

## Harvest Festival draws near

Immokalee's annual celebration of its agricultural heritage is just around the corner!

The 2013 Immokalee Harvest Festival is set for April 12 and 13, beginning on April 12 with the Harvest Festival Queen Court competition.

The event is a project of the Immokalee Chamber of Commerce and features many events reminiscent of a by-gone era.

Most of the events will take place April 13, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. and will include a Mr. Leg Contest, Little Mr./Ms. Tomato Contest; two live bands, playing all day, hometown live entertainment; the famous wild hog BBQ and Immokalee Salad; a cake walk, a get out of jail event and much, much more.

Applications for vendors are only \$25 and there is no limit on food items to be sold.

The day will feature a parade

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### Immokalee Champions

**Travis Hayden**--- Reserve Champion Steer- Immokalee Livestock Club, Collier County Fair.

**Halee Blocker** presents the Grand Champion Ribbon to **Brianna Blocker**, Grand Champion Swine- Immokalee Livestock Club.



## Collier near top again in health rankings

Collier – “We are thrilled to be back in the top three, again,” reports Dr. Joan Colfer, Director, Florida Department of Health in Collier County. Collier County ranked as the third healthiest county in the state behind first and second ranking St. Johns and Martin counties. In the past four years, since the rankings were established, Collier County has consistently ranked within the top four out of 67 counties in Florida.

The Florida Department of Health in Collier County recognizes the value in measuring health outcomes and expresses appreciation to the University of Wisconsin and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation for the fourth annual County Health Rankings & Roadmaps tool released last month. This study uses traditional, established data, much of which was obtained from the Department and is available to the people of Florida at [www.floridacharts.com](http://www.floridacharts.com).

These rankings serve as a snapshot of the health of individuals across counties in each state. The report highlights that health is a combined work in progress across a variety of community partners.

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## Rankings

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The Florida Department of Health (DOH), through its county health departments, works together to improve the health of all Floridians. The data used in these rankings are available in each state and include information related to physical environment, social and economic factors, health behaviors, education, crime rate/law enforcement and clinical care.

"The Florida Department of Health works every day to bring together community partners around shared goals to improve health," said Dr. John Armstrong, Surgeon General and Secretary of Health. "As we track our progress, we are reminded there is no finish line in our efforts for better health."

Dr. Colfer explains, "We continuously elicit input from community partners whose agency or service impacts the health of our residents and visitors. To promote and protect the health of Floridians, we collaborate with partners in healthcare, education, law enforcement, government, social services agencies, faith based organizations and others. We also recognize every individual has a stake in our community's health. When individuals choose to eat healthy, exercise, drive responsibly, practice safe sex, avoid tobacco, and not abuse alcohol, they contribute to not only their own good health, but to the overall health of our community." While eliciting input from agency partners and community members during the Community Health Improvement Planning Pro-

cess, the obesity epidemic was prioritized as a high priority. In an effort to coordinate efforts, the health department, school system, local physicians, hospitals, University of Florida Extension, businesses and media recently partnered with the Safe & Healthy Children's Coalition of Collier County to promote the "9-5-2-1-0 BFF, Let's Go!" message to help individuals, parents and caregivers lead children by example, regarding habits which affect our weight and overall health.

The rankings include a snapshot of each county in Florida with a color-coded map comparing each county's overall health ranking.

There are also new county-level trend graphs detailing change over time measurements including children living in poverty, unemployment, and quality of care. In 2012, Collier County ranked the 4th healthiest county (out of 67) in the state of Florida in which to live.

## Festival

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and plenty of fun for the whole family! Parking is free and the gate fee is only \$3.

Proceeds from the event go directly toward scholarships each year for two deserving Immokalee High School seniors to further their education.

Sponsorships are still available. For additional information, call the Immokalee Chamber of Commerce @ 239-657-3237 or Mariela Romero (Event Chair) @ 239-552-1792.

## Balloons over Paradise

Seminole Casino Immokalee's Second Annual "Balloons Over Paradise" Festival will feature more than 50 custom hot air balloons and plenty of fun for the whole family including tethered balloon rides, live music by award-winning performers, food vendors, an art showcase, children's activities, cultural village, carnival games, show and stunt kites, a classic car show, demonstrations by agility dogs and more.

The vivid multi-hued balloons will kick off each morning with an illuminated light show to orchestral music. Festival-goers can stroll among the balloons as they inflate for a mass ascension into the sky. Specialty balloons include Sugar Bear, Ella "phant" and a flying globe.

Headlining this year's festival on Saturday, April 20, is rocker Eddie Money who will perform his greatest hits including "Baby Hold On," "Shakin'," "Think I'm in Love" "Take Me Home Tonight," "I Wanna Go Back," "Walk on Water" and "Peace in Our Time." On Sunday, April 21, solid gold pop-rockers The Buckingham's will perform. Backing Dennis Tufano's buoyant lead vocals with prominent harmonies and punchy soul-styled brass, the group's "Kind of Drag" became a million-selling pop chart-topper. Other hits include "Don't You Care," "Hey Baby (They're Playing Our Song)," the pseudo-psychedelic "Susan," and the Cannonball Adderley jazz standard "Mercy, Mercy, Mercy." Following will be The Grass Roots belting out their major hits, most notably "Let's Live for Today," "Midnight Confessions," "Temptation Eyes," and "Two Divided by Love."

### Saturday, April 20

- 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. – balloon inflations, mass ascension

- 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – cultural village
- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. – children's activities, art showcase
- 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. – gator wrestling
- 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – pony rides, hay rides
- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. – agility dog shows, show and stunt kites, British car show
- 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. – tethered balloon rides (weather permitting)
- 4 p.m. – TPTS in concert
- 5:15 p.m. – A200 in concert
- 6:45 p.m. – Eddie Money in concert

### Sunday, April 21

- 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. - balloon inflations, mass ascension
- 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. – cultural village
- 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. – children's activities, art showcase
- 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. – gator wrestling
- 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. – Auto Show
- 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. – pony rides, hay rides
- 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. – agility dog shows, show and stunt kites
- 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. – tethered balloon rides (weather permitting)
- 4 p.m. – Gypsy Lane in concert
- 5:30 p.m. – The Buckingham's in concert
- 7 p.m. – The Grass Roots in Concert

It all happens at the Seminole Tribe Rodeo Grounds Immokalee, 1195 State Road 29, Immokalee. Admission is free to the all-ages festival. Parking is free at Seminole Casino. Tethered balloon rides are \$15.



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## Rental assistance from Catholic Charities

Naples--Catholic Charities of Collier County, Diocese of Venice, Inc. received a grant from both the Community Foundation of Collier County and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Collier County Housing, Human and Veteran Services Department (HHVS) to provide rental assistance to people who are under imminent risk of homelessness.

A \$40,000 grant was awarded from the Community Foundation and monies in the amount of \$62,490 was given from the HUD Emergency Solutions Grants Program through HHVS.

The purpose of the Short Term Rental Assistance Program of Catholic Charities is to assist individuals and families to quickly regain stability in permanent housing after experiencing a housing crisis or homelessness.

According to the October 2012 report from the Collier County 211 information and referral service, 43% of the problem/needs callers were looking for help with paying their rent or utilities. These calls are three times as many as the next requested service.

"The demand for the assistance to thwart

homelessness in Collier County has not subsided," said Armando Galella, District Director of Catholic Charities of Collier County, Diocese of Venice, Inc. "We will continue to provide both rental and utility assistance at the Family Resource Center of Catholic Charities in East Naples and Guadalupe Social Services of Catholic Charities in Immokalee," he said.

According to Galella, a typical client in Collier County in need of rental and utility assistance is a low-income female head of household that is Hispanic or Latino, with children under the age of 19 years old, living in Central Naples, Golden Gate or Immokalee.

"The economy and housing market may be recovering in Collier County, but the plight of poverty still exists," said Galella. "Because of these new grants, Catholic Charities is grateful to be able to continue to provide these important services to the community."

For more information, please call Armando Galella at Catholic Charities of Collier County, Diocese of Venice, Inc. at 239-455-2655.

# Career Corner

## Applications Made Easy

by Matt Kindermann

Applications are a necessary evil, whether in paper or electronic form. For the employer, the application neatly organizes important information related to a candidate's work experience and background that may not be as apparent from just a resume.



**Matt Kindermann**

The application is also a good way to weed out candidates, especially if it is not filled out completely, the hand writing is messy, or things are left out.

This could signify an intentional omission, as if the candidate was trying to hide something, even if it was accidental or the applicant did not know how to answer the question. When filling out any type of application, ensure that all blocks or spaces have something, even if it is "N/A," or "None."

It is a little embarrassing to walk into an establishment to ask for an application, only to find out that there is something they require that you cannot remember, such as that street you lived at 10 years ago, or the number to that fourth reference when you only have three saved on your phone.

A good way to make sure that you have all the information you need for an appli-

cation is to take a generic application with you that you have already filled out.

While you may not be able to substitute your pre-filled application with the employer's form, copying information is better than trying to remember on the spur of the moment. If you are able to, see if you can take the application home where you have more time and can make copies in case of errors and neatly fill it out.

You do not have to list references on your resume. I recommend leaving them off unless you do not have more than a few years of work experience and you need a few references to fill up space on the resume.

However, you should always have at least 3 business related references that can speak to your ability to work.

These are not friends, relatives, or pastors; these are supervisors, volunteer coordinators, or professors.

Make sure your references know when you have submitted an application. It looks unfavorable to you if you give a bunch of references but they are all surprised and unprepared when an employer calls.

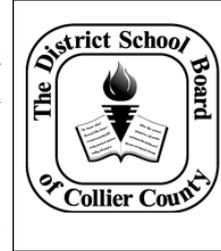
Southwest Florida Works is the regional state workforce board for Hendry, Glades, Charlotte, Lee and Collier counties.

For no-fee job search assistance or employer support, speak with an employment representative nearest you by going to [www.swfworks.org](http://www.swfworks.org) and click on "Locations."

# Students First

by Maribel De Armas

Oh, the days of taking tests, how I do not miss thee. Looking back on those days now as an adult, and working for a school district, I certainly understand the need for student assessments.



But, boy, as a student, those days are usually not ones to really look forward to. A good number of our students in Collier County Public Schools are about to embark on the yearly FCAT testing cycle. As you probably know, the FCAT (Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test) measures student achievement on what are known as the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards, which are taught daily in our schools. Because of the outstanding teaching that's taking place in our Immokalee classrooms, and because our students have been working so hard, we have no doubt that they'll do well. Some testing will begin next week, but the majority of FCAT will take place the week of April 15th. If the dates corresponding to your child's test days aren't already on your calendar, you can access the 2012-2013 FCAT schedule online by visiting [www.collierschools.com](http://www.collierschools.com) and clicking on the "FCAT" icon in the "What's New" section on the right side of the page.

Now, there is preparation and encouragement going on in our schools on a daily basis, but mom and dad – you can help too! Here are some tips you may find useful as you help your child get ready for testing:

- Make sure your child rests. Kids need at least eight hours of uninterrupted rest each night. Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep before test days.
- Prepare a nutritious breakfast. Healthy eating is always important, but even more so on test days.
- Pack healthy snacks. Wholesome, healthy snacks help maintain energy throughout the day.
- Go over test review materials. Spend some time with your child to go over any review materials and ask practice questions.
- Communicate with the teacher. Speak with your child's teacher to discuss any issues or concerns. Ask for suggestions, activities, or online resources that may help.
- Reduce anxiety. Don't overemphasize results – this can produce increased stress on a child.
- Give words of encouragement. Express support and confidence in your child's ability to do well. A simple "I know you'll do great on your test today" will go a long way.
- Encourage regular school attendance.

The more often children are in learning situations, the more likely they are to do well on tests. So, now we're ready for a great FCAT season. Good luck students – you will do great!

# Register for summer camp

Camp Collier offers a fun, lively environment where children can play, connect, and discover. Each week is a different theme. Children have the opportunity to attend weekly or for the entire summer. Campers will take nature walks, play games, make arts and crafts, participate in different sports, host guests from the community, as well as take weekly swimming and field trips. Camp Collier is offered Monday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., between June 10 and August 9 (no camp on July 4).

The cost is \$85 per week. There is a discount for the full nine weeks; \$66 per week

payable in four payments of \$150 each. There is also a ten percent discount for siblings; \$60 per week payable in four payments of \$135 each.

Before and After Camp is available from 7:15 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., and from 5:00 p.m. and 6:00 p.m., at a cost of \$15 per week.

Camp Collier offers Elementary School Day Camp for children in grades K-5 (must be five years of age by June 1), and Middle School Day Camp for children in grades 6-8. Immokalee Community Park, Phone: (239)657-4449. For information contact Collier County Parks & Recreation at 239-252-4000 or visit [www.collierparks.com](http://www.collierparks.com).

# Vietnam and Korean Veterans News

Eligibility based on Vietnam or Korea service

For the purposes of disability compensation, VA presumes that Veterans were exposed to Agent Orange or other herbicides if they served:

In Vietnam anytime between January 9, 1962 and May 7, 1975 (includes brief visits ashore or service aboard a ship that operated on the inland waterways of Vietnam). Check VA's list of U.S. Navy and Coast Guard ships that operated in Vietnam on the web

At <http://www.publichealth.va.gov/expo->

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In or near the Korean demilitarized zone anytime between April 1, 1968 and August 31, 1971.

These Veterans do not need to prove that they were exposed to Agent Orange or other herbicides to qualify for disability compensation for diseases related to Agent Orange exposure (also called "presumptive diseases"). Cancers, Diabetes, Ischemic Heart and Leukemia and more!

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The folks at Winn-Dixie had the spirit of Easter in their hearts as they connected with a few other local businesses and organizations Saturday, March 30, to assist needy families this year. Adam Herrera from A+ photography provided professional grade pictures and helped to provide a lasting memory for all. Bad Boy Entertainment (Jr and Christina Perez) donated over 100 Easter baskets as well as small candy bags for all the children. The Immokalee Foundation was on hand to assist in the organization and traffic flow of the event, keeping things running smoothly. Together they were able to sponsor 22 families, providing them an Easter dinner, Easter baskets and a wonderful family portrait that they can remember this by.



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## County Meetings

### Provide comment on Draft Public Involvement Plan (PIP)

The Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is announcing a 45-day public comment period for the draft Public Involvement Plan (PIP). The PIP serves as an outline to the public involvement process in regards to MPO planning related activities. The plan identifies federal, state

and other requirements, goals, objectives, policies, and the process by which the public will have full access and participation in these planning activities. The document may be viewed at [colliermopo.net](http://colliermopo.net) by going to the "Latest News" on the left side of the screen, then select the link, "45-Day Public Comment Period for the Public Involvement Plan (PIP)", and then scroll down and select the first link, "Draft Public Involvement Plan (PIP)".

The public comment period for this draft

## FWC offers hunter safety course in Collier County

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) will host a free hunter safety course on April 6 and April 7 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The course will be at the Everglades Conservation & Sportsman Club Inc., 50900-50999 Loop Road, Ochopee, FL 34141.

Participants can sign up at [MyFWC.com/HunterSafety](http://MyFWC.com/HunterSafety) or by calling the FWC's South Region office at 561-625-5122. A statewide

schedule of hunter safety classes is available at [MyFWC.com/HunterSafety](http://MyFWC.com/HunterSafety).

Anyone born on or after June 1, 1975, must pass an approved hunter safety course before purchasing a Florida hunting license. Parents or legal guardians must accompany children under 16 years of age to all classes. To participate in live-fire exercises, children under 18 years old must present a parental release form signed by a parent or legal guardian.

## Eden Park Elementary receives backpack, supplies from attorney

Goldstein, Buckley, Cechman, Rice & Purtz, P.A., donated backpacks and school supplies to a fourth grade class at Eden Park Elementary located in Immokalee.

"The children were so happy when I handed them the backpacks and fuzzy high-lighters," said Katie Flerlage, the fourth grade teacher who received the class donations. "We're grateful to have organizations like Goldstein, Buckley, Cechman, Rice & Purtz supporting education in the community."

The mission at Eden Park Elementary is to use the curriculum, instructional skills,

and resources to provide a safe and encouraging environment that promotes individual excellence in academic, physical, and social skills. For more information, visit <http://www.collier.k12.fl.us/epe/>.

Goldstein, Buckley, Cechman, Rice & Purtz, P.A., provides a full complement of legal services to clients in its Fort Myers, Cape Coral, Naples, Lehigh Acres and Port Charlotte offices.

For more information, visit [www.JusticeStartsNow.com](http://www.JusticeStartsNow.com), call \*\*LAW (529) on a mobile phone, or 239-334-1146.

## Paradise Coast Paddlers Club hosts internationally known paddlers

Naples, FL --- The Paradise Coast Paddlers Club will host its 8th Annual Paddling Festival Saturday, April 13, 2013 and Sunday, April 14, 2013 on the beach at Capri Fish House located on Isles of Capri Boulevard, Naples, Florida.

Saturday will be a day of classes taught by internationally known paddlers, Greg Stamer, Steve Schemer, and Michael Gray. Stamer, Greenland National Kayaking Championship gold medalist, and world record holder for circumnavigation of Iceland, will conduct a Greenland Paddling class. Steve Scherrer, an American Canoe Association Level 5 Coastal Kayak Instructor Trainer and kayak designer, will lead instruction on boat control. Or join internationally known outdoor cooking specialist Michael Gray for a paddle ending with

and on-island cooking class. Details of classes and registration information can be found at <http://paradisecoastpaddlers.com>.

Sunday will be a day of FREE demonstrations, clinics, tours and races. Complimentary boat unloading will be provided for paddlers bringing their own boats and rentals will be available. Tours will be available for all levels of paddlers. An "Introduction to Paddling" tour will include basic safety and stroke instruction from ACA instructors with a paddle in Johnson Bay. Other tours include mangroves, bays and open waters up to 2.5 hours in length.

Paradise Coast Paddlers Club requires everyone participating in demonstrations, classes and tours to wear their pfd's (personal flotation devices).

PIP will close on May 10. The MPO Board will consider the adoption of the PIP together with comments received within the public comment period at the MPO's regular meeting on June 14 at the Board of County Commissioners Chambers on the third floor of the Collier County Government Center, 3299 Tamiami Trail East, Naples. The meeting starts at 9 a.m.

The draft Public Involvement Plan (PIP) will also be on display at the customer service desks at:

- Southwest Florida Works, 750 S. 5th Street, Immokalee, and
- All Collier County public libraries.

The MPO's planning process is conducted in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and Related Statutes. Any person or beneficiary who believes that he or she has been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability, or familial status may file a complaint with FDOT District One Title VI Coordinator Ms. Robin Parrish at 863-519-2675 or by writing Ms. Parrish at Post Office Box 1249, Bartow, FL 33831.

For more information call MPO Planner Ms. Sarah Layman at 239-252-5804.

### Immokalee CRA, Advisory Board, EZDA, Lighting and Beautification MSTU

Notice is hereby given that the Immokalee Lighting and Beautification MSTU will

hold a public meeting on Wednesday, April 24, at 10:00 a.m. at the Immokalee Community Redevelopment Agency office located at 1320 North 15th Street, Immokalee. This meeting will represent the MSTU Operational Workshop.

#### 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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Anyone who requires an auxiliary aid or service for effective communication, or other reasonable accommodations in order to participate in this proceeding, should contact the Collier County Facilities Management Department located at 3335 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, Florida 34112, or 239-252-8380 as soon as possible, but no later than 48 hours before the scheduled event.

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# It is hurricane season again?

by Richard Heers

Believe it or not, the 2013 hurricane season is just around the corner...less than two months away. For that reason, the IRCC (Immokalee Recovery Coordinating Center) has already been meeting to help the Immokalee community be prepared in case another "Wilma" visits our area this year.

A group of local citizens, chaired by Ron Mosher of the CCSO, meets monthly on the fourth Wednesday at the iTECH from 1-2 p.m. and the public is welcome to join this group that makes preparations to see that we are prepared for natural disasters that may strike our area. Those included in the March meeting were Ron Mosher, Judy Scribner, Thom Street, Silvia Puente, Robert Halman, Chief Rita Greenberg, Chief Paul Anderson, and Rick Heers. Several members, including Jodi Walters of Collier County Solid Waste earlier in the week attended a special session at iTECH where the contents of their storage area were inventoried.

Chief Rita Greenberg has done double duty guiding both the Immokalee Fire Department while continuing her work as the chief of Big Cypress Island Fire District. New Immokalee Fire Chief, Paul Anderson was welcomed to the meeting. Prior to moving to his new position, Chief Anderson was a 31-year veteran of the Clermont Fire District. Among his other responsibilities, the new chief expressed an interest in restarting the Immokalee C.E.R.T. that has been inactive over the past two years. As soon as the plans



Submitted photo/Rick Heers  
Pictured from left: Chief Rita Greenberg, Robert Halman, Judy Scribner, Ron Mosher, Pastor Thom Street, Silvia Puente, Chief Paul Anderson.

are firmed up, the current 15 local members will join any newcomers who would like to be a part of this important group of local citizens whose responsibility is to assist in local recovery in the area of hurricanes, wild fires and other natural and man-made disasters, all under the direction of the local fire department.

Local, concerned citizens of Immokalee are encouraged to keep updated on activities that they can be involved in supporting

their own community in disaster preparedness. Some of the advantages of our local group are pre-made hurricane door hangers for hurricane season, wildfires, and a mobile 35-kilowatt diesel generator to be used in a power outage, and a new tower to enhance the capability of HAM operation during disasters.

The next meeting of the IRCC will be at the iTECH on Wednesday, April 24, at 1 p.m.

## Huckabee fire continues

The National Park Service is working to contain a wildfire within the Big Cypress National Preserve. The exact cause of the fire is unknown and an investigation is underway to determine the origin. It was ignited on March 29 at approximately 1 p.m.

As of April 1, roughly 20,000 acres have been burned with 45 percent containment. Weather conditions today will bring lighter winds into the area, which should aid fire operations. There are currently 64 personnel from various agencies committed to this incident.

The fire began just north of the Fire Prairie Trail along Turner River Road and is burning within the boundaries of Highway 29 to the west and north to Interstate 75.

Weather conditions over the next several days will see fog in the early morning which could impact travel on major highways. Please exercise caution when traveling in this area. It is the priority of the NPS to take appropriate management actions to contain this fire while providing for visitor and resource safety.

As the spring season continues, conditions within the Big Cypress National Preserve will continue to be dry.

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