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Aging in Immokalee: Inclusive program available

by **Patty Brant**
Immokalee Bulletin

From the time we take our first breath, everybody gets older. Thanks to advances in medicine and nutrition, many people can now expect to live well after retirement.

As wonderful as it is for people to have more years to enjoy their lives, longevity brings with it many issues.

Araceli Gomez, Hope Liaison II said Hope HealthCare Services can help people get the most out of their elder years. After all, like all phases of life, it's uncharted territory for all of us, so a little guidance can often be exactly what is needed.

For those who are able to care for themselves, and for those who need assistance, this organization can hold the key to a more comfortable, less stressful old age.

The concept of helping the elderly in this country stay in their own homes safely and comfortably, started in a 1970s grass roots Chinese initiative in San Francisco, Araceli explained. Hope HealthCare Services holds promise for those who do not want to go to a nursing home. It opened in 2011 in Naples.

Under the Hope HealthCare Services, programs help residents 55 and older of Collier, Lee and Charlotte counties live independently.

Hope Healthcare Services is an all inclusive program that can provide medical care from doctors and nurses, pharmacists, therapists and personal care aides.

Together, this team not only helps the client remain safe and comfortable, but can actually help prevent the illnesses many elderly are susceptible to.

In addition to being a more comfortable, compatible place for many elderly, home usually provides a more cost effective care solution for the elderly, Araceli commented.

A representative from Hope HealthCare Services, as well as a doctor, nurse practitioner, therapists and dietician will meet with the family to develop an individual plan for the client. They will discuss the case, decide what, if any, special equipment is needed.

There are no out-of-pocket expenses for clients, who must be Medicaid recipients. Those who also have Medicare may also participate but will incur some personal expense. Private pay, through long term care insurance, etc.,

may also apply.

Once paperwork has been submitted, it will take six-eight weeks for approval by the Department of Elder Affairs.

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Araceli Gomez

Broadband speeds ahead

Sebring, Florida July 26, 2013 – Florida's Heartland Regional Economic Development Initiative, Inc. (FHREDI) has announced that broadband services in Okeechobee County are now a reality, with services in Desoto, Glades, Highlands and Hendry Counties and the Community of Immokalee to follow soon. This first connection in Okeechobee is one of many that will be linked together to provide broadband services in Okeechobee County and the South Central region.

The plan for a broadband network is clearly coming into focus for the area, through the Florida Rural Broadband Alliance (FRBA). Spurred by the growing need to converge technology and infrastructure, the leadership team at FHREDI is setting the stage for a very powerful set of circumstances and tools to attract an entire offering built around broadband speed and capacity.

Reliable infrastructure that enables speed to market and the ability to reach more markets is the key to future growth. But that infrastructure must include another powerful component of the infrastructure platform, and that component is a broadband network.

Broadband enables a higher quantity and quality of information to be transmitted and provides a surplus of capacity to upload and download multimedia content to meet today's networking needs.

Broadband has become so vital to local community and economic development that it is being termed a necessary utility (along with electricity, water, natural gas and telephone). It is not only a question of addressing our ever-expanding network needs but it is also being utilized as the real catalyst for job creation in

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iGeneration moves forward

Dr. Jeff Baker was incorrectly identified in last week's article about the new iGeneration Empowerment Academy as working with the management company IVT. Dr. Baker is actually with the nonprofit iGeneration group, providing educational and start up support.

Construction of the new charter school is nearing completion and inspection is expected shortly, allowing classroom setup to begin.

Staff training is also scheduled in the next few days so all will be ready for the August 19 school start date.

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Transportation is available to pick up clients, take them to the clinic in LeHigh and return them home. At the clinic, they can enjoy socializing, which helps counteract the isolation many elderly patients suffer.

Clients also have the advantage of doctors, physical therapists and social workers right at hand.

Transportation is available to the LeHigh center and clients may start out going once a week.

Hope Healthcare's mission is to serve medium range residents - not too healthy, not too sick - and help them access services. One advantage is to keep expensive emergency rooms clear for real emergencies.

Clients who also have Medicare may pay out-of-pocket expenses.

A lack of knowledge of the services available and of knowing how to navigate them, presents a serious barrier to many seniors.

Hope Healthcare Services are culturally appropriate for Hispanic, Haitian and Creole clients and provides outreach to people through their churches and community centers to reach people in order to access seniors through their caregivers.

Araceli Gomez, Hope Healthcare Liaison II, started April 1. Her job is to seek out clients; to teach them and their caregivers

what questions to ask, how to access benefits, to respond to their need for outreach.

She said uses churches to help them fulfill their role in informing the community. She also sets up sessions on Sundays and evenings.

She said there will be a Haitian needs health fair August 24 for Medicaid clients in Immokalee with speakers, information on rehab and home healthcare.

Ms. Gomez also said her services are available to all seniors disabled and Alzheimer's patients 55 years of age and older.

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al Homeless Animals Day. Collier County's Domestic Animal Services (DAS) is celebrating by offering discounted microchipping for the month of August.

"We want to make sure that if a family pet gets lost, it makes its way back home," said DAS Director Amanda Townsend. "One way of ensuring a happy reunion is to have your pet microchipped and make sure their county license is current," Townsend added.

Microchipping is a simple procedure that takes just a few minutes. The microchip is approximately the size of a grain of rice, and the procedure is similar to a vaccination. Once a pet has been microchipped, it has a permanent ID. If the pet gets lost and is brought to DAS, a veterinarian clinic, or most animal shelters, the pet is scanned

for a microchip. Once the microchip is detected, the owner is contacted and can pick up their pet.

Pets that are current on their county license are eligible for the microchip promotion. During the month of August, the cost is \$15 per pet - less than half of market price. Microchipping is available Monday through Friday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the DAS facility at 7610 Davis Boulevard, Naples, Fla.

A microchip is not a guarantee that your pet will make it back home, but it puts the odds in their favor. As the pet's owner, it is your responsibility to ensure that your most current contact information is updated with the microchip manufacturer.

For more information about the Month of Microchips, call Daniel Christenbury, Public Information Specialist at 252-6956.

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South Central Florida.

FRBA is a limited liability company formed in March 2010 between two non-profit economic development corporations, FHREDI in South Central Florida, and Opportunity Florida in Northwest Florida. FRBA's project is a \$34 million investment in these two regions and is quickly taking shape.

The idea behind the investment, funded in large measure by an American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Broadband Technology Opportunity Program (BTOP) grant, is to provide broadband coverage to unserved or underserved areas of the two regions and to create a local network that will deliver superior broadband capacity within the coverage areas.

Doing so will allow the communities to attract companies due to the broadband capacity, to create more efficient communication, enhance public safety, improve delivery of healthcare services, enhance emergency services, promote educational opportunities, and more.

FRBA will offer service to anchor institutions, such as schools, libraries, hospitals and local governments as well as Internet Service Providers. FRBA's service area includes Desoto, Glades, Hendry, Highlands, and Okeechobee counties and the Community of Immokalee.

The network will bring a new focus and promise to rural Florida with a renewed excitement about the potential to connect the anchor institutions and create dynamic broadband service in the area.

One new emphasis for communities will be determining how to best use the new capabilities to achieve its goals and address the digital divide—bringing super high speed Internet capabilities to advance education, healthcare, economic development, safety and security amongst other key areas.

This will be crucial to the next leg of the journey to create new jobs and a higher quality of life.

According to Gina Reynolds, the CEO of

FHREDI and Co-Manager of FRBA, "Broadband brings strong potential for businesses and citizens in the region. Our region's next generation of empowered students, engaged workers and satisfied visitors look for services and capabilities that will be driven best by a next generation broadband network. Our future is being delivered today."

The broadband service in Okeechobee is a new reality and a testimony to FRBA's and FHREDI's commitment to bringing new infrastructure and innovation to South Central Florida.

Indeed, that service also serves as a reminder that matching vision with new opportunity allows the region to stand tall and distinguish itself now and in the future.

About FHREDI:

FHREDI is a non-profit regional economic development organization comprised of Desoto, Glades, Hendry, Highlands, and Okeechobee Counties, the Cities of Belle Glade, Pahokee and South Bay and the Community of Immokalee.

Leveraging regional resources, FHREDI serves as a catalyst for government and business collaboration to market, advocate and facilitate for the region. For more information visit: www.flaheartland.com

About FRBA:

FRBA was formed in March 2010 by two non-profit economic development corporations – FHREDI in South Central Florida and Opportunity Florida in Northwest Florida. FRBA was awarded nearly \$24 million through the Broadband Technology Opportunities Program to deploy broadband network infrastructure throughout rural communities in 15 Counties.

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Community Briefs

LTE uniform sale

Get uniforms for your Lake Trafford Elementary School student Saturday, August 3 and 10, from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. in the main hallway of the school. They will be selling uniforms and taking orders. Tops - polo shirts of any color and kacki/tan or navy colored bottoms.

IWDS meeting rescheduled

IWSD will be moving its regularly scheduled Board meeting for August 21 to August 9 due to a lack of quorum. There will be no meeting on August 21.

IWSD se trasladará su reunión programada para el 21 de Agosto de 2013 a 09 de Agosto de 2013 debido a la falta de quórum. No habrá ninguna reunión el 21 de Agosto.

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Help with backpack event

Lipman and Pacific Tomato Companies, along with their agricultural partners, will give away 1,400 free backpacks filled with essential school supplies at a community event on August 3. It will come at a perfect time while families are struggling to prepare their kids to return to school in the fall.

You can help by bringing a table and tent and set up a kid-friendly exhibit featuring your organization; donating some goods or services to be raffled off at the event focusing on back to school necessities; providing some volunteers to help us on the morning of the event. Please join in this community celebration and be a part of the enthusiasm. If you would like more information, please call Jaime Weisinger at (239)657-4421.

The Lipman Backpack Giveaway and Community Celebration Event will be held August 3, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Immokalee Sports Complex Field, 505 Escambia Street, Immokalee.

Learn English fast

Learn English fast at iTECH, the Immokalee Technical Center. Take advantage of morning, afternoon, and evening classes. Study using the newest technology. Classes are being taught by certified teachers. Classes begin on Monday, August 19. Enroll now. For more information about this great opportunity, visit Immokalee Technical Center at 508 N. 9th Street, call 658-7080 in Immokalee, or visit www.itech.edu.

Bball clinic in Golden Gate

Gollee Gator Children's Initiative presents Shooting for the Stars Basketball clinic Saturday, August 5, 3 9 a.m.-3 p.m. at Golden Gate Community Center., 4701 Golden Gate Parkway, Naples.

Wali Jones, former NBA great with the World Champion Philadelphia '76ers, Milwaukee Bucks and Detroit Pistons, designed these clinics to motivate and help youngplayers attain fundamental skills.

Space is limited for this free clinic. Only

100 participants. Wear a T-shirt, shorts and appropriate shoes. Lunch provided
For information call 239-261-5405.

Parks and Rec launches new web site

Collier County Parks and Recreation recently launched its mobile web site.

Access www.collierparks.com on your smart phone or tablet to view the mobile device-friendly site. Add the Collier County Parks and Recreation icon to your home screen to access quickly the information you need to enjoy all the recreational amenities offered by Collier County Parks and Recreation.

For more information, contact Parks and Recreation Administration at (239) 252-4000.

Childcare available

A Step Up Immokalee, operated by Collier Child Care Resources, Inc., provides childcare for teen parents, school district teachers and staff, county workers. They care for infants to four years of age Monday through Friday 6:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. with extended hours till 3 p.m. There is a warm and inviting atmosphere with nurturing childcare providers, free childcare tuition to members of the Teenage parenting Program. Located at 701 Immokalee Drive. Phone 239-377-1172; cell 239-980-9021 or go to www.collierchildcare.org.

iGeneration

Coming this fall a new charter school (grades 6-12). Limited space - enrolling now! iGeneration Empowerment Academy, 1411 Lake Trafford Road. Call 239-304-1221 Irma Miller, Campus Director. Parent meetings every Monday at 3 p.m. till school begins.

South Park closed for construction

Immokalee South Park, located at 418 School Drive, is closed. A new community park building will be under construction throughout this summer and fall. Construction is expected to be complete by January 2014.

The new building will house programs such as voluntary pre-kindergarten, after school programs, summer camp, senior programs, arts and crafts, and special events. The building will have classrooms and a community room for residents to enjoy. For more information, contact Annie Alvarez at (239) 867-4121 ext 206, or (239) 252-4449.

Breastfeeding mothers group

Learn about the many benefits of breastfeeding, get advice and tips, speak with breast-feeding peer counselors Myda and Noemi, meet and share experiences with other breastfeeding mothers. Pregnant women welcome.

Come to the Collier County Department of Health Room 133 every Tuesday from 10-11:30 a.m. For additional information call 239-252-7347 or 239-252-7312.

Emergency planners look forward, predict busy season to come

by Richard L. Heers

Immokalee's IRCC (Immokalee Recovery Coordinating Center), a committee of local citizens helping prepare the community for potential disasters had its monthly meeting at iTECH on Wednesday, July 24, from 1-2 p.m. Present for the meeting were chair Ron Mosher-CCSO, Judy Scribner-Collier County Emergency Management, Leo Rodgers-Immokalee Fire Department, Robert Halman-UF Extension Office, Joe Brueggen-Collier County Health Department, Jeff LeTourneau-Collier County Code Enforcement, Sinclair Williams-One by One Leadership Foundation and local citizens Jean Perrier and Rick Heers.

In addition to preparing the community

in case of hurricane preparation during this projected busy season, the IRCC members are making preparations to reactivate the local C.E.R.T. (Community Emergency Response Team).

The first of several informational meetings was to be held in Ave Maria today, August 1, at 1:30 p.m. in the Lecture Hall in the Paul M. Henkels Academic Building, 5255 Donahue Street. Please call the Security patrol at (239) 280-6289 for any further directions. Any members of the Immokalee and Ave Maria communities are welcome to attend. Some of the future training sessions will be alternated between Immokalee and Ave Maria. Great assistance is also being provided by the Big Cypress Island Fire Department.

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Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida innovative approach to healthcare

Sixty pounds overweight and borderline diabetic, 15-year-old Naila could have been just another statistic among the 7.6 million uninsured children in America, but today she is 50 pounds lighter, a vibrant teen contributing to her community thanks to the comprehensive managed care she received through the Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida (Healthcare Network).

To celebrate thousands of success stories like Naila's and enlighten the public about the innovative ways health centers are serving over 20 million under- or uninsured people each year, Healthcare Network will celebrate National Health Center Week, Aug. 11-17.

Under the timely theme, "Transforming Health Care," the Healthcare Network will host two community celebrations featuring food, festivities and information. An Immokalee Barbecue will be held from 12-2 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 13, at the Marion E. Fether Medical Center, 1454 Madison Avenue, and a Naples Barbecue will be held from 3:30-5:30 p.m., Thursday, Aug. 15, at the Golden Gate Community Center, 4700 Golden Gate Parkway.

According to the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), one out of every 15 people living in the U.S. now relies on a community care provider like Healthcare Network for primary care and those numbers are expected to rise dramatically under the Affordable Care Act.

Studies show that if the 46 million uninsured people in America were to suddenly have health insurance coverage, there would be a crisis due to the lack of primary health care clinicians to serve them.

"We're creating innovative solutions to address the dilemma of providing quality, managed healthcare for people that few agencies are willing to care for," says Healthcare Network CEO Richard Akin, who has served the Healthcare Network for over 30 years. "We offer an alternative to the more expensive and often inappropriate emergency room. If more people have access to care with an emphasis on prevention and treatment, we all benefit."

The success of community health centers like Healthcare Network has drawn significant attention in Washington. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) recently awarded more than \$150 million to assist community health centers in education and enrollment of uninsured individuals in new health insurance coverage options under the Affordable Care Act.

Here in Collier County, the Healthcare Network received just over \$176,000, which will be used to expand education and enrollment in Golden Gate, East Naples and Immokalee.

"The \$176,000 is a good start and certainly an indication that Healthcare Network will be leading the way in providing quality managed healthcare for a growing population of Collier citizens," says Healthcare Network Foundation Director Louis Traina, EdD. "As that population grows, so does the tremendous need for services. Without private support, services such as managed and preventative care for children with diabetes would not exist. Every child deserves quality medical and dental care."

Last year, Healthcare Network provided \$3.4 million in uncompensated health

care to 45,000 under- or uninsured people (32,000 of whom were children). By providing these families with a "patient centered home," doctors are able to follow their patients, ensure necessary treatment and provide preventative education that actually reduces long-term health care costs.

Healthcare Network does this with a staff of 275, including 42 medical and dental professionals and medical students from Florida State University College of Medicine and the University of Florida College of Dentistry. Other significant educational partners include Lorenzo Walker Institute of Technology Dental Assistant Program and Nova Southeastern School of Nursing.

"Most people have no idea of the many facilities and services we offer," says Akin. "That's why we recently conducted a re-branding to reintroduce ourselves as we move the Network toward a Patient Centered Medical Home that facilitates partnerships between patients and their physicians. It's what's best for the patient and it's the way health care should be provided."

The Healthcare Network serves the community with 13 care centers located in North Naples, East Naples, Golden Gate, Marco Island and Immokalee, as well as the NCEF Pediatric Dental Center on the Collier campus of Edison State College and the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile®.

Funding for the Healthcare Network comes from patient fees and reimbursements, federal grants and generous philanthropic support. More than 96 percent of funding goes directly to patient care.

Submitted photos

Healthcare Network physician Dr. Jorge Camina motivated 15-year-old Naila to lose 50 pounds by exercising and eating healthier. Naila's success inspired her father to lose 50 pounds as well. This sort of managed care for the under- and uninsured is better for the patient and more cost effective.



Chamber to kick off barbecue

Ready for the summer's big finale event? The Immokalee Chamber of Commerce has something really cool for you.

Come out and support your favorite cook all the while enjoying all the great food, music and the exotic animals on display at Lake Trafford Marina, 6001 Lake Trafford Rd. Saturday, August 10, noon-7 p.m.

All competitors must meet under the tent at 4 p.m.

Food items for taste testing, must be ready at 7 p.m. sharp. There is a \$75 entry fee per contestant.

All entries must be made and paid up front by Wednesday, Aug. 7, at 4 p.m. All entry fees must be made to Mariela Romero at Florida Community Bank – 1400 N. 15th Street, Immokalee.

Rules and regulations will be given to you at that time.

The grand prize, which will consist of a cash prize of \$500, will go to the "Best Overall," as well as a trophy, of course, and all bragging rights.

They will also be given the opportunity to cater future Immokalee Chamber of Commerce's Silent Auction 2013 Event, have a free booth at Harvest Festival 2014 Event, and will be featured at all ICOC functions as the "Best BBQ in town."

Contact Mariela Romero for an application or for more info at 239-552-1792 / mromero@fcb1923.com or the Immokalee Chamber of Commerce @ 239-657-3237.

Tax holiday

TALLAHASSEE – For the first time this year, the Florida Legislature included personal computers and accessories as school supplies for Florida's kids during the Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday. Retailers are expecting that to give the popular tax holiday a significant boost this year, as families take advantage of tax savings and markdowns, said Rick McAllister, president and CEO of the Florida Retail Federation.

As in previous tax holidays, clothing and shoes up to \$75 will be tax exempt, along with school supplies up to \$15 from August 2 to 4. In addition, personal computers and accessories selling for up to \$750 will be tax free.

Retailers in Florida are expected to boost staffing by about 20 percent during the tax holiday weekend to accommodate shoppers. In general, retailers expect an average increase of between 30 and 40 percent in store traffic over the weekend because of the sales tax holiday.

Family centered mentoring at David C. Lawrence

New Family-Centered Mentoring and Treatment Program Gives Children with Serious Mental Health Disorders a New Lease on Life

David Lawrence Center was selected to manage a new state-funded intensive mentoring and treatment program called a Community Action Team for children ages 11-21 who have serious mental health and

substance abuse disorders.

The program is designed as a cost effective way to divert at-risk youth from the child welfare system, juvenile justice system and restrictive institutional care.

Funding for the program was championed by longtime mental health advocate Representative Matt Hudson who serves as the Vice Chair for the Health and Family Ser-

vices Policy Council.

The Children's Community Action Team (CAT) model was piloted in Bradenton and was so successful that the state Legislature is using it as a model for this new, nearly \$7 million initiative to fund CAT teams in 10 communities, including this new program in Collier County. The Legislature is spending \$700,000 per year for each team starting this summer.

The multidisciplinary treatment team consisting of a psychiatrist or nurse practitioners, nurses, clinicians, case manager and mentors who will deliver comprehensive services using a family-centered treatment model that promotes family wellness, stability and collaboration with social services agencies.

This integrated team of experienced professionals will provide 24-hour on call family support including psychiatric medical services, coaching, co-occurring mental health

and substance abuse treatment, individual and family therapy, crisis intervention, respite care, mentoring, advocacy, transportation and community resource coordination.

Therapeutic services focus on parenting skills, behavior modification and social skills development. Services are community based, with most occurring in the home and school.

David Lawrence Center is currently recruiting the team members and will begin enrolling clients in August.

Children are considered for the program on a case by case basis and are hand selected by the treatment team based on certain clinical criteria - including being unsuccessful in less intensive treatment programs.

Referrals can come from a variety of sources including parents, hospitals, the juvenile justice system, schools or physicians.

Hot summer days for Immokalee CRA

One might tend to think summer in South Florida is a time when everything slows to a crawl under the warm sub-tropical sun.

But one would be wrong about that. The Immokalee Community Redevelopment Agency (CRA) is a year-round effort to help the community realize its full potential as a living example of "Florida in the 21st Century." The work doesn't slow, even in the "off-season."

Earlier this month, Immokalee CRA Executive Director Bradley Muckel attended the Florida Rural Economic Development "Boot Camp" in Okeechobee, which was highlighted by a keynote speech from Florida Gov. Rick Scott.

Other highlights included an invaluable instructional session led by Crystal Stiles of Florida Power and Light on her agency's on-line economic development tools as well as presentation on the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program by the Florida Department of Economic Development (DEO).

"Florida's rural regions offer unique and attractive assets that many businesses look for when considering moving or expanding in a state," explained Secretary of Commerce and President & CEO of Enterprise Florida Gray Swoope.

"These regions highlight the state's advantages in specialized workforces, and logistics and infrastructure support, including Florida's vast multi-modal transportation network.

petitive thanks to these assets."

Back at home, the CRA held July 18 a pre-construction meeting about its next Main Street improvement project.

The project is the first to be jointly funded by the CRA and the Florida Department of Transportation and will improve the safety and aesthetics of Immokalee Main Street. Among other items, the project will reconfigure median layouts and replace the temporary fiberglass "quick-curbings" sticks with permanent concrete curbing.

The project's engineering firm is Grady Minor & Associates and the contractor will be Bonness Construction.

Later this month, the Immokalee MSTU will be bidding the landscaping maintenance contract for the entire Immokalee Central Business District.

The contract, which has historically been valued at approximately \$200,000 annually, will be released through the Collier County online bidding system.

All local landscaping vendors are encouraged to submit bids.

For details vendors can contact James Sainvilus, MSTU Project Manager, at (239) 269-6958.

Ave Maria plans to open medical center

Ave Maria, FL (7/26) – Physician MSO of Southwest Florida is pleased to announce the opening of the Medical Center of Ave Maria in August 2013.

The Medical Center will be located in the heart of Ave Maria at 5068 Annunciation Circle, Suite 111.

Initially the center services will be limited to Urgent Care and OB/GYN; however, plans include expanding the Ave Maria location into a full service primary care center offering Urgent Care, Internal Medicine, Family Practice, OB/GYN and Pediatric services.

"We are thrilled to be able to open this Center in Ave Maria, offering quality primary care and Women's Care to the Ave Maria community," says Physician MSO of Southwest Florida Co-Medical Director, Chris Greengood, MD.

"We hope that the opening of this Center

marks the beginning of a long relationship with the Ave Maria community," adds Co-Director Thomas Beckett, MD.

Physician MSO of Southwest Florida is a healthcare organization focused on providing quality healthcare to the citizens of Southwest Florida regardless of the patient's ability to pay.

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NOTICE OF MEETING

There will be a Special Meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Immokalee Water & Sewer District on Friday, August 09, 2013 at 4:30 p.m., at the office of the Immokalee Water & Sewer District, located at 1020 Sanitation Road, Immokalee, Florida 34142. For a Public Hearing for the Reclaimed Water Facilities and Rehabilitation of Wastewater Facilities projects, which are to be funded by the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan program administered by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP).

SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Preliminaries
 - A. Roll Call
 - B. Adoption of Agenda
3. Review of SRF Projects
 - A. The Reclaimed Water Facilities Project consists of constructing new filters, ground storage tank, high service pumps, clarifier rehabilitation, and associated piping at the wastewater treatment plant, along with construction of new reclaimed water lines to expand the reclaimed water system. The total estimated construction cost for the Reclaimed Water Facilities Project is \$3,423,500.00.
 - B. The Rehabilitation of Wastewater Facilities Project consists of rehabilitating existing lift stations, sewer lines, manholes, and installing back-up generators at lift stations. The total estimated construction cost for the Rehabilitation of Wastewater Facilities Project is \$2,264,000.00.
4. Public Comment
5. Approval of Projects
6. Adjournment

SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS: If you require special aid or services as addressed in the American Disabilities Act, please contact the District office at (239) 658-3630, no less than five (5) days prior to the above stated meeting date. The District is an equal opportunity provider and employer. 449294 1B 8/1/2013

NOTICE OF MEETING

There will be a Budget Hearing of the Board of Commissioners for the Immokalee Water & Sewer District on Friday, August 09, 2013, at 5:05 p.m., at the office of the Immokalee Water & Sewer District, located at 1020 Sanitation Road, Immokalee, Florida 34142.

BUDGET MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Preliminaries
 - A. Roll Call
 - B. Adoption of Agenda
3. Review of 2013-2014 Budget
4. Public Comment
5. Adoption of 2013-2014 Budget
6. Adjournment

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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

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 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
 - B. Roll Call
 - C. Public Comment/Adoption of Agenda
 - D. Employee Recognition
 1. April 2013- Michael Costilla
 - E. Public Concerns
 - F. Staff Good Cause Items
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 - I. New Business
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 - A. Adoption of Minutes
 - B. Civil Rights Compliance Report
 - C. July Budget Review
 - D. Fixed Assets Acquisitions-Disposals
 - E. Various Reports
 - F. USDA Reporting for Stimulus Money
 - G. Project Change Orders
 - H. Engineer's Report - Greeley and Hansen
 - I. Director's Report
4. Action Agenda
5. Discussion Agenda
6. Other Public Interests
7. Adjournment

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Public Notice

Catering Bids for Immokalee AfterSchool Program Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board, Inc., will be accepting bids for catering services.

Contact: **Maria Fundora**
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Immokalee, FL (July 27, 2013)

Bids will be accepted for catering service for the Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board, Inc., for 14 afterschool centers located in Immokalee, and Naples (Collier County) Florida, to provide 2600-3000 hot meals and snacks daily.

Bid packets and specifications may be obtained at the center (Southwest Florida Works) located at: 750 South 5th Street, Immokalee, FL 34142 or
Contact: Maria Fundora @ (239)658-3311 Ext: 16719.

Bids will be opened: August 13, 2013 2:00 PM
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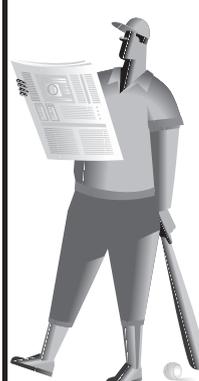
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See him box at the casino

Forty-eight-year-old Julius Bishop of Moore has trained and competed for the past 11 years in Tough Man competitions. He does most of his training in Okeechobee. The matches consist of Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) such as kick boxing, regular boxing and jujitsu - also called grappling. Jujitsu is similar to wrestling but without punches and instead of being sent to the ground, the contestant goes into submissions. At 6 ft. 2 inches tall and weighing 230 lbs. and with upper arms the size of hams, he is a formidable figure. Part of his future plan is to turn professional in September. He missed winning the Heavyweight Belt at the Immokalee Casino due to a split decision. In Punta Gorda this year he won his first Kick Boxing match but it wasn't a title match. Currently he is training for a Super Heavyweight title. His first match was in Immokalee against a 293 lb. Super Heavyweight champ. These exciting matches can be viewed at the Immokalee Casino approximately every two months. You can see Julius Bishop vie for this prestigious title on Saturday, Aug. 3, at 7 p.m. in the Immokalee Casino.



I.H.S. Drum Beat

Tony Allen
IHS
Athletic
Director

Important Dates and Times:

- August 12 Welcome back IHS Teachers
- Open House Saturday, August 17, 9 a.m.- 12 p.m.
- Students First Day Back August 19
- New School Time: 7: a.m.-2:05 p.m.

Fall Practice Start Dates:

- Freshmen, JV and Varsity Football- Monday, Aug. 5, 8-11 meet at the field house
- Freshmen, JV and Varsity Volleyball- Monday, Aug. 5, 9-12 meet in the Gym
- Boys and Girls Cross Country- Monday, Aug. 5, 6:00 p.m. meet at the football field
- Boys Golf- Meeting Aug. 13 Coach Noland's class
- Band, Flag Line and Drum Line- Monday, July 29, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. (meet in the band room)

Please submit names for the Immokalee High School Hall of Fame class of 2013. Any new potential candidates must be submitted to the high school by August 5, 2013. The next class will be inducted at our first regular season home football game on Friday, August 30.

Some items considered for induction include:

- Must have graduated from Immokalee High School for at least five years
- High school achievements
- Achievements beyond high school
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Criteria and applications for the hall of fame can be found on our schools web page under the hall of fame icon. If you are chosen as an applicant, you will receive further instructions about the process

Play ball!

The Immokalee Seminoles Popwarner football season kicks off today, Thursday, August 1, 2013. If you haven't registered your child please stop by the Immokalee Sports Complex and register your child for football or cheer. Practice is from 5:30-7:30 p.m. For questions please call 239-867-1859 or go to our website at www.ImmokaleeSeminoles.com.



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