

## Families grieve for victims

Family and friends have been left to grieve and try to understand what went so terribly wrong in the lives of two young people.

Late Wednesday night, December 12, gunfire took the lives of two young Immokalee residents. Coby Martinez DeLeon, 18, and his girlfriend, Natalia Trejo, 17, were found dead that night in a small room at a N. 6th Street residence.

According to the sheriff's report, they had been living together as a couple for a year.

After hearing the couple arguing and then a loud bang, other family members were called.

At the scene they discovered the bodies and notified the sheriff's office. Deputies responded, followed by EMS personnel. Both victims were pronounced dead at the scene.

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## Nobody makes smiles like Santa

Santa himself paid a visit December 15 to the Immokalee Chamber of Commerce "Toy Giveaway," bringing 1,500 gifts for local kids.

## Local women take time to focus on networking

by **Patty Brant**  
Immokalee Bulletin

Networking was the theme and Christmas was the backdrop for the CRA's Women's Networking Luncheon December 13, held at Immokalee's Roberts Ranch.

Speaker Karl M. Gibbons of Third Eye Management told the group that some 98 percent of business is done by networking.

Practiced 24/7, it is the perfect way to "connect the dots" in any business or endeavor, he

said.

However, in order to make it work, you have to understand how to bring value to somebody else.

That's the essence of networking. As the saying goes, "Nobody cares how much you know until they know how much you care."

He said there are two types of networkers: the hunter - only interested in getting what they want, making the immediate "sale"; and the farmer - who cultivate their "territory" and want to do business with other

people.

In order to network successfully, he told the group that you have to "understand how to bring value to somebody else."

First, he said, you have to focus on the right networking group for you, then you can make the most of your talent and communication skills.

The luncheon was sponsored by Penny Phillippi, Rosemary Dillon and Margaret Ann Ronayce, retired. The food was prepared by Edwin's Rollin BBQ.



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Networker Louisa Fournier, left, won Cynthia Clinton's great door prize - a free cleaning from her service!



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# Focus remains on safety for Collier County schools

"We remain focused on the safety of our students and staff today," says Collier County Public Schools Superintendent, Dr. Kamela Patton. "We have communicated with all employees regarding the tragedy on Friday at Sandy Hook Elementary School in Newtown, Connecticut.

According to Dr. Patton, "We reminded teachers today that school counselors are available throughout the day and to please send students to see a counselor as needed."

## Christmas Eve at First Baptist Church

During their Christmas Eve service the church will examine "The Gift of God." You will not want to miss this service. They will observe the Lord's Supper and will conclude with a candle lighting service.

You have never experienced a Christmas Eve Service like this, so make preparations now to be there. If you have family and/or friends at your house during this time, bring them with you. Come as you are and experience "The Gift of God."

Pastor Dennis Norvell welcomes everyone.

We shared a document with our schools – Tips for Teachers and Parents Following School and Community Violence – provided by the National Association of School Psychologists and posted the same document on the district website as a resource for parents and community members. Among the suggestions for teachers:

- Assure your students that they are safe;
- Maintain structure and stability – routine is good;
- Respond to student concerns, but do not dwell on the tragedy; and
- Be mindful of children who exhibit extreme anger, anxiety, or fear and be aware of those who appear too distant or quiet which is not their typical self.

Dr. Patton met with members of her Cabinet and other employees who deal directly with safety. "We reviewed protocols, policies, and procedures, but cannot disclose specifics." A meeting with Collier County Sheriff Kevin Rambosk and members of his leadership team followed.

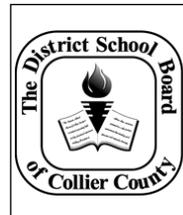
"I assure parents that we have a very proactive school safety plan in place, it includes frequent drills for various scenarios." Dr. Patton's continued message to parents: "Please know that the safety and well-being of your children – our students – and our staff is always our primary concern."

## Students First

by Maribel DeArmas

Last week, I shared a story of selfless generosity. This week, I want to continue on that theme by sharing with you one of the many deeds of goodwill going on this holiday season. During this time, when our country – and especially the town of Newtown, Connecticut – holds a heavy heart, it is particularly important to remember that good does exist and it actually abounds. The holiday season is one where helping those in need is central to the spirit of giving. While, as the song says, "it's the most wonderful time of the year," there are folks who are hungry – folks who don't have enough money to feed their families at any time of the year – let alone during the holidays. But there are a good number of local agencies, organizations and individual people who make it their mission to care for people in need. They help make the season wonderful for thousands of hungry men, women, and kids in our community and there are not enough ways to say "thank you" to really express the appreciation.

There is one program in particular that



I want to share with you. As you probably know, Winter Break is upon us with students out of school for a couple of weeks starting on Monday (December 24). There is a program out there called Meals of Hope that has volunteers at the ready to lend a helping hand. In fact, they're making free meals available to the families of some of our neediest students across Collier County during this time off from school – all the way through January 4. While there are Meals of Hope sites throughout our county, free fortified macaroni and cheese meals are available – yours for the asking – Monday through Friday, between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. at Habitat for Humanity, which is located at 640 North Ninth Street in Immokalee. Just a quick note though, they will be closed on December 24, December 25, and January 1.

Again, the meals are completely free! If you need help, stop by this Meals of Hope site during an open time. And if you don't need assistance, please pass the word along to someone who might need it.

We extend a big "thank you" to the Meals of Hope program for making these meals available and for keeping the spirit of giving and goodwill alive in our community. And we wish you the happiest of holidays!

## Career Corner

### Extended Unemployment by Matt Kindermann

The Middle Class Tax Relief and Job Creation Act of 2012 is the name of the law that was passed last February in order to extend a slew of government programs including, but not limited to: continued Medicare payments to doctors; Social Security tax-rate reduction; an increase in federal employee contribution to their retirement account; and an extension of the Emergency Unemployment Compensation benefit, or EUC. While most of the law will continue to be implemented, the EUC portion will end by law at midnight on December 29th, 2012, unless the federal government approves another extension.



Matt Kindermann

There are four "Tiers" to EUC that are available to the unemployed after their 22 weeks of state-level unemployment insurance expires. Tier I provides 20 weeks and does not decrease based on the national Total Unemployment Rate, or TUR. Tier II is available for 14 additional weeks if the TUR remains above 6%. Tier III provides 9 more weeks if the TUR remains above 7%, and Tier IV allows for a final 10 weeks if TUR is above 9%. Therefore, until the end of the year or if an extension passes, anyone with 4 quarters of reportable wages over \$3,000 may apply for EUC Tier I once

their state benefits expire.

Since the federal government pays 100% of EUC, and the benefit is determined based on a sliding scale of the national TUR, which is currently 7.7%, Tier IV benefits will no longer be available even if you have already been awarded them, are currently receiving them, or even if the government extends EUC. The sliding scale is used because the theory is a person should be able to gain employment when TUR is low. In many economic circles, a TUR of 3% is considered a "normal churn rate" where workers naturally leave jobs and enter new ones.

Even if an EUC extension is not approved, the initial 22 weeks of state unemployment insurance is still available for those who are currently receiving initial benefits as well as those newly unemployed. To clarify much misconception in the media, the state's individually report their unemployment levels to the federal government who compile a national report for the following month. Therefore, November's TUR is really a composition of October's state reports. Florida does not count those who have stopped looking for work as unemployed. To be counted as an unemployed Floridian, you must be out of work and actively looking for work.

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## Community Briefs

### Early dismissal

There will be three end-of-semester early dismissal days for all Collier County Public School students (Pre-K through 12) this week.

Elementary, middle and high school students will be dismissed 2 hours and 10 minutes earlier than the usual daily dismissal time on Wednesday (December 19), Thursday (December 20) and Friday (December 21). Please note that this early dismissal time is different than all other early dismissal times throughout the school year.

At the middle and high school level, the end-of-semester early dismissal days provide extended time for exam periods, while providing sufficient time for teachers to carefully score the assessments. At the elementary level, while the early dismissal days are not used for exams, they will provide teachers with time for professional development and school improvement activities.

To view the entire 2012-2013 academic school calendar, visit the district's Web site ([www.collierschools.com](http://www.collierschools.com)) and click on "Calendars" under the "Quick Links" heading on the left side of the home page.

### Help Winn-Dixie help needy

Winn-Dixie manager David Dawson has requested help from the Immokalee Community. He is putting

Also, the Winn-Dixie Hunger Relief program continue until Dec. 25. Winn-Dixie is asking its customers to help make a difference by donating any amount they choose at the point of checkout though easy-to-use

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### Computer courses at library

Starting in January there will be regular classes on Basic Computer Skills and Internet at the public library. It's a program called Collier Connect and kicked off this month in East Naples. It will go in full swing after the holidays and rotate the location: Immokalee, East Naples and Estates library.

The schedule for Immokalee:

Wed. Jan. 9, 2013 @10 a.m. - PC Basics Class

Wed., Jan. 16, 2013 @ 10 a.m. - Internet Basics Class

Wed., Jan. 23, 2013 @ 10 a.m. - E-mail Basics Class

All classes are free and conducted in English. To register call Collier Connects at 239-252-4534.

### Register for second annual STEM Conference

Collier County Public Schools (CCPS) is excited to announce that registration for the 2nd Annual STEM Conference is now open. School district staff, students, parents, and community members are invited to attend

this innovative STEM Conference to be held from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, January 12, 2013, at Golden Gate High School (2925 Titan Way). STEM stands for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.

Interested in attending? Registration is currently available and will be open until Monday, December 31. Online registration can be found by visiting the STEM Conference website at <http://apps.collierschools.com/events/Pages/Guest/6/Register.aspx>. Participants will be able to choose from over 30 break-out sessions offered during this STEM Conference.

The opening keynote speaker will be Reed Timmer, Chief Meteorologist and star of the former Discovery Channel series Storm Chasers. In 2008, Reed became the first person in history to capture High Definition video from inside a tornado. Reed has become known as one of the world's most respected experts on severe weather forecasting, safety, and survival. He has appeared on all major news networks, including Good Morning America on ABC, CNN, CBS, NBC, and The Weather Channel.

The closing keynote will be presented by Matt Monjan, Vice President of Strategic Accounts and Implementation for Discovery Education. Matt has blended technology and education for more than 15 years in the worlds of business and K-12 education. He has pioneered innovative educational uses of technologies, such as closed captioning, and has been featured in conferences across the United States and Canada.

For additional information about the conference, please contact Jennifer Kincaid at [kincaije@collierschools.com](mailto:kincaije@collierschools.com), Traci Kohler at [kohlet@collierschools.com](mailto:kohlet@collierschools.com) or contact the Communications and Community Engagement Office at (239) 377-0180.

### Water park open for schools

Sun-N-Fun Lagoon Water Park will open up for the Collier County schools' winter holiday break from Saturday, December 22, through Sunday, January 6, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day. The park will be closed December 25, Christmas Day.

The park is offering a special discount for the winter holiday break for Collier County residents. Residents with a Florida driver's license showing a Collier County address will receive \$2 off any entry for those 48-inches or taller (normally \$12). Individuals less than 48-inches tall enter for \$5.50: children three and under enter free. Sales tax added to all fees.

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Group rates, seasonal passes, and party packages are available. Call (239) 252-4073.

## Letter to the Editor

### Library

There is no Complaint Box; much less a place for receipt of a compliment or two at the local, Collier County Public Library (CCPL) . . .so, the Letters-to-the-Editor of the Immokalee Bulletin shall need to do!

Of the hundred-thousand-or-so libraries I have attended, I must rate the CCPL next to the best, or at the top, of them all.

Foremost is the attitude and character of the librarians who work there:they behave as the real-life, -living Internet; they also do not forget to smile . . .well, not in the presence of other humans anyway! And, their

personas are well reflected within the library building itself by creating the near-perfect match to the quiet library-image (which I have occasionally considered to be a library-myth whenever I have been confronted by other library environments that were more like German beer-halls than anything else)!

Aside from the very decent, good folks that work at this CCPL, I can only hope that Collier county is as fortunate with the other system branches.

Thank you and sincerely,  
**Daniel L. Morford**

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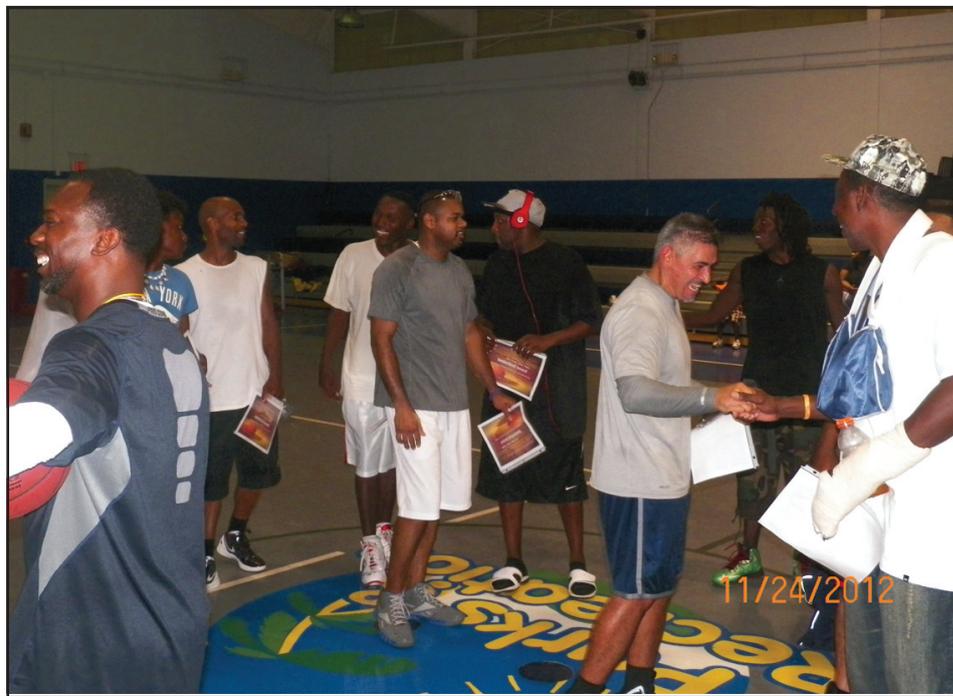
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## Turkey Hoops Basketball game another neighborhood success

For the second year, basketball was added to the Thanksgiving weekend list of things to do as locals gathered to watch the alumni co-ed game.

The Turkey Hoops Basketball game hosted by the Greater Immokalee Front Porch kicked off Saturday, November 24, with opening prayer by Sylvester Williams, Front Porch Board member, and a rendition of "Star Spangled Battle" by songstress, Jennifer Hudson.

The atmosphere was set with sultry sounds by DJ Reggie, while the players kept their momentum in entertaining the crowd.

A surprisingly, special appearance by Phyllis Fryson-Williams, former local retired educator of the Collier County Public Schools System for 38 years, was embraced by the crowd. An enthusiastic announcer and scorekeeper, Terronica Fryson Simon,

amused the crowd with her upbeat humor. The game was refereed by James Hall and Edward German.

The evening was concluded with an awards presentation to all of the players. Plaques were awarded to the following: Pablo Rosales – MVP, Wilson Riley – 3-point contest, Greg Smith – free throw contest, and a special "Southside Sister" award was presented to Vicki Carr, Community Liaison with Front Porch, for her dedication and endless efforts in supporting the Immokalee community.

A hearty thank you goes out to the all players, attendees, Collier County Parks and Recreation staff for their support, David Dawson with Winn-Dixie for their contributions, the Immokalee community, and most of all the Front Porch Board Members who were the major sponsors.

## Sports Shorts

### Little League season

It's that time of year to register your little one for baseball or softball. If you register your child between now and January 31 the cost will be \$65, after the 31st the cost will go up \$75. Ages will be from 5 years old to 16 years of age. 50/70 Division: There is a new division that is starting up for Little League and those between the ages of 13 and 14 years of age need to sign up as soon as they can because their season will begin earlier. Little League is still looking for coaches and volunteers.

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### Little League umpire clinic

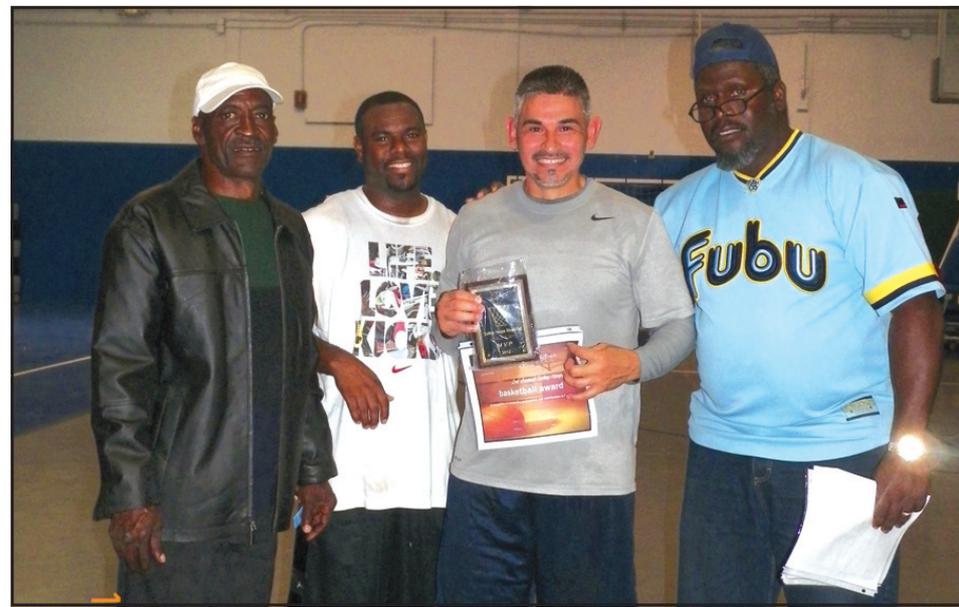
Immokalee Little League is starting the season with a bang.

If you are interested in being a volunteer to umpire, there will be an umpire clinic held in Bonita Springs on Saturday, Feb. 16, between the hours of 9 a.m.-3 p.m. to provide training.

There will be no charge for the clinic which will be available to those aged 16 years old and up. If you are interested please give us a call at the numbers provided.

A volunteer form needs to be filled out prior to adding your name to the list.

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## Happy Hoops

**TOP LEFT:**  
Smiles and certificates all around!

**TOP RIGHT:**  
Donald Dehaney, Wilson Riley, MVP Pablo Rosales and Sylvester Williams.

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Vickie Carr, Community Liaison from Front Porch.



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# Everglades art speaks volumes anchored in Biscayne Bay

by **Patty Brant**

Immokalee Bulletin

Art has been an integral part of mankind since humans decorated caves with colorful reflections of their world. In the 21st Century, man hasn't changed all that much. We still feel the drive to create meaningful beauty.

The alligator is one of Florida's most photographed residents - also one of our most controversial, given its fearsome reputation and its brush with extinction.

Inspired by the May 7 thirtieth anniversary of Christo's 1983 Surrounded Islands project, which skirted islands in Biscayne Bay with millions of yards of pink fabric, lead artist Lloyd Goradesky of Miami and another Miami artist, Cesar Becerra, have worked with a hand-picked group of some 100 artists, engineers, welders and others to draw the world's attention not just to the alligator, but to the plight of the Everglades - a unique ecosystem that development has pushed to the edge of its limits, according to many environmentalists. The project is a 230-foot long Florida Alligator that will float in Biscayne Bay for months to come. With three years already invested in the project, there is still much work to be done.

After the Christo celebration in Miami in May, the enormous "Floating Tile Art: Gator in the Bay" will be transported to the Burning Man art festival in Nevada's Black Rock Desert. That's where Lloyd met Cesar Becerra, a Miami artist and Everglades historian. The two men share an abiding connection to the Everglades and wanted to pool their artistic talents on a project.

Ultimately, it will be displayed at the elite Art Basel Art Festival in Miami during December 4-7, then in Switzerland for the summer June 13-16.

The real alligator is a barometer of the entire Everglades, Lloyd said, This prehistoric remnant was pulled back from the brink of extinction, but is moving toward the edge

once again, he added. That's the reason he chose this icon of the Everglades to represent its situation.

From December through May the world's attention will be caught by various phases of Lloyd's imaginative reproduction of a huge gator floating in Biscayne Bay.

Lifelong LaBelle resident and member of a pioneer family, Waddy Thompson, has played an integral part in the construction of this goliath masterpiece. According to Mr. Goradosky, Waddy's many talents in design, art and construction, as well as his intimate connection to the Everglades, made him a valuable partner in this venture.

The group brought the work's huge head through the inland counties beginning in LaBelle, then heading to Venice, Punta Gorda and Naples before being transported to Virginia Key in Miami. The tour began Friday, Nov. 23, with a stop in LaBelle to create awareness of the project in the inland areas.

Lloyd said that sharing the evolution of the project is one way of involving the public. That education includes the importance of using recycled materials in construction. The 76-foot head is covered with recycled shade cloth; the eye constructed from an industrial wire spool; the teeth are made from used metal house trailer sheeting.

Folks only got to see about one-third of the head - the bottom jaw, which will open and close with the aid of a crane and generator inside the mouth, has yet to be constructed.

Once in place, the entire gator will be lighted at night, creating yet another aspect for viewers, which is designed to be viewed from a 10 degree angle.

This gigantic work of art will be transported by a self-propelled state of the art barge with a crane originally designed for clean up work after Hurricane Katrina. Using this unique crane was Cesar's idea, solving the

problem of how to transport the immense piece of art.

Just moving the piece requires special care.

Driver for V&M Erector, Inc., a steel erector and installation subcontracting company, Kyle Zeman "The Surgeon" drove the rig carrying the fantastic head, maneuvering in and out of some tough spots, along with his brother, Brian. Just another day at the office for those two, V&M Erector recently worked on the renovation of the LaBelle Bridge. The unlikely caravan drew some very weird looks as it wended its way at 50-55 m.p.h. through the inland highways, but Kyle was undaunted, saying with a smile, "We'll get the job done."

Owner of the company, Vern Nix, and Warren Forante, owner and helmsman of the barge that will transport the immense piece of art out into the bay, both helped fund the project.

In phase 2 of the project, the body will take shape with 102 panels of thumbnail photos of Everglades scenes, taken by Lloyd over the past 30 years - in all 5,138 images of Everglades wildlife and landscapes. From a distance all these images merge into a realistic vision of an American Alligator.

It took Lloyd three years to design the unique foam that will not only allow the panels to float but protect the images from the salt water. Like all true art, the gator is designed to make people think. In this piece, the head is designed to look industrial - abstract - to represent the complexity of unifor-

mity. The artistic feel of the head is in juxtaposition with the natural look of the body, which is intended to represent the complexity of nature.

Anchored in Biscayne Bay, the gator will be fitted with flood lights and white lighting around the edge, adding yet another perspective in the dark.

The head is at the Art Basel International Contemporary and Modern Art exhibition December 4-7 in Miami. It will remain in Miami till May when it will be moved to become part of the Art Basel exhibition in Switzerland June 13-16.

At this time, the gator head has taken shape and is a tantalizing taste of the full project, which will continue to evolve till the body is joined, all the photo tiles are in place and Biscayne Bay has one of its most unique visitors ever.

Eventually, Lloyd will look for a home for the head and break up the tiles to find them individual homes.

Some may have thought the pair of artists and their comrades were out of their minds, but their devotion to the cause of helping save the Everglades through their art has kept them on track.

The project is meant to be fun, and it seems to be fulfilling that part of the plan already. Floating blithely in Biscayne Bay, it will be free for all to see.

Lloyd said they hope to use the dynamic "power of art" to tune the observer on to environmental risks for the Everglades adding, "There is a message driving the madness."



Submitted photo/Waddy Thompson

The gator head being launched into Biscayne Bay.

## Christmas Eve Service

"The Gift of God"

December 24 at 9:00 pm

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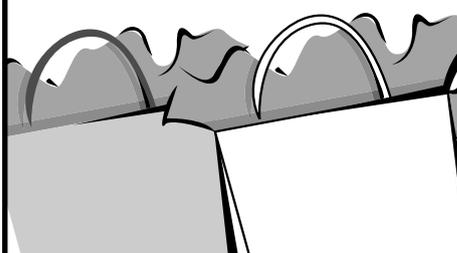
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The walk is led by naturalists who can point out the rare plants along the way and answer questions about this local state park which was saved from development in the 1970s. The Fakahatchee is called "the Amazon of North America" and shares tropical characteristics with its more southern counterpart. It is home to the famous

Ghost Orchid plus various other exotic plants and animals.

The 80,000 acres of the Fakahatchee in Collier County is bounded by US-41 (Tamiami Trail), I-75 (Alligator Alley), and SR-29 to the east. It segues into Picayune State Forest on the west.

The walks are hosted on Saturday, from November into April, by the Friends of Fakahatchee, a non-profit community support group which helps the park. To see a sample walk, visit <http://www.orchid-swamp.org/> and click on Events. Reservations are required! For information and to book, see the website or phone Pam at (239) 695-1023.

# Community Foundation scholarship application process open

FORT MYERS, Fla. (Dec. 11, 2012) – The Southwest Florida Community Foundation's scholarship application process for the 2013-2014 school year will begin on Friday, Dec. 14. Approximately \$400,000 in scholarship money is available through 35 scholarships for local high school students and through 22 scholarships for undergraduate and graduate students from Lee, Charlotte, Glades, Hendry and Collier counties.

The E-Apply online scholarship application tool can be accessed through the Community Foundation's website at [www.floridacommunity.com](http://www.floridacommunity.com) on the Scholarships page. Even before the application process opens on Dec. 14, students can review the scholarships available online as well as a tutorial about how to create and submit the online application.

Students can apply for multiple scholarships and have the ability to upload transcripts, SAT/ACT scores, letters of recommendation and financial documentation (if required). For need-based scholarships, students are required to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid form. The deadline for applications is March 1, 2013.

According to Douglas, examples of some of the more unique scholarships not as highly sought after include scholarships for students with disabilities, student athletes, adult students going back to school, students from particular schools or communities and students pursuing a graduate or professional degree.

The Anne Fassett Scholarship was established to fund post-high school educational opportunities at the college, community college, or technical school level for high school, undergraduate and graduate students from Southwest Florida with a physical disability who use a wheelchair. This scholarship was established by John and Gloria Fassett to honor their daughter, Anne M. Fassett, a native Fort Myers resident who contributed substantially to the community in spite of her physical disability and who

passed away at the age of 33.

The Matt Harmon Memorial Scholarship was established to fund books and tuition for college-bound male baseball players in Lee County by Mr. Bernard and Dr. Elizabeth Harmon to memorialize their son who played high school baseball and passed away at the age of 16.

The Faye Lynn Roberts Education Scholarship funds scholarships for women 21 years of age or older pursuing a career in court reporting, computer training or nursing. Faye Lynn's family established the scholarship after her passing. Faye Lynn was owner/broker of Realty World Roberts Association, Inc.

The Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce – Ralph A. Richardson Fund assists graduates or high school seniors of Estero High School or the children of a current Bonita Springs Area Chamber of Commerce Member. The Bonita Springs Chamber of Commerce Foundation established the fund in memory of Ralph A. Richardson, former Chamber president and Bonita Springs civic leader.

Established to fund scholarships for students from Southwest Florida who have completed their first year of course load at an accredited law school, the William L. Graddy Law School Scholarship was established by Patricia Graddy in honor of William Graddy, a prominent Lee County attorney who passed away in 1997.

The Community Foundation chose the month of December as the launch date after receiving numerous calls from students who wanted to be able to work on scholarship application submissions during winter break. In 2012, the Community Foundation awarded more than \$415,000 in scholarships.

With a streamlined online application process, students are not required to submit paper applications.

For more information, call 239-274-5900 or visit [www.floridacommunity.com](http://www.floridacommunity.com).

# Season's Greetings with wildfire prevention

The Florida Forest Service wants to remind everyone to enjoy the winter holidays with safety in mind. Holiday wildfire safety begins the first day as your family searches for the perfect Christmas tree. Holiday wildfire safety ends with the carefully planned disposal of the tree at the end of the holiday season.

Christmas tree fires are more likely to cause a house fire; a wildfire can result from the flames. Richie Bamlet, Senior Forester and Certified Arborist with the Florida Forest Service wants to provide families with a few tips on protecting yourself, your home and your property. One of the first things you can do to prevent Christmas tree fires is to pick the right tree.

"However, do not think the danger ends just because the holidays are over and the tree is down. According to Melissa Yunas, Wildfire Mitigation Specialist Florida Forest Service "Get to know the burn laws in your area before your strike that match. It is unsafe and illegal to burn wrapping paper and gift boxes. Consider recycling instead of burning your Christmas trees in order to reduce the chances of sparking a wildfire." Christmas trees may be ground up for mulch or used to help stabilize sand dunes, build structure for fish in a lake or pond or provide shelter for birds and other wildlife. Contact your local Solid Waste Authority for

recycling information.

If you decide to burn your Christmas tree, here are a few outdoor burning tips:

- Never leave a fire unattended, and make sure it is out before you leave
  - Keep a shovel and water hose handy
  - Don't burn on windy days or when the humidity is below 35%
  - Your fire must be contained to an 8 foot diameter pile or non-combustible barrel and must be at least 25 feet from forests, 25 feet from your house, 50 feet from a paved public road and 150 feet from other occupied buildings
  - If your fire escapes, you may be held liable for suppression costs and damage to the property of others.
  - Burning yard waste does not require an authorization from the Florida Forest Service, but you should check with your local city, county or Florida Forest Service officials to see if there are any restrictions in your area
- For additional fire prevention tips, burning rules and regulations contact your local Florida Forest Service office (Vero Beach 772-778-5085; Port St. Lucie 772-468-3915; Stuart 772-221-4045; Okeechobee 863-462-5160; Sebring 863-655-6407; Palmdale 863-674-4000). Please visit our website at [www.floridacommunity.com](http://www.floridacommunity.com)

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