

Migrant Expo: 'Care Mobile' to visit

Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida will take part in two community outreach programs this weekend, Mar. 8-9, in Immokalee.

On Saturday, Mar. 8, the Network will provide free health screenings during Migrant Expo IX from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., at the Florida Department of Health - Collier on 419 1st Street in Immokalee.

The event includes information for migrant farmworkers and their families on available services, health, education opportunities, legal rights and responsibilities. There will be free food, education and health services.

On Sunday, Mar. 9, students from Florida State University College of Medicine's Cross Cultural Medicine Rotation will be assisting aboard Healthcare Network's Ronald McDonald Care Mobile from 8 a.m.-12 noon at Bethel Church, 1225 West Main Street in Immokalee.

Known as FSU Cares - Service Through Medicine, this week-long rotation gives first-year medical students the chance to spend spring

break in Immokalee working with FSU faculty members to administer health screenings to underserved individuals in migrant communities. Established by community leaders in 1977, Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida is a private not-for-profit organization providing primary medical and dental care for more than 36,000 people in Southwest Florida (25,000 are children) at 13 medical and dental service locations in Collier County, including the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile®.

For more information on the Healthcare Network, contact Kaydee Tuff at (239) 658-3116 or

ktuff@healthcareswfl.org

Expo de Emigrantes IX

Un evento para la comunidad de Immokalee. Información para Trabajadores de Agricultura y sus Familias. Cuando: Sábado 8 de Marzo 2014, 10 a.m. hasta las 2 p.m. Donde: Florida Departamento de Salud - Collier, 419 N. 1st Street, Immokalee.

Se le dará información a trabajadores emigrantes de agricultura y a sus familiares relacionado a los servicios y oportunidades disponibles en educación, derechos

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Think Purple!

Come to Relay for Life March 14 at 6 p.m. Immokalee Sports Complex. See more on Page 5.

Golden Apple for I.H.S. teacher

On March 4, students in five Collier classrooms received bushels of golden delicious apples while their teachers were surprised with Golden Apple awards. Representatives from Suncoast Credit Union Foundation, presenting sponsor of the Golden Apple Celebration of Teachers Dinner, were joined by The Education Foundation—Champions For

Learning board members, sponsors, and volunteers to present the awards to the teachers in their classrooms.

The magic happened to Frederick Rimmler II at Immokalee High School. Mr. Rimmler teaches honors physics to I.H.S. seniors and has been a teacher for four years.

Congratulations to the other 2013-14 Golden Apple recipients:

- Ryan Shore, Pelican Marsh Elementary
- Suzanne Szczepanski, Lely High
- Jacqueline Williams, Lely High
- Adam Winkle, Mike Davis Elementary.

Golden Apple is a community-based teacher recognition program that honors and helps teachers to share best practices. The process is designed to elicit and highlight best practice(s) that may include innovative instructional practices, integration

of real world experience, educator collaboration and collegiality, community involvement, parent engagement.

In addition to the many celebratory activities and the cash awards (\$500 for Teacher of Distinction and additional \$500 for Golden Apple recipients), this year, thanks to Suncoast Credit Union Foundation, the Golden Apple award also comes with a \$5,000 grant through which the teacher can expand/adapt/build on the best practice(s).

The 24th Golden Apple Celebration of Teachers Dinner, presented by Suncoast Credit Union Foundation, will honor the Golden Apple teachers along with the Teachers of Distinction and celebrate the support that our community provides to educators through the work of Champions For Learning. The Golden Apple Celebration of Teachers Dinner will be held on May 9, 2014, and is generously hosted by the Naples Beach Hotel

& Golf Club. Additional support is provided by CenturyLink, the Mary Ingram Fund of the Columbus Foundation, Moorings Park, Naples Daily News, NBC-2 Waterman Broadcasting, and Publix Super Markets Charities.

"Supporting education is at the forefront of the work we do," says Greg Pasanen, Regional Vice President at Suncoast Credit Union. "And we're proud to support the Golden Apple in recognizing the Collier County educators who are making a difference in the lives of our youth."

Table sponsorships for the 24th Annual Golden Apple Celebration of Teachers Dinner are available. Please call 239-643-4755 or visit www.ChampionsForLearning.org/GA for more information.

Families, students, and the entire community are invited to join in the celebration by tuning in to NBC-2 who will produce a Golden

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Frederick Rimmler II of Immokalee High School



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Get the scoop on the loop

On Wednesday, February 19, the Immokalee CRA Advisory Board requested that CRA staff arrange to have Lucilla Ayer, Executive Director of the Collier County Metropolitan Planning Organization, come to Immokalee in order to discuss the projects contained within the MPO's Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP). The request followed the SR29 Loop Road presentation by Bill Howell, FDOT Transportation Consultant from Lochner.

As explained by Mr. Howell during the meeting, there are numerous projects identified within the MPO's LRTP Cost Feasibility and Needs Plans that fall in and around the Immokalee region. Mr. Howell advised that our Advisory Board familiarize themselves with the projects identified in the LRTP prior to the April 11, 2014 MPO Board meeting so that we can begin to influence the long-range transportation infrastructure plans for Immokalee.

Ms. Ayer has agreed to come to Immokalee to hold a public meeting on Monday, March 10, at 10 a.m. at the CareerSource (fka Southwest Florida Works) facility. She will provide an overview of the MPO's role as an organization along with brief Q&A related to the LRTP. This meeting is being publically advertised so that two or more Board members may attend.

Please plan on attending this important meeting. This is Immokalee's chance to begin to formulate a collective voice regarding the long-range plans for the transportation network in and around Immokalee.

Any questions regarding this request should be directed to Bradley Muckel, Executive Director (interim) of the Immokalee CRA via email at bradleymuckel@colliergov.net.

For more information regarding the Collier MPO, please visit their web site at: www.colliermmpo.org.

From the CRA

It's a very safe bet, at this point in the process, the so-called "loop road" truck route alternative, will connect State with Road 29 at the southwest corner of the Immokalee Regional Airport and again just north of New Market Road. The alternatives for the route have been significantly reduced and the most likely route will take the truck route through the commercial portion of New Market Road, as a widened roadway, jutting

to the northeast just south of the residential area of New Market Road. The roadway would parallel New Market to the northeast of the residential section connecting once again to S.R. 29 north of New Market, north of Westcota Avenue.

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) will hold a public workshop on the proposed road's alternative routes in Immokalee on April 3. The precise time and location of that public hearing will be announced. Its most recent public session about the project was January 23.

The Immokalee Community Redevelopment Agency's citizens advisory committee received an update on the project February 19 in its regular monthly session.

The so-called, "loop road," to skirt Immokalee - or perhaps connect into its center - will be an essential trade route for the town and, especially, for the airport.

A precise source of funding for the project has yet to be decided and its eventual construction will depend heavily on a list of roadway priorities established by the Collier County Metropolitan Planning Council, an inter-governmental advisory which advises Collier County commissioners on major transportation issues.

The FDOT maintains a website about the proposed project and updates that website as needed.

Teacher

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Apple program featuring the five teachers and their classrooms. The program will be aired on May 9th on NBC-2 at 7:00pm.

Immokalee Teachers of Distinction for 2013-14 are: Melanie Boswell and Kathryn T. Doyle, both of Lake Trafford Elementary,, and William Staros, Jr. of Highlands Elementary.

Champions For Learning™ brings our community together to invest in innovative practices that enrich the environment for student learning. We provide opportunities for teachers to work together and with the community by recognizing and sharing best practices in teaching, funding innovative classroom experiences, and helping educators connect with their community.

Students First

by Maribel De Armas

"We are the creative force of our life, and through our own decisions rather than our conditions, if we carefully learn to do certain things, we can accomplish those goals." – Stephen Covey

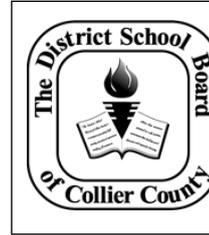
Take another read of the quote above. It's a pretty powerful statement that most adults probably work their whole lives to really grasp. Picture this, though. Elementary school students learning about goal setting, time management, and life balance – those 21st century skills they'll need to do well someday in the real world. Well, that someday is today for students at Highlands Elementary School thanks to "The Leader in Me" personal leadership development program. Again, this is at the elementary school level!

This program is based on Stephen Covey's "The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People." The goal of "The Leader in Me" is to prepare students for success in school and in life. They learn to be proactive, begin with the end in mind, to put first things first, to think "win-win," to seek first to understand before being understood, to synergize and to "sharpen the saw" (recharge their inner batteries) – author Covey's seven habits. At Highlands Elementary, staff and students have been working throughout the school year to develop life-long

leaders in every classroom on campus. In fact, they've been doing such a great job in developing a culture of leadership that they were recently recognized as an official "Leader in Me" school! The desired end result: an increase in student achievement and a student who is motivated, is a problem-solver with a strong work ethic, values diversity, is trustworthy and trusts others, and believes in teamwork – all things that are critical in order to succeed in the world today and even more so tomorrow.

Things at Highlands are going so well and they are so excited to share their successes that they have scheduled their first Leadership Day – coining it "Around the World in 7 Habits" – on Friday, May 23, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the school (1101 Lake Trafford Road). They will be celebrating student leaders and spotlighting the seven habits with a unique cultural integration.

The day will include student-led campus tours, presentations on the seven habits, interactive classroom visits, cultural exhibits and an entertainment-filled luncheon. It'll be a day full of inspiration and motivation and HLE student leaders are eager to share this experience with you. That's right, you are invited to attend and learn more about this awesome program. The event itself is still a few months away, but if you would like to attend, you'll have to let the school know by March 30 (377-7100). Your RSVP is very important, as space is limited and the day's schedule is contingent on knowing how many people will attend.



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Community Briefs

Migrant Expo March 8

The 10th Annual Migrant Expo 2014 is an event for The Immokalee Community.

On Saturday, March 8 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Come to the Collier County Health Department, 419 North 1st Street. Get information to the Immokalee community about locally available social and support services, educational/vocational opportunities and health services and screenings. It will be set up on the outside space between the Library and Health Department.

Grow healthy citrus!

Learn how to battle the diseases and keep your citrus trees productive. Internationally acclaimed citrus expert, Dr. Mongi Zekri, will teach a citrus class at the Extension office on Saturday, March 15, from 9-12. He will cover popular citrus varieties, planting, fertilizing, and management of citrus greening and other pests. Come to the UF/IFAS County Extension Office at 14700 Immokalee Rd. Please register at: <http://oranges2014.eventbrite.com> Call 353-4244 if problems with Eventbrite; registration required! Cost: \$5; no refunds, sorry!

Obituaries

Golda Pauline Snyder, 85

LABELLE — Golda Pauline Snyder of LaBelle, passed away March 1, 2014 in Lehigh Acres.

She was born July 9, 1928 in Wauchula, FL, to the late William Mabry and the late Mildred A. (Washington) Skipper.

Golda, or better known as Mom and Granny, was born in Wauchula but lived most of her life in Immokalee from living at the Collier County Ranch to a cabin on the edge of Sadie Cypress Swamp. She was known for having a green thumb and always had a bountiful vegetable garden. She also grew beautiful orchids and roses. According to her family she was the best cook in the world.

She is survived by her daughters: Laverne W. Massey, Nancy Gerri Lester, Karen A. Thompson (Waddy), sister: Tootsie Johnson, grandchildren, Robbie Massey, Ryan Massey, Emily DeVaney, Erin Lester, Brad Justice, Steven Justice and two great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband Raymond Howard Snyder, brothers: William Sidney Skipper and Mabry Howard Skipper.

Allen's Chapel worship

Come to Allen Chapel's Pre-Family and Friends' Day Worship Service and 2nd Quarterly Conference Sunday, March 16, at 11 a.m. A free southern style meal will be served immediately following the service.

We are excited about our guest speaker. Presiding Elder, Rev. Vincent F. Mitchell. Yes, he and his lovely wife, Lady Magdalene will be in the house praising God with us.

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Survivors are invited to be recognized during this year's Immokalee's 10th Relay For Life Birthday Bash on Friday, March 14, 2014 at 6 p.m. Survivors are our inspiration

A memorial service will be held March 6, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at First United Methodist Church Of Immokalee.

Cremation Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.

for why we Relay. Not only do survivors prove that the fight can be won, survivors instill in us hope for a cure. A small gift will be given to all survivors that register to attend this year's Birthday Bash.

If you would like to spread your inspiration and share your survivor story please sign-up on-line as a survivor at <http://www.relayforlife.org> or for more information

please contact Kelly Stevenson at StevensonKe@collierschools.com.

Movie night

Immokalee Community Park invites you to InDoor Movie Night Friday, March 21, 6-8 p.m. to enjoy the movie Frozen. Cost \$5. The park is located at 321 N. 1st St.

Worship concert with Larry Ford

First Baptist Church of Immokalee is proud to welcome back for a return concert, tenor Larry Ford on Sunday, March 9, 2014. Larry will share the Word in song and testimony at the 10:45 in the morning worship service. Immediately following the sacred concert, everyone attending will be welcome to attend a delicious "Dinner on the Grounds" at the church. Attending guests, along with members, are invited to bring a covered dish to pass. Come, worship, fellowship and be blessed!

Larry Ford is a Grammy award winning tenor who has committed his life to singing the good news of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Larry's music career began when he climbed up on a chair at five years old at his home church in Levelland, Texas. Accompanied by his mother on the piano, he sang his first solo, "How Great Thou Art."

Fifty years later, Larry still sings "How Great Thou Art." He has sung it in English,

Spanish, Swedish, Russian, Italian and Norwegian. Larry's music ministry has taken him to 49 states and to more than 30 foreign countries. After working for two years as a pilot, Larry sang briefly with The Downings as a featured soloist. He sang tenor with the Dixie Echoes and The James Blackwood Quartet. More recently he is a part of the Gaither Homecoming concerts and recordings. Larry has often been a featured soloist on the recordings and has become closely associated with the songs, "Little is Much When God is In It," "Sing of My Redeemer," "Follow Me" and "O, What a Savior."

Larry has been a professional pilot, a pastor - and all of his life, a worshiper. Often people they are overwhelmed by the power of his voice. Those who know him best know it is not only powerful, but an anointed gift for which he gives God all the glory.

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Soccer Pit Cobras win Championships in three different age divisions in The USA Soccer League



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LEFT: The U13 Soccer Pit Cobras. RIGHT: The U15 Soccer Pit Cobras

Soccer Pit Cobras U13, U14, and U15 won the Championships in their respective divisions. The League has teams from Collier and Lee counties and stretches along the Florida west coast past the Tampa area.

This is the first Championship for the U13 and U14 boys. The U15s won their Division last year as well. The U14 boys under Coach Esequiel Moya went undefeated this year. It has been an amazing year for the club with three Championships as well as a terrific tournament showing by the U13s in San Antonio, Texas, during the Thanksgiving break.

The U13s under Coaches Hernandez and Barrera were involved in the Region C Cup, the biggest tournament for Florida teams back in early February and were seeded second in the group of 32 teams. They will be playing the second round March 8 in Brandon, Florida, with the hopes of reaching the Finals March 15 in Plant City.

The U15s and U19s played their first round February 22/23 winning all of their games and qualifying for the Finals in Plant City.

The U19s will be defending their Region C Championship from 2013 and hoping to advance to the President's Cup in April.

We want to thank our loyal sponsors The One by One Leadership Foundation of SW Florida, The Immokalee Foundation, The Sam Hunt Family, and John Henry and his daughter Dana Marino Henry for their con-

stant support. We also want to give a very special thank you to the Kountry Kitchen for sponsoring uniforms for four of our teams this year. Without the help of these sponsors our mis-

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Relay for Life invites you to Paint the Town



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Relay For Life-Immokalee invites YOU (your family, your company, your busi-

ness and your school) to Paint the Town of Immokalee March 10-14 as one final kick-off to Immokalee's Relay for Life March 14 at 6 p.m. Here are some more ideas to help you jump start your week of "painted purple:"

- Show your Purple Power through clothing such as socks, shoes, t-shirts and paints. Don't forget to accessorize with jewelry, highlights and even shoelaces.

- Host a Bake Sale of Purple Perishables including purple frosting and sprinkles.
- Hold a "Jeans Day" in which jeans are matched with purple shirt; donations of \$1-\$2 can be accepted and donated to your Relay For Life team, or the event in general.
- Make signs and banners in...yep, you guess it, advertising Relay For Life on March 14, 2014.
- If permitted, put out donation jars/cans in the color purple, of course, and earn a few extra dollars to make as a donation to Relay. A little bit goes a long way and every

little bit helps.

There you have it, Paint the Town Purple March 10-14 to show your support and spirit for Immokalee's tenth Birthday Bash Celebration of hosting Relay For Life in Immokalee. For more information contact Kelly Stevenson (StevenKe@collierschools.com) and don't forget to visit our FACEBOOK page at: <https://www.facebook.com/relayforlifeimmokalee>.

Join us at 6 p.m. on Friday, March 14, for a family, fun, filled event at the Immokalee Sports Complex!

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Chicken Dinner Fundraiser

The Immokalee Seminole Popwarner League will be having a fundraising on Saturday, March 15, 2014 from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. to kick off the upcoming 2014 season. Please stop by and buy a chicken dinner plate to show your support to the youth of Immokalee. 301 North 15th Street (outside B & L Hardware). \$7.00 per plate



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Public Notice HUD FY2014-2015 HUD Entitlement Application Cycle

The Collier County Housing, Human & Veteran Services Department (HHVS) announces the opening of the FY 2014-2015 grant application cycle. During FY 2014-2015, Collier County is scheduled to receive federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds.

The application period will begin on **Wednesday, February 26, 2014 and will continue through 3 p.m. Thursday, April 17, 2014.** The applications are available on the HHVS website at: www.colliergov.net under the HHVS Main page link and paper copies of the application may also be obtained at our offices at 3339 Tamiami Trail East, Suite 211, Naples, FL 34112.

All applications must be consistent with the Collier County's FY2011-2016 Consolidated Plan. More project details are provided in the FY2014-2015 Grant Application instructions.

Administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), this federal program funds projects that meet one or more of three objectives:

- Benefits low- and moderate-income persons or households who earn at or below 80% of the median income
- Aids in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight
- Qualifies as a certified urgent need

The HHVS Department, consistent with the Collier County approved Citizen Participation Plan will hold these Public Meetings during this annual application cycle.

Technical Assistance will be provided for those that wish to attend one or both of the following meetings:

- March 5, 2014 - 3:00pm to 5:00pm - Immokalee Library, 417 N. First Street, Immokalee
- OR
- Wednesday, March 19, 2014 - 3:00pm to 5:00pm - Golden Gate Community Center, Room C, 4701 Golden Gate Parkway, Naples

One-on-one technical assistance meetings are required in order to submit an application. Those interested in submitting an application for FY2014-2015 funding cycle should contact HHVS between February 26 and April 10, 2014 to schedule a meeting. No applications will be accepted unless a one-on-one technical assistance meeting has occurred.

Any questions/comments/changes during the technical assistance period and/or with individuals will be made publicly available after April 10, 2014 on the HHVS website and through an email blast.

Collier County is an Equal Opportunity Employer. Collier County complies with the Fair Housing Act (42 U.S.C. 3600, et seq) and County Fair Housing Ordinance 92.9.

Organizations seeking information, technical assistance with the grant application process or for any other questions may contact Elly Soto McKuen (239) 252-2664 or EllyMcKuen@colliergov.net.

Aviso Público HUD FY2014-2015 HUD Entitlement Application Cycle

El Departamento de Vivienda, Servicios Humanos y Veteranos (HHVS) del Condado de Collier anuncia la apertura del ciclo de solicitud de asistencia del año fiscal 2014-2015. Durante el año fiscal 2014-2015, el condado de Collier está asignado a recibir fondos federales del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los EE.UU. (HUD) para el Programa Del Desarrollo de la Comunidad (CDBG), el Programa de Asociación para Inversiones en Vivienda (HOME), y el Programa de Soluciones en Emergencia (ESG).

El periodo de solicitud comenzará el Miércoles, 26 de febrero 2014 y continuará hasta 3:00pm Jueves, 17 de abril 2014. Las aplicaciones están disponibles en el sitio web del condado que en www.colliergov.net debajo de la página principal, en la página de HHVS. Copias de la aplicación también pueden ser obtenidos en nuestras oficinas en 3339 Tamiami Trail East, Suite 211, Naples, FL 34112.

Todas las aplicaciones deben ser consistentes con el Plan Consolidado del Condado de Collier del periodo fiscal 2011 -2016. Más detalles de los proyectos se proporcionan en las instrucciones de la solicitud del Año 2014-2015.

Administrado por el Departamento de EE.UU. de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano (HUD), este programa invierte en proyectos federales que cumplen uno o más de los tres objetivos:

- Beneficio a personas de bajos y moderados ingresos, o a viviendas que ganan igual o menos de 80% de a renta mediana del Condado.
- Ayuda en la prevención o eliminación de áreas insalubres o deterioradas.
- Califica como una necesidad certificada urgente

El Departamento de HHVS, en concordancia con el Plan de Participación Ciudadana del Condado de Collier ha aprobado mantener estas reuniones públicas durante este ciclo de aplicación anual.

Se prestará asistencia técnica para aquellos que deseen asistir a una o ambas de las siguientes reuniones:
05 de marzo 2014 - 3:00pm - 5:00pm - Immokalee Library, 417 N. First Street, Immokalee o,
Miércoles, 19 de marzo 2014 - 3:00pm - 5:00pm - Golden Gate Community Center, Room C, 4701 Golden Gate Parkway, Naples

Las reuniones individuales para asistencia técnica son necesarias con el fin de presentar una solicitud. Las personas interesadas en presentar una solicitud para el ciclo de financiamiento FY2014 -2015 deben ponerse en contacto con HHVS entre el 26 de febrero y 10 de abril 2014 para programar la reunión. Las aplicaciones no serán aceptadas a menos que se haya cumplido una reunión de asistencia técnica individual.

Todas las preguntas / comentarios / cambios recibidos durante el periodo de asistencia técnica y/con individuos serán puestos a disposición del público después del 10 de Abril de 2014 en el sitio web HHVS y través de un mensaje.

El Condado de Collier es un Empleador de Igualdad de Oportunidades. El Condado de Collier cumple con la Ley de Vivienda Justa (42 USC 3600, et seq) y con la Ordenanza del Condado sobre Vivienda Justa (92.9.)

Las organizaciones que buscan información, asistencia técnica con el proceso de solicitud de aplicaciones o para cualquier otra pregunta pueden comunicarse con Elly Soto McKuen (239) 252-2664 o EllyMcKuen@colliergov.net. 462722 TB 3/6/2014

Facade grant transforms Kountry Kitchen to new pizza spot!

Where once there was landmark Immokalee eatery, Abe's Kountry Kitchen, the popular spot is being transformed through an Immokalee CRA facade grant to Abe's Pizza & Wings!

Located at the corner of Nixon Drive and New Market Road, Abe's became eligible for \$20,000 in grant assistance from the CRA Facade Grant Program and made the transition that much easier.

"The CRA grant funding is being used to cover the cost of a new roof, windows, doors, stucco, paint and architectural changes to the building's façade," explained CRA Executive Director Bradley Muckel.

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The Immokalee CRA's Commercial Facade Improvement Program allows for the use of grant funds, in conjunction with private investments, for general improvements to the exterior of commercial structures located within the boundaries of the Immokalee Urban Designated Area. The intent of the program is to increase commercial occupancy rates and property values within the CRA while revitalizing the overall appearance of the Immokalee Urban Designated Area.

PACE's "Throw a Girl a Lifeline" event was a success

More than 250 men, women, PACE girls and honored guests attended the Fifth Annual "Throw a Girl a Lifeline" luncheon at the Naples Hilton on February 13, raising in excess of \$50,000 for PACE Collier at Immokalee. Major sponsors of the event were Arthrex, Inc., Publix Charities, and Jeff and Julie Diermeier.

One of the highlights of the luncheon was the presentation of the Annual PACE Setter Award to Cindy Obrecht, a former PACE Board Member and current member of the Arthrex Charitable Contributions Committee for her ongoing support.

"How appropriate that so many people came out to support our at-risk girls the day before Valentine's Day," said Jean Hahm, Chair of PACE Immokalee Board of Directors. "I could not help but think of the quote from Henry Morgan (Professor Marvel in the Wizard of Oz) when he said, 'A heart is not judged by how much you love, but by how much you are loved by others.' And today, the girls certainly saw that love clearly reflected in this great crowd and their overwhelming generosity."

"When I hear these girls tell their stories and actually see the positive, measurable results that PACE has in their lives, said Ms. Obrecht, "I am so proud to be associated with PACE and for Arthrex' sponsorship of this event."

PACE Center for Girls, Inc. is a non-residential juvenile delinquency prevention and intervention program targeting the unique needs of girls, ages 12 to 18, who face challenges such as physical and sexual abuse, domestic violence, substance abuse, foster care, neglect, death of a parent, family history of incarceration and declining grades. Right here in Collier County, PACE has served more than 1,200 girls since 1998. Funds raised for the "Throw a Girl a Lifeline" luncheon will be applied to unfunded services to girls such as health and hygiene, school uniforms, incentives, and field trips.

At PACE, girls find a supportive environment focusing on their strengths through a gender-responsive approach that centers on the emotional and physical safety of each girl. As a result, PACE reduces the significant long term costs associated with teen pregnancy, substance abuse, unemployment, and long term economic dependency. For more information, visit www.pacecenter.org/collier.

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Jose Cano working hard for 4-H in Collier County

Jose Cano Jr. is an I.H.S. senior who is very goal-oriented. In his freshman year he started working with the Guadalupe Tutor Corps and has been an after school tutor for children at Pinecrest Elementary, Highlands Elementary and Lake Trafford Elementary schools. He has worked there for the last four years.

In his sophomore year, he joined the Collier County 4-H Club and decided it would be cool to have a 4-H Club for kids here in Immokalee. With the help of Patricia Roland, his 4-H agent and leader, he started the Immokalee Innovators 4-H Club. It now has over 15 members. Jose founded the club and is president. After he graduates, this club will continue to help kids in Immokalee.

Jose, along with his club members, raised a pig who they named "Tee." Jose showed and auctioned her off at the livestock show and auction that took place at Robert's Ranch. Jose received three awards:

- Reserve grand champion
- Showmanship 1st place
- Blue Ribbon for his Swine.

Jose is also a member of the Collier County 4-H County Council, I.H.S. Key Club and Senior Executives, who are involved in Homecoming and other projects.

Through all this, Jose was still trying to start an archery club for Immokalee High School students. With the help of Patricia "Tish" Roland, he attended an archery instructor certification course and a hunter's safety course. He caught the interest of two

I.H.S. teachers, Mr. Galicia, who is also a certified archery instructor, and Mr. Rimmler. He also caught the attention of over 15 I.H.S. students.

It took Jose a little over two years to get this archery club going here in Immokalee, but he did it! Jose officially founded this 4-H funded archery club. Some 15 members currently gather at Robert's Ranch for practice on Thursday from 2:30-4:30 p.m. and are hoping to add Fridays to the schedule. 4-H club and Miracle are sponsoring the archery club, and they are trying to see if in the near future they can move practice to I.H.S. The kids would also go to competitions, but the club will need financial sponsors to make this possible.

This archery club is not just a pastime for Jose and his friends. He sees it as a lasting legacy for other Immokalee kids. After he graduates and goes to college, the club wants the club to continue and flourish.

Jose enjoys archery very much but his hard work will also benefit others. His passion for archery is also providing other youngsters with the chance to enjoy it as well.

Jose will be the first grandson from both his maternal and paternal sides of the family to graduate (he expects to be graduating May 31, 2014) and then go to college. Jose comes from a family of four (his parents, his sister, and himself). He is also part of the One-by-One Leadership with Mr. Sinclair Williams.



Submitted photo

Jose Cano Jr Immokalee Innovators 4H.

Jose plans to study bio medical engineering at either FGCU or USF. He also hopes to continue his involvement in archery.

Jose said this has all been an extension of his first experience with archery in a short PE segment at Immokalee Middle School. He said he feels a "calmness" when he's doing

archery that allows him to focus. His resolve to start the club grew out of a conversation with friends, who also enjoyed that class.

Jose said staying so busy actually helps him manage his time. It's hard to imagine this young man having very much free time - he always seems to have a project.

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