

## DOT changing SR 29 alignment

by **Patty Brant**  
Immokalee Bulletin

Members of the Immokalee Chamber of Commerce met October 2 for their monthly breakfast, catching up on the latest community information.

Commissioner Tim Nance explained that the Florida Department of Transportation has decided to hold back on improvements to SR 29 in the area. Community comments have convinced FDOT not to just circumvent Immokalee, but to treat it as a destination. Therefore, its last meeting has been postponed till next year so they can hold more community meetings in Immokalee.

The morning began with a description by Michael O'Neal of his new import business of wine and olive oil from Cypress. He currently has set up a storefront in Ave Maria but explained that he plans to put a distribution center in Immokalee. He expects to distribute his high quality olive oil and wines all

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The support of JC Jackson's family is a big part of his success on and off the football field. Pictured at the October 3 event recognizing his invitation to play in the Under Armour All American Game in January are, from left: his dad Jerald Jackson, his Great-Grandmother Pearlene Simmons, Grandmother Jeraldine Williams and Aunt Cassandra Jackson.

## Immokalee: Football and family

by **Patty Brant**  
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Growing things has always been one of Immokalee's strengths. That includes strong young people with a healthy commitment to their families and home town.

On October 3 Immokalee High School faculty and students were witnesses to the acknowledgement of yet another local young man who, thanks to his hard work and drive, is on the verge of a bright future.

Maybe even more important to JC Jackson, his family was there. JC has been getting a lot of attention in the world of football and has been chosen for the Under Armour All American team. He will throw his considerable talents into the American Family Insurance Selection Tour for the 2014 Under Armour All-America High School Football Game. The game, to be televised in ESPN, will be played January 2, 2014 in St. Petersburg at Tropicana

field, 4 p.m.

According to a statement by I.H.S. Athletic Director Tony Allen, JC is "a 4 star player who is ranked in the top 10 at his position in the state and 11th overall regardless of position. . . This is the second year in a row that someone from Immokalee has been chosen as an All American."

JC himself is quick to share this honor with his family, his school and his community. JC offered his thanks to his family, coach and community, saying that they make work hard and "let me be great." Supporting that deep reality,

This young man understands the obligation and opportunity he has to be a role model. "I want young kids to look up to me," he said, "in sports and school."

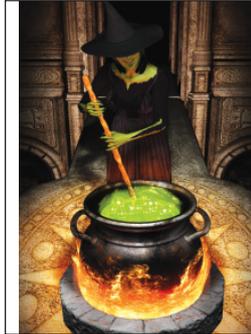
Athletic Director Tony Allen commented, "Immokalee is all about family and commit-

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## Halloween fun

Saturday, Oct. 26, 5:00-8:00 p.m.

Halloween Family Fun Safe, non-scary Halloween fun for families. Win prizes, create arts and crafts, face painting, bounce house, music, prizes, and more. Clubs, groups or organizations inter-



ested in participating please call the Park at 657-4449. Immokalee Community Park, 321 N. 1st Street, Immokalee. The event is free.

For more information, call (239) 657-4449.

## 'Love that Dress' raises money for PACE

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA. Nearly 450 smiling faces searched thousands of bargain priced dresses, shoes and accessories at the 3rd Annual Love That Dress! for Collier County chaired by Stacey Herring, Libby Fero and Cotrenia Hood at the Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club. Love That Dress!, a fashion fundraiser to benefit the PACE Center for Girls in Immokalee, is a feel good community event that brings together local businesses, volunteers and community partners. A record breaking 3000 dresses were donated to this year's event, many of which were brand new from event sponsor White House Black Market.

Love that Dress! is not all about dresses but also about the girls PACE serves in Collier County. The proceeds from the event

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# Football

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ment." JC didn't have to look far for his own role model. Like Edgerrin James, his heart is in Immokalee.

A senior, JC is looking forward to going to the University of Florida. He wants to study business. In fact, he said he'd like to come back home and start a business one day - hopefully after a career in pro football.

A hard worker, JC said he got his work ethic early on - taught by the Indian football players he came up under.

Head Football Coach Rich Dombroski noted that this is the second year in a row an I.H.S. athlete received this honor. Army chose I.H.S. athlete Makensie Alexander to play in their All American game in 2012.

This is only Coach Dombroski's first year as the Indian's coach, but his pride in this young player was obvious.

"He leads by example," coach said.

Coach Dombroski takes great pride in his team.

"Jimmy Bayes plays great defense, D'Ernest Johnson is a great running back," he said, pointing out, "but JC can do it all - offense and defense - he excels at all of them."

For this year, JC has logged some pretty impressive statistics:

- Rushing - 3 carries for 45 yards
- Receiving - 8 receptions for 261 yards and 4 touchdowns
- Tackles - 14
- Interceptions - 2 (1 was returned for a touchdown)
- Punt Returns - 6 returns for 141 yards and 1 touchdown

A smiling D'Ernest Johnson, who has played football with JC since they were in

Pop Warner, said, "This is big, real big. In Pop Warner we all had dreams. We pushed each other."

Jerold Jackson, JC's dad, was also his first coach in Pop Warner. A 1994 I.H.S. graduate, Mr. Jackson played with Edgerrin James back in the day. He said JC started at five years of age and pushed himself hard. "He always wanted to compete with the older kids." At the upper levels he could learn more.

"I hope he learned a lot from his coaches and won't take this for granted," Mr. Jackson said, "He's a humble kid. I want him to have fun in his life."

He added that it's not easy to keep kids on track these days, and he tried to give his son structure at home.

Between his family at home and his family at school, JC Jackson has a strong foundation for a bright future. Born in raised in a football oriented town like Immokalee, his talent would certainly come out.

Playing in the Under Armour All American game is an honor shared by the entire community. As JC put it, "In Immokalee, football's the thing."



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JC Jackson, Coach Rich Dombroski



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'Love that Dress' crowd finds lots to enjoy about the event.

## Dress

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give PACE the opportunity to help students with counselling, healthcare, food and clothing needs as well as provide incentives that keep girls in school and engaged in learning.

"Each year gets better and better" reports Executive Director Marianne Kearns. "I am pleased with the \$65,000 raised for the girls and in awe of the awareness and support this event brings to PACE Collier at Immokalee. Those involved with Love That Dress! 2013 have already signed on to start working on Love That Dress! 2014. It's the best "Friend-Raiser" in town!"

PACE Center for Girls, Inc. is a non-residential juvenile delinquency prevention and intervention program targeting the unique needs of girls, ages 12 to 18, facing challenges such as physical and sexual abuse, domestic violence, substance abuse, foster care, neglect, death of a parent, family history of incarceration and declining grades.

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through the country, making Immokalee a perfect location.

From the new First Bank of Clewiston Immokalee Branch Mali Gardner explained that the bank has been around since the 1920s and wants to be part of the Immokalee community, helping it to prosper and grow. She also presented a check to Immokalee High School's Athletic Director Tony Allen.

Ms. Gardner ended her presentation by

saying, "There is treasure here for the future."

Director of the iGeneration Empowerment Academy Synthia LaFontaine offered some comments on the new charter school. She said that cognitive potential is the same for individuals, but students are often blamed if they do not learn as expected. In actuality, the teaching approach is at fault when students don't make the grade.

It's a concept taken to heart by iGeneration, which currently serves 112 students. She said they hope to have a total of about 300 by the end of the term. She added that iGeneration practices student centered teaching and teaches students to think critically to solve problems and to learn to collaborate.

The student/teacher ratio is 12:1 at iGeneration.

She said parents can still enroll their chil-

dren at iGeneration Academy for this school year and needs the community's support. The school is still setting up its cafeteria and would very much appreciate any donations from the community.

Relay for Life is set for March 14. Team meetings are held Wednesdays at 5 p.m. at the iTech conference room. Also, Immokalee High School BETA Club is selling pointsettias for Relay for Life.

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The conference, in partnership with the Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System (FDLRS), will offer a variety of training, education, and networking opportunities for parents.

Come learn ways to increase family and school collaboration and find out what strategies your child's teachers will be using in the classroom so you can support participation at home, in school, and in the community!

Interested parents are encouraged to check out a description of each of the day's workshops online by visiting [www.collier-schools.com/ese](http://www.collier-schools.com/ese).

This website also offers online registration – available now through Friday, October 18th. Registration may also be done via phone.

To learn more, register, or obtain online support, please contact FDLRS Coordinator Theresa Bowen at 337-8127.

### Learning can be fun

To support our school growing, we are having a Learning Can Be Fun Cookout and games on Saturday, October 12, 2013, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

All are invited to come and experience how learning can be fun at iGeneration with Xbox 360 and iPad learning games.

Come and enjoy a cook-out, hot dogs and seeing how 21st Century learning can

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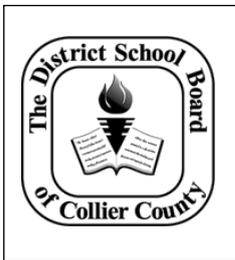
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## Students First

### by Maribel De Armas

So our second big meeting in Immokalee for the year is coming up next Tuesday in the form of a regular meeting of the School Board. The meeting will be held in the Immokalee High School auditorium starting at 4 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15. The School Board and our Superintendent, Dr. Kamela Patton, invite you to attend. Translators will be available.



Right at the beginning of the meeting, you'll get to enjoy the Immokalee High School Marching Band live in the auditorium as they perform our National Anthem and a pep song they routinely play at football games. You'll also get to see some featured artwork from Immokalee area schools. Then, we'll be highlighting some recognitions for the month of October. You may recall from our column last week that Immokalee High football player J.C. Jackson was recently named an Under Armour All-American player. J.C. will be joining us on Tuesday as the School Board officially recognizes him on behalf of Collier County Public Schools. We will also be proclaiming some special celebrations, including:

- Red Ribbon Week (October 23-31) – The symbol of the red ribbon has come to be known to stand for our nation's commitment to a Drug Free America. As substance

abuse is one of the most common risk factors impacting the behavior and physical health of kids, Red Ribbon Week gives us an extra moment to reinforce the importance of drug prevention not only among our students, but the entire community.

- National School Bus Safety Week (October 21-25) – The theme for this year's celebration of School Bus Safety Week is "Stand Back From the Yellow and Black!" In our district alone, nearly 21,000 students at just under 9,000 bus stops are transported daily. Therefore, school bus safety is something that everyone in the community must take part in.

- Domestic Violence Awareness Month – October is traditionally observed as Domestic Violence Awareness Month throughout the country. Here at Collier County Public Schools, we partner with the Shelter for Abused Women & Children to raise awareness and make prevention programs available for students at all levels of school.

The School Board will also be discussing several topics of importance to the district during their meeting.

So, we look forward to seeing you Tuesday at 4 p.m. over at Immokalee High School for the School Board Meeting.



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## Thank you

I wanted to place a thank you in the bulletin to all the individuals that came out to support our family during the loss of my son Justin "Jay" Campos, it was a beautiful ceremony and the love and support from family, the community, surrounding areas in and

out of state. To the hundreds and hundreds of people that came together to celebrate his amazing life. It is only the beginning.

Thank you on behalf of the Campos, Salvador, Holdiness and Gamez family.

**Ada Campos**

# Children's March set for October 28

The Shelter for Abused Women & Children announces the nonprofit domestic violence center's 2013 National Domestic Violence Awareness Month Campaign:

Monday, October 28, Children's Fair, 3 p.m. Peace March: Immokalee Peace March & Children's Fair hosted by The Shelter's Immokalee Outreach Office at the Immokalee Sports Complex, 505 Es-cambia Street.

The Children's Fair complete with games, talent show, health fair, food and entertainment, starts at 3 p.m. and is followed by the police-escorted March on Main Street. For more information, call 239.657.5700.

Domestic Violence Awareness Month evolved from the first Day of Unity observed in October of 1981 by the National

Coalition Against Domestic Violence. This expanded to a week of activities on local, state and national levels.

The first Domestic Violence Awareness Month was observed in October 1987 with the first Domestic Violence Awareness Month Commemorative Legislation being passed by the U.S. Congress in 1989. This legislation has passed every year since.

For information on The Shelter's 2013 National Domestic Violence Awareness Month Campaign and the life-transforming programs and services, please call 239.775.3862, or visit [www.naplesshelter.org](http://www.naplesshelter.org)

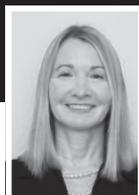


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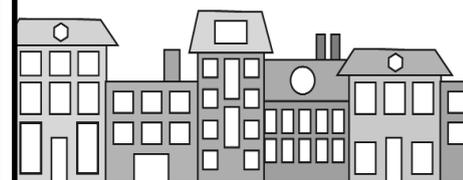


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## Community Briefs

### Wellness Day

Immokalee Wellness Day, Saturday, October 12, will offer free screenings for diabetes (blood and eye), free blood pressure checks, free flu shots for eligible adults and free mental health screenings for children.

Come for the free screenings and to learn about other Immokalee resources including: job retraining programs, family food and fitness, after school programs, counseling services and many others.

It all happens at the Florida Department of Health - Collier County, 419 N. First Street, Immokalee from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, October 12.

### Public invited to iGeneration board meeting

The public is invited to the Board Meeting for iGeneration Empowerment of Collier at Immokalee. Board meetings are held the second Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. Community members, current students' families and families who are considering advancing the education of their students are welcome. There is open enrollment for all Immokalee transfer or new students. iGeneration Empowerment Academy of Collier at Immokalee: 1411 Lake Trafford Road (corner of 29 & Lake Trafford Road, next to the First Baptist Church).

For more information call Synthia LaFontaine, Campus Director, at 239-658-0690.

### iTECH class open

Machining class, 1500 hours, Monday-Friday 9 a.m.-2:15 p.m. Class begins on or around December 2, 2013 at the Immokalee Technical Center, 508 North 9th Street,

239) 377-9900. Program supported by: Arthrex, US Sugar, Haynes Corporation, Shaw Development. For more information about our graduation rates, costs and other important information, please visit our website at [http://www.itech.edu/gainful\\_employment.html](http://www.itech.edu/gainful_employment.html)

### Afterschool Nutrition Program

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

### Attention, 2nd Infantry Division Veterans

The Florida Branch of the Second Infantry Division Association will have its annual reunion in Titusville, Florida on Oc-

tober 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](mailto:2ida.mail@charter.net).

### 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 launches web site

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

Access [www.collierparks.com](http://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 Progrm. Located at 701 Immokalee Drive. Phone 239-377-1172; cell 239-980-9021 or go to [www.collierchildcare.org](http://www.collierchildcare.org).

### 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.

### Commissioner Nance office open

Collier Commissioner Tim Nance opened his new office in the Immokalee Government Center, 106 South First Street. Regular office hours for Nance at the government center will be established soon.

### VPK

If you live in Florida and your child turned 4 years of age by September 1, Your child

is eligible to participate in Florida's free Voluntary Prekindergarten (VPK) education program. For more information please call (239) 252-4449.

### Immokalee Community Yard Sale!

Out with the old in with the new! Find yard sale bargains with the convenience of having all the sales in one location. If you are interested in reserving a spot to sell used items from your home. Please call (239) 252-4449 to reserve your spot today. Saturday, October 19. Time 8 a.m.-12 p.m. \$10 per Space Pre Registration required by Thursday, October 17.

### Halloween Bash

Come out and enjoy some Halloween fun. We will have treats, music and crafts under the pavilion! Saturday, October 26, 5-8 p.m.

For more information please call Immokalee Community Park, 321 N. 1st St. Phone (239) 252-4449.

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# Immokalee High School Cross Country history

Let me start this Drumbeat off by saying congratulations and thank you to Coach Hugo Gijon and Coach Ismael Galicia and the entire cross country team for a great event held last Saturday. For those of you who may not know, The Immokalee High Cross Country team hosted the first ever Southwest Florida Cross Country Festival held at Buckingham Park. This event brought out the best cross country teams in Southwest Florida. We had over 800 runners representing 30 area high schools and middle schools. This event took place on a very beautiful and cool morning which allowed the runners to post some outstanding times.

Here are some the results:

Top 10 Boys Teams

1. Naples
2. Immokalee
3. Charlotte
4. LaBelle
5. Golden Gate
6. Ida S. Baker
7. Lely
8. Fort Myers
9. Barron Collier
10. Cypress Lake

Top 10 Girls Teams:

1. Fort Myers
2. Community Schools of Naples

3. Evangelical Christian School
4. North Fort Myers
5. Naples High
6. Immokalee
7. Palmetto Ridge
8. Ida S. Baker
9. Gulf Coast
10. Lely

Immokalee's Individual Results:

Boys: 2 Leonel Cruz, 8 Alex Ruiz, 23 Marco Hernandez, 29 Robert Aguirre, 46 Hector Hernandez and 74 Dagoberto Andrade.  
Girls: 8 Anita Munoz, 21 Angela Cruz, 56 Regine Francois, 66 Kristina Vera, 69 Amber Gonzales, 94 Vanessa Gonzalez.

## Drum Beat

### Indians support American Cancer Society

Immokalee High School "Pink Pride" supports the American Cancer Society as part of the NFL's A Crucial Catch campaign.

On October 11, 2013, the Immokalee Indians will take on the Naples Golden Eagles on the field and a very important cause off the field – the fight against breast cancer.

A Crucial Catch is a nationwide screening reminder campaign to help women stay healthy. Immokalee High students are participating in awareness and fundraising activities during the week of October 7-11. The Indians will sell pink ribbon tattoos, pink socks, pink lemonade, and football cards (in support/in memory of) to place on our Wall of Hope which will be displayed at the football game. In addition, students will create facts and awareness posters/flyers to display throughout the school.

So, GET YOUR PINK ON and join IHS "In-



dian Pride" in our fight against breast cancer October 11, kick off 7:30 p.m.

### On the field

The Immokalee Indians Football Team trounced Golden Gate October 4 by a score of 67-7, led by Quarterback Louinelson Celian. Running Back D'Ernest Johnson will be back on the field for this Friday night's game against Naples.



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Members of the IHS Cross Country team.



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