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I.H.S. Athletic Director Tony Allen, Mannie L. Jackson, and Collier County Superintendent of Schools Dr. Kamela Patton, wearing her favorite basketball jersey - Globetrotters, of course!

Student athletes learn lessons from a legend

by **Patty Brant**

Immokalee Bulletin

"Life is a team sport . . . It's about trust."

Student athletes from Immokalee and from Maryland gathered August 29 to share a meal and hear from a legend whose influence has been felt far beyond the basketball courts of his playing days.

One by One Leadership Immokalee arranged the event, dubbed "Hall of Fame Dinner."

Reid Carpenter, president of One by One Leadership Immokalee, noted that the One by One Leadership is hoping to make it an annual event, part of a Hall of Fame weekend.

One by One Leadership Foundation in support of their sports and academic mentoring programs and the relations they are helping to forge with the National Basketball Hall of Fame in service to youth. Part of the One by One Leadership program includes a program in which Ave Maria athletes mentor Immokalee students.

The group is responsible for the meeting of the Immokalee Indians and Our Lady of Good Counsel Falcons from Olney, Maryland, on the football field, but first the young athletes would hear from Mannie Jackson and his friend, Sherman Brown, himself a

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Twelve injured on CR 82

Twelve area residents were involved in a three-car crash at 11:41 a.m. September 2. Two were taken to Lee Memorial Hospital in critical condition. The crash occurred just 467 feet inside the Hendry/Collier county line and occurred during the rain.

According to the Florida Highway Patrol, Tikeisha

Hawkins, 29, of Immokalee was driving a 2008 Mitsubishi Endeavor westbound on SR 82 in Hendry County, east of Naples Ave. West.

A 2002 Saturn LS1 driven by Jessica Jackson, 28, of Immokalee was eastbound, followed by Demmona Short, 37, of LeHigh Acres, driving a 2000 Mercury Cougar, two cars behind her.

The Hawkins vehicle and the Jackson vehicle were approaching each other when Ms. Hawkins lost control of her Mitsubishi and began rotating counter clockwise. She traveled into the Saturn's path, driven by Ms. Jackson, front right to front left.

Then the Hawkins vehicle continued to rotate and travel westward. A fourth driver was able to avoid the

collision but Ms. Short was unable to avoid the oncoming car. The left rear portion of the Saturn (Short vehicle) collided with the rear left of the Mitsubishi (Hawkins vehicle).

Jessica Jackson, driver of the Saturn, and her passenger, Tabricka Jackson, 12, suffered critical injuries and were transported to Lee Memorial. A third passenger, Diamond Jackson, 8, sustained minor injuries and was taken to LeHigh Regional Medical Center. A fourth, Jamiah Canales, 7, was taken to Lee Memorial Hospital with minor injuries. All are from Immokalee.

All those in the Hawkins vehicle sustained minor injuries. Driver Tikeisha Hawkins

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Relay for Life 2014 March 14.

Thank you so much for the incredible support and participation by the Immokalee community making 2013's Relay For Life the most successful yet! Mark your calendars and save the date March 14, 2014. The first organizational meeting will be Wednesday, Sept. 11, at 5 p.m. in the iTech conference room. Organizers hope all team members from last years' event will join in the celebration of the 10th birthday of Immokalee Relay For Life. New members are needed. Come meet the teams from past years and make new friends. Help plan the best birthday bash ever! Organizers hope to exceed our 2013 goal! Hope to see you there!

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basketball great and key member of the Naismith Basketball Hall of Fame trustees.

He offered some insight into the incredible life his friend has led.

He told the students that Mannie, one in a family of 13, was literally born in a boxcar, escaped segregation, became the first African American All American at the University of Illinois.

This incredible man played with the incomparable Harlem Globetrotters, then became an owner of the team, the first African-American to own a world class sports franchise. His amazing accomplishments include being a former Executive of Honeywell, first black owner of a major ball team.

So many firsts in this man's life, so many challenges met, so many hurdles turned into triumphs.

When it was Mannie's turn to speak he told the cafeteria crammed with young athletes that "anything is possible in this great country."

He admonished the young people to "Give yourself a chance . . . It starts and stops with the family and trust."

One of 13 children actually raised in a boxcar, Mannie understands how lucky he was to be athlete - to have a family as he grew up in Illmo, Missouri.

Mannie recalled his reaction to seeing the Harlem Globetrotters play. The experience showed him that black men could be

respected - and he knew that was what he wanted.

He got his break when the coach saw him run and jump, but it was only the starting point. There were many trials, many lessons he had to learn on the way to becoming a success.

Mannie came up in a time when racism was an accepted part of life. "Sports got me around being color blind," he told the athletes. He went on to tell his audience that "Players must trust their coach and team members," a lesson his playing days taught him.

He is also indebted to his grandmother, who wouldn't accept the "blame game" - placing your problems on someone else. She taught him to accept responsibility.

He told them to "embrace teachers" because they truly have your best interests at heart, even if you don't realize it.

He said people today want to look like 'stars at something'. "Before you look like 'something'," he told them, "be it," adding "Be as authentic as you can. Be yours. Be as good as you can."

Fifty-eight football players and coaches from Our lady of Good Counsel Falcons attended. Falcon Coach Bill Milloy expressed his school's thanks for the great experience and opportunity to see a different part of the country.

As it turned out, the game was a disappointment to the hometown team, but Thursday night's event was designed to have a permanent effect on all the players.

As a reminder of the most important lessons in life, Mannie provided copies of his book, Boxcar to Boardrooms and good naturedly signed many copies. The book

describes his experiences and how he made his way to becoming the success he is today.

Life is about choices, according to the basketball star and successful businessman, and it's about community.

"The community is like a chain," he said, "the more broken links, the more dysfunctional it becomes."

In addition to the Indian football team, members of the Soccer Pit Cobras U15, with Coaches Santiago Damas and Manny Touron, attended. They wanted their boys to see these great sports figures and to learn from them the keys to success: no excuses, perseverance, hard work.

Ultimately, the message was only partly about sports. The deeper message was about life and how you live it. As Mannie put it, "Having integrity can carry you a long, long way."

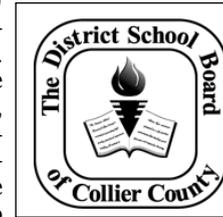


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Michael Avalos and Abraham Herrera share a moment with sports and business legend Mannie L. Jackson at Immokalee's first Hall of Fame Dinner .

Students First

by Maribel De Armas

The beginning of a new school year is a great time to remind everyone of the plethora of resources available on Collier County Public Schools' (CCPS) website (www.collierschools.com). Whether you are a student, parent, community member, or CCPS employee, our website is really a one-stop shop for just about anything you need to know about the school district. If you don't have a computer at home, check out the website on a smartphone, on a computer at your local library, or on a computer that may be available at your child's school. Here are just a few important resources you might find useful.



Late Bus Notices: There's an easy way to learn if your child's bus is delayed on the trip home. Late bus notices are posted, as needed, on the homepage of the district website. Look for the school bus "Late Bus Notice" icon on the page. It appears any afternoon that a school bus is running more than a half hour behind schedule. Just click on the icon to find out if, by chance, your child's bus is running late.

Hurricane/Emergency Resources: While the threats seem to be taking it easy on us this year, we want to make sure you are aware of the various ways, in addition to the school district website, to receive up-to-date and accurate information if a hurricane or other emergency happens to affect school operations.

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- The Education Channel – tune in to Comcast, cable 99, for any updated emergency information.

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- Blast Emails – subscribers of iNews will receive emergency information updates.

Not a subscriber? Visit www.collierschools.com and click on the "Send us your email address" icon on the homepage.

Virtual Flyers: If you are looking for information posted by approved outside agencies about programs and offers for students, you'll need to go to the school district website, instead of your child's backpack. Just head over to www.collierschools.com and click on the green Virtual Flyers backpack icon on the left side of the homepage – you may have to scroll down just a bit on the page to see it.

Parent Resources: The parents section of the website – you get there by clicking the red round circle at the top of the website – shows the latest announcements for parents and icons linking to important topics such as health information, zoning and school choice, and parent forms. Plus, you'll find links to curriculum resources, student support services, and so much more!

Now, this is certainly not all you will see on a visit to www.collierschools.com. When you get an opportunity to access a computer, be it at your home, at the library, or at your child's school, consider spending some time navigating through our website to discover all of the resources available.

And, just as a reminder, make sure you've marked Thursday, September 26th, as the day you'll want to head over to the Immokalee Technical Center (iTECH) from 6 to 7 p.m. for a Town Hall Meeting hosted by our Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Kamela Patton. I'll share some more details about this meeting in next week's column.

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and passenger Tedric Alford, 1, were taken to Lee Memorial Hospital. Elizabeth Warren, 50, and Tashanti Smith, 9, were both taken to LeHigh Regional Medical Center. All are from Immokalee.

In the Mercury, neither driver Demmona Short, nor passenger Roderick Lee, 8, was hurt. Both are from LeHigh Acres.



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Community Briefs

Pastoral Luncheon

Come to a Fundraising Seminar 11 a.m. Saturday, September 7, at 800 Church Lane, Immokalee.

SBA plans seminars

Immokalee Business Center is planning several workshops. The first, Computer Basics, will begin Monday, Sept. 9, from 6-7 p.m. and will take place Monday through Friday for two weeks. Geared toward beginners, attendees will learn internet basics, e-mail basics and Word basic. Pre-registration required. No Charge.

September 17: HUD Section 3 and Davis-Bacon Act Workshop to help construction related firms navigate wages rate and certified payroll record requirement so they can avoid costly restitution payments and fines on federally funded construction projects. 10 a.m.-noon. No charge.

The next, Entrepreneur School, will begin Tuesday, Sept. 24, 6-7 p.m. No charge. This six-week course is designed to provide an approach for thinking through the development of a new business idea or the growth of an existing small business.

Classes are held every Tuesday night. Pre-registration required.

Landscaping

At the Collier County UF/IFAS Extension Office: Saturday September 28-- 9 to 12 a.m. Avocados and More for Your South Florida Landscape. Gene Joyner, retired UF/IFAS

Extension educator and manager/proprietor of Unbelievable Acres (see:<http://forums.gardenweb.com/forums/load/flgard/msg110902529107.html>) will give a presentation on his experiences in growing avocado, carambola, bananas and other fruit trees in south Florida.

Hopkins Tropical Fruit Nursery will have fruit trees for sale after the presentation.

Where: 14700 Immokalee Rd. (11 miles east of 75, in front of the Collier County Fairgrounds— just north of Waterways Community on 39th Ave NE). FNGLA CEUs pending. Cost: \$7

Please register at: <http://colliercofruittreesjoyner-eorg.eventbrite.com/>

Afterschool Nutrition Program at centers

The Southwest Florida Workforce Development Board, Inc. announces the sponsorship of the Afterschool Nutrition Program, a subcomponent of the Child Care Food Program. This program is designed primarily to provide nutritious snacks and suppers to children in afterschool programs. Snacks and suppers are available at no separate charge to the children at the sites listed below:

iGeneration Charter School 1411 Lake Trafford Rd, Immokalee, FL

Community Center 321 North 1st Street, Immokalee, FL

Sports Complex 505 Escambia St, Immokalee, FL

Running Club Comes to Immokalee

The Gulf Coast Runners Youth Team is creating a running branch in Immokalee. The GCR youth team is open to all young runners 7-17. Most of our members are in elementary or middle school. We train for both fitness and competition year round. Runners have to learn skills such as self-discipline, motivation, and setting and achieving goals. The GCR youth team wants to give every young athlete who has the desire to run, the opportunity to run. If you are interested in joining the running club- there are practices are twice a week, Monday and Wednesday, located at the Immokalee High School Track at 5:00pm. There is no cost to join-get involved! If you have any questions Hugo Gijon (239) 273-3171.

Parks and Rec 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.

Attention, 2nd Infantry Division Veterans

The Florida Branch of the Second Infantry Division Association will have its annual reunion in Titusville, Florida on October 18-20, 2013 at the Best Western Space Shuttle Inn. All veterans of the 2nd Infantry Divisions are invited. For more information, call the branch secretary-treasurer, Donald Calnan, at (561) 742-5379 or send an email to 2ida.mail@charter.net.

South Park closed

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Paul Mears accepting his award from members of the GCCA.

Paul Mears recognized by GCGA

The Gulf Citrus Growers Association presented its "Special Service" Award to Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Plant Industry, Environmental Supervisor, Paul A. Mears. The presentation was made during the Gulf Citrus Industry Banquet held in conjunction with Citrus EXPO on August 14 in Ft. Myers.

Mears, who has served with FDACS/DPI's Bureau of Pest Eradication for over nine years, was recognized for his "outstanding service and leadership in the formation and continual enhancement of the 'Gulf' Citrus Health Management Areas (CHMAs)."

In making the presentation to Mears, Ron Hamel, executive vice president of the Gulf Citrus Growers Association, noted that Mears has been on "the front lines" in the industry's battle with Citrus Canker,

HLB "greening" and Citrus Black Spot.

"Paul was one of the 'first' FDACS/DPI staff members to 'step up' as part of the leadership team in the 'Gulf' region to launch our area wide cooperative spray program to reduce psyllid populations and slow the spread of the dreaded 'Greening' bacterial disease. Working with UF/IFAS entomologist, Dr. Phil Stansly and the GCGA leadership team...Mears helped to create and support what has become the 'Gulf CHMA', Hamel added.

"Whenever our leaders have called on Paul...he has gone above and beyond the call of duty to provide timely service," Hamel said. "He represents 'the best' in a State of Florida, FDACS employee."

"Today, Mears continues to provide dedicated support for our CHMA efforts, offering positive advice and data resources to enhance our efforts," said Hamel.

Everglades City: Blessing of the Stone Crab Fleet

Come to historic Everglades City for the Annual Blessing of the Stone Crab Fleet on Saturday, September 28, on the bank of the Barron River at the Rod & Gun Lodge. The event starts at 1:00 p.m. with fun for all the family and ends at around 4:00 p.m. There will be arts & crafts booths, music, and a frog-jumping contest for the kiddies before local pastors bless each boat at 2:00 p.m.

Some vessels in the fleet have been operated by the same families for generations and ship their catch worldwide. The traps will be dropped on October 5 and the first harvest will be gathered on October 15 which is the official start of the season. A cash prize for the largest claw will be awarded that day.

One highlight of the event is the Coconut Guava Cake Baking Contest, judged

this year by Sébastien J. Thieffine, Executive Pastry Chef at The Ritz-Carlton Resorts of Naples, with a prize of \$100 to the winner. Traditional recipes for this local specialty have been handed down over the years and remain family secrets.

Another highlight is the Ted Smallwood Look-Alike Contest which also has a \$100 prize for the winner. Ted was one of the pioneers in this area who operated his famous store & post office (now a Museum) in Chokoloskee.

The celebration is being organized by the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation (www.evergladeshistorical.org). For more information, phone Tod at 239-260-4577 or follow us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Blessing-of-the-Stone-Crab-Fleet/102906976439347>).

Earn bird listing award

The Great Florida Birding & Wildlife Trail's free bird listing reward program Wings Over Florida is more popular than ever. The program has already surpassed its best ever year in terms of the number of certificates awarded, and it is hoped this trend continues.

Do you keep a Florida life list? You do! Then print and fill out a Wings Over Florida rules and application form and Checklist of Florida birds; mail them both to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission c/o Andy Wraithmell, Wings Over Florida Program, P.O. Box 6181, Tallahassee, FL 32314-6181

If you have taken part in Wings Over Florida before and are continuing to build your Florida life list, you may have qualified for a higher level certificate. Certificates are awarded as follows:

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Skimmer level - 250 to 299 species
Egret level - 300 to 349 species
Kite level - 350+ species

Latest Wings Over Florida News

Do you keep a list of how many bird species you see each calendar year? Starting in January 2014 we will start awarding a Florida Big Year certificate for birders who see more than 150 species during a single calendar year!

The organization is also currently working on a new online application process, which will include tips on where to go birding in Florida and bird identification. It is aiming to have this new service available towards the end of 2013 and also developing a new Wings Over Florida Butterfly program with the University of Florida.

For more information about Wings Over Florida contact Andy Wraithmell: andy.wraithmell@myfwc.com or visit the Wings Over Florida webpages

College Night coming soon

Collier County Public Schools' annual College Night is just under a month away! Students and parents are invited to the event taking place from 4:30-7:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 19, in the Golden Gate High School gymnasium (2925 Titan Way).

Approximately 100 colleges and universities will send representatives to College Night. For additional college resources, in-

formation, and decision-making questions go to http://www.collierschools.com/student_services/college.asp.

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Little League expands training in Immokalee

The Immokalee Sports Complex staff and part of the staff from the Immokalee Little League has joined forces to bring our youth of Immokalee to learn more of what there is about Baseball and Softball. We will be offering an eight week clinic to learn the basics of conditioning, base running, hitting, infield, outfield, pitching and catching. It is open to both boys and girls from the ages of 8 to 16 years of age. Registration forms need to be filled out at the Immokalee Sports Complex.

The clinic will be running three days out of the week, Monday 6:00-7:30, Thursday 6:00-7:30 and Saturday 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. The clinic began on August 26, 2013 and will run a period of eight weeks for a small fee of \$30. Once the eight-week course ends they will start registering for the Immokalee Little League Baseball and Softball season. Be on the lookout for registration times and dates for the Immokalee Little League. For those that are not playing Pop Warner football

this season, this is a great opportunity to be ahead of the game so that way when baseball / softball season comes around your kids will be ready.

This is a great opportunity for our young kids to start playing baseball/softball all year around instead of only playing four months out of the season and then wait till next season comes in. This will be a fantastic opportunity for our kids to become competitive when we go out of town and play in All Star

competition and Tournaments. For more information, please feel free to give us a call at the numbers provided:

Place: Registration, Immokalee Sports Complex, 5-5 Escambia Street (swimming pool) 239-657-3399 Fee: \$30.00 for an eight-week course, Monday 6:00-7:30, Thursday 6:00-7:30, and Saturday 8:00 AM-12:00 p.m.

Contact info: William Trevino 239-324-3072), Stephen Herrera 239-658-4071) and Leonor Montelongo 239-657-2418).



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Staff and participants at the Little League training clinic.



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Staff and participants at the Little League training clinic.



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We are an Equal Opportunity Employer and a Drug-Free Workplace. Applications can be downloaded from our website at www.iw-sd.com or picked up at our offices at 1020 Sanitation Road, Immokalee. The last day to turn in an application is September 6, 2013.

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What is Vibrio vulnificus?

Vibrio vulnificus is a bacterium that occurs naturally in warm brackish and salt water environments in the Gulf of Mexico. The presence of Vibrio in our waters is NOT an indication of pollution! During the warmer months, this bacterium can reach particularly high concentrations in filter-feeding shellfish (i.e. oysters, clams) that inhabit coastal waters. Foodborne illness from V. vulnificus is almost exclusively associated with consumption of raw oysters. Properly cooking the shellfish can totally eliminate the risk. Although most cases are likely underreported and unrecognized, infection from V. vulnificus is still quite rare. Data from the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) indicated the average occurrence of V. vulnificus infection was less than 30 cases per year between 2002 and 2007, and these were due to consumption of raw oysters

What activities can cause illness related to Vibrio vulnificus?

Eating raw oysters or lightly cooked seafood, or exposing an open wound to seawater harboring V. vulnificus can result in infections (50% of U.S. cases are from infections due to open wounds). Wound infection can occur when a previously obtained wound, sore, scratch, or burn is exposed to seawater or when a wound is obtained while fishing, such as a puncture from a hook or fish teeth, cuts or scratches from shells or finfish, or cuts and scrapes from crab traps or other fishing gear. The bacterium is often isolated from oysters and other shellfish as well as from their habitats during the summer

months in warm, coastal waters. There is no evidence, however, of person-to-person transmission.

Who is at risk and why?

People with previous medical conditions can acquire V. vulnificus disease from eating raw seafood, especially oysters. Those persons with either immune system disorders (such as AIDS) or on immunosuppressive medication, chronic liver disease, hemochromatosis (iron overload disease), and/or insulin-dependent diabetes are at the greatest risk for infection and should avoid raw seafood products. Even though foodborne illness associated with V. vulnificus is rare, fatality rates of immunosuppressed patients infected by V. vulnificus can approach 60%. Persons with these preexisting medical conditions, or persons who are very young or elderly, should also avoid exposure to seawater/brackish water.

What are the diagnostic signs and symptoms associated with Vibrio vulnificus?

Symptoms of infection due to:

Wound infection symptoms may develop within 3 to 24 hours and include:

Rapid swelling, pain, and reddening of skin around wound (present in 100% of infections)

Large blisters, die-off of tissue around wound (30 - 50% of infections)

Gangrene (<10%)

Consumption of raw or undercooked seafood may occur in 12 to 48 hours and include:

- Fever/chills
- Nausea/stomach pain/vomiting
- Diarrhea

If Vibrio vulnificus infections are left untreated in people at risk for serious infection, symptoms may quickly increase in severity and include:

- Fluid accumulation, especially in legs
- Blood-filled large blisters, mainly on extremities
- Septicemia (bacteria enter and spread through blood stream)
- Shock (rapid drop in blood pressure)
- Death

Amputation of appendages and/or surgical removal of dead tissue may be required to prevent death.

Protect wounds from direct contact with seawater (use water-proof bandages, gloves, shoes, and clothing) and avoid punctures, scrapes, or cuts while fishing, harvesting, or handling raw seafood.

References:

UF/IFAS Extension: <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/fs147>

UGA Marine Extension: http://safeoysters.org/educators/Fisherman_Fact_Sheet.pdf

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Haitian community holds health fair

On Saturday, August 24, The Haitian Coalition of Collier County (HCCC) held its second in a series of health fairs for the Haitian Community in Immokalee. Held on the campus of Southwest Florida Works in Immokalee, the event drew 196 attendees and 19 service providers. This exceeded the event's goal of 150 attendees.

Dr. Vladimir Mathieu, MD of Naples Medi-



Submitted Photo

Attendees at the second Haitian Community Health Fair.

cal Center was the key note speaker and spoke to the attendees about the importance of health and more importantly about the importance of preventive health care. He

fielded a few questions on the availability of Medicaid, access to health care in Immokalee as well as a question on depression.

Feedback from service providers as well

as attendees was all positive. However, as the event went on, it brought to light the serious need for expanded health care for the residents in Immokalee. Many of the attendees suffered from high blood pressure and diabetes and complained of how difficult it is to be seen by a doctor in Immokalee.

Here's a list of the service providers in attendance:

Collier County Health Department, Collier County Migrant Education Program, Collier County Sheriff Office, Family Private Care, Healthcare Network of SW Florida Community Health Center, Healthcare Network of SW Florida Community Health Center Immokalee, HCR ManorCare, MedLife, NCH Healthcare System, NCH Outpatient Rehabilitation, NCH Outpatient Rehab Brookdale Center for Healthy Aging, Planned Parenthood, Preferred Care Home Health, Shelter for Abuse Women & Children

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About The Haitian Coalition of Collier County (HCCC)

The HCCC was founded in 2006 to enhance the quality of life of the approximately 15,000 Haitian-Americans living in Collier County. For more information on how to become a sponsor or speaker, contact John K Paul at 239-269-7285 or by email jkpaul44@gmail.com

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