

Immokaleans weigh in on Big Box store coming to town

Immokalee residents appear to overwhelmingly favor the prospects of a major "big box" store - rumored to be a Walmart - establishing a large footprint in the community.

Collier County's Growth Management Division held a formal public information meeting on the proposal January 13 and over 500 Immokaleans showed up to voice support for the development. So many people, in fact, the room scheduled for the event could not contain them all and the meeting was moved to larger facilities.

The Immokalee Community Redevelopment Agency's (CRA) Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) heard last week about the proposal and committee members and members of the public had plenty of questions and plenty of opinions about the idea.

"I would say 99 percent of the residents (at the Monday meet-

ing) were in favor of the proposals," said Immokalee CRA Executive Director Bradley Muckel. "They cheered loudly when the presentation turned to creating 300 jobs."

Barron Collier Investments, a subdivision of the Barron Collier Companies, has applied to Collier County's Growth Management Division, specifically its Planning and Zoning Department, for a zoning change that will allow "a large format retailer" to be built on the corner of Westclox Road and State Road 29 at the northern edge of Immokalee across from New Market Road and just south of and across SR 29 from the Isabel Collier Reid Medical Center campus.

The request is to expand across SR 29 a commercial district now on the east side of SR 29 to include nearly 25 acres north of Westclox for what is described as a 162,000

square foot large format retailer. "It could be a single building or a series of buildings," explained Wayne Arnold of Grady Minor & Associates. "It's not specified (in the zoning request application) but it is modeled to be a single store."

He said the developers believe a large format retailer could be supported by the population of Immokalee, particularly when combined with the populations of nearby Lehigh Acres, LaBelle, Ave Maria and the Northern Golden Gates Estates.

"Remember what happened to Clewiston when Walmart came in?" asked Immokalee resident Donna Yzaguirre.

"We must open Immokalee to economic development," insisted CRA CAC Chairman Mike Facundo. "There is nothing wrong with

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Submitted photo Residents at a recent meeting were in favor of a "big box" store like Walmart opening in Immokalee.

Walmart accepts Fair Food Program

Bringing its leadership position in the US food industry to the widely-acclaimed partnership for social responsibility taking root in Florida's tomato fields, on January 16 Walmart joined with its Florida tomato suppliers and the Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW) to strengthen and expand the ground-

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the market strength and consumer reach that Walmart has," said Cruz Salucio of the CIW. "Through this collaboration, not only will thousands of hard-working farm workers see concrete improvements to their lives, but millions of consumers will learn about the Fair Food Program and of a better way to buy fruits and vegetables grown and harvested here in the US."

"Walmart and our suppliers are committed to strong ethical sourcing standards and every day we work to help ensure the products we sell are produced in a way that provides fair treatment for workers in our supply chain," said Tom Leech, senior vice president of Global Food Sourcing for Walmart.

"Our participation in the Fair Food Program combined with long term supply agreements with our suppliers will ensure that our customers get great products at great prices from suppliers that are working to improve the lives of their workers."

By joining forces with its Florida tomato suppliers and the CIW, Walmart's involvement will strengthen and expand the existing Program's impact on farmworkers, and demonstrate the company's continued commitment to the Florida tomato industry as a whole. As part of the agreement, Walmart will work with CIW on the following objectives:

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Submitted photo Walmart representatives John Amaya (left), Tom Leech (center) and CIW's Lucas Benitez look on as CIW's Gerardo Reyes Chavez (far right) signs historic agreement at a Lipman Produce farm outside of Immokalee.

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- Expand the Fair Food Program beyond Florida to its tomato purchases from participating Florida-based growers with operations outside the state during the summer harvest season;
- Reward those Florida tomato suppliers whose operations best reflect the principles of the Fair Food Program with longer term purchase commitments;
- Work over time to expand the Fair Food Program to other crops beyond tomatoes in its produce supply chain;
- Work with its Florida tomato suppliers to build the current Fair Food Premium directly into Walmart's cost for Florida tomatoes, with the growers continuing to pass on the Fair Food bonus to their workers as part of the established, traceable payment system that is monitored by the Fair Food Standards Council;
- Support the CIW and its participating Florida tomato suppliers to eventually achieve a higher, more sustainable bucket rate paid to workers for harvesting tomatoes. This change will streamline the financial foundation of the Fair Food Program to focus resources on raising the bar for ethical farm labor conditions beyond the Florida tomato industry.

The majority of Walmart's Florida tomato suppliers currently participate in the Fair Food Program, and on those farms this agreement will take effect this season. The CIW will work with Walmart and its remain-

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ing suppliers over the coming season to develop the systems and practices necessary to bring them online by the beginning of the 2014 season. All of Walmart's Florida tomato suppliers will be subject to audits by the Fair Food Standards Council and to the Fair Food Program's worker complaint resolution mechanism.

The Fair Food Program has been recognized by the White House as "one of the most successful and innovative programs" for social responsibility today. It was recently singled out for its effectiveness by the United Nations Working Group on Business and Human Rights, and in October was awarded the prestigious Roosevelt Institute Freedom from Want Medal.

It combines an extensive, on-the-farm worker education program with a unique set of labor standards and rigorous enforcement mechanisms to create the most advanced program of its kind in the US agricultural industry.

United Nations Working Group on Business and Human Rights on the CIW/Walmart agreement:

"We are here to support the Immokalee workers and the Fair Food Program, which offers such promise for us all," said Alexandra Guáqueta, chair of the UN Working Group on Business and Human Rights. "It's great to see the world's biggest retailer, Walmart, join this kind of ground-breaking accountability arrangement."

In particular, the Working Group noted the Fair Food Program's "smart mix" of tools. "It combines law enforcement with rules agreed to by the parties which go beyond existing regulation. Together these deliver respect for human rights and better living standards for workers", noted Ms. Guáqueta. "Workers are consulted, they lead on peer education on human rights, and existing US labor laws are upheld. Furthermore, the Program includes market incentives for growers and retailers, monitoring policies and, crucially, a robust and accessible mechanism to resolve complaints and provide remedy. Workers have no fear of retaliation if they identify problems."

The Working Group noted that the Fair Food Program is closely aligned with the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights, endorsed by States at the UN Human Rights Council in 2011. "We are eager to see whether the Fair Food Program is able to leverage further change within participating businesses, and serve as a model elsewhere in the world," added Ms. Guáqueta.

From the CIW website

LaBelle man faces federal charges

by Eric Kopp

Special to the Immokalee Bulletin

MUSE — A Glades County man is in federal custody following his arrest for allegedly selling a deadly toxin to an undercover agent with Homeland Security Investigations (HSI).

According to a criminal complaint filed by HSI Special Agent L. Martino and FBI Special Agent B.H. Zartman, two vials of the lethal toxin abrin were purchased from Jesse William Korff, 19, for \$2,500. The exchange was made around 2:10 p.m. Jan. 15 at a rest stop located at I-75 Exit 139 at Luckett Road, some 10 miles from Fort Myers.

Korff was subsequently arrested on charges of possession and transfer of a toxin for use as a weapon, and smuggling goods from the United States. He will eventually be taken to Newark, N.J., where he will be held for trial.

He will be held in New Jersey because that is where the undercover agent was when arrangements were reportedly being made to purchase the abrin. The agent had apparently told Korff he was going to take the abrin to Canada.

This investigation began in April of 2013 when HSI agents began an investigation of illicit sales activity on a website known as Black Market Reloaded (BMR).

The BMR website allows vendors and buyers who are users of the site to conduct anonymous transactions online involving the sale of a variety of illegal and harmful goods, stated the complaint. These goods can include, but are not limited to: biological agents; toxins; chemicals; firearms; ammunition; explosives; controlled substances; and counterfeit goods.

According to the complaint, BMR maintained an "onion" web address on the Tor network throughout the HSI's investigation. From about June 2013 through about December 2013, Korff maintained a seller's profile on BMR which he used to advertise the illicit goods, continued the complaint.

Korff allegedly told the undercover agent the vials would be hidden inside of two candles and, because of that, could be safely transported to Canada. The complaint details how Korff would bore out the center of a candle then insert the vials.

The complaint then details how Korff explained to the undercover agent how he would then "... melt the wax I dug out and

pour it over the vial and make a flat surface on the top so it looks like a regular candle."

He reportedly went on to tell the agent that no precautions were necessary when handling the candle. He then cautioned the potential buyer that when it came time to actually handle the abrin, gloves should be worn, added the complaint.

He then went on to advise the agent that because abrin is about the color of light rum or whiskey, it would be best to put it in a cola soft drink, or a shot of rum or whiskey.

Korff then said alcohol "... would probably be the best because you know they will drink all of it and they will start to feel flu-like symptoms in 48 hours then it will progressively get worse until they die by the fourth day," indicated the complaint.

According to the complaint, the candles were placed in a bag from a nearby McDonald's then left in some bushes at the drop site. The undercover agent then went to the bushes, picked up the McDonald's bag and left his payment.

While under surveillance, other agents watched as Korff allegedly returned to the drop site and picked up the cash.

Abrin is found in the seeds of the rosary pea plant. It is a white-to-yellowish white powder that can be released into the air, used to contaminate water or food, and can be released as an aerosol into an outdoors setting and can be used to contaminate agricultural products.

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having healthy competition."

Long time Immokalee Floyd Crews agreed.

"The only way we can have economic development is to have shovel-ready land," Crews said. "This is shovel ready land."

The advisory committee will decide in February to support or oppose the development. In the meantime, Arnold said, the county process is moving forward, slowly, but forward. The Collier County Planning Commission, an appointed advisory group to the Collier County Commission on land use and zoning proposals may take up the request in the spring.

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Students First

by Maribel De Armas

I spend a lot of time during our weekly time together applauding student achievement, both in and out of the classroom. And there's nothing wrong with that...we are a school district after all and at the end of the day it's all about the kids. But student achievement would not be possible without some very special people - our teachers - the frontlines in the classroom. Just recently, The Education Foundation - Champions For Learning announced the Golden Apple Teacher Recognition Program's 2013-2014 Teachers of Distinction. Twenty-six Collier County Public School teachers received surprise classroom visits with this special news. From one teacher saying, "Who, me?", to goose bumps and tears felt by another, to yet another thinking, "Wow, is this really happening?", the reactions across the board were quite happy ones. I touched base with our five Immokalee-area Teachers of Distinction to get their reactions and here's what I heard.

What does being named a Teacher of Distinction mean to you?

William Staros (Highlands Elementary School 4th grade teacher): "I look at this recognition as validation for the work each teacher does for students. Recognitions like this one bring the focus back to the classroom and the exciting ideas and activities that go on within our four walls."

Regina Bale (Eden Park Elementary School 5th grade teacher): "Even though I am in the early stages of my career, this honor shows that I am on the right course. Helping my students achieve through innovative classroom strategies is working and sharing these ideas with colleagues will help students beyond my classroom." (Side note: Regina's teaching method revolves around a classroom reality show).

Kathryn Doyle (Lake Trafford Elementary School 6th grade teacher): "This award reinforces my efforts to use my talents and display a real love of teaching to my students each and every day."

What inspires you to teach?

William Staros: "I am inspired by the students and their stories. Like a good novel,



each of my students has a personal story and a potential within them just waiting to be released. I look forward each day to unlocking that potential and being there to support them through their successes and troubles."

Melanie Boswell (Lake Trafford Elementary School ESE teacher): "Without a

doubt, students inspire me to teach. Watching them enjoy learning, love coming to school, setting and reaching goals for themselves, and having a 'dream' for the rest of their lives keeps me excited about teaching every day."

Frederick Rimmler (Immokalee High School physics teacher): "I have always been fascinated with understanding how things work. Teaching physics allows me to share something that I enjoy and to, hopefully, spread some of that interest to my students."

Kathryn Doyle: "Teaching has never felt like a 'job' to me. Working with children every day and having the opportunity to not only contribute to their learning and growing, but also having the occasion to impact so many lives in a positive way - there's no other field or profession I would rather be associated with because of the abundant joy I have experienced."

From what I hear, student reactions in the classrooms that received surprise visits were quite exciting as well. From "I knew it would be you all along," "This is awesome," "Yay! Ms. Boswell did it!" and a few well-placed "yippee" exclamations, it was obvious that the students were proud. As Mr. Rimmler states, "It wasn't just that a teacher from their school had made it, it was that their teacher made it."

All of the Teachers of Distinction will move forward in the Golden Apple selection process which will end with five of the teachers being selected to receive a Golden Apple. The Teachers of Distinction and the Golden Apple recipients will then be honored at the 24th Annual Golden Apple Celebration of Teachers Dinner on May 9, 2014. Congratulations and good luck to each teacher!

Dine and donate for the Immokalee Foundation

NAPLES, Fla. (Jan. 13, 2014) - Vergina on Fifth Avenue is hosting a Dine & Donate day to benefit The Immokalee Foundation Monday, Feb. 3, from 11 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

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PACE girls and staff are thrilled and grateful to Arthrex for its \$25,000 contribution to PACE Center for Girls in Immokalee. Pictured from left: Cindy Obrecht, Donna Brown, Marianne Kearns, Cheryl McDonnell and Gayle Nelson.

PACE receives \$25,000 contribution from Arthrex

Arthrex, a global medical device company and leader in new product development and medical education in orthopaedics headquartered in Naples, Florida, presented a \$25,000 check to PACE Center for Girls, Immokalee. A portion of the funds has been earmarked for sponsorship of the annual PACE Believing in Girls Luncheon to be held at the Naples Hilton on February 13, 2014.

"We are honored to count Arthrex among our Community Partners" said Executive Director Marianne Kearns. "Their ongoing support of PACE and our mission has been critical in allowing us to help change the lives of hundreds of at-risk girls in Collier County."

According to Cindy Obrecht, a member of the Arthrex Charitable Committee, "Several of our employees have personally toured the PACE Center in Immokalee and have seen first-hand what a life-changing difference this program makes in the lives of

these young girls. As a corporation, we not only want to make positive contributions to the field of medicine, but also to the local communities we serve."

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Ranger-led programs are offered at various locations and cover a wide range of topics, including: plants, animals, human history, and more. All ranger-led programs are free. Check the schedule posted at visitor centers and bulletin boards throughout Big Cypress for times, places, and subject.

Visitors are reminded to be prepared when participating in ranger-led activities,

especially guided hikes. Sturdy foot wear, such as closed-toed shoes is essential for hiking in the swamp. Bring plenty of water and food for the length of the hike. Weather can change quickly, so be prepared by bringing rain gear. Children are welcome at all interpretive programs, but must be accompanied by an adult.

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For more information on activities go to - <http://www.nps.gov/bicy/planyourvisit/ranger-led-activities.htm>

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National Mentoring Month spotlights the importance of mentors

NAPLES, Fla. (Jan. 15, 2014) – The job of a mentor is an important one, and this month, The Immokalee Foundation takes part in a month-long celebration and outreach campaign to promote and encourage mentoring. Now in its 12th year, National Mentoring Month spotlights the importance of mentors and the need for every child to have the guidance of a caring adult and proper role model in their life.

Created in 2002 by the Harvard School of Public Health and MENTOR: The National Mentoring Partnership, National Mentoring Month focuses national attention on the need for mentors, as well as how individuals, businesses, schools, nonprofits and the community can work together to increase the number of mentors to ensure positive outcomes for young people.

Since 2001, The Immokalee Foundation has matched volunteer mentors with qualified seventh-, eighth- and ninth-grade students from Immokalee Middle School and Immokalee High School through its scholarship and mentoring program, Take Stock in Children, which makes it possible for at-risk students in the community to reach academic and personal success. Those students who successfully fulfill their required pledge to earn good grades, exhibit good behavior and meet weekly with a personal mentor are awarded a full college scholarship upon high school graduation.

The role of a mentor is crucial and can be life changing – for both the mentor and the mentee. Manny Touron, a former Immokalee principal and a long-time supporter of The Immokalee Foundation, began mentoring about seven years ago. He currently mentors two Immokalee High School students, Gabrielle Velazco, a sophomore, and Eduardo Arsi, a senior. He said now, he can't imagine not doing it. "It's such a rejuvenating and rewarding experience. The students do more for me than I could ever do for them."

Liz Allbritten, executive director of The Immokalee Foundation, said more than 80 community volunteers from Lee and Collier counties currently mentor students in Immokalee, but more are needed, "Mentor-

ing is so powerful; we can literally change lives by helping these students realize their value and potential."

Students raised in Immokalee face a bleak future with a low graduation rate and lack of opportunities, as evidenced by the 80 percent high school graduation rate. Last year 100 percent of the students inducted into TIF's TSIC program graduated from high school and continued their post-secondary education. Allbritten said much of this success can be attributed to the hard work and dedication of the volunteer mentors, "They help these kids see the possibilities for the future. We couldn't do what we do without them."

A volunteer mentor meets with a student once per week throughout the school year, offering them support, guidance and encouragement. By devoting as little as one hour per week, mentors can make a difference by helping a child build a solid foundation of values, establish goals and improve their academic and life skills, while developing their self-esteem and confidence.

Allbritten said that to make it more convenient and cut down on travel time for mentors, they can now meet with the students after school or the students can Skype with their mentor at TIF offices.

Volunteers must complete a program application, clear a background screening, attend new mentor orientation and participate in quarterly training. Mentors must also believe in the importance of education, be enthusiastic and have a positive attitude and strong desire to make a difference in the life of a child.

Carol Medea currently mentors Mikaella Beldor, now in her senior year at Immokalee High School. Medea began mentoring three years ago and said she gets just as much out of the experience as the students, "As a mother, I'm especially grateful that my own children got an education and have been successful in their lives. I wanted to be able to give back and give someone else that same opportunity."

Medea said over the years, she has watched Beldor evolve from a quiet, polite



Submitted photos

Ann Stallkamp mentoring Ilbia Perez.

and shy girl to a blossoming young woman. This past year, she has helped Beldor with college applications, but it's not always about academics, "It's about letting them know they have a friend they can talk to and count on."

Touron agrees, adding that one of the most important criteria for being a mentor is having the ability to listen and share, "Sometimes the students just need someone to sit down and listen; to know that for the next 45 minutes or so, they have your undivided

attention. You are there for them and nobody else."

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We are looking for an energetic and dynamic advertising sales associate to call on area businesses in Western Hendry County and the Immokalee area/Eastern Collier County area. Full or part-time possible. Primary responsibilities include developing relationships with local businesses and educating them on the entire range of print and digital advertising products offered by our company. The sales representative will focus on developing advertising solutions for new and inactive accounts. This is an outside sales position with commission and requires a valid driver's license, reliable transportation, and basic computer skills including social media. Advertising sales experience not required but highly desirable.

Please send resume to **Patty Brant** at pbrant@newszip.com and **Dale Conyers** at dconyers@newszip.com

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Qualifications:

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Community Briefs

Democrats to meet

The Democratic Club of Immokalee will meet on Tuesday, January 28, at 6:45 p.m., at Mi Ranchito, 710 W. Main Street, (239) 657-1766. The club will be discussing the 2014 elections from governor to school board and topics concerning Immokalee. The meetings are open to all.

Fishing tournament

The first Neal J Hull Fishing Tournament, benefitting His Vision Our Hands, will be held February 8 at Lake Trafford. Cash prizes: first place \$1,500; second place \$750; third place \$250; big bass \$250.

Entry fee \$80 per boat (two man team). Entries accepted until February 8. Register at the marina starting a 6 a.m. Shotgun start 7 a.m. weigh in at 3 p.m. Make checks payable to: His Vision Our Hands, P.O. Box 2007, LaBelle, FL 33975. www.hisvisionourhands.org. Find them on Facebook.

Tournament contact: Robbie Hull 239-217-2565 or Scott Wegscheid 863-673-4630.

Little Mr. and Miss Tomato

Vote for Little Mr. and Miss Tomato for the Harvest Festival. One penny equals one vote. Open for all children 0-5 years old. Winners will receive a grand prize. Pick up your appli-

cations at the Immokalee Chamber of Commerce office, 1300 N. 15th Street (inside the First Bank Loan Production Office), starting the first week of February.

Participants will start collecting votes the first week of February up until the third week of March. All jars will need to be turned in by 5 p.m. Monday, March 17, in order to be eligible to enter the contest.

Winners will be announced on stage at the Harvest Festival Pageant to be held Saturday, March 22, at the I.H.S. auditorium at 7 p.m. Tickets on pre-sale are \$5 each or \$7 at the door. Contact Mariela Romero at mromero@first1bank.com or 239-658-0704

or 239-692-2178.

Revival coming

Allen Chapel will host its 2014 Winter Revival soon. Apostle Gregory Ford and the First Assembly Cornerstone family will be in the house. This man of God has a right now word for you in his mouth. This great ministry event will be held January 23-25 (Thurs.-Sat.) at 7 p.m., nightly.

If you absolutely cannot attend and have a prayer request, you can send it to Rev. Lori Snell and they will pray over it during the nights of the revival.

Pre-K registration starting soon

The Collier County Public Schools (CCPS) Head Start Program will begin registering children for the 2014-2015 school year on February 7, 2014. Head Start is a high quality early childhood program that serves eligible children whose families meet low income guidelines. To be eligible, a child must be four years old by September 1st of the current year.

Registration will occur at various schools throughout the district. Please see chart below for the registration site and date corresponding to your child's school. Registration times for all sites are 8 a.m.-12 p.m. and 1-2 p.m.

The registration site for children attending all Immokalee area elementary schools is the Head Start Office, 616 South 5TH Street (in Immokalee)

February 28, March 17 and 18, April 29 and 30, May 29 and 30.

When registering, parents must provide:

- Proof of income (2013 tax return, W-2, four latest pay stubs)
- Child's certified birth certificate
- Proof of residency (rental agreement, property taxes, electricity bill, two water bills, declaration of domicile)
- Physical exam (up-to-date with hemoglobin and lead results – cannot be expired)
- Immunizations certificate (up-to-date – cannot be expired)

To learn more, please contact the Head Start office at 377-0590 or visit their website at www.collierschools.com/headstart/.

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Clerk plans winter seminars

Dwight Brock, Clerk of the Circuit Court in Collier County, announced 2 FREE public seminars for Winter 2014. The seminars will be held in cooperation with the Collier County Public Library and the library is currently accepting registrations. Pre-registration is required.

Tuesday, February 11, 2-4 p.m. – Searching Public Records Using CollierClerk.com, South Regional Library on Lely Cultural Blvd (239) 252-7542

Thursday, March 6, 2-4 p.m. – Residential Tenant Evictions, Headquarters Library on Orange Blossom Drive (239) 593- 0177. To pre-register, call the library telephone number listed above or register online at:

<http://host.evanced.info/collier/evanced/eventcalendar.asp?ag=&et=&dt=mo&df=calendar&cn=0&private=0&ln=ALL>

Detailed descriptions are available at <http://www.collierclerk.com/resource-library/pdf/press-release/2014-free-public-seminars-announced>

Sign up early to reserve a seat for these popular and informative public programs!

New year, new offerings, new hours

The 50th anniversary year at Conservancy of Southwest Florida kicks off with more programs and more hours to enjoy the Nature Center. Based on feedback from our members and guests, the Nature Center is open now on Sundays 9:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. through April 27.

While here catch our Cinema Sundays! Bring the family to enjoy a new, nature-inspired movie the first Sunday of each month - we'll even supply the popcorn! Stay after for a children's craft lesson for a fun, interactive and hands-on learning experience related to the movie theme. For Cinema Sunday dates and movie showings visit www.conservancy.org/cinema.

Take part in the new weekly programs at the Nature Center. These programs will run each day through April.

Mondays - 2 p.m. Catch of the Day - Explore the wonders of the Shotwell Wavering Filter Marsh followed by some water sampling research in the Ferguson Learning Lab.

Tuesdays - 2 p.m. A Whisker Away From Extinction? - Florida is home to over 60 threatened and endangered species - including the Florida panther. Discover why and how the Conservancy works to protect them. Lutgert Commons Deck

Wednesdays - 10:30 a.m. Gopher tortoises and their roommates - Enjoy a presentation from the Christopher B. Smith Preserve gazebo where you may possibly spot a meandering gopher tortoise or two and learn about how their homes provide shelter for up to 250 other creatures.

Thursdays - 9:30 a.m. "Lil Explorers" - This one-hour program includes specific games

and activities to develop important skills in children. Each class is a fun, interactive, multi-sensory experience for the caregiver and child. Best for children ages 18 months to four years of age. Ferguson Learning Lab

Fridays - 2 p.m. Raptor Rapture - features a live bird! An inspiring way to learn about birds of prey, including hawks, owls and eagles. Get an up-close experience with a live raptor. Lutgert Commons Deck

Saturdays - 2 p.m. Family Day - Families can enjoy all the regular programs, plus an extra nature-inspired craft and visit from Gordon B. Eagle. Great family photo time! Lutgert Commons Deck

As always visitors can take an electric boat ride or paddle through the Allyn Family Lagoon up to the Gordon River to enjoy nature at its best. Electric boat rides leave at the top of every hour from 10 a.m. – 3 p.m. and kayaks are available for rent.

The Conservancy Nature Center, a 21-acre nature experience, is a celebration of all our natural treasures in the region - our water, land, wildlife and future. It is also listed as Site #69 on the Great Florida Birding Trail. Here you will learn about the importance of our resources, understand the role Conservancy of Southwest Florida plays in protecting those treasures and get inspired to take action.

The Conservancy of Southwest Florida Nature Center is located in Naples, Florida at 1495 Smith Preserve Way, south of the Naples Zoo off Goodlette-Frank Road.

For information about Conservancy of Southwest Florida, call 239-262-0304 or visit www.conservancy.org.



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Masonic lodge leaders installed

LaBelle and Immokalee Freemasons gathered early this month to install Lodge leaders for the 2014 year. Nickolas Fidanza, seated center, was elected Worshipful Master; Greg Gunter, seated left is Senior Warden, and Leonard Richardson Jr., seated right is Junior Warden. Standing, right to left, are Thomas Boardman, Senior Deacon; Adrian Sanchez, Senior Steward; Phillip Keyes, Chaplain; Jerry Hubbard, Secretary; William Nordstrom, Treasurer and organizer; Jim Cianfrani, Junior Steward; Bob Eltzroth, Tyler; and Tony Weems, Junior Deacon. John Schlitter, not pictured, is Marshall. The installation at the lodge building on Jaycee-Lions Drive was a public ceremony attended by nearly 50 people and was followed with a luncheon.



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