

Bulletin adds new sales rep

The Immokalee Bulletin has a new face.

Rosemary Dillon is already well known to many Immokaleeans because of her work with the CRA. Now, she is combining her knowledge of the area, dynamic personality and genuine regard for people with the Immokalee Bulletin to help build a successful business community.

Rosemary came to Collier County from New York in 2006. She spent the most part of her life in a small beach town on a peninsula off Manhattan. Similar to Immokalee, Rockaway Beach thrived on seasonal revenue. Most of the small businesses were fam-

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Rosemary Dillon

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South Park facility opens with fanfare

by **Patty Brant**
Immokalee Bulletin

The wait is over. Kids, senior citizens and the rest of the community have their park back! After being closed for eight months while a whole new center was constructed, the park reopened February 13 to a grand ribbon cutting ceremony, hosted by Collier County Parks and Rec Regional Manager Annie Alvarado and very special guest speaker, US Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart (R-Fla), among others.

Director of Parks and Recreation Barry Williams called the occasion a day of thanks for the team combination of federal and CDBG monies that made the beautiful new park a reality.

Kenan Jasper Allen, 8, read his thank you letter to all those

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US Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart-second from right, joined Commissioner Tim Nance-third from right, Parks and Rec Advisory Board member Ski Olesky-last on right, Rec Regional Director Annie Alvarado-fourth from right, Park Program Supervisor Leonor Montelongo-third from left Makesha Gadsden-fourth from left, Parks and Rec Director Barry Williams and others gathered to officially open the new South Park facility on February 13. Photos on Page 4.

RCMA's Garcia gains a national forum

Isabel Garcia, RCMA's second-ranked executive, has been selected as a future national spokesperson for the early education needs of Latino children, especially those from migrant farm-working families.

Garcia was named a 2014 Fellow in the National Institute for Latino Leaders in Early Childhood Education, a program of the National Council of La Raza (NCLR). The Washington, D.C.-based NCLR works to improve opportunities for Hispanic Americans, and is the nation's largest Hispanic advocacy organization.

Garcia, 43, has served since 2012 as Associate Executive Director of RCMA. The Immokalee-based nonprofit operates some 70 child-care centers and three charter schools in 21 Florida counties. All serve the rural poor, par-

ticularly the children of farm workers. More than 80 percent of RCMA's children and staff are Latino, and RCMA is an acclaimed provider for the federal Migrant and Seasonal Head Start program.

Garcia herself migrated as a child. Her father harvested Florida oranges, North Carolina tobacco and Maryland peaches. Garcia worked in produce packing houses in her early teens. While attending Hardee Senior High School in Wauchula, Garcia joined RCMA as an after-school teacher. She never left.

"To most people, it's hard to envision the life of a migrant child," Garcia. "It's hard to grasp the effect of months on the road when the child already suffers from poverty, the

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Isabel Garcia

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who made his recreation area so nice. He said his grandma worked there and he has come there all his life, enjoying the safe, fun place full of his friends. The new equipment makes it even more fun, he said.

Collier County Commissioner from District 5 Tim Nance introduced the Congressman, praising his "energy" and noting that, even though he carries the weight of his duties in Washington, D.C., he seems to be "everywhere."

Commissioner Nance said that Congressman Diaz-Balart is a "special leader" in Washington who "improves our community on daily basis," and focused on what he called the Congressman's "legendary" service to Florida.

He said the Congressman is a "giant" who has a "passion for people who have the least." Commissioner Nance noted that the Congressman has a direct effect on the day-to-day quality of life in Immokalee.

Speakers noted how "vibrant this community is" and that good things are happening here because of their own activism and involvement.

As chairman of the Appropriations committee in the Florida State Legislature several years ago, now Congressman Diaz-Balard did not represent Immokalee but still secured money for a new health clinic. He may not have been directly responsible for Immokalee's representation, but had contact with local people and understood the needs.

The Congressman noted that there are always good things happening here, that Immokalee has a real sense of community.

A figure on the national and international world, Congressman Diaz-Balart explained his consideration for Immokalee, saying, "It's not all about the big picture. The small things come together to make the big things. It's important not to lose track of the "small" things in individual communities."

After the official ceremony concluded, many people stayed to tour the new facility and enjoy each other's company. Leonor Montelongo, Park Program Supervisor at South Park, has been with Parks and Rec about 13 years was program leader at Immokalee Sports Park.

Now Park Program Supervisor, she has "big plans" for the new South Park facility, which will be open from 10-8 Monday-Fri-

day.

Saturdays are open to all. The plan is to open for senior citizen activities during the mornings starting in April. She is currently looking for sponsors for activities like dominoes, bone builders programs and arts and crafts. The seniors will meet there from 9-noon.

There is also an after school program for youngsters.

Older youth can take over the basketball courts, etc. from 6-8 p.m. and March 11 they can participate in a neighborhood basketball tournament event. A volleyball court is also available.

In August, Ms. Montelongo is planning to continue its Voluntary Pre-K program.

The facility will also rent indoor and outdoor space for parties and groups and provide tables and chairs, kitchen refrigerator and microwave.

South Park's Program Leader is Makisha Gadsden. The facility will also need four after school and summer assistants - check online for positions.

Staff is looking forward to programs for kids, soccer, basketball, kick ball and board games. A fozzeball set has been ordered.

Coming soon: Friday night dances and Saturday night movies begin the third week in March

Ms. Alvarado explained that the \$1.4 million project included \$187,000 in appropriation backed by Congressman Diaz-Balart. The rest of the money from HUD CDBG grants.

She is excited about the future. "I want to do so much," she said, but many of the programs are fee-based, which keeps a lot of people from participating. She said she is looking for sponsors to help defray costs.

She's also interested in setting up intramural sports with the other Immokalee parks. They would be no cost and play would be local, making it easy for more participation.

The Seminole Tribe has also donated the easement on the south side of the park. County Road and Bridge is providing fill and the fence will be extended to allow more space for the park. Ideas in the five-year plan for South Park include building a pavilion, community garden or possibly another soccer field.

Finally, the neighborhood has its South Park back and it looks like a million dollars - not only because of the \$1.4 million infusion of funds from the federal and state governments, but mostly because of the pride it fosters in the community.

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ily owned and passed down from one generation to the next. Her family owned a sandwich shop where she worked during her high school years. She graduated from Far Rockaway High School (home of the Dolphins) in 1973 and raised her family while attending Empire State College School of Social Work. She worked full time in the field of Human Services for more than 20 years, and part time at the local coffee house.

An energetic and hard working lady, Rosemary still finds time for her hobbies which include bowling, crafting and, of course, the beach. When it was time for a change, Rosemary came to Florida, eventually discovering Immokalee - a place that immediately won her heart.

Why Immokalee? "Because it feels like home," she says, "I was introduced to the Immokalee community while planning the Celebration of Cultures.

"While working with Immokalee CRA I had the opportunity to get to know Immokalee," she added. My experience

FHP: 'Hit and Run, Bad to Worse'

The Florida Highway Patrol is conducting a "Hit and Run, Bad to Worse" awareness campaign during the week of February 17, through February 21.

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also includes working with the start-up team of the Immokalee Business Development Center, networking with the Woman's Business Network group and I have had the pleasure of working closely with the Immokalee Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Lions Club and Parks & Rec staff. My contacts include the many entrepreneurs and small business owners I have assisted over the past few years along with Marie Capita at the Business Development Center, where I learned the importance of a solid marketing plan and advertising."

Rosemary Dillon has the all-important "Immokalee experience" along with the desire to help its businesses grow strong. "I am excited for the opportunity to continue to work with the entrepreneurs and business owners in Immokalee, and I look forward to assisting them work toward their success."

You can contact Rosemary by leaving a message at the Immokalee Bulletin office 657-6000, or email her at rdillon@newszap.com.

ries a maximum penalty of 5 years in a state correction facility and a fine up to \$5000

- The consequence of leaving the scene of a crash involving property damage is a misdemeanor of the 2nd degree which carries a maximum penalty of 60 days in county jail and a fine up to \$500.

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language barrier and a lack of books, computers and other things that help children learn."

As a Fellow at the National Institute, Garcia will participate in a series of conferences through July, exchanging Latino early-education insights with NCLR staff and four other Fellows chosen across the U.S. Then she will be called upon to speak up in policy-making forums, advocating for the early-education interests of Hispanic Americans.

"Isabel is a role model within RCMA," said Barbara Mainster, RCMA's Executive Director. "Now she serves as a role model nationally. We are very pleased to see her get this well deserved recognition."

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Students First

by Maribel De Armas

In the world of education February is quite a special month – it's Career and Technical Education Month. And I say that it's special because now more than ever, career and technical education (CTE) is so important as students move toward entering a very competitive global market. CTE not only prepares our youth and adults for a successful future as individuals, but it aids in developing a strong workforce that gives back to our community's economy. CTE prepares students to taken on the world! Actually this year's CTE month theme is "Celebrate CTE Superheroes." Here at Collier County Public Schools we pride ourselves in our CTE programs. At the high school level, we have 31 career academies focusing on topics such as engineering, marketing, culinary arts, and more. We then also have two state-of-the-art post-secondary education centers – one right in our Immokalee community, the Immokalee Technical Center (iTECH), and Lorenzo Walker Institute of Technology (LWIT) in East Naples. Both offer a ton of certificate programs that prepare adults students for careers, not just jobs – they prepare "CTE Superheroes!"

At iTECH, the mission is to provide rigorous and relevant real-world educational experiences using both traditional and distance learning models in order to qualify students for employment and career advancement. Students have a plethora of programs to choose from – Accounting, Cybersecurity Technology, Multimedia Design Technology, Construction Technology, Culinary Arts, and a whole lot in between. These programs prepare students to enter the working world in their field of choice. And iTECH always works to offer programs in

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By the end of a successful completion of the course, students receive their Certified Coding Associate (CCA) certification. If this sounds interesting to you or if you want to learn more about any of the other program areas offered at iTECH, visit the website at www.itech.edu or simply call 658-7080.

And on the topic of post-secondary education, as you may know, the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is your ticket to potentially receiving financial assistance to attend a post-secondary institution, whether it be iTECH, LWIT, or any other college or university. I want to make sure to share information about an important event coming up this weekend that's all about FAFSA. If you have a college-bound high school senior or you are an adult seeking post-secondary education, and you feel you need help completing this comprehensive application, College Goal Sunday is for you! There are three opportunities for you to attend the event. On Saturday (February 22), you can either go to Ave Maria University (5050 Ave Maria Blvd., Ave Maria) between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., or Hodges University (2655 Northbrooke Dr., Naples) between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. If you can't make it on Saturday, don't worry, you can head over to Golden Gate High School (2925 Titan Way, Naples) on Sunday (February 23) between 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. You'll have folks at the ready to help you complete this application. Before you go though, make sure to visit www.collierschools.com and click on the blue "College Goal Sunday" icon in the "What's New" area on the right side of the homepage for a list of the documents you'll need to bring with you. By the way, Spanish and Creole translation services will be available.

Community Briefs

Demo Club to meet

The Democratic Club of Immokalee will meet on Tuesday, February 25, at 6:45 p.m., at Mi Ranchito, 710 W. Main Street, Immokalee (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.

125 years of public health

Collier – The Florida Department of Health in Collier County (DOH-Collier) joins 66 other health departments throughout the state in celebrating 125 years of public health on February 20th. The state-wide theme is "Florida Public Health – always improving quality of life."

Collier County will honor its own Public Health Hero, Jane Polkowski, MD, MPH, at a reception at 3 pm at the health department. Dr. Polkowski worked as a health department director for from 1983 – 2000 in Florida, with 13 of those years (1983 – 1996) dedicated to the health of Collier County. Among her many accomplishments, Dr. Polkowski is credited for establishing our first AIDS clinic in Collier. She was also valued for her ability to build community partnerships including those which improved immunization and infant mortality rates. Known as a pioneer in promotion of quality improvement, Dr. Polkowski was an original advisory board member to the Public Health Leadership Institute in Florida.

The state Legislature created the State Board of Health on February 20, 1889, in response to a yellow fever epidemic in Jacksonville, and Dr. Joseph Yates Porter from Key West became Florida's first State Public Health Officer. Yellow fever in Florida was eradicated in 1905.

"Florida's dramatic growth was made possible through public health efforts that controlled disease and improved environ-

mental health," said Dr. John Armstrong, State Surgeon General and Secretary of Health. "Just as Dr. Porter and colleagues saved Floridians from yellow fever over a century ago, we are committed to solving the top public health threat to Florida families now: weight challenge."

The year-long celebration of 125 years of Florida Public Health was launched in Key West on February 3, where Dr. Armstrong joined Dr. Porter's great-great granddaughter in a ceremonial wreath laying at Dr. Porter's grave site. Throughout 2014, the Department will offer educational and health information opportunities. A resource featuring "Public Health Heroes" from all 67 counties will be released later this spring. During the week of April 7-11, the Department will further highlight the 125th Anniversary as part of National Public Health Week. In September 2014, the Department will unveil a full historical exhibit of Florida Public Health heritage at Florida's Historic Capitol Museum in Tallahassee.

The Department invites Florida's residents and visitors to join in recognizing 125 years of protecting, promoting and improving the health of all people in Florida through integrated state, county and community efforts. More information is available at www.FLHealth125.gov.

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Would you sponsor the DJ?

Immokalee Relay for Life is looking for a business partner, or individual, who would be interested in sponsoring the DJ for our March 14 event at the Immokalee Sports Complex. At this all night event, the DJ will be keeping us entertained with music, contest and game announcements, and important American Cancer Society information, all while touching our hearts as we remember the loved ones we have lost, those still fighting and helping us fight back. DJ Reyna would love to advertise for you at the event, by mentioning your business and providing contact information. Please contact Kelly Stevenson at StevvenKe@collierschools.com or Ann Mussel-

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Vote for Little Mr. and Miss Tomato for the Harvest Festival. One penny equals one vote. Open for all children 0-5 years old. You can vote 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.

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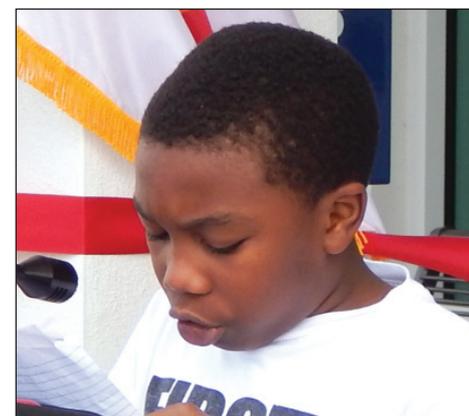
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The new South Park facility is finally open and once again being enjoyed by the community.

TOP LEFT: US Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart made time to attend the ribbon cutting at South Park, a facility he has supported.

TOP RIGHT: Immokalee Community Park VPK students tickle the audience with their version of the Florida alphabet.

MIDDLE RIGHT: Collier County District 5 Commissioner Tim Nance.

BOTTOM RIGHT: Kenan Jasper Allen, 8, read his letter about how he feels about his park.

BOTTOM: Trying out the Jungle Jim at the new South Park facility, standing from left: JC Cervantes, Makisha Gadsden, Derrick Dimas, Denise Lee-Tozier, John Keith, Leonar Montelongo. At the top from left: Mayur Mendoza, Eric Aponte and Yoshi Smith.

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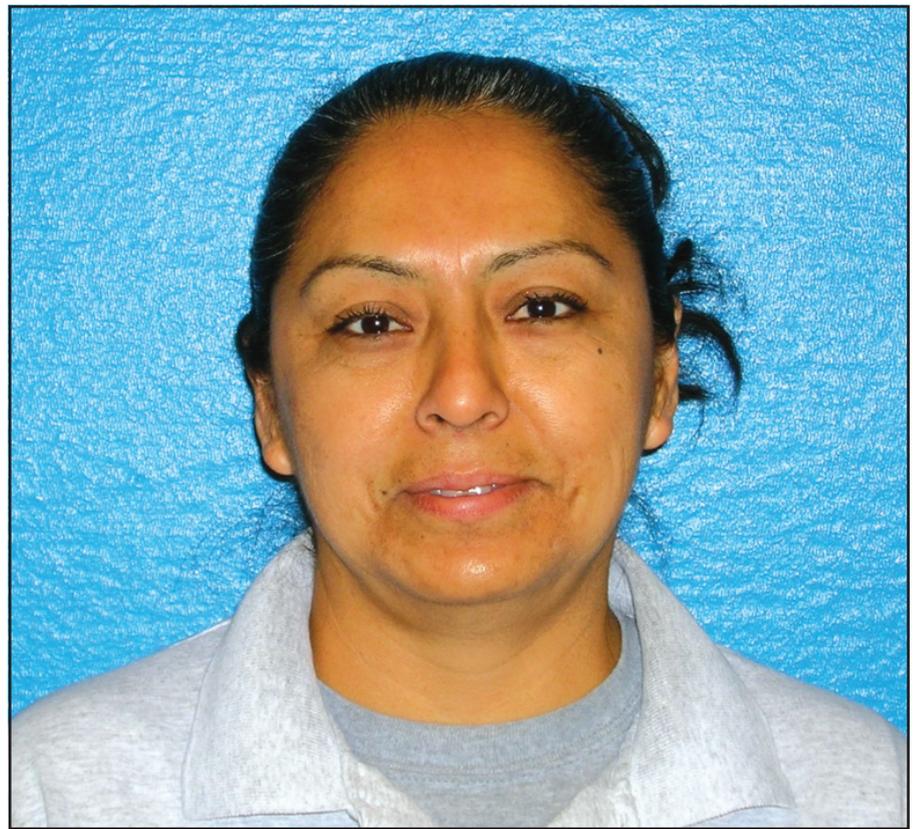
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Employee of the Month

Margarita Gonzalez was selected as Employee of the Month for February 2014 by her peers and supervisors at the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Plant Industry, Citrus Health Response Program office in Immokalee.

Healthcare Network: Stephen Wheeler new VP of Development

Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida recently welcomed Stephen Wheeler as Vice President of Development. Wheeler replaces former Foundation Executive Director Lou Traina, new Vice President of Institutional Advancement for Edison State College.



Stephen Wheeler

Wheeler brings with him extensive non-profit, public, and private sector experience. Prior to joining Healthcare Network, he served as Chief Development Officer for David Lawrence Center and Senior Director of Development for Lee Memorial Health System Foundation, where he was instrumental in the capital campaign to build the new Golisano Children's Hospital of SWFL. Prior to that, he served as founding Executive Director of Cancer Alliance of Naples, Inc., Executive Director of the Collier County and Marco Island offices of American Cancer Society, and Vice President of Business and Member Services and Director of Tourism for the Naples Area Chamber of Commerce.

"Stephen's integrity and dedication to healthcare are well-known in this community," says Healthcare Network CEO Mike Ellis, "As we serve nearly half the children in Collier County, his commitment and experience with the Children's Hospital is a perfect fit with our mission of quality healthcare accessible to all. We are thrilled to have him on our team."

Wheeler graduated with honors in busi-

ness management from Keystone College in Pennsylvania and is a certified hotel administrator.

His extensive community involvement includes service on the Board of Directors for the David Lawrence Center, YMCA, Collier County Film Commission and Vice President of the Board for the Naples Area Chamber of Commerce. In addition, he served as Chairman of the Collier County Visitor Development Council and President of the Collier County Hotel and Motel Association. He also served as a member of the Economic Development Council Business Coalition and is a founding member of the Naples Visitors Bureau.

Wheeler is a proud graduate of the inaugural Leadership Collier Class of 1989 and served as Class Chair in 1993.

Annually, the Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida provides primary care for 36,000 people in Southwest Florida (25,000 are children) at 13 medical and dental service locations in East Naples, Golden Gate, North Naples, Marco Island and Immokalee. The Healthcare Network also provides pediatric, medical and dental services, including screenings for autism, through the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile®.

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POSITION SUMMARY

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QUALIFICATION/REQUIREMENTS:

Two to Three years of accounting experience preferred. Intermediate Microsoft Office skills. Good interpersonal skills. Understanding of company-wide budgets and forecasting processes. Knowledge in accounting software packages and programs.

EDUCATION/EXPERIENCE:

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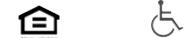
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Student activities are more than just fun and games

For today's college student, learning experiences are not limited just to classrooms and homework. Even the smallest of campuses have clubs and activities designed to help students reach their fullest potential. Whether by helping them discover their passions and strengths, connecting and assisting them to build relationships with others, or even providing them with content to add to their resumes, participation in student activities often gives students much more than they first realize.

Students who participate in extracurricular activities at the Edison State College Hendry Glades Center gain a better understanding of the inner workings of the college. They often have higher grade point averages, can adapt to deadlines, adhere to constructive criticism and are better at meeting priorities. They gain a sense of belonging and learn life skills that not only benefit their studies but also help them build lifelong relationships both at the Hendry Glades Center and with fellow students at other colleges throughout the state. Many also become leaders in the community.

Currently, the Hendry Glades Center has five opportunities for students to participate in student life: Student Government Association, Voices of Calvary, Gay-Straight Alliance, Science and Environmental

Club and Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. These clubs are available for all students with various interests and backgrounds, giving them the chance to connect with others. The clubs often work together to host campus events such as Haunted Campus at Halloween and collect goods for Thanksgiving baskets to share with their fellow students who are in need.

These student clubs also extend past the doors of the Hendry Glades Center and into the community. These club members are always willing to lend a hand to those in need and to bring awareness that Edison State College is here to help. Throughout the school year, the club members participate in various community projects to help benefit the Ronald McDonald House, Toys for Tots, the Salvation Army, the Talkin' Monkeys Project, Habitat for Humanity, the Humane Society and the Big Red Bus. The students often return from these projects having not only learned something new about their community but also about themselves.

All college students should be encouraged to become active in their school's student life. These activities help them expand on what they learn in the classroom and guide them in becoming more well-rounded adults.

Jaimee Howard is the Student Life Coordinator at the Edison State College Hendry Glades Center.



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ICoC sends invitation to the Immokalee Community

The Immokalee Chamber of Commerce would be honored if you would accept our personal invitation to ride in our "Annual Harvest Festival Parade" on March 29, 2014. We would like for you to furnish your own car and your signs. If not, we can help you with transportation and signage.

Lineup time begins at 9 a.m. at the corner of 9th and Main Street.

Our parade will kick off at 10:30 a.m. You will travel down Main Street, turning left on Jerome and right onto New Market Rd., ending at the empty lot adjacent to the Immokalee Fire station. You may throw candy if you like.

After the parade is over, we would like for you to be introduced to our community as one of our VIPs in our Harvest Festival Parade. We invite you to share our food, music and live entertainment - all day!

If you need additional information, please call Mariel Romero at 239-658-0704 or Cheryle Thomas @239-657-0080. The attire is casual.... Western.

Please RSVP us immediately. We look forward to hearing from you!

Get your barbecue on!

Attention all you barbecuers! Are you looking for the BBQ title? Ready to whip out that secret sauce and one-of-a-kind technique? Here's your chance to shine.

The 2014 BBQ Cookoff will be Saturday, March 29, Sign up early: February \$150; March \$175. The Immokalee Chamber of Commerce will supply the ribs and chicken - you supply the talent.

Put it all on the line for the \$1,000 grand prize and beautiful first place trophy. Second prize is \$250 cash with trophy; third prize \$125 with trophy.

Pick up your application at the Chamber today, 1300 N. 15h Street, Suite 2, Immokalee. (Located inside the First Bank Loan Production Office.)

Contact Mariela Romero at 239-658-0704 or email mromero@first1bank.com.

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Immokalee's unwavering team commitment

Florida Community Bank's Immokalee Team recently participated in a Meals of Hope event and VITA at the Guadalupe Center. They have made a significant impact on the local community and we commend them on all their hard work.

Florida Community Bank's Immokalee Team would like to give a big thank you to Meals of Hope for the "Giving Back" Initiative recently held at Immokalee High School. It was a complete honor to serve the community alongside of some amazing partners. This event was a crystal clear indication of us coming together as partners to impact a community. Many organizations came together under the same roof they included:

Meals Of Hope, One By One Leadership, Rotary, Collier County School System, Ave Maria University and Community, Immokalee Business Development, Immokalee Soccer Pit, Florida Community Bank and G&S Commercial Cleaning.

It was truly a rewarding event for FCB's Team to engage together and get an opportunity to see what it is like when folks come together with extraordinary vision to see a community forever impacted!

Thank you to everyone that participated!

Luis Cartagena,
Vice President - Branch Manager
Immokalee Florida Community Bank



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FCB Impact Team: Sumantha Bhagwandat, Santa Nehl, Jenny Garza, Crista Campbell, Maria Cisneros, William Jeter, Michael Martinez, Kati Diaz, Perla Cardenas, Nicole Yslas, Merari Villa and Vice President Luis Cartagena.

Local Club and Payless to provide free ghilds shoes

NAPLES, Fla. (Feb. 12, 2014) – Recently, the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County was selected to be an official partner of Payless Gives™ Shoes 4 Kids, an annual giving program from Payless ShoeSource.

Properly fitting shoes are important for children's health and development and a striking number of children don't own a pair of shoes that fit. Payless Gives™ Shoes 4 Kids is working to remedy that problem throughout the state of Florida. By helping families who struggle to provide their children with basic essentials, Boys & Girls Club of Collier County in partnering with the Payless Gives™ Shoes 4 Kids program, hopes to relieve some of the stress parents feel and bring joy to as many children as possible.

"Many of our members have never owned a pair of new shoes. We are very grateful to Payless ShoeSource for their support and our members are very excited to finally have shoes that fit," said Colleen Miller, Program Director for the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County.

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