Texas Roadhouse has fostered a growth of knowledge for students who complete the program and wish to become a part of the business community. Texas Roadhouse hired IHS grads Adrienne and Aaron Daniels, both being a part of the Immokalee Foundation's Pathways to Success program.**

warded Adrienne's resume to her contacts in the Atlanta area. Adrienne was hired in August 2011 and has since won three Marketer of the Quarter awards. It was Adrienne who told her brother that a Texas Roadhouse was going to be built in Fort Myers.

"She told me that I needed to apply, so I did and was immediately called for an interview," said Aaron. "About 15 minutes into

the interview, they gave me the job."

Though his ties to the Texas Roadhouse family – through his sister and The Immokalee Foundation – certainly helped him gain employment, it took a lot more to get the job. "I think they really targeted my personality," he said.

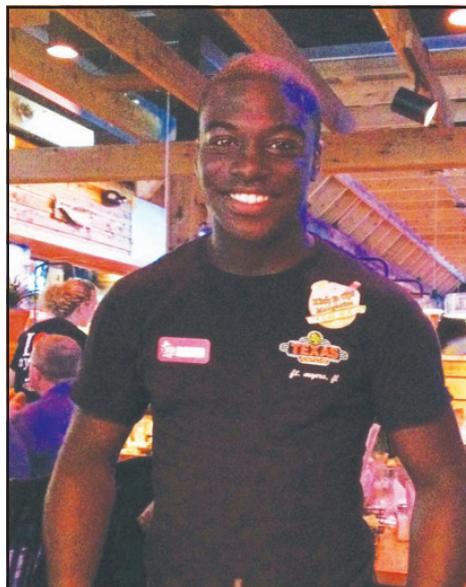
Aaron said he gives credit to TIF for helping him prepare for the interview process. "TIF has really helped open my eyes to the world. They give us great advice on what to do during an interview."

Aaron plans to continue working at the restaurant while attending Edison State College to major in dental hygiene this fall. "TIF helps us realize that school is very important and we should always keep pushing forward in our education," he explained. "They

are really on our team and want to see us achieve in everything that we do."

TIF Executive Director, Liz Allbritten, said partnerships like the one between TIF and Texas Roadhouse are crucial to the success of the foundation. "This is a great example of how our partnerships are making a difference in the lives of the youth we serve."

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**Aaron Daniels, a recent IHS grad, applied to the newest Southwest Florida Texas Roadhouse and has since become a member of the team while he attends Edison State College.**



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**Adrienne Daniels, a 2006 IHS grad has been part of the Texas Roadhouse Marketing Team in Marietta, Ga since 2011.**



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# Nature Conservancy sets up python hotline

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If you see a Burmese python of any size, an Argentine tegu lizard or a Nile monitor, The Nature Conservancy wants to hear from you.

A 17.7 foot Burmese python carrying 87 eggs is a record for Everglades National Park and a reminder that these problem snakes are here to stay. The Nature Conservancy has been working to prevent their spread out of the Everglades by training responders to pick them up when sighted. If you see a sun-bathing python or any other invasive species, like Nile monitors, take a photo and please call 1-888-IveGot1 and report your sighting to the Python Patrol.

"We have 24-hour response by law enforcement in 10 counties, although anyone in Florida can leave a message," said Nature Conservancy Biologist Cheryl Millett, who runs the Conservancy's Python Patrol program. The counties where a responder trained by the Conservancy to capture invasive snakes is dispatched are: Miami-Dade, Monroe, Collier, Hendry, Broward, Palm Beach, Glades, Martin, St. Lucie and Okeechobee counties.

The Nature Conservancy began the Python Patrol in 2008 to help prevent the spread of snakes out of Everglades National Park and into the Florida Keys where one had been discovered after feeding on an endangered Key Largo wood rat. People who work outside for a living were encouraged to call in sightings and trained responders

up and down the Keys captured the intruders. Now the program is being implemented across the southern part of the state.

Pythons eat a wide range of wildlife species, including birds, mammals and alligators up to 4 feet long. University of Florida scientists studying Florida's largest snake found to date said its size would allow it to eat most anything. Capture of the record snake was announced by UF Monday (Aug. 13).

"By capturing snakes in the counties on the edges of the major infestation in the park we may be able to stop the spread and prevent new breeding. And by capturing them in the park we hope to suppress the population," Ms. Millett said.

Sightings can be filed on-line at IveGot1.org as well. There is also an iPhone App available through iTunes called IveGot1 that was developed by the University of Georgia. The phone number and web site are open for reports of all invaders, including fish. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is partnering with the Conservancy to respond to reports. And wildlife officers continue to be trained to properly capture and bag snakes.

"We encourage everyone to become more familiar with distinguishing invasive from native reptiles by taking the free on-line REDDY training offered by the University of Florida," Ms. Millett said. Online REDDY training is at <http://ufwildlife.ifas.ufl.edu/reddy.shtml> and offers a certificate at end of the 40-minute free training, plus ID and reporting handouts.



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The personnel who respond to The Nature Conservancy's python hotline have been given special training in how to contain large pythons.



UF photo/Kristen Grace/Florida Museum of Natural History

On Aug. 10, 2012, University of Florida herpetologist Kenneth Krysko displays eggs found in the largest Burmese python from Florida to date. Florida Museum of Natural History researchers examined the internal anatomy of the 17-foot-7-inch snake Friday and found a state record 87 eggs in the python's oviducts. An invasive species and one of the deadliest and most competitive predators in South Florida, the Burmese python was first found in the Everglades in 1979.

## '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](mailto:rommy@collierstoriesmatter.org) for instructions.

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

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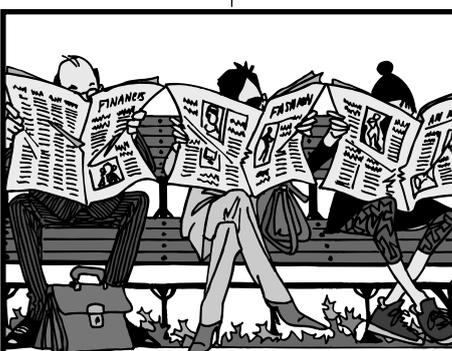
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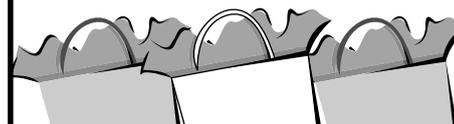
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# Flood waters may bring health hazards

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Private Well Owners:

- Boil water before use, holding it at rolling boil for at least one minute before using it for drinking, washing, cooking, etc.; or
- Disinfect water by adding 8 drops (about 1/8 tsp – this would form a puddle about the size of a dime) of plain unscented household bleach (4 to 6%) per gallon of water, and then let it stand for 30 minutes. If the water is cloudy after 30 minutes, repeat the procedure. Use a container that has a cap or cover for disinfecting and storing water to be used for drinking. This will prevent contamination; or
- Use bottled water, especially for mixing baby formula.
- Conserve water as much as possible. Do not run a dishwasher or washing machine, limit excessive bathing and flushing of commodes.

After the flooding subsides:

- Disinfect your well using the procedures available from your local health department or provided on the Department of Health at <http://www.doh.state.fl.us/environment/water/manual/floodinf.htm>; and

Food safety: Preventing food-borne diseases

- Individuals should not eat any food that may have come into contact with contaminated water from floods or tidal surges.
- Commercially prepared cans of food should not be eaten if there is a bulging or opening on the can or the screw caps, soda pop bottle tops or twist-caps.
- Undamaged, commercially canned foods can be saved if you remove the labels and then disinfect the cans in a bleach solution. Use 1/4 cup of bleach in one gallon of water; re-label the cans including expiration date and type of food. Assume that home-canned food is unsafe.

• Infants should be fed only pre-mixed canned baby formula. Do not use powdered formulas prepared with treated water. Use boiled water when preparing formula.

• Frozen and refrigerated foods can be unsafe after a flood. When the power is out, refrigerators will keep foods cool for only about four hours. Thawed and refrigerated foods should be thrown out after four hours.

Sanitation and Hygiene: Preventing waterborne illness

• Basic hygiene is very important during this emergency period. Always wash your hands with soap and water that has been boiled or disinfected before eating, after toilet use, after participating in cleanup activities and after handling articles contaminated by floodwater or sewage.

• Flood water may contain fecal matter from sewage systems, agricultural and industrial waste and septic tanks. If you have open cuts or sores exposed to the floodwater, keep them as clean as possible by washing them with soap and disinfected or boiled water. Apply antibiotic ointment to reduce the risk of infection. If a wound or sore develops redness, swelling or drainage, see a physician.

• Do not allow children to play in floodwater. They can be exposed to water contaminated with fecal matter. Do not allow children to play with toys that have been in floodwater until the toys have been disinfected. Use 1/4 cup of bleach in one gallon of water to disinfect toys and other items.

Power Outages: Preventing fire hazards

• Using battery-powered lanterns and flashlights is preferable to using candles.

• If you must use candles, make sure you put them in safe holders away from curtains, paper, wood, or other flammable items.

Post Flood Clean-up:

• Clean up debris to avoid injury and contamination. • Chainsaws should only be operated in safe conditions (not in water soaked areas) and by people that are experienced in proper use.

• Lift heavy debris by bending knees and using legs to help lift.

• Wear shoes to avoid injury to the feet from glass, nails or other sharp objects.

• Avoid contact with downed power lines.

• Be alert to wildlife (snakes, alligators, etc.) that may have been displaced as a result of the situation.

Clearing Standing Water: Preventing mosquito-borne illness

• Heavy rains and flooding can lead to an increase in mosquitoes. Mosquitoes are most active at sunrise and sunset. Public health authorities will be working actively to control the spread of any diseases transmitted by mosquitoes.

• To protect against mosquitoes, DOH urges the public to remain diligent in their personal mosquito protection efforts. These should include the "5 D's" for prevention:

• Dusk and Dawn – Avoid being outdoors when mosquitoes are seeking blood. For many species, this is during the dusk and dawn hours.

• Dress – Wear clothing that covers most of your skin.

• DEET – When the potential exists for exposure to mosquitoes, repellents containing DEET (N,N-diethyl-meta-toluamide, or N,N-diethyl-3-methylbenzamide) are recommended. Picaridin and oil of lemon eucalyptus are other repellent options.

• Drainage – Check around your home to rid the area of standing water, which is where mosquitoes can lay their eggs.

Tips on Repellent Use

• Always read label directions carefully for the approved usage before applying a repellent to skin. Some repellents are not suitable for children.

• Products with concentrations of up to 30 percent DEET are generally recommended. Other potential mosquito repellents, as reported by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in June 2007, contain picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus. These products are generally available at local pharmacies. Look for active ingredients to be listed on the product label.

• Apply insect repellent to exposed skin, or onto clothing, but not under clothing. In protecting children, read label instructions to be sure the repellent is age-appropriate.

• According to the CDC, mosquito repellents containing oil of lemon eucalyptus should not be used on children under the

age of 3 years. DEET is not recommended on children younger than 2 months old.

• Infants should be kept indoors or mosquito netting should be used over carriers when mosquitoes are present.

• Avoid applying repellents to the hands of children. Adults should apply repellent first to their own hands and then transfer it to the child's skin and clothing.

• If additional protection is necessary, apply a permethrin repellent directly to your clothing. Again, always follow the manufacturer's directions.

Tips on Eliminating Mosquito Breeding Sites

Elimination of breeding sites is one of the keys to prevention.

• Clean out eaves, troughs and gutters.

• Remove old tires or drill holes in those used in playgrounds to drain.

• Turn over or remove empty plastic pots.

• Pick up all beverage containers and cups.

• Check tarps on boats or other equipment that may collect water.

• Pump out bilges on boats.

• Replace water in birdbaths and pet or other animal feeding dishes at least once a week.

• Change water in plant trays, including hanging plants, at least once a week.

• Remove vegetation or obstructions in drainage ditches that prevent the flow of water.

For further information, please contact your local county health department or visit [www.doh.state.fl.us](http://www.doh.state.fl.us) or [www.FloridaDisaster.org](http://www.FloridaDisaster.org).

For more state and federal information on emergency and disaster planning, visit the following Web sites: [www.FloridaDisaster.org](http://www.FloridaDisaster.org), [www.RedCross.org](http://www.RedCross.org), [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) or [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov).

The Florida Emergency Information Line: 1-800-342-3557

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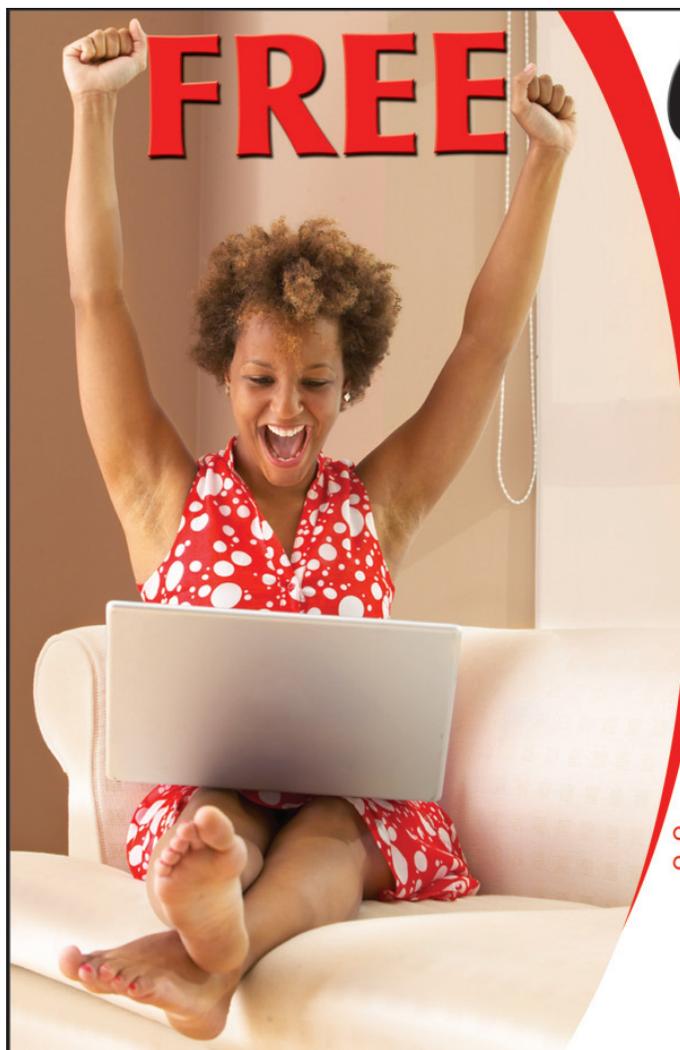
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