



## Lipman commits to Boys, Girls Club

Immokalee, Fla. (Nov. 15, 2013) — Lipman, North America's largest open field tomato grower, has committed \$200,000 to the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County (BGC-CC) to help fund the nonprofit's first location in Immokalee.

The 16,000-square-foot facility, which is slated to open in early 2016, will serve more than 400 children and young adults with afterschool and summer programming.

"As an Immokalee-based company, we take pride in our local

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## Ag leaders band together for IFAS Center

by **Patty Brant**  
Immokalee Bulletin

As the backbone of this area's economy, modern agriculture relies heavily on the kind of research the University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (IFAS) does so well. So, last month, when plans were announced to transform the Immokalee IFAS Center from a research and education facility into a demonstration center, area agriculture leaders went into action.

The University of Florida plan would move all the faculty members and the research component to other centers throughout the state.

The reaction from area agricultural leaders was an emphatic "No!" They will not give up this research station without a fight.

Back in the 1980s, many of these same people, the South Florida Ag Council, were the driving force behind establishing the center in Immokalee to serve this area's unique agricultural needs. Their hard work and dedication

secured the legislative funding required for the Immokalee center.

The idea that other centers could take over the important research that had been coming out of the Immokalee facility was not good enough.

According to longtime agricultural leader Dallas Townsend, one of those original visionaries who helped get the station here some 30 years ago, pointed out that Southwest Florida's soil is very different from other parts of the state, as are local environmental conditions like rainfall patterns and diseases. Research done at other centers such as in Bradenton, Lake Alfred or Homestead just won't hit the mark for crops around here, he said.

In fact, the Immokalee center did some of the first research on citrus greening because the crippling disease reached this area first. There's still a long way to go to beat citrus greening, Mr. Townsend said. "We still need research here, especially in vegetable, citrus

and cattle. Sugar cane is mostly researched in Belle Glade and Canal Point," he added.

Ag leaders had made their point at the Hendry County Legislative Delegation meeting in LaBelle November 18 and plan to attend those in Collier and Lee counties to further their point. They met Tuesday, November 19, at Hilliard Brothers office, replicating the original group that fought for the center in the '80s.

Dr. Phillip Stansley, who is serving as interim director at the Immokalee center, said he hopes they can do more than just save the facility, but can make it even better.

The Immokalee center's 12 faculty members and programs have dwindled to seven faculty members and programs.

Over time, the center has lost a range management specialist, beef specialist, forage agronomist, sugarcane agronomist, wildlife specialist, citrus physiologist and soil and

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submitted photo/Bernardo Barnhart

### Partners for Immokalee

The Chamber would like to thank the president of the Edgerrin James foundation, for joining and being such a big part in giving back to the community of Immokalee. The chamber looks forward to a great partnership. Edgerrin James, President of the foundation, left, and Bernardo Barnhart, President of the Immokalee Chamber.

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water scientist. The stakeholders are now working to decide which of these are most needed.

Dr. Stansley said a full-time center director is essential, as is the leadership to continue the research. Aging buildings need renovation, roads need paving, equipment needs upgrading and irrigation and drainage needs must be addressed. All are essential to the center's work, he noted.

Most important to the center has been the support of the agricultural community, which also supports the entire community with an economic value of over \$1 billion.

"Agriculture is an economic engine for the area," Dr. Stansley commented.

For the most part, the IFAS center has been involved in commercial ag, but he said the would like to do more with small farms, gardens and the environment. He pointed out that ag provides environmental value to the land through "water farming" (retaining water in ponds), purification of water on ag land, providing habitat and contiguous habitat for wildlife on farms.

He is hopeful that the center will have a full time director by Spring or Summer. After serving at IFAS for almost 25 years, Dr. Stansley is the longest serving faculty member at IFAS and has seen a lot of changes.

As interim director, Dr. Stansley said he appreciates the opportunity to contribute more. Though he said he never aspired to the director position, he noted that it has been "an education."

Ron Hamel, Executive Director of the Gulf Coast Citrus Association, said ag leaders have a good advisory committee to get funding for the center and to represent his association's five-county area. They're already putting an action plan together for "revitalization" of the center.

First, he said, the center needs a director, then they can move forward with a plan.

Mr. Hamel noted that the Immokalee IFAS Center helped growers faced with citrus greening by issuing new information so they could adjust their plans in the groves. He wants to see the center continue to play a pivotal role in area agriculture.

Hugh English, another of those original agriculturalists involved in establishing the IFAS Center, Hugh English chaired a meeting Tuesday, November 19, of local ag leaders, feels positive about their chances of not just saving the research and education cen-

ter but expanding it.

Hendry County Commissioner Karson Turner acknowledged that resources are restricted and some "heavy lifting" will be needed to get legislative funding for the center at the level that's needed.

He not only believes that, because of agriculture's reaction in Southwest Florida, Tallahassee and even Gainesville will not reduce service at the center, but that with correct lobbying efforts, the center's potential could even be upgraded.

Commissioner Turner also chairs the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC), which he said placed an addendum on its legislative agenda, documenting the value of Immokalee IFAS center. A resolution is also to be proposed to the Hendry County Board of County Commissioners in support of area ag interests.

"This goes way beyond just Immokalee and southern Hendry County," Commissioner Turner said. The issue is also being taken to Collier and Lee county legislators.

They want the University of Florida and the Florida Legislature to hear loud and clear why the feel it's justified to expand the Immokalee IFAS Center's mission. He said it serves the small independent grower that's pretty much gone by the wayside as the big producers predominate.

He conceded that agriculture needs to make itself relevant in today's economy. "The IFAS Center is a clear example of a facility that has done things one way for too long because it lacked the funds to develop new approaches." Commissioner Turner noted. "They've just been able to tread water to stay alive," he said.

Southwest Florida agricultural leaders believe that approach needs to be turned around and they are fighting for the research center, which they see as essential to the continuation of agriculture as an economic lifeline of Southwest Florida.

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## Students First

by Maribel De Armas

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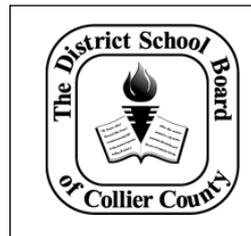
~John F. Kennedy

Our country observed the anniversary of former President Kennedy's death just last week and this week it was his words above that fit so well with today's celebration of Thanksgiving. Truly, it does go beyond just saying thanks for all of the blessings we have – although that is certainly quite important.

It becomes so much more meaningful when we back up the word "thanks" with some action.

And I've got to tell you that students in Collier County Public Schools are really good with that action. Here's just one example coming out of the generous students at Immokalee Middle School (IMS).

Just last Thursday (November 19th), the Immokalee Middle School Junior BETA Club made a difference for ten IMS families, giving them all the fixings for a Happy



Thanksgiving – even the turkey!

You see, the club held a fundraiser to buy each family the trimmings for a traditional Thanksgiving dinner and collaborated with the Harry Chapin Food Bank to provide the turkeys to complete the meal.

These kids in Junior BETA are definitely living up to the club's focus of developing leadership in young people through service to others.

Because of thoughtful generosity, there are now ten more families that will hopefully enjoy their Thanksgiving with smiles on their faces and warmth in their hearts.

And, like I said before, this is just one example. Schools throughout the district have been holding canned-food drives, shoe collections, and so many other service projects with the sole intent of helping others. Our kids in Collier County Public Schools don't just say they are going to help, they actually do it. They don't just say thanks and walk away, they take action and give back to their community.

May you all enjoy the warmth of family and friends today, throughout the holiday season, and always. Thank you for your continued support of Collier County Public Schools and thanks for spending time with me each week as we share our students' achievements. Happy Thanksgiving!

## Club

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community and want to ensure that our charitable efforts directly impact those who need it most," said Jaime Weisinger, director of community and government relations for Lipman.

"We need an organization like the Boys & Girls Club in Immokalee to serve our children and youth, and we're proud help build the new facility."

For the past three years, Lipman has provided scholarships and supported BGCCC services like the Miracle Plus, an afterschool program that teaches skills to help students become responsible citizens and leaders. As part of Lipman's current commitment, the company will provide \$50,000 annually for four years to BGCCC.

"In Collier County, more than 63 percent

of children live at or below the poverty line – and that number is even higher in Immokalee," said Theresa Shaw, president and CEO of BGCCC. "Because of the generosity from the community, and companies like Lipman, we're able to increase our reach to help even more children and families. We are very grateful for this support."

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## FWC proposal to help guide Everglades Restoration

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), at its meeting Nov. 20 in Weston, presented a position paper designed to help guide Everglades restoration.

The position paper provides guidance on how to resolve habitat and wildlife issues as the FWC and partners work together on Everglades-restoration efforts. This document is an important tool for managing the habitats and species in this complex ecosystem.

In the position paper, FWC biologists provide science-based information regarding the timing, distribution and flow of water throughout the Everglades ecosystem. It also provides data collected over the past 60 years demonstrating how fluctuating water levels impact the wildlife and habitats in this ecosystem.

"It's all about the quality, quantity, timing and distribution of water," said FWC Commissioner Ron Bergeron. "Our approach is adaptive and based on six decades of in-the-field science."

Extreme high and low water events negatively impact the ecosystem's native wildlife and habitats. For example, extreme high water levels are detrimental for terrestrial species such as panthers, deer, bobcats and raccoons. High water conditions reduce the amount of available food sources and indirectly may lead to the spread of disease. Extremely low water levels can also have negative impacts such as peat fires that can cause long-lasting damage to tree islands and other plant communities. Returning the water flow back to a more natural state will have positive impacts for native plants and animals.

"We need flexibility in dealing with extreme high or low water events because either means sudden death for the Everglades ecosystem," said Bergeron. "We need to have the tools and policies to manage emergency water events so that we can keep the Everglades alive during the largest restoration effort in the world."

## Safety first for holiday travelers including children

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. - With the holidays approaching and plans for visiting family and friends in full swing, it's a good time to remind everyone of the importance of using your seat belt while riding in a vehicle, including making sure children are properly secured in a car seat or booster seat. A recent seat belt survey by the Florida Department of Transportation shows that approximately ninety percent of drivers in Florida are using their seat belts. While the statistics are encouraging, unfortunately ten percent of Florida motorists are still not buckling up.

"This time of year can be hectic and in our rush to get everything done, it can be easy to overlook some necessary safeguards," said Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles Executive Director Julie Jones. "Whether it's a trip across town to go shopping or a trip across the state to see relatives, it's important to take that extra minute before driving off to ensure that everyone in the vehicle is buckled up and secure for the journey."

Department of Transportation Secretary Ananth Prasad said, "The Florida Department of Transportation is committed to driving down fatalities on our roadways, and we have seen a positive impact from seat belt usage over the years. More lives can be saved, and we will continue to educate about the importance of buckling up every trip, every time."

Florida law requires the use of seat belts by drivers of motor vehicles and all children riding in a vehicle under the age of 18. FLHSMV and FDOT recommend:

- Buckle Up. A seatbelt is your vehicle's most important safety feature.
- Use a car seat for children under age 3 for every trip, even if you are just going down the street.
- Make sure all car and booster seats you use are crash-tested and federally-approved.
- Select a car seat based on your child's age and size, and always follow the manufacturer's directions.
- Keep children in the back seat, at least through age 12. When used with seat belts, air bags work well to protect teenagers and adults. However, air bags can be very dangerous to children, particularly those riding in rear-facing car seats, and to preschool and

young school-aged children who are not properly restrained.

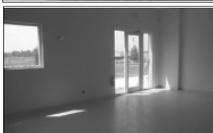
• Soon-to-be parents should buy their infant car seat before having the baby so you are ready to bring home the new addition to your family safely.

• Replace a car seat if the vehicle has been in a moderate to severe crash to ensure a continued high level of protection.

More information and additional safety tips can be found at <http://www.flhsmv.gov/fhp/CPS/> or <http://www.dot.state.fl.us/safety/2A-Programs/Occupant-Protection.shtm>

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# Club to hold second Youth of the Year Celebration

The Boys & Girls Club of Collier County will hold its second annual Youth of the Year Celebration on March 24, 2014 at Artis-Naples. Youth of the Year is Boys & Girls Clubs of America's premier recognition program for members. It was established to foster young people's character, personal growth and leadership qualities.

To participate in Youth of the Year, candidates must be nominated, write and present two speeches as well as gather support letters. Community leaders serve as local judges who ultimately choose the Youth of the Year from three finalists.

The Youth of the Year Celebration will honor nominees ages 14-18. The 2014 Youth of the Year winner will be recognized at the event and each Club's winner will go on to compete statewide, regionally and nationally to receive up to \$50,000 in college scholarships and installment by the President of the United States.

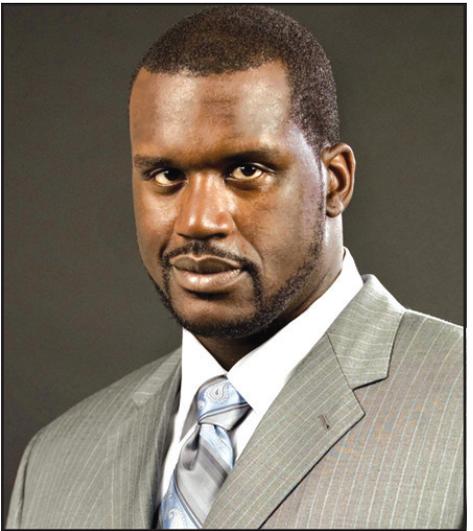
Special guests joining to honor these remarkable young people are proud Boys & Girls Club Alumni and retired NBA professional basketball player, Shaquille O'Neal

as well as philanthropic advocate and ESPN college basketball analyst, Dick Vitale.

The Boys & Girls Club of Collier County (BGCCC) is a non-profit, youth development organization, which annually serves 3,000 of the most at-risk children and teens in Collier County. The Club provides a safe, positive place where local youth can acquire: academic success, good character and citizenship, and healthy lifestyles. The Boys & Girls Club is dedicated to its mission, which is to enable all young people, especially those who need us most, to reach their full potential as productive, caring, responsible citizens. To learn more about the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County or to arrange a tour, call 239-325-1700 or visit [www.bgccc.com](http://www.bgccc.com).

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Submitted photos  
**Shaquille O'Neal.**



Submitted photos  
**ESPN analyst, Dick Vitale.**

# Highway Patrol to conduct DUI Wolfpack detail

Naples, Florida - The Florida Highway Patrol will conduct a DUI Wolfpack Detail during the month of November 2013. Florida Highway Patrol sets up such details to proactively remove impaired drivers from the roadways and ultimately enhance the safety of the motoring public. Troopers conducting the detail will be mobile while monitoring traffic in an effort to maximize their visibility and effectiveness in removing impaired drivers from the roadways in Collier County, Florida.

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

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

The date and time of the DUI Wolfpack Detail will be announced at a later time.

# MPO seeking public comments

Each year, the Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is required to develop a financially feasible Transportation Improvement Program (TIP) that includes all transportation projects that are to be funded with state and federal dollars over the next five years. Occasionally it becomes necessary to add, delete, or modify a project included in the MPO's TIP.

The Collier MPO has begun a 21-day public comment period for the draft Fiscal Year (FY) 2013/14 - 2017/18 TIP Amendment. The draft amendment is to add a new project. The new project will be for capital improvements at the Collier Area Transit's facility at Radio Road. The \$1.18 million for the Collier Area Transit project will be appropriated from federal funds from other areas and not part of Collier MPO's regular allocation.

Pursuant to the MPO's Public Involvement/Public Participation Plan, the public comment period for these draft amendments will end on Dec. 11. The MPO Board will consider the adoption of the amendment together with comments received within the public comment period at the MPO's regular meeting on Dec.13 at 9 a.m.

in the Board of County Commissioners Chambers on the third floor of the Collier County Government Center, 3299 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, Fla.

The draft TIP amendment is posted on the MPO's website at [colliermmpo.net](http://colliermmpo.net). To view the amendment, select "TIP Amendment Public Comment Period Open" under the Latest News Section on the left side of the screen.

The draft amendment to the FY 2013/14 through FY, 750 S. 5th Street, Immokalee and all Collier County public libraries.

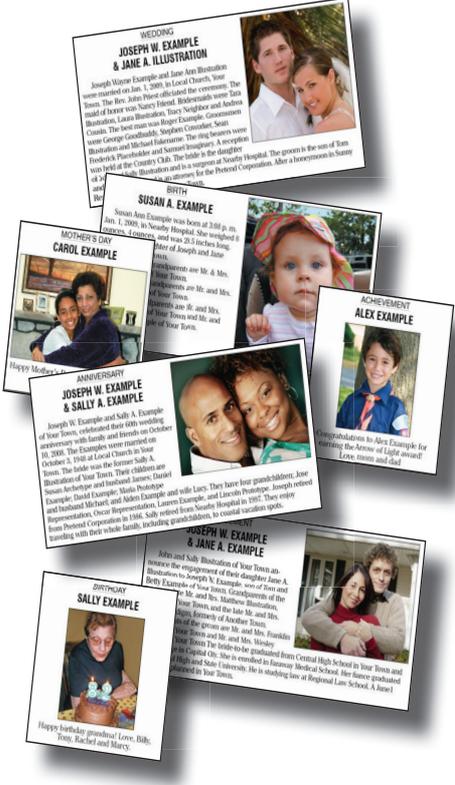
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## Cross Country Stars

LEFT: Lionel Cruz, Immokalee' High School's very first 2A State individual champion. Lionel led the Indians boys cross country team to a first place in the district meet, where he was the overall winner. At state, the boys placed fourth. RIGHT: Anita Munoz placed second at Districts and was also overall winner for the girls. At state, the girls tenth.

## Pepper Ranch Preserve youth hunts

For the past three years, Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission volunteers and Conservation Collier have joined forces to offer safe, educational, and affordable youth hunts at Pepper Ranch Preserve in Immokalee. These introductory, instructive hunts include mentors, lodging and meals.

This season, we are hosting a youth hog hunt January 10-12, 2014 and a youth turkey hunt February 21-23, 2014:

During a youth hunt, children will:

- Learn how to hunt safely, legally and

ethically

- Learn the relationship between hunting and conservation
- Appreciate nature first-hand
- Develop marksmanship and firearm skills
- Learn how to track and process game
- Make new friends
- Spend quality time with family, friends and other experienced hunters
- Leave with experiences and memories that will last a lifetime

# Blazier named Chief Deputy Supervisor of Elections

Collier County, Fla.—November 22, 2013: Melissa Blazier, CERA, MFCEP, has been appointed as the Chief Deputy Supervisor of Elections. Blazier has been employed in the Collier County Supervisor of Elections Office for the past eight years, serving as the Assistant Supervisor of Elections.

Blazier is a graduate of Hodges University, where she earned her Bachelor's degree in Business Administration, magna cum laude. Blazier also has credentials as an election professional including her recognition as a Certified Elections/Registration Administrator (CERA), which is offered through the National Association of Election Officials, Election Center. She also recently earned her designation as a Master Florida Certified Elections Professional (MFCEP), through the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections (FSASE).

Blazier is a graduate of the GAIN program (Growing Associates in Naples), and is currently a member of the 2014 Leadership Collier Class; both programs are offered by the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce.

"In addition to her election experience and credentials, Melissa has also demonstrated a strong commitment to provide the highest level of professional service to the citizens of Collier County. For these reasons I am pleased and proud to name her as the Chief Deputy Supervisor of Elections" said



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**Melissa Blazier has been named Chief Deputy Supervisor of Elections.**

Jennifer J. Edwards, Supervisor of Elections.

Blazier grew up in Collier County, and now lives within the City of Naples. She is married with a 14-year-old son who currently attends Naples High School.



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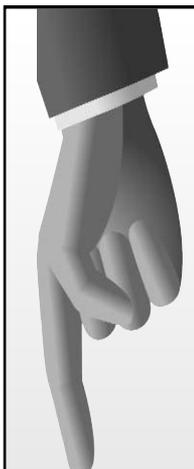


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## Community Briefs

### Annual Turkey Hoops event

The Third Annual Turkey Hoops Basketball game will be Saturday, November 30, at "The Gym" at the Immokalee Sports Complex, 505 Escambia Street, 7-9 p.m. Doors open at 6 p.m. Donation \$3. Featuring Immokalee's most popular, talented basketball players; alumni 1980-2000; halftime three-point and free throw contests; raffle prizes; no team registration fees. Sponsored by the Front Porch Community Inc., and Collier County Parks and Recreation.

### Women's Networking lunch

Come to the Women's Networking Luncheon hosted by the Immokalee CRA an IBDC December 5, noon till 1 p.m. at the iTECH Center, 508 N. 9th Street. Bring a holiday ornament to exchange - \$5 limit. This networking opportunity for professional women meets quarterly. No cost but please RSVP. Every woman gives a one minute presentation. Please RSVP to ChristieBetancourt@colliergov.net or call 239-867-0025 by November 29.

### Free eye exams

The Lions Club will offer free eye tests for adults and children Sunday, December 8, from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the iTECH center. Registration closes at 1:30 p.m. that day. The iTECH Center is located at 508 ~ 9TH Street. They will screen for glaucoma, cataracts, macular degeneration; also for diabetes and blood pressure. Free eye glasses.

The event is in partnership with the Florida Department of Health - Collier County, Friendship Health clinic, Edison College School of Nursing and Bonita Springs Lions Eye Clinic.

### Want to make a real difference?

Become a VITA volunteer! You can help a family get back the money they have earned and become more financially stable. VITA is a program offered through the United Way that helps low to moderate income persons by providing free tax preparation assistance. We are looking for volunteers to better serve our clients. No experience is necessary and volunteers are provided free training online. Flexible hours are available January through mid April. Taxes will be prepared at many locations in Lee, Hendry, Glades, Collier and Charlotte counties. For more information email Amy Singer at amy@unitedwaylee.org or 239.433.2000 ext. 229.

### Win two round trip passes

The Family Literacy Academy of Immokalee is raffling off two passes donated by Southwest Airlines, through the Florida Literacy Coalition. The passes are good through May 31, 2014 and may be extended for a fee and there are no blackout dates!

The drawing will be December 4 at the ICC breakfast. Tickets are donations of \$5 each or 5 for \$20 or a book of 12 for \$50. To buy your tickets contact either Dee at 239.370.3630 or Donna at 484.908.2186. Make checks payable to CCHA Land, Inc.

### VPK

If you live in Florida and your child turns 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.

### 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.

Community Center 321 North 1st Street, Immokalee.

Sports Complex 505 Escambia St, Immokalee.

### 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 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/Rec new 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 Program. Located at 701 Immokalee Drive. Phone 239-377-1172; cell 239-980-9021 or go to [www.collierchildcare.org](http://www.collierchildcare.org).

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# Road Watch

**I-75/Alligator Alley Rest Area at mile marker 63:** Construction project: Work continues to build two recreational access areas adjacent to the Big Cypress National Preserve backcountry trails, replace the existing rest area, build a new public safety center and water treatment plant, and upgrade the existing wastewater treatment plant.

• **THE ENTIRE REST AREA IS CLOSED UNTIL PROJECT COMPLETION, ESTIMATED FALL 2014. ALL FACILITIES** (including the picnic area, parking, restrooms or potable water) are unavailable.

Entrance and exit ramps at mile marker 63 are open for motorists to turn around if needed.

Motorists are cautioned to remain clear of the construction zone and be aware of construction vehicles entering/exiting the roadways around the rest area.

Signs are posted to advise motorists of this closure. The rest area at mile marker 34 is open.

Estimated project completion is fall 2014. The design/build contractor is Stantec/Wright Construction Group.

**US 41 from Rattlesnake Hammock Road to Broward Street:** Construction project: Crews are removing asphalt sidewalk and replacing it with concrete sidewalk. Pedestrians may be detoured in some areas.

Motorists should expect construction equipment entering/exiting the roadway and possible delays.

Estimated project completion is early

2014. Contractor is L-J Construction Company.

**US 41 from Golden Gate Parkway to Banyan Boulevard:** Maintenance project: Motorists should expect the two outside southbound lanes of US 41 to be closed for crews to repair asphalt from 9 p.m. to 11 p.m. on Monday, November 25.

Drivers should use cautions and expect slow moving traffic in the area.

**SR 84/Davis Boulevard from west of Radio Road to Santa Barbara Boulevard:** Construction project: Crews are expanding the road to six lanes, adding sidewalk, bike lanes, and street lights, and building a noise wall.

Crews recently shifted traffic onto new westbound lanes from east of Cedar Hammock Boulevard to west of Naples Heritage Drive for the eastbound roadway to be constructed.

This new traffic configuration is expected to be in effect into early 2014. Crews will continue placing fill dirt, installing drainage structures on the south roadway of the project.

Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during these activities.

Please use caution when traveling throughout the work zone as well as when entering and exiting SR 84.

Estimated project completion date is early 2014, weather permitting.

The contractor is Guymann Construction.

**SR 29 from 7th Street South to 6th**

**Street South: Maintenance permit project:** Motorists should expect daytime lane closures Monday through Friday for crews to remove and replace the concrete median. Please drive with care.

Work is expected to be completed by end of 2013.

**SR 84/Davis Boulevard from County Barn Road/Glen Eagle Boulevard to Whitten Drive: Maintenance permit project:** Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures for westbound traffic for approximately six months, from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m., weather permitting, as crews continue

work to rehabilitate a pump station.

The pedestrian/bike pathway westbound between Bald Eagle Drive and Whitten Drive is closed.

Temporary crosswalks for alternate pedestrian routes have been provided to cross Davis Boulevard at County Barn Road and West Crown Pointe Boulevard.

Detour signs are posted. Electronic message boards, advance warning signs and barricades are in use to assist motorists traveling in the area.

Work is expected to be completed by first part of 2014.

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## Employee of the Month

**Eddie A. Moran-Resendiz was selected as Employee of the Month by his peers and supervisors at Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Plant Industry, Citrus Health Response Program Office at Immokalee.**



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