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Magic helps student to 'Do the Right Thing'

By **Patty Brant**
Immokalee Bulletin

Jaime Vega is 15 years old, a sophomore at Imokalee High School - and has his priorities firmly in place.

As with many youngsters his age, one of those priorities is college. He's got his sites set on architecture or engineering.

Part of college preparation these days includes volunteer service. For his volunteerism, Jaime chose the Naples Preserve be-

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Doing the Right Thing...



Special to the Immokalee Bulletin/Tracy Houston
Jaime Vega is a 10th grade student at Immokalee High School. He was nominated by Jill Orstad, Recreation Supervisor, Naples Preserve for his Outstanding volunteerism in the community. Jaime took a bus everyday from immokalee to the Naples Preserve to volunteer his time there as a camper and recreation volunteer. According to camp counselor Becky Speer, "Jaime never complained about his long bus rides, was always on time and responsible. He would help us whenever we needed it. He was a great role model for the other kids."

Soccer Pit Cobras have successful tournaments

Boys take close win over Chicago Fire Juniors team

By **Manny Tournon**

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The U18 girls played in the Lee County Cup this past weekend and although they didn't make it to the Championship game they had an outstanding tournament. The girls split the two games on Saturday beating North Ft Myers 5-0 and losing a close game to Ft Myers Beach 4-3. Sunday they beat the second team from North Ft Myers 4-1 putting them in second place in their bracket.

It has been a very successful fall season for our Lady Cobras as they now concentrate their training for

the high school season. Many of them have already been conditioning for the past two weeks.

We want to thank Eric Leon and Ernesto Gomez for coaching these girls since the beginning of August. They have given up much personal time during the last two and a half months and our club appreciates it.

The U12 boys played in the Chicago Fire Juniors Shootout in Naples. The boys started the weekend by beating Lehigh 1-0 in the first game, but lost to a very good Charlotte team 2-0 in the second game on Saturday. The boys came back on Sunday to play the Chicago Fire Juniors which was probably the most exciting games of the tournament. The Co-

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Joel Avellaneda, Yahir Barrera, Juan Castaneda, Jose De La Cruz, Jose Leon, Alexis Nito, Giovanni Pacheco, Angel Perez, Cesar ramirez, Fernando Reyes, Gerardo Santana, Lester Josue Velazquez, Jose Yanez, with Coaches - Aniceto Hernandez and Hector Barrera. The teams are ready to take on the next challengers.

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bras scored first but the Fire Juniors scored three unanswered goals before the first half ended. The boys regrouped during the break and came back to score three unanswered

goals of their own to win the game 4-3. This is a team to watch now and in the future. They are a group of very talented players. The coaching staff of Aniceto Hernandez and Hector Barrera has done an outstanding job with the boys. They continue league play this weekend. Come out and support Immokalee's home soccer teams.



The Soccer Pit Cobras girls U18 team did well at the weekend tournaments with games ending in one win, one loss. Team members, Keila Balderas, Yeisa Barrera, Lesly Chavez, Liliana Cruz-Trejo, Cierra Garcia, Brenda Garcia, Stefani Garza, Maria Leon, Adriana Mateo, Amy Montez, Isabela Perez, Adriana Ramirez, Veronica Ramirez, Yanex Ramirez, Maria Rodriguez, Selena Vazquez, along with their coaches Eric Leon and Ernesto Gomez are gaining more momentum on the pitch with each game played.

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cause his mom, Maria Del Carmen, saw a piece on the preserve and thought it would be a good place. So Jaime, his mom and his little brother took a trip to the preserve, and it was decided that this young man from Immokalee would make the hour and a half trek to Naples by bus, including a switch to a second bus, on his own, every day, five days a week all summer long. He was always there (perfect attendance is very important to Jaime in whatever he does), always on time and ready for the day.

Just last week the Naples Police Department presented Jaime and three other Collier County youngsters with the Do the Right Thing Award. According to his nomination papers, "Jaime Vega is an extremely dedicated responsible and respectful high school student. He has assisted with camps (as an environmental and eager learner) and is a great role model for other campers. Jaime . . . never says 'no' or 'I can't do that' . . . He is eager, enthusiastic and caring in all that he does. His art work was chosen for the Keep Collier Beautiful 2012 Calendar. Jaime is a role model for young people in all aspects and encourages learning every day."

Although the NPD recognizes Naples residents, Jaime was chosen because of his dedication to volunteering at the Naples Preserve.

In fact, this past summer was his second volunteering at the Naples Preserve.

The summer of 2010, he learned a lot about botany and even helped one of the employees write a paper on an unusual plant species at the park, which was published.

This past summer he helped Becky Speer with children's camps five days a week.

As the only leader for eight campers, five days a week, a different camp each week. Jaime helped 6-9 year olds with projects like butterfly houses, making books from recycled paper, and turning crayons into candles.

Jaime said he found all these projects interesting, saying "they were all new to me too."

Jaime's already thinking ahead to next summer. He'll be 16, able to work, and plans

to put on his own camp at the Naples Preserve. This camp will be a bit more unusual. He'll be sharing one of his longtime passions with young campers - his love of magic.

Enamored of magic since the age of five, Jaime doesn't know the origin of his interest in magic but said he enjoys stumping people - the simplest things can mystify them and they're amazed when the secret is revealed.

He said he learned every magic trick he possibly could from books he got at the library.

Jaime said he is best at card tricks. Although he knows quite a few stage tricks, he confesses he doesn't yet have the confidence to do them.

He commented that volunteering at the Naples Preserve has helped his people skills, learned how to talk to strangers and interact with different kinds of people.

He did some of his magic for the campers and one of the campers suggested the magic camp for next year.

Jaime has made a serious study of magic, His favorite sleight of hand master, Dai Vernon, inspired him because, Jaime said, he came from nowhere to a very high level of competence. Dai Vernon, also known as The Professor, famously even fooled the great Houdini with a card trick.

Jaime wants to especially thank the people at Fleishman Park, which is connected to Naples Preserve, including Becky Speer, who nominated him for the Do the Right Thing award.

As with so many "right things," Jaime's experience with the Nature Preserve and the camps will remain with him and with those kids he worked with. They have become a part of each other's lives; one that, hopefully, will spur all of them on to continue to "Do the Right Thing."

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Community News and Events

Trunk or Treat event planned IHS BETA Club to host fundraiser

Please join the Immokalee Winn Dixie store to have a safe and joyous time at the Winn Dixie parking lot for trick or treating! Safe candy on October 31 6-9 p.m. Please donate what you can to the Chamber of Commerce to disperse the candy. A sign with your logo will be shown as a courtesy.

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Immokalee High School Class of 1992 Reunion planned

Attention Immokalee High School class of 1992: Our 20 year class reunion is set, schedule as follows: Friday, Nov. 9. Meet at 6 p.m. at the IHS homecoming game, after party at the casino, Saturday, Nov. 10, formal dinner at Lani Kai in Ft. Myers beach, at the Sabal Palm Room, (cocktails at 6 p.m., dinner at 7 p.m. and dancing at 9 p.m.) and Sunday is open for anything. For more information please go to our page on facebook, "Immokalee class of 1992 reunion group."

Business Law seminar offered

Need to know the dos and don'ts of starting a business? A business law seminar will be offered on Saturday, **Oct. 27**, from 10 a.m. until noon at 1320 N. 15th Street, Immokalee. Pre-registration is necessary to attend this workshop presented by Sam J. Saad III, Attorney at law (www.saadlegal.com) and sponsored by Immokalee Business Development Center. Please call 239-867-4121 ext. 207. MarieCapita@immokalee.bizStore

Letters to the Editor

287g makes us less safe

This month, more than 40 civic and religious leaders in Collier County -- among them clergy, medical professionals, business owners and non-profit directors like myself -- submitted a letter to Sheriff Kevin Rambosk to decry the harmful impacts we've personally observed from the Sheriff's Office's collaboration with federal immigration enforcement: the controversial 287g program.

As Collier leaders with our ears and eyes and hearts in the community, collectively representing many thousands of county residents, we sought to convey that the 287g program, which is up for renewal this month, is making our community less safe.

Surprisingly, instead of seeking to meet with some of us to figure out then how the Sheriff's Office could sustain and improve the trust of the community, within hours we read his office's statement to the press, which stated in part: "Collier County remains committed to the 287g program."

No request to meet. No sign of worry that, as we wrote in our letter, "we have witnessed firsthand the widespread distrust and fear bred among families in our community due to the 287g program, and we know that your office's continued participation in it will lamentably exacerbate this trend."

Recently, an article in the Naples Daily News stated that Collier ranks 13th in the nation -- behind major cities like Los Angeles, Houston and Las Vegas -- in the number of deportations. The Sheriff mentions "crimes" that are committed in the area by undocumented immigrants. But what are these "crimes" exactly? The "crimes" mentioned by the Sheriff's office could be tallied to let the public know how many deportations over the course of the implementation of the program were misdemeanors like motor vehicle infractions versus felonies, such as drug trafficking. That this tallying is not provided to the public upfront has to raise eyebrows. What is being hidden?

The Major Cities Chiefs Association, a professional association of chiefs and sheriffs from the largest cities in the United States and Canada, published a position paper on immigration stating that local collaboration between law enforcement and federal immigration programs "undermines the trust and cooperation with immigrant communities."

Instead of focusing on community terrorism, Sheriff Rambosk should focus more on community policing. Professor Alexander Vernon, acting director of the Immigrant Rights and Asylum Clinic at Ave Maria Law

School, said in an interview that the sheriff is "responsible for community policing so he's got to take responsibility for the effects this kind of program is gonna have on the ground." Without the trust of the community, there's no way to really keep our streets safe.

On a daily basis, I speak to countless families who are afraid for their children.

The Daily News article noted, "5,100 children [were] in foster care because of detentions or deportations, according to a 2011 report by the Applied Research Center, including 17 in Collier County." How we can fathom separating a mother from her child? How is this keeping our community safe?

Fear is pervasive in the Latino neighborhoods of Naples and Immokalee, and it is not limited to undocumented individuals. Legal permanent residents and U.S. citizens say they fear for their unlawfully present family members. These are real and present consequences that the Sheriff is dealing with currently. If he renews 287g, he will renew these consequences. 287g will not keep us safe if it limits local law enforcement from doing their job and gaining trust in the community.

287g is under scrutiny from the federal government. The Sheriff states over and over again that this program is carefully administered in accordance with the law. But how is this program, which was recently terminated from Alamance County, N.C. for not abiding by the law, supposed to keep us safe? Two of the top three policing activities cited by the Department of Justice as a reason for suspending the Alamance County Sheriff's Office's 287g status were "ACSO deputies target Latino drivers for traffic stops" and "ACSO deputies routinely locate checkpoints just outside Latino neighborhoods, forcing residents to endure police checks when entering or leaving their communities." 287g is not a success and has failed dramatically in the past.

In deciding whether to renew 287g with Collier County, ICE and the Sheriff's Department should consider the findings of a top story in the Naples Daily News this spring, which found that "of the 18 checkpoints run since the start of 2010, when the Sheriff's Office began publicizing the checkpoints, nine have been in Immokalee, four in Golden Gate and two in Golden Gate Estates -- areas with some of Collier County's largest concentrations of Hispanics." As in Alamance, Collier County has been targeting checkpoints in predominantly non-white communities. This in a county, according to

the US Census, that is 90.2% white.

Sheriff Rambosk should not renew the 287g agreement. Otherwise, he will continue to erode the trust he has in these communities and his department won't be effective. This will not keep us safe.

**Barbara Mainster
Redlands Christian
Migrant Association
Executive Director**

** Barbara Mainster is Executive Director of Redlands Christian Migrant Association, an Immokalee-based non-profit corporation that operates child care centers and charter schools for at-risk children in rural Florida.*

Opposition of Slum Landlords

As a Democrat candidate for county commissioner, I oppose the conditions of substandard trailer park housing in Immokalee. These trailer parks are owned and operated by Republican slum landlords, who financially exploit migrant farm workers and other minority residents. Many of the trailer parks have unsafe health and living conditions in violation of county code enforcement rules.

Unfortunately, my Republican opponent Tim Nance, has received financial campaign contributions and support from the slum landlords of Immokalee. In return he has promised to not support the Immokalee Area Master Plan amendment, as a quid pro quo, to the trailer park owners.

Three years ago a trailer park arson fire killed three adults and two hispanic children in Immokalee. Their deaths were partially

caused by chicken wire on the windows preventing escape from the fire.

I challenge my Republican opponent, and vow to oppose his support of the slum landlord trailer park owners of Immokalee.

John "Robinhood" Lundin

Church hosts Clothing Exchange

The Immokalee Branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1335 N. 15th Street, are doing a Service project by having a Free Clothing Exchange from 9 a.m.-noon. Items from baby size clothing to adult clothing will be available for FREE. All left over clothing will be donated to charity. For more information, call 239-503-5775.

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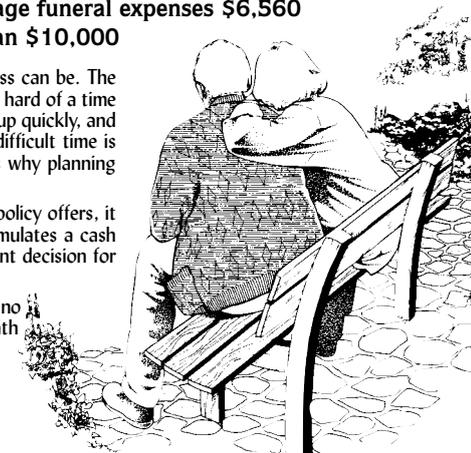
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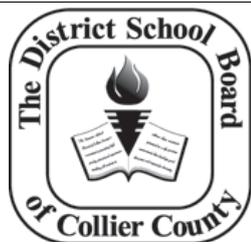
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Students First

STEM - Preparing kids for the future

By Joe Landon
Collier County District Schools



So there's a plan in place in our school district that's designed to help get our students ready for college or careers. The Collier County Public Schools' College and Career Pathways Plan, developed by the Future Force Development Committee, will do just that – and do it well. And from what we're learning, at least 20 percent of the careers we are preparing our students for will be STEM careers in the next ten years.

What is STEM? It's an acronym for sure, one that stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. It is a process of discovery which uses these four disciplines. In science, for example, we discover things. Then we use technology as a tool to help us discover these things. With engineering, it's about an application of what we've just discovered, but then applying it. Math then is a tool we use once we know the application.

STEM activities that our students are involved with today will give them the 21st century skills they'll need to be successful in the world they'll live and work in tomorrow. That world promises to be much different than the one we live in today. These are what we call "soft skills" – critical thinking, problem solving, collaboration, adaptations, and self-direction, and we know the ability to communicate effectively will be among them. Everyone in the work-

force of tomorrow will need to seriously multi-task, even more so than today, since one person may have to do the work we'd expect to be done by four to six people today.

Now of the 42 career and technical education programs we are offering our high school students today, 14 are classified by the state as STEM programs. Increasing STEM-related high school career academies or career-themed programs is something we hope to make happen as we continue to unfold the College and Career Pathways Plan.

The school district's focus on STEM goes beyond what we've told you thus far. We held a successful STEM Conference this spring, and a second one is planned for Saturday, Jan. 12, 2013. If you feel you have something that's STEM-related to offer attendees of our conference, we'd sure like to hear from you. We enjoyed having as many as 30 breakout sessions, conducted by students, parents, community members, and school staff, at our first-ever STEM Conference, and we are inviting you to present this time around. All you have to do is submit a proposal and it's easy to do. There's a STEM Conference icon and link under "What's New?" on the home page of our website (www.collierschools.com). The proposal deadline is two weeks away – Friday, Oct. 26. All proposals will be reviewed and potential presenters will be notified on Nov. 9.

If you're interested in attending but not presenting, you should begin look for conference registration info from us a month or so down the road. As they say, stay tuned!

Free English class offered for Spanish and Creole speakers

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints is offering free English classes for Spanish and Creole speaking people eager to learn. Classes are on Thursday's from 7-8:30 p.m. The location is at 1335 N. 15th Street, Immokalee. Next to the Royals Furniture in the Collins Plaza. For more information, call 239-826-4190.

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ESC presents Family Math Night

Edison State College and Lee County Math Council present "Family Math Night" from 5:45-7:30 p.m. on Monday, Nov. 5. The event is free and open to the public and will be held on the Fort Myers Campus of Edison State College in Building U, Room 107. Students in grades 3-10 are encouraged to attend.

"Learning mathematics successfully requires a joint effort between home and school. Research shows students that work cooperatively with their parents have higher academic achievement," explained Mary

Robertson, professor of mathematics education at Edison State College, and the event organizer. "We also want to show them that math is fun!"

Robertson is an expert in the field. She has been a mathematics teacher for the past 28 years, having taught at the middle school, high school and college level.

Attending families will play games created by Edison State College School of Education students.

Pre-registration at familymathnight@edison.edu is encouraged.

Edison State to host Open House

Application fee waived

Edison State College is hosting a college-wide Open House from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 15. During the Open House only, the application fee is being waived. The event is free and open to all current and prospective students at each of the college's campuses and center.

The event will be held at the following Edison State College locations: Fort Myers Campus: Taeni Hall, Building S

Naples Campus: Building M

Punta Gorda Campus: Building J

LaBelle Center: Building A

During the Open House, students can learn more about financial aid, academic advising, career services, admissions processes and student life. There will be giveaways, games and music.

Pre-registration is encouraged and can be done online at www.edison.edu/open-house.

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Chipotle signs agreement with Coalition of Immokalee Workers

Mexican grill restaurant chain joins Fair Food Program supporters

DENVER – Chipotle Mexican Grill and the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW), a farmworker-based human rights organization, have reached an agreement that brings Chipotle’s commitment to sustainable food

to the CIW’s Fair Food Program. The agreement, which will improve wages and working conditions for farmworkers in Florida who pick tomatoes for Chipotle, comes in advance of the winter tomato-growing season, when most of the nation’s tomatoes come from growers in Florida.

The Fair Food Program provides a bonus for tomato pickers to improve wages and binds growers to protocols and a code of

conduct that explicitly include a voice for workers in health and safety issues, worker-to-worker education on the new protections under the code, and a complaint resolution procedure which workers can use without fear of retaliation. The Program also provides for independent third party audits to ensure compliance.

“With this agreement, we are laying down a foundation upon which we all – workers, growers, and Chipotle – can build a stronger Florida tomato industry for the future,” said Gerardo Reyes of the CIW. “But more than this, today’s news marks a turning point in the sustainable food movement as a whole, whereby, thanks to Chipotle’s leadership, farmworkers are finally recognized as true partners -- every bit as vital as farmers, chefs, and restaurants -- in bringing ‘good food’ to our tables.”

“Chipotle has an unmatched track record

driving positive change in the nation’s food supply and is continuously working to find better, more sustainable sources for all of the ingredients we use — sources that produce food in ways that demonstrate respect for the land, farm animals, and the people involved,” said Chris Arnold, communications director at Chipotle. “We believe that this agreement underscores our long-standing commitment to the people who produce the food we serve in our restaurants.”

Chipotle becomes the 11th company to join the CIW’s Fair Food Program, which is designed to create a sustainable tomato industry through respect for the rights and concerns of all involved. The Fair Food Premium paid by participating buyers like Chipotle is used to help participating growers improve wages and working conditions for Florida farmworkers.



From left to right, the CIW’s Oscar Otzoy, Chipotle’s Chris Arnold, and the CIW’s Gerardo Reyes, joined in the background by student and faith allies, at today’s signing ceremony at Chipotle’s Denver headquarters.

Special to the Immokalee Bulletin

Deadline for STEM conference proposals extended

Collier County Public Schools (CCPS) is excited to announce the Second STEM Conference to be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on Saturday, Jan 12, at Golden Gate High School (2925 Titan Way). STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math. Staff, Students, Parents, and Community Members are invited to present at this innovative conference. Interested? Submit a proposal to present at the upcoming STEM Conference by going to <https://apps.collierschools.com/events/Pages/Guest/6/Default.aspx> before the new extended deadline of Oct. 26. Proposal submissions will be evaluated and all potential presenters will be notified on November 9, 2012. Registration for attendance at this 2nd Annual STEM Conference will be open on Nov. 16. For additional information about the conference, please contact Jennifer Kincaid at kincaije@collierschools.com, Traci Kohler at: kohlet@collierschools.com or contact the Communications and Community Engagement Office at 239-377-0180.

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Ag commissioner recognizes National Fire Prevention Week

TALLAHASSEE, FL – Commissioner of Agriculture Adam H. Putnam and the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services' Florida Forest Service are highlighting the dangers of wildfires and encouraging Floridians to make wildfire preparedness a priority during National Fire Prevention Week, Oct. 7 through 13.

"Florida's wildfire danger has temporarily decreased due to the summer rainy season, however we must remain vigilant" said Commissioner Putnam. "National Fire Prevention Week serves as a reminder for families to take the necessary steps to protect their homes and property against the devastating effects of wildfire."

In keeping with Fire Prevention Week's national theme of "Two Ways Out," the department's Florida Forest Service urges

citizens to develop a family wildfire escape plan. Having a set escape plan is vital as poor visibility, smoke, and flames can cause panic and confusion during a fire. The escape plan should include two routes from the neighborhood in the event the main exit is blocked. Plans should also include a list of items to take if an evacuation becomes necessary.

"Wildfire prevention and home preparedness is everyone's responsibility," said Jim Karels, director of the Florida Forest Service. "Most homes are not destroyed from direct contact with a wildfire, but instead from fire traveling across fences, trees limbs, debris, and other 'ladder' fuels connected to the home."

The department's Florida Forest Service advises that one of the best ways to reduce

a home's wildfire risk is to create 30 feet of defensible space around the home. In the first three feet from the home, the space needs to be free of tall, fire-prone plants and materials. Instead, opt for low growing, fire-resistant plants and use rocks or chunky bark for mulch. Position plants so that none are placed directly under windows or vents. Floridians can further protect their property by following these tips:

1. Keep mulch and pine needles away from the home, fence, and deck.
2. Keep roofs and gutters free of pine needles.
3. Keep flammable chemicals and materials away from the home.
4. Store fire wood at least 30 feet from the home.
5. Remove dead vegetation and debris

from under decks and within 10 feet of the home.

6. Make wildfire preparedness a family project.

Since January 2, 763 wildfires have burned 113,939 acres throughout Florida.

The Florida Forest Service manages one million acres of public forest land while protecting more than 26 million acres of homes, forestland, and natural resources from the devastating effects of wildfire. For statewide wildfire updates and additional wildfire information, visit www.floridaforestservice.com

For more information about the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, visit www.FreshFromFlorida.com.

Immokalee Lions Club to host Columbus Day celebration

The Immokalee Lions Club in collaboration with the Association of Farm Workers in Florida would like to invite you to a Columbus Day Celebration. The event will be held at the RCMA Building on Main St. on Sunday, **Oct. 14**. The festivities will begin at 2 till 6 p.m. We will be holding a drawing, 1st prize will be a 42" TV, 2nd prize will be a GPS Navigational System and third prize will be a Digital Camera for \$5 a ticket. Tickets will be on sale until and on the day of the drawing. If you would like to purchase tickets just give us a call at the number provided. We will also be having a DJ to play your favorite songs, face painting for the kids and small raffles. We will also be having guest speakers, Folkloric Dancers and we will be selling Carne Guisada dinner plate which includes the Carne Guisada, rice, beans, salad, (03) tortillas and a beverage for \$7 a plate. We will also be having a concessions stand for those of you who just want to snack. Come on out and join us for a few hours of fun. All proceeds will help pay for people in need of

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Special memorial services program planned

Library and Avow Hospice team to provide services, activities to those who have lost loved ones

The Immokalee branch of the Collier County Public Library and Avow Hospice will offering a program in Immokalee on Nov. 1, to honor the memories of those who have passed and to celebrate the sanctity of life. The program is scheduled

for 5:30 p.m. at the Immokalee Library, 417 N. 1st Street and there is no fee to attend.

"El Dia de los Muertos" – The history and meaning behind the traditional Mexican festival honoring departed loved ones will be told through read-aloud stories and other educational activities with children and adults.

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