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BETA takes convention by storm again

“BETA did it again!” Those were the words straight from Immokalee High School principal Ken Fairbanks as he announced another victorious year for the Immokalee High School (IHS) BETA Club after their participation in the 72nd Annual State of Florida BETA Club Convention, held in Orlando recently.

The Convention's theme this year was “Making History” and the IHS BETAs did just that with their largest delegation ever attending – 96 members strong. The team brought home multiple State Championships and other honors.

As a group, the Immokalee Indians placed first in the state in the Character Skit, Group Talent, Banner, Scrapbook and Philanthropy competitions. The IHS BETAs also placed second in Campaign Skit and Service.

Several IHS students received additional honors and participated as part of the program throughout the convention program.

- Jeffrey Flores – current Florida State BETA Vice President,

conducted one of the general sessions and gave an inspiring

speech titled “Life's Wild Ride”

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• Regine Francois – elected as the next Florida State BETA Sec-

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Proud BETA Club members

Immokalee High School BETA Club showed what they're made of at the annual convention in Orlando.

Pathways to Success:

Leo Rodgers loves community service

by **Patty Brant**
Immokalee Bulletin

This series of articles will be dedicated to recognizing the courage, foresight and entrepreneurship many local residents have shown in their success stories. It is also hoped that their stories will serve as beacons for those still plotting their course in life, especially the young people.

Boys have always seemed to have a natural affinity for fire trucks.

And that's the way it was for Leo Rodgers, Immokalee Fire Department Fire Inspector.

After 38 years in the fire fighting business, he still has the bug.

Born in Hollywood, Leo grew up in Naples, always fascinated with the big trucks, lights and siren.

As a teenager his step-father tried to hold back that inclination, telling him he couldn't join the local fire department, but Leo took matters into his own hands and talked to a volunteer firefighter in his neighborhood. When he was just 16 - the minimum age - he immediately joined up and never let loose of his dream.

He started at the Marco Island and East Naples departments in 1976. After a time on the East Coast, he returned to Marco Island.

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Working at Hendry Correctional Institution, he decided it would be a good idea to get dual certification as a corrections officer and emergency medical technician, volunteering with the Collier County Sheriff's Office in Immokalee.

He quickly discovered that he liked fighting fires a whole lot better.

In 1981 he became a volunteer firefighter in Immokalee and in 1988 he was right where he wanted to be - working full time as a firefighter.

Even doing what you love calls for change and there have been some very big changes in fire fighting since Leo started.

Leo recalls the bunker gear firefighters used back then. It was just a black cotton duck coat with flannel lining - like an overcoat, with pull-up 3/4 boots (like waders), regular work gloves and a helmet that was more of a hard hat with an elongated back brim. They also lugged a 45-pound air pack into fires.

Nowadays, firefighters are equipped with

leather boots, special pants and jacket with several layers as heat barriers, helmets with a suspension system - and a much lighter 20-pound air pack.

These days fire trucks can haul gear in special compartments and have seats for everybody. When he started, you just didn't take any extra equipment, he said.

For Leo, it's always been about loving the job, but there's a lot more to being a firefighter.

Education is a huge part of fire fighting.

Firefighters train constantly and it takes five 40-hour classes to become certified in fire inspection. He learned about fire alarms, systems, to read code and then continued with lots of on the job training in order to do inspections.

Firefighters themselves share the knowledge putting on classes for fire safety education for kids and the elderly and fire extinguisher classes.

As fire inspector since 1993, he now interacts with the community much more than he did before and has met a lot of people through his job - which is now fire prevention rather than fire fighting.

He is also responsible for enforcement of fire codes, but he sees it more as getting compliance than writing tickets. In fact, in

the last 20 years he's only had two noncompliance cases go through the magistrate system.

That's because when he has an inspection, he works with people to get them into compliance with code, giving them the time they need to comply.

To become a firefighter you stay in school and "stick to it," he said, then you need to earn Firefighter I and II certifications to be a full time firefighter in Florida. You need some math to calculate correct water use; naturally read and write clearly. It's not just about academics, he said, you must develop a good work ethic. Of school Leo said, "It will shape you if you let it."

You must also be physically fit because training is strenuous - running, climbing ladders, scaling buildings, rappelling. IFD firefighters have trained in radiation hazards, hazardous materials and confined space rescue.

Firefighters are also charged with backing up emergency medical calls.

In this job you need to have a heart for helping people - the paycheck won't be commensurate with what you put into the job - and you need to be a team player.

"You have to want to do this because you want to do this," is how Leo puts it. "It's a way of life about one third of your time."

He notes that you'll be away from your family for many special occasions and be with your fire department family. "It's a pretty tight group, You have to connect with your teammates."

Training is constant to be able to work together on a scene and know what to do.

He likes working in those conditions, when a group already knows what to do without being told.

Firefighters also have to be prepared for difficult situations like a death, especially of a child.

And, of course, don't forget paperwork - reports, daily checks on trucks, equipment, maintenance, vehicles and supplies are absolutely essential to keep a department running smoothly 24/7 - so expect to get good at data entry.

When he's not working, Leo is deeply involved in the Moose fraternal organization, especially the Moose Riders. He is president of the LeHigh Moose Riders and District 26 representative for the Bermuda Moose Association (BMA), which takes in all of Florida. He is also vice chair for the BMA Moose Riders.

The organization supports the Moose Heart in Illinois and Child City and School for children in need, providing lap tops for all high school seniors there and Moose Haven for elderly members.

Once a year the local group puts on a "motorcycle days" event for them and does fund raisers for the Florida Sheriff's Association Youth Ranch as well as for local cancer patients, Thanksgiving meals and Christmas parties for kids. They also collect funds for several cancer patients, supplies Thanksgiving meals and Christmas parties for kids.

Young people looking for a career in fire fighting need to understand that it's a commitment, not a job. Take a page from Leo Rodgers' book. Whatever he does, he puts his heart into.

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• Benny Valdez - gave the inspiration for the closing session

• Shania Bogner - 1st in Ceramics

• Brenton Duncan - 1st in Computer Graphics

• Santana Cardenas - 2nd in Watercolor and Onsite Acrylics, and 3rd in both Digitally Enhanced Photography and Color Action Photography

• Daniel Martinez - 2nd in Woodworking

• Efrain Martinez - 3rd in Math

• Lynecce Romelus - 3rd in Oratory

• Efrén Varela - 2nd in Mixed Media, Colored Pencil, and Onsite Colored Pencil

• Emmanuel Vega - 2nd in Spanish

Based on their performance, the Immokalee BETA Club will represent Florida in various categories at the National BETA Convention to be held in June in Richmond, Virginia. Club members will be working hard in the next few months to raise funds for their journey.

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Students First

by Maribel De Armas

The World Wide Web seems to follow us everywhere now a days – whether at the library, on our smartphones, at work, or at school – so many of us are always connected. Collier County Public Schools (CCPS) is definitely connected with some great technology inside all of our 50 schools. But, we also want to make sure we provide the most user-friendly and resourceful CCPS website we can for our students, parents, staff, and really, the entire community to use.

Now, while we like to think that our collierschools.com website is easy to navigate, we realize that it may be a bit overwhelming – it has close to 100,000 pages of information! So, how about a quick mini tour of the site?

Our district website is quite a busy place, with visitors navigating five major sections of the website: the home page, students section, parents section, staff section, and the community section. From the home page (www.collierschools.com), you'll see four colored circles with images at the top of the page that you can click to access each of these sections.

Navigating the website is made easy by the bright green horizontal bar that appears on just about every web page. If you take a wrong turn, or get a bit lost on our website, just click on the Home link in this green bar and it'll take you right back to the home page.

The bar also has links to the most commonly used areas of the site: About Us, Departments, Schools, Communications, Employment, Help, and Contact Us. Then, on the left hand side of every page of the district site, you'll find a Quick Links area containing links to the most popular places within the section of the site you may be viewing.

Now, the home page is where you'll find the very latest news and updates. The first thing you'll see is the image rotator with photos and announcements about recent or upcoming events – click on it for more



detailed information. Just under that, you'll see icons leading to some of the ways you can stay connected with the district by sending us your email, checking out the calendar of events for district and school activities, watching the latest videos, learning about Bring Your Own Device (BYOD), and tuning in to The Education Channel live right on your computer (also found on TV on Comcast cable 99). Plus, look in the "What's New" section on the right of the page for links to current information and my favorite part of the website – the photo gallery.

If you're connected through social media, you can even access our Facebook and Twitter sites right from the home page.

You may have heard about Virtual Flyers - the district's environmentally friendly way for approved outside agencies to post information about programs and offers for students, rather than having all of those papers getting lost on your child's trip home from school.

You'll see the green Virtual Flyers backpack icon on the home page. You may have to scroll down just a bit, but it'll be on the left of the page.

The parents section of the website – you get there by clicking the red round circle at the top of the website – shows the latest announcements for parents and icons linking to important topics such as health information, zoning and school choice, and parent forms.

Plus, you'll find links to curriculum resources, student support services, and so much more!

I've only covered just a little bit of what our district website has to offer, so we invite you to visit us at www.collierschools.com to browse through all of the information.

If you don't have access to a computer at home, stop by a nearby library or call your child's school to ask if they have computers available for parents to use.

Indians capture soccer district championship

It was 1997 since the last Immokalee High School Soccer District Championship. As a matter of fact, Coach Damas was a senior playing for the team at that time. That year the team reached the Regional Finals and lost to SunCoast Riviera at home on Penalty kicks. This Thursday, or today for the readers of the Bulletin, the Indians will face Mariner High School at the Gary Bates Stadium in Immokalee for the Regional Quarter Finals.

This Indians team is a scrappy, young, but determined group of players. It is comprised of two freshmen and five players that are at the varsity level for the first time, the rest of the team has been with the program for two years. Only AJ Hernandez our central defender and Eduardo Arce left defender have been at the varsity level for three years. The team has had some ups and downs throughout the year, but a record of 16 wins,

3 loses, and 4 ties tell the story so far. The boys seemed to be locked into a groove at the right time.

Last week the Indians defeated Estero High School in the District Semi Finals 2-1 and then won a thriller against Golden Gate in a double round of penalty kicks for the District Title.

The team is going to the Regionals for the third consecutive year, but first time as a District Champion. The Indians played in the Regional Finals the last two years but were stopped by Tampa Jesuit in 2011 and by Palmetto High School of the Bradenton area last year. The State Finals has been the objective over the years and we hope that the DREAM will be realized in 2014.

We ask for your support this Thursday January 30th at 7:00pm at the High School Field. Tickets are \$7 at the gate.

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Celebrate Big Cypress National Preserve with Clyde Butcher

SOUTHWEST FLORIDA – Internationally renowned landscape photographer and environmentalist Clyde Butcher and his wife, Niki, invite the public to attend their annual Presidents Weekend open house February 15-16, 2014 at their Big Cypress Gallery in the Big Cypress Preserve, Western Everglades. This year's event serves as a kick-off for the year-long, 40th anniversary celebration of the Preserve, which was the first national preserve in the U.S. Thus, the Butchers are donating all proceeds from the weekend's events to the South Florida National Parks Trust to support its education program at the Big Cypress Preserve.

During the two-day President's Weekend event, guests have the opportunity to meet the photographer—known for his large format, black-and-white film masterpieces—take guided swamp tours, and learn about Butcher's two-decade history of photographing in the Preserve, among other natural settings, and displaying his breathtaking and work at the gallery.

"We are thrilled to help celebrate this momentous anniversary and bring awareness to the Preserve at the same time. This is a perfect opportunity to focus on the beauty of this special place and support the grassroots effort to protect it for future generations," said Clyde Butcher.

The Butchers, who rarely make public appearances, will be in the gallery both days to greet guests and autograph books. A number of other family-friendly activities will take place throughout the weekend, including lectures by both Clyde and Nikki Butcher and guided swamp walks, allowing visitors to explore the Preserve and subject

of many of Butcher's photographs right in the backyard of the gallery. Guests interested in taking part in a swamp walk are asked to bring a bag lunch and reserve a space online in advance. The times are as follows:

Schedule of events for Saturday and Sunday

9:30 a.m.: "Big Cypress National Preserve: Primeval Beauty," a lecture by Clyde and Niki Butcher held in their back pond theater

11:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (throughout the day): Meet Clyde Butcher, who will share stories about photographing the Big Cypress Preserve and sign books.

9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (every hour on the hour): Guided swamp walks behind the Big Cypress Gallery. Space is limited.

For more information about the event, directions, or to reserve your swamp walk, call 239.695.2428 or visit clydebutcher.com

A large selection of Clyde's photography can be viewed at his Venice Gallery & Studio in Venice, Florida, and at his Big Cypress Gallery, which is located on 13 acres in the center of the Everglades, midway between Naples and Miami on Tamiami Trail (Hwy. 41), in the Big Cypress National Preserve. The gallery is surrounded by more than a million acres of national park wetlands and wild Florida cypress strands. For more information go to www.clydebutcher.com/events.cfm



Submitted photo
Clyde Butcher, internationally renowned landscape photographer and his wife Niki.

State Rep. Matt Hudson files bill to support Floridians with Alzheimer's

Naples, Fla.—Today, State Representative Matt Hudson (R-Naples) filed legislation to support Floridians suffering from Alzheimer's disease and promote research towards finding a cure. Currently, over 5 million Americans are living with Alzheimer's disease, including over 450,000 Floridians, and it has become the sixth leading cause of death in our nation. Without medical breakthroughs to prevent, slow or cure this disease, the number of those affected is expected to increase dramatically over the next several decades.

The bill, HB 709, creates the Ed and Ethel Moore Alzheimer's Disease Research Program to fund and promote research in our state geared towards improving diagnosis and treatment for Alzheimer's patients, and finding a way to cure and prevent this debilitating disease. The bill also tasks the Department of Elder Affairs with developing performance standards for memory disorder clinics, as well as performance goals beyond the minimum standards to encourage clinics to strive for the highest levels of performance in order to receive potential incentive funding beyond their base levels.

"Alzheimer's is a heartbreaking, devastat-

ing disease that is affecting an ever-growing number of Floridians. It is my hope that this legislation will help advance critical research in our state towards finding a cure," said Rep. Hudson.

HB 709 also seeks to help Floridians with Alzheimer's disease and related forms of dementia by improving the registration and management for special needs shelters in our state. Counties across the state have special needs shelters to help persons with disabilities and their families during emergency situations, such as a hurricane, but registration for these shelters varies from county to county. This bill calls for the Division of Emergency Management to establish and maintain a special needs shelter registration program with uniform electronic registration forms, in order to simplify the process for special needs Floridians. The bill also requires all special needs shelters to be appropriately staffed with at least one member who is familiar with the needs of individuals with Alzheimer's disease. These improvements will help Floridians with Alzheimer's and their families to develop an appropriate disaster plan and be better prepared in the event of an emergency.

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Campers with Special Needs Still Sought for February Camp Session

The Robert V. & Benjamin G. Miller Fund and Goodwill partner for Trailways Camp for third year.

The Robert V. & Benjamin G. Miller Fund and Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc. are currently accepting applications for the February session of Trailways Camp. The camp, which was launched in October of 2012 to address the social isolation experienced by adults with special needs and their caregivers in Southwest Florida, will be held February 17-20 at Riverside Retreat Center in LaBelle.

"Trailways Camp is a unique and fun retreat for adults with disabilities," says Jesi Cason, Trailways camp director. "It's an adventure for people who want to get out into nature, try fishing, do arts and crafts and make lifelong friends." Other activities include campfire songs, themed parties, visits by special guests, and swimming.

Trailways Camp removes barriers to social isolation by giving participants a chance to experience quality social recreational activities in a safe environment while giving respite to the families and caregivers.

"A structured schedule of activities supervised by qualified staff and volunteers makes this camping experience unforgettable," says Cason. "Each camper is assigned to a team which is led by a counselor throughout the retreat. Through this, the campers make memories that will last forever."

Spaces are limited and are filled on a first-come, first serve basis.

For more information regarding Trailways Camp, camper application, or volunteer opportunities contact Cason, at (239)995-2106 ext. 2312 or JesiCason@goodwillswfl.org.

About The Robert V. & Benjamin G. Miller Fund Sharon and Jerry Miller started a Donor

Advised Fund in Central Texas after their son Robert passed away in late 2005 from complications stemming from a rare neonatal disorder. Robert and his brother Ben both enjoyed camp experiences as children and young adults in Michigan. More and more the Miller's observed the social isolation and barriers to relationships that developed as children with special needs passed through school experiences, became adults and their families aged. The Millers reside in West Rocks in Sanibel. They have funded and led development of camps for adults with special needs since 2007. In 2011 they established The Robert V. and Benjamin G. Miller Fund at the SW Florida Community Foundation, and created an Advisory Group that has led local design and development of Trailways Camps. More information about the Fund and the SW Florida Community Foundation, a second key partner which administers the Fund, can be obtained by contacting Sarah Owen, Executive Director, at (239)274-5900. Visit www.trailwayscamps.org

About Goodwill

Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, Inc. provides life-changing opportunities to people with disabilities and disadvantages in Collier, Lee, Charlotte, Hendry and Glades Counties. In 2013, more than 35,000 Southwest Floridians received assistance from Goodwill, ranging from Job-Link services to disability-accessible housing, the Goodwill L.I.F.E. Academy charter school for students with developmental disabilities, career guidance and mentoring programs for teens, and the SWFL MicroEnterprise project, a small business education program. To learn more about Goodwill Industries of Southwest Florida, please visit the agency's website at www.goodwillswfl.org.



A camper looks over a firefighters equipment.

Submitted photo

I.H.S. Drumbeat

Hello Indian Nation and welcome to another edition of the Drum Beat.

This is the first Drum Beat of 2014 so let me start off by saying Happy New Year. Since our last edition, many exciting events have taken place at Immokalee High School. In January our BETA Club attended its state convention in Orlando. They took 96 students to Orlando for the convention. Several individuals who were very successful and they also had great success as a group. They represented our school and our community very well. Here is a list of their group and individual success:

Individual Winners: Santa Cardenas – 2nd in watercolor, 3rd in both digitally enhanced and color action, Efen Varela – 2nd in both mixed media and colored pencil, Brenton Duncan – 1st in computer graphics, Shania Bogner – 1st in ceramics, Daniel Martinez – 2nd in woodworking, Emmanuel Vega – 2nd in Spanish, Efrain Martinez – 3rd in math, Lynecee Romelus – 3rd in oratory, Santa Cardenas – 2nd in onsite acrylics, Efen Varela – 2nd in onsite colored pencil. In Group Competition: 1st in Philanthropy, 2nd in Service, 1st in Banner (predominantly done by Efen Varela), 1st in Scrapbook, 1st in Character Skit, 2nd in Campaign Skit and 1st in Group Talent

During this time we also had a major accomplishment in the area of sports. On Friday night January 24 our boys soccer team defeated the Golden Gate Titans 6-5 in double overtime and penalty kicks and was crowned Class 3A District 14 champs.



Not only does this accomplishment bring great pride to the school and the community, it also allows our young men a chance to host a regional game at home. The game will be held at Gary Bates Stadium tonight Thursday, January 30, at 7 admission is \$7. Please come out and support the boys' soccer team as they take on the Mariner Tritons.

GO INDIANS

Up Coming Events:
January 31-February 1st - District Wrestling at Lemon Bay TBA

Feb. 4-Feb. 7 -Pre-Season Baseball at Golden Gate TBA

Feb. 4- Feb. 7- District Basketball at Golden Gate TBA

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Please apply online at <https://jobs.ufl.edu> or in person at UF IFAS/SWFREC, 2685 State Road 29 N, Immokalee, FL. Drug free, equal employment workplace. A criminal background check is required.

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Earn some extra cash. Sell your used items in the classifieds

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Community Briefs

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, La-Belle, FL 33975. www.hisvisionourhands.org. Find them on Facebook.

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

Krispy Kreme Fundraiser:

Relay For Life - Immokalee wants to share yet another opportunity for your family, school, church or community organization to get involved in a YUMMY Fundraising opportunity - Krispy Kreme donuts. Relay For Life is hosting this fundraiser until Wednesday, February 5. This is the perfect time to get a jump start on your dessert shopping while also making a difference in the life of somebody else. Your donut purchases of either glazed or chocolate glazed donuts

supports the birthday of someone who is fighting the never ending battle of cancer. In addition, donut purchases honor those loved ones that we hold near and dear to our hearts who lost the battle fighting until the very end.

For more information, or to place your Krispy Kreme donut order, please contact Krispy Kreme Fundraising Chair Priscilla Guerrero through e-mail at: GuerrePr@collierschools.com or through telephone from 8 a.m.- 3 p.m. Monday through Friday at (239) 377-3785.

Cash only. Glazed \$7; chocolate covered \$8.

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 applications 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 eli-

gible 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.

Apply now for school choice or out-of-zone

Parents – if you are seeking to have your student attend a school other than the one he or she is zoned for, it's time for you to submit a Collier County Public Schools Out-of-Zone or School Choice request. Parents of students who are currently in either program must reapply. Approval is based on space available at each school, and school bus service is not available in either case.

For priority consideration, School Choice applications must be submitted any time during January.

You may apply for either application online at <http://www.collierschools.com/parents/zoninginfo.asp>. For further questions or to submit documents:

Email: zoninginfo@collierschools.com

Phone: 239-377-0540 • FAX: 239-377-0506

Mail: Lisa Roa/Student Relations at 5775 Osceola Trail, Naples, FL, 34109.

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.

Board of hearing aid specialists launches new website

FLORIDA BOARD OF TALLAHASSEE - The Florida Board of Hearing Aid Specialists has launched an updated, interactive website to improve communication, enhance transparency and increase accessibility to web services. The website was redesigned to provide better customer service and encourage public feedback.

The Board's website features a number of valuable resources for hearing aid specialists and consumers. The site also simplifies the process of applying for, renewing, or verifying a license, and provides information on how to file a complaint.

"Our new website is user-friendly and creates a clear path to finding important information," said Board Chair, Leanne Polhill. "We are pleased to offer this helpful new resource to our licensees and consumers."

The Board of Hearing Aid Specialists' website is one of eleven health care profession websites to be redesigned. Other boards that have launched new websites include the Boards of Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry, Pharmacy, Optometry, Massage Therapy, Physical Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Athletic Training, and Acupuncture.

For more information, please visit www.floridashearingaidspecialists.gov or follow the Board of Hearing Aid Specialists on Twitter at @FLHearingAidBoard.

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Immokalee residents will be able to see the Faces of HIV display at Marion E. Fether Medical Center, 1454 Madison Ave., Immokalee 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday February 8.

Faces of HIV exhibit coming to town

The Faces of HIV project tells the stories of Florida residents living with HIV and AIDS through captivating portraits, insightful interviews and poignant journal writing. Participants of the project address how they became infected with HIV and first dealt with their diagnoses, as well as their personal relationships, effects of HIV on the body and more. The mobile art exhibit gives visitors an up close and personal glimpse into the lives of those living with HIV in hopes of promoting awareness and understanding about the disease. Visit www.wemakethechange.com/faces.

The exhibit is put on by the Florida De-

partment of Health (DOH). The public is invited to come to any of several displays:

Thursday, February 6, 2014

Florida Gulf Coast University in Parking Lot 5, 10501 FGCU Blvd. S. Fort Myers, FL 33965 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Friday, February 7, 2014

Naples Depot Museum, 1051 5th Ave. S. Naples, FL 34102 4-9 p.m.

Saturday, February 8, 2014

Marion E. Fether Medical Center, 1454 Madison Ave., Immokalee 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

David Lawrence Center names new Chief Executive Officer

The David Lawrence Center Board of Directors is pleased to announce the appointment of Scott Burgess to Chief Executive Officer. Burgess will officially start January 6, 2014.

Burgess comes to DLC after an illustrious 21-year career with Alexian Brothers Center for Mental Health - an arm of Alexian Brothers Health System a large multi-hospital healthcare network - in Arlington Heights, Illinois. He began working for the mental health center as an entry level vocational counselor and progressed across time to become Executive Director - a position he held for five years. During his tenure with the organization he also served as the Manager of Aftercare Services, Director of Program Services and Director of Research. He is a proven clinician with experience working with children, adolescent and adult populations and is a highly recognized supervisor, manager and leader with knowledge of all facets of community mental health.

Burgess earned his Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from Illinois State University; his Master of Arts degree in counseling psychology from Concordia University; a certification in Clinical Research Trials from the University of Chicago; and pursued a



Scott Burgess

doctorate in education from Northern Illinois University. His is a licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (LCPC).

Passionate about effective policy for those struggling with mental illness, Burgess co-authored legislation that became law in Illinois to develop its first ever five year statewide mental health strategic plan (2013-2018). Recognized as a leader in mental health treatment, he was appointed as a member of the Governor's Task Force to develop the state road map for improved care which was completed and approved in 2013.

Burgess will relocate to Naples with his wife and three children.

"I'm very excited to put my experience to work in partnership with the amazing staff and Board at the David Lawrence Center, local organizations and the community towards increasing awareness, decreasing stigma and expanding access for mental health and addiction issues in Southwest Florida. I look forward to meeting the challenges ahead and embracing the opportunities. I'm truly honored to be taking the helm of such a well-respected, supported and growing organization as the David Lawrence Center," commented Mr. Burgess.



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