

## Tragedy strikes on I-75

The community is shocked and saddened by the deaths of a mother and two children Monday. Thirty-three year-old Cecilia Douglas of Immokalee died as the result of a two-vehicle crash at 8:27 a.m. Her two daughters also lost their struggle for life. Monday, January 21. The crash occurred on I-75 (SR 93), at mile marker 88, in Collier County.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol report, a 2005 Lexus driven by Ms. Douglas struck the back of a 2001 Isuzu, driven by Dargel Diaz Tamayo, 41, of Opa Locka. After striking the back of the Tamayo vehicle, Ms. Douglas' vehicle veered off the roadway onto the north shoulder, through a fence and into the canal.

Media reports state that the family was freed from the wreckage by emergency workers but none were breathing at the time. Mr. Tamayo drove his vehicle to a controlled stop on the north paved shoulder.

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## Catholic Charities includes Soup Kitchen

Helping the neediest men, women and children is at the very heart of what Guadalupe Social Services of Catholic Charities was founded upon.

This is one of the reasons that beginning Jan. 1, 2013, Guadalupe Social Services took over a soup kitchen previously run by the neighboring Guadalupe Center. The soup kitchen, clothing and shower programs are now part of a deal by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Venice as the social service agency assumes a more prominent role in the community.

Bishop Frank J. Dewane blessed the newly named Casa Maria Soup Kitchen during a ceremony on Jan. 14. "This is an important moment for Catholic Charities and Guadalupe Social Services. We are keeping this soup kitchen going. Because of the need in the area we hope to see this and the other programs grow over time. The need is out there and as Catholics we are called to respond to that need."

Thanking the staff and volunteers of the soup kitchen, many of whom were present for the ceremony, Bishop Dewane said the "blessing is as much for you, the volunteers, as much as it is for the building." He added that he admires the work they do and the impact they have made through the years and vowed to continue that legacy.

Catholic Charities CEO Peter Routsis-Arroyo added to that thought, saying the legacy of Guadalupe Social Services is expanding and picking up where the Guadalupe Center left off and pursues a different focus. While the soup kitchen is under different management, it will remain the same, serving up to 100 people each day.

For more than 30 years the two social service agencies worked as friendly but unaffiliated neighbors in the same building on the property of Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, but the two helped in the community in their own

unique ways.

Guadalupe Social Services, a program of Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Venice Inc., serves the needy through a Food Pantry, a Financial Assistance Program, Citizenship and Immigration Services, School on Wheels and special efforts such as Back-to-School Assistance, Undy Sunday and Holiday Food and Gift Programs. Guadalupe Center served the needy through its soup kitchen, clothing and shower programs, and through education services. The center will now focus exclusively on providing education support for nearly 1,000 area children at a new facility in Immokalee.

By taking over the primary work of the Guadalupe Center, Catholic Charities will now be serving up to 35,000 hot lunches each year thanks to nearly 150 volunteers. The newly named Casa Maria Soup Kitchen seats about

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Most Reverend Frank J. Dewane, Bishop of the Diocese of Venice, presided over the blessing of the Casa Maria Soup Kitchen.

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## Community Briefs

### Project Graduation

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### Thrift store opens new location

St. Matthew's Thrift Store of Immokalee has a second location at 502 Winn-Dixie Plaza. The store is open Monday-Saturday. All proceeds go to help the homeless shelters in Immokalee and Naples.

### Animal Clinic to be held

Volunteer Services for Animals, Inc., a Naples-based not for profit agency is coming to Immokalee on Saturday, January 26, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Immokalee Community Park, 321 North First Street to provide local cat and dog owners VERY low-cost vaccinations for their cats and dogs. As an example of their pricing, rabies shots are available for \$10, and worming for \$5. They also provide vouchers for low-cost spay/neuter services.

County representatives will also be available to provide required county licensing for families who may need that service also.

VSA is a volunteer organization serving Collier County for 30 years, and operates through the contributions of anonymous donors who care about animals. You may reach VSA online at vsarescue@aol.com, or by calling 239.261.4768/290.6274.

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## Career Corner

### Tax Statements

#### by Matt Kindermann

Employers have until January 31st, 2013 to mail your W-2 Tax and Wage Statement. Many companies who hire payroll services depend on the contractor to furnish the W-2, which should be mailed to your address on record. Taking into consideration the time for mail to travel through the system, you should not be concerned if you have yet to receive your W-2 by the middle of February. If you have not received your W-2 by then, there are steps that you must take to ensure that your tax filing is not late due to your failure to follow up.



**Matt Kindermann**

First, contact your employer and ask if the W-2 has been mailed and returned because of an error with the address. If the W-2 was never mailed, or had been mailed but not returned after a short period, request a re-issue. W-2's that had been mailed but not returned can pose a threat to identity theft because your full name, address and social security number is listed on the document. Once a re-issue has been sent, allow for adequate printing

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Even if you do not receive a W-2 by the tax filing deadline of April 15th, A.K.A. "Tax Day," you should file an extension. You can also file a tax return using a Form 4852, "Substitute for Form W-2," then file an amendment after you receive your official W-2. For more information, go to [www.irs.gov](http://www.irs.gov).

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## County Meetings planned

### Hispanic Affairs Advisory Board

Notice is hereby given that the Hispanic Affairs Advisory Board will meet Thursday, January 24, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of County Commissioners chambers, third floor, Collier County Government Center, 3299 Tamiami Trail East, Naples.

About the public meeting:

All interested parties are invited to attend, and to register to speak and to submit their objections, if any, in writing, to the board/committee prior to the meeting if applicable. All registered public speakers will be limited to three minutes unless permission for additional time is granted by the chairman.

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For more information, call Marlene Serano at (239) 252-2487.

### Black Affairs Advisory Board

Notice is hereby given that the Black Affairs Advisory Board will meet on Monday, January 28, at 6:00 p.m. in the Board of County Commissioners chambers, third floor, Collier County Government Center, 3299 Tamiami Trail East, Naples.

The agenda includes, but is not limited to discussing Sidewalks and Bike Path initiatives in Collier County.

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For more information, call Rhonda Cummins at (239) 252-8941.

## Community Briefs

### Living the call

All are invited to the "Living the Call" Conference Saturday, February 23, 2013 at Ave Maria University in Ave Maria. Join us as we explore together the calling we have each received as Catholics to live the mission God has given us and to become saints! Speakers include EWTN and Ave Maria Radio host Teresa Tomeo, former US Ambassador and author Michael Novak, Sisters of Mary Mother of the Eucharist, Sr. Teresa Benedicta, Journalist and Editor of Legatus Magazine, Patrick Novocosky and Fr. Dennis Cooney, Pastor of St. Raphael Parish in Lehigh Acres.

The cost of the conference is \$50 with on campus lodging available at Xavier Hall by calling (239) 304-7206. Mass is at 9 a.m. and the conference will conclude at 5 p.m. Visit [www.avemaria.edu](http://www.avemaria.edu) and look under news and events for this and all conference information or call (239) 348-4724 or email [conferences@avemaria.edu](mailto:conferences@avemaria.edu).

### Steak cook off

The Donahue Academy in Ave Maria announces its 3rd annual Sunshine State Steak Cook-Off and Family Festival on Saturday, January 26, featuring a concert by Casey Weston, one of the eight finalists on the inaugural season of The Voice.

The fundraiser for this private kindergarten through 12th grade school is one of the town's most popular events with over 1,200 steaks sold last year. Tickets are now on

sale and guests are encouraged to purchase them early as the event sold out last year. Tickets may be purchased at the Ave Maria University Bookstore at 2064 Annunciation Circle, by calling 239-304-7032, or online at [www.ssscookoff.com](http://www.ssscookoff.com).

The day-long celebration includes a Family Festival beginning at 11:00 am featuring the parade of grills, youth games, silent auction, and live performances by Quest Band at 12:00 p.m. and Casey Weston at 4:30 p.m. Steak dinners will be served at 5:30 p.m.

For more information, please contact Tom Smith at 239-280-2536 or [thomas.smith@avemaria.edu](mailto:thomas.smith@avemaria.edu). More information can also be found at [www.ssscookoff.com](http://www.ssscookoff.com).

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put everyone on the roadways in danger. Florida law considers a driver with .08 or higher Blood Alcohol Content (BAC) to be impaired. Drivers under the age of 21 with a BAC of .02 or higher are also in violation of Florida law.

The Florida Highway Patrol would like to remind everyone that \*FHP (\*347) dialed from any cell phone contacts FHP should you need to report an aggressive driver or require roadside assistance.

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### Little League information

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to 16 years of age. 50/70 Division: There is a new division 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. Register at the Immokalee Little League Park, Monday through Friday between the hours of 6-8 p.m.

We are still looking for coaches and volunteers.

For the ages of 9 to 16 years of age, make sure you bring three proofs of residency with the same address. All utilities will be considered as one (water, electric, gas, etc.). If you have any questions or need information, feel free to give us a call at the numbers provided: William Trevino III 239-324-3072, Juan Garcia 239-628-2549, Hector Ramos 239-564-9645 or William Trevino Jr. 239-324-3075.

### Umpire clinic

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, February 16, from 9 a.m.-3 p.m. There will be no charge for the clinic and will be available from the age of 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 you to the list. William Trevino III 239-324-3072, Juan Garcia 239-628-2549, Hector Ramos 239-564-9645 or William Trevino Jr. 239-324-3075.

## Students turning up heat in classrooms

Middle and high school students in Collier County are excited about competing for the chance to see the NBA World Champions, the Miami Heat, play the Memphis Grizzlies at the American Airlines Arena in Miami on March 1st. This incredible opportunity is being sponsored by Achieve3000, the company currently providing curricular materials for Intensive Reading classes in 8th, 9th and 10th grades.

The contest is based on class average of growth from early January through the middle of February. One class from each grade level will win. Not only will they win tickets to the game, they will travel in style on coach buses, watch the players warm-up prior to the game, and shoot free-throws with the game ball after the game.

The contest was inspired by the focus on literacy that the players themselves promote. LaBron James, for instance, reads before and sometimes during games to alleviate pressure. Dwayne Wade's foundation, Reading Takes You Far, provides books for children without means.

To learn more about the contest, please contact the school district's Communications & Community Engagement Department at [communications@collierschools.com](mailto:communications@collierschools.com), or you may call 239-377-0180.

## Collier Family Farms plans grand opening event

NAPLES, FL., Collier Family Farms will be hosting a Grand Opening event from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm on Saturday, January 26 on their farm in Ave Maria. The event will feature an official ribbon cutting at 1:00 p.m. with County Commissioner Tim Nance and Barron Collier Companies representatives, free reusable shopping bags to the first 50 visitors, special grand opening coupons, and live music from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Guests will be able to purchase a variety of produce and citrus from the farm stand store.

"January 26 will be a very exciting and busy day in Ave Maria," comments Lara Collier of Collier Family Farms. "There are several town events happening that same day with thousands of anticipated visitors. We believe Collier Family Farms will provide convenient access to locally grown produce and citrus as well as providing an authentic U-pick experience for those wishing to hand-select their food."

Collier Family Farms is located on 12 acres in eastern Collier County, within the development of Ave Maria. With a focus on locally-grown, pesticide-free, non-GMO produce and citrus, Collier Family Farms offers a variety of fruits and vegetables for sale. By incorporating alternative growing methods including hydro-stackers, a vertical gardening system which increases fruit and vegetable yield while conserving space and water, Collier Family Farms is able to increase the amount and variety of produce and citrus for sale. The farm stand will feature cucumbers, Swiss chard, collard greens, herbs and local citrus for sale during its grand opening.

Collier Family Farms is located at 5321 Ave Maria Boulevard in Ave Maria, Florida 34142. For more information, please visit [www.collierfamilyfarms.com](http://www.collierfamilyfarms.com) and their Facebook page, or call 239-398-4157.

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## Charities

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90 people and often fills up with the neediest people, many out of work or homeless, some just seeking a rare hot meal.

"We are looking to the people who have donated to soup kitchen and other programs in the past to continue to support this most basic effort of providing a hot meal to the needy," Armando Galella, District Director of Catholic Charities of Collier County. "The Casa Maria Soup Kitchen is also an opportunity to bring in new people who are looking to support a program that helps people in a direct way. What other way is there than at a soup kitchen?"

Mark Pratt, who has helped coordinate the volunteers at the soup kitchen for many years, noted that the transition is exciting for everyone. "Having Catholic Charities in charge is exciting as we are now one big family with our old neighbors. Everyone's goal is to expand this program over time."

Routsis-Arroyo said the Casa Maria Soup

Kitchen will serve as a test case for a possible opening of additional soup kitchens in places of critical need throughout the Diocese of Venice. "This is a very exciting time for Catholic Charities. We have a long history of providing food to the needy, but rarely have we ever provided hot meals, except on special occasions. This is an opportunity to really help people in a more direct way. We will use the lessons learned to make such soup kitchens efficient and viable so that they have the greatest impact possible."

Catholic Charities also will take over the Clothing Room and Shower Program. The Clothing Room provides clients with clothing and household items. The Shower Program provides clients with shower facilities and fresh towels, clothing and toiletries to maintain their hygiene as well as their dignity. The Guadalupe Center will continue to provide clothing and household items to the program through donations made to their resale shop in Naples.

Guadalupe Social Services Program Director Ninfa Drago said the agreement to take over the soup kitchen, clothing and shower programs is something that has

been talked about for a long time. "We are now providing expanded social services to each person who comes to the soup kitchen. This is important to helping individuals and families get the services they need to help improve their current situation."

This is done through talking to the individuals and families who use the soup kitchen and learn why they are there. By knowing this, Guadalupe Social Services counselors can direct people to other programs that might make them less reliant on the soup kitchen in the future.

To take advantage of the soup kitchen, there are plans in the works to offer the existing School on Wheels program for mothers right after a lunch in the same room. The School on Wheels program sends people to homes to teach mothers conversational English. This will ultimately help the moth-

er when she visits the doctor or visits their children's school. Having everyone in the same room will reach many more people and have a greater impact.

Even with the added services, none of the programs run by Guadalupe Social Services will change immediately, Drago explained. "Our commitment is to helping the people of Immokalee; we just now do it in more ways."

For people interested in learning more about the programs of Guadalupe Social Services they get visit [www.catholiccharitiesdov.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesdov.org) or call 239-657-6242.

For those interested in supporting the programs, they can use the Web site or send a check to Guadalupe Social Services, PO Box 5034, Immokalee, FL 34143. Make checks payable to "Guadalupe Social Services." If you would like to make a direct

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Pictured from left: Bishop Frank J. Dewane, Ninfa Drago (Program Director of Guadalupe Social Services), and Peter Routsis-Arroyo (Catholic Charities Diocese of Venice CEO).

## Tragedy

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Two children in the Douglas vehicle were severely injured in the crash. Four-year-old Madison Douglas was taken to Physicians Regional Hospital with serious injuries. Three-year-old Rylee Douglas was in critical condition when taken to Physicians Regional Hospital. However, they both succumbed to their injuries later. All occupants in the Douglas vehicle were secured in the vehicle with seat belts.

Mr. Tamayo received only minor injuries and was taken to Physicians Regional Hospital. Passengers Hanley A. Padua German, 47, of Orlando received minor injuries and Bridgie Inmaculada Grisanty Acosta, 47, of Doral, suffered serious injuries. She was also taken to Physicians Regional Hospital.

### SR 82 crash results in minor injuries

On January 19, 24-year-old Christina

Ochoa of Immokalee suffered minor injuries in a crash that occurred at 4:15 a.m. on SR 82 in Lee County.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol report, Ms. Ochoa was a passenger in a Mercedes C240 which was traveling eastbound on SR 82 behind a 1999 Dodge pick up truck driven by 28-year-old Jose Vidaurri Jr., of Le-High Acres.

The report stated that the Mercedes failed to negotiate a safe closing speed and struck the pick up truck from behind. The truck traveled onto the southbound shoulder and into a ditch. The Mercedes burst into flames, but no one was injured in the fire.

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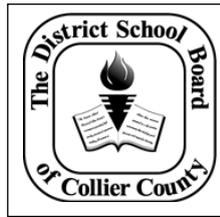
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by Maribel De Armas

Virtually everything is “virtual” today. We truly live in a virtual world, the cyber world, which is certainly a digital world. We depend heavily on today’s technology as we navigate each day. We text, maybe tweet, check Facebook, and most certainly exchange tons of emails; and we rely on the World Wide Web for practically everything.

It has been a year since the district has gone “virtual” with flyers, meant for parents of elementary students, being posted now as “virtual” flyers on the district website at [www.collierschools.com](http://www.collierschools.com). Check them out! It’s easy. Simply go to the home page of the site, click on the green backpack (the virtual flyers icon) and voilà, you’re there. These are the flyers from various community organizations or governmental agencies with offers of some sort of service available to your child, or news about special events of interest to your child; flyers schools used to send home in your child’s weekly envelope or folder. These previously “printed” flyers are now the “virtual” flyers we’re talking about here. What this means for you is, when you go online to do anything – on your smart phone, iPhone, iPad, or computer – you’ll want to take a quick moment to check out the virtual flyers. You’ll be able to see all of the flyers posted, not just those meant for your child’s school. Virtual flyers remain on the website for a full calendar month, so you can easily go back to take another look anytime you’d like.

By posting these flyers online, in the virtual world, we are saving a few trees in the regular world – going green, if you will. With 21,000 elementary school students in our 29 elementary schools district wide, each community organization or governmental agency wanting to reach each of their homes would have to print 21,000 copies to be sent home.



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