

Relay for Life Friday

What do the numbers 19, 95 and \$7,000 add up to? A priceless event of 19 teams, 95 participants and over \$7,000 raised for Relay For Life Immokalee's 10th Birthday Bash. We know you have heard about us, we know you have read about us and now we ask for you to JOIN Immokalee High School Beta, Lake Trafford Gators, Special Olympics, Pink Ladies, Team Linda Day, Team Jadah, iTech Childcare, Team LIPMAN, Layla's Pink Ribbon Party, Immokalee Water and Sewer, Village Oaks Pink Panthers, Team Cade-Alfaro, Lake Trafford Drive Thru, Highlands Elementary Hawks, Eden Park Bobcats, Immokalee Middle School, The Pink Walkie Talkies and Z Best Coffee in the rally for hoping, fighting and curing.

WHO: Survivors, Supporters and Caregivers of those who have, had, are fighting or have fought against the terrible disease of cancer in the Immokalee community. *Bring your family, bring your friends.*

WHAT: An 18 hour event that costs nothing but your time and energy to walk in honor of a hope and a cure; the cost is as much as you choose to donate when you at-

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Immokalee 4-H offers wide variety

by Patty Brant
Immokalee Bulletin

A premier youth organization, 4-H has roots that underpin the traditional rural life. For many people, the group immediately evokes mental pictures of kids raising livestock as well as learning traditional homemaker skills like cooking and sewing.

And all those skills remain important in 4-H, but the organization also offers many fun clubs covering a wide variety of informational and educational subjects.

Immokalee youngsters currently have four wide-ranging clubs available to them: The Immokalee Innovators, Livestock, Archery and Robotics.

Collier County 4-H programs in Immokalee are spearheaded by 4-H Outreach Coordinator Trisha Aldridge and 4-H Youth Development Agent Tish Roland. Their enthusiasm and dedication are helping to build momentum for 4-H programs in Immokalee.



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See 4-H — Page 2 Immokalee Archery Club members aim high.

I.H.S. students take on global energy issues

March 4, 2014 – Immokalee, FL – On Tuesday, March 4, 2014, 26 students and several science teachers joined Mr. Paul Rimmmler's physics class at Immokalee High School to

hear from scientists and entrepreneurs from New Vision Renewable Energy. The youth received a hands-on opportunity to assemble six high powered, solar LED lights for the

children that have no electricity in the area affected by Typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines.

Ruston Seaman, President and CEO of New Vision, shared that the story is bigger than just recovery from storms. Seaman said, "When the sun goes down, almost 1.3 billion people rely on toxic kerosene lamps and other life-threatening materials for lighting and cooking in their homes. This situation not only costs them a lot of money for the fuel, about a \$100 a year, but according to the U.N., the shocking situation is that this is killing 4,000 people each day with half of them below the age of 5. These respiratory related deaths are more than from HIV/AIDS and malaria combined." The students nodded their heads that a clean energy source is needed. New Vision uses an advanced Solar Mirror Film created by 3M and has come up with a way to get their Portable Solar Power Pack & Light into the lives of people who need them the most.

"One by One Leadership Foundation, who connected New Vision to the school, shares



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High powered lesson for Immokalee High School students.

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tend. \$5 is a suggested donation or amount to have in pocket to enjoy food and fun at Relay. You can stop by at any of the following tents for food, fun, raffles, prizes, face paint, tattoos, beads, a Kids Corner, inflatable slide, carnival games and much more! Any attendee under the age of 18 needs to be accompanied by an adult over the age of 18 and sign a waiver form upon entering the facility.

WHERE: Immokalee Sports Complex, 505 Escambia Street, Immokalee.

WHEN: *****TOMORROW***** Friday, March 14, at 6 p.m. The event lasts 18 hours, however you are welcome to stay as long or as little as you'd like.

WHY: Each and every one of us is some-

how affected by cancer. Each and every Relay is in support that one day there will be a cure. Until that day comes, we will keep walking and survivors will keep fighting.

HOW: Grab a tutu, crazy hat, pink lingerie, southern gear, white t-shirt, favorite team jersey, \$5, a bottle of water, energy and a smile and watch how you help make HOPE for a CURE.

To sign-up go to <http://www.relayforlife.org/> "Get Involved" "Find an Event" and search for IMMOKALEE Zip code: 34142 For any questions, comments or concerns contact Kelly Stevenson at: StevenKe@collierschools.com.

No city or town is ever too small to keep the celebration of birthdays alive in the hearts of all people. Join Immokalee as they Relay to continue to raise awareness and instill hope in those fighting and whom have fought against cancer. Our goal is to celebrate Birthdays 365 days a year, 100 percent cancer free!

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in a global impact effort to create not only healthier environments but also deeper learning opportunities for Immokalee students. This is one of our strategies," says Sinclair Williams, Program Director at One by One.

Tony Allen, Immokalee High School's Activities/Athletic Director shared, "This is a great day for Immokalee science education not only at a school level with the announcement of Project Lead the Way engineering academy and that one of its teacher's, Mr. Paul Rimmler, received a Golden Apple Award, but indeed that our students are getting an opportunity to give back with greater impact well beyond the borders of Collier County."

John Lawson, the Executive Director of One by One Leadership Foundation, said that he is pleased that additional assembly events have been planned with Peggy Cary, the Science Department Chair and National Honor Society liaison. Immokalee is joining a movement that is investing in young leaders to help them embrace opportunities and responsibilities to make a meaningful impact not just at home through their education but around the world in a very practical way. The writing on the back of the solar LED lights tells the story. There the students have initialed the devices and written: "MADE IN IMMOKALEE."

About New Vision

New Vision Renewable Energy is a non-profit 501(c)3 organization launched in Philippi, West Virginia in 2009 as a grassroots Christian Community Development organization working to ReEnergize Communities to implement renewable energy solutions in their own neighborhoods through hands-on community development efforts. New Vision is an educational and innovation movement focusing on applicable technologies with renewable solutions and serves as a hub of collaborative discussion, training and invention bringing together green innovators, community leaders, youth, companies, organizations as well as public and private partners. For more information, contact Pamela O'Brien at POBrien@NVRE.org.

About One by One Leadership

The One by One Leadership Foundation of Southwest Florida is establishing and staffing several ongoing forums to connect thousands of Christian leaders in the work of the kingdom. We are helping to organize and start multiple initiatives that link the resources of Christian ministries with other sectors. These initiatives will, in turn, help thousands of prisoners, students, families and volunteers have a better life. For more information, contact John Lawson at lawsonjohn.1by1leaders@gmail.com or Sinclair Williams at sinclairwill.1by1leaders@gmail.com.

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The **Immokalee Innovators Club** is, in large part, the product of Immokalee High School senior Jose Cano's inspiration and hard work. The club was started three years ago. The Innovators meet twice a month and pick different things to work on. These projects change on a yearly basis.

The Innovators are also all about teaching kids that they can be responsible for their own monetary success. Learning the skills required to choose a product using local ingredients is just the beginning. Then they must research and eventually produce it.

In fact, the group has come up with a unique I-Town Burger, using ingredients grown right here in Immokalee. The burger made its debut recently as it was produced by the chef at the I-Tech and served to Immokalee Rotarians.

One by One Leadership is sponsoring teams of youth, including the Immokalee Innovators, to create such value added food products and also helping to fund market testing.

The One by One Leadership project is called Giving Back and is funded in part from a grant from State Farm YAB, according to John Lawson of One by One Leadership. 4-H is one of four youth groups that are a part of the grant.

The Innovators are led by Tish Roland and Robert Halman. He also works for Extension. They have focused on Entrepreneurship. The Innovators also worked together to raise a hog for the Livestock Show and Sale. The club will be buying t-shirts and going on an outing with the proceeds.

Livestock Club

The Livestock Club is the most traditional 4-H group in Immokalee. Amanda Blocker is their leader.

Archery

The Immokalee Archery Club is the brainchild of I.H.S. senior Jose Cano, who became enamored with the sport in a short PE class at middle school. He enjoyed it so much that he got together a group of his friends and formed the club. It now has about 15 members

that meet every week. Currently they practice at Roberts Ranch, but are hoping they can eventually move to the high school.

Members can use their own bows or 4-H will provide it. All the arrows used belong to the 4-H. Three adults and several members, including Jose, have become certified to teach archery.

Robotics

Robotics is an exciting new field and a 4-H club, with assistance from the Immokalee Foundation, is acquainting kids with this futuristic field.

The club's involvement in a Lockheed-Martin grant for Florida 4-H helped members purchase six robotic kits and the software to run them. The group meets for six weeks at a time at the code enforcement office from 2:30-4:30 p.m.

The Robotics Club is having two six week sessions. One is completed and the next will begin in April, after the Collier County Fair. They meet at the code enforcement building.

Using Lego Mindstorm EV-3 kits, the members can "build, program, and test their solutions based on real-life robotics technology."

Immokalee 4-H is also taking part in a program called Hooked on Fishing not on Drugs in which 4-H'ers head out to Lake Trafford to participate. The kids use 4-H equipment provided by a Fish Florida grant and a curriculum provided by Future Fisherman Foundation. Collier County 4-H Outreach Coordinators Trisha Aldridge and Marie Morris are trained to do this curriculum.

Immokalee 4-H is always in need of adult volunteer leaders, and will train them as necessary.



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Jose Cano of the Immokalee Innovators Club tends to the group's 4-H hog.

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Community Briefs

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 to 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!

Allen's Chapel worship

You are invited to Allen Chapel's Pre-Family and Friends' Day Worship Service and 2nd Quarterly Conference. His grand event will be held on 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. It is our very own 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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More Bogie & Bacall in ECity

Join us for another Old-Fashioned Movie Night on March 14 to see Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall in "To Have and Have Not" on Friday, March 14, at 5:30 p.m. in the Jinkins Fellowship Hall behind Everglades Community Church.

With a film made in 1944 from a novel by Ernest Hemmingway, originally set in Cuba, and Bacall's first cinema appearance when she says "You do know how to whistle?". it couldn't get better. And, we even have Hoagy Carmichael providing the music.

There will be free popcorn and soda to make you feel at home. The event is sponsored by the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation at no charge but reservations are required. To book your places, email ESH@hotmail.com or phone Marya at (239) 695-2905.

Survivors welcome

An estimated 13 million people living in America have not only had cancer but survived the fight and you could be one.

Relay For Life Immokalee (<https://www.facebook.com/relayforlifeimmokalee>) invites survivors of our beautiful Southwest Florida community to be recognized during this year's Immokalee's 10th Relay For Life Birthday Bash on Friday, March 14, at 6 p.m. Survivors are our inspiration 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 StevenKe@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.

Would you like to 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 StevenKe@collierschools.com or Ann Musselman at ann.musselman@cancer.org.

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. 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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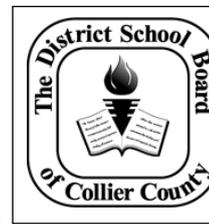
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Students First

by Maribel De Armas

Virtually everything is "virtual" today. We truly live in a virtual world, the cyber world, which is certainly a digital world. We depend heavily on today's technology as we navigate each day. We text, maybe



tweet, check Facebook, and most certainly exchange tons of emails. And we rely on the World Wide Web for practically everything. It has been nearly two years now since the school district went "virtual" with flyers which are meant primarily for parents of elementary students. Flyers are now posted as "virtual" flyers on the district website at www.collierschools.com. Check them out! It's easy. Simply go to the home page of the site, click on the green backpack (the virtual flyers icon) and voilà, you're there.

These are the flyers from various community organizations or governmental agencies with offers of some sort of service which is available to your child or news about special events of interest to your child. These are the flyers schools used to send home in your child's weekly envelope or folder. These previously "printed" flyers are now the "virtual" flyers we're talking about. What this means for you is, when you go online to do anything – on

your smart phone, iPhone, iPad, or work, library, or home computer – you'll want to take a quick moment to check out the virtual flyers. You'll be able to see all of the flyers posted, not just those meant for your child's school.

By posting these flyers online, in the virtual world, we are saving a few trees in the regular world – going green, if you will. With 21,000 elementary school students in our 29 elementary schools districtwide, in the past, each community organization or governmental agency wanting to reach each of their homes would have to print 21,000 copies to be sent home. And for the community organizations or governmental agencies, posting a virtual flyer is just about as easy as it is for you to look at the flyers.

Now the flyers containing the vitally important information that you'd expect to be coming directly from your child's school – flyers about homework, school activities, PTA/PTO fundraisers, or permission slips for upcoming field trips – are still being printed by the school and sent home with your child in that weekly folder or envelope. Nothing has changed for these communications!

We realize that not everyone has Internet service on a phone or a computer. We encourage you to contact your child's school to see how they can help in getting you access to a computer so you can take a look at our "virtual" flyers.

Everglades: Saved from development

1974 was a turning point in Everglades history. Both the Fakahatchee and Big Cypress were saved from development. However, the fight to restore traditional water flow to the Everglades continues.

Local author Marya Repko will give a free illustrated presentation about the History of the Everglades and the efforts to restore what remains of this unique ecology at The Naples Preserve on Tuesday, April 8, at 10:00 a.m.

Her talk will touch on the Seminoles & Early Settlers, Barron Collier & the Tamiami Trail, Saving the Fakahatchee & Big Cypress, and Restoring the Greater Glades.

Marya grew up in Hadlyme, CT, but lived most of her life in Europe as a software en-

gineer. After retirement, she moved to Everglades City, FL, where her first book A Brief History of the Everglades City Area has sold thousands of copies. Other brief histories of Deaconess Harriet Bedell, Marjory Stoneman Douglas, the Fakahatchee, and Sanibel have been well-received, as have the children's version of the Everglades and Sanibel books. Marya is President of the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation, newsletter editor of the Friends of Fakahatchee, and co-editor of The MULLET RAPPER.

For information about her books, see www.ecity-publishing.com. For information about the talk on April 8 at Naples Preserve, call (239) 261-4290.

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Scholarship apps for students going into healthcare due March 31

Awards offered by the new Foundation of Collier County Medical Society Collier County, FL (March 5, 2014)—The board of directors of the Foundation of Collier County Medical Society is accepting applications through March 31st for its first inaugural scholarship program. The scholarship offers awards to eligible Florida residents enrolled or accepted as students in a healthcare education program.

“This program is a great opportunity for us to help groom future local medical professionals and impact the quality and availability of medical care in our community,” says Dr. Rolando Rivera, Foundation board chair. “We encourage students interested in healthcare to apply for an award to aid in funding their educations.”

To be eligible, applicants should demonstrate academic and community excel-

lence. Financial need may also be considered. Completed applications and at least two letters of recommendation must be submitted by March 31, 2014.

The scholarship application and requirements are available at www.ccmsfoundation.org, or may be obtained by calling the Medical Society, (239) 435-7727.

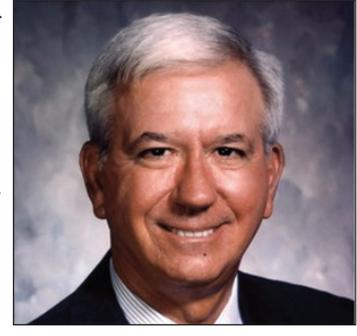
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Eye Centers of Florida to host grand opening March 20

Eye Centers of Florida will celebrate the relocation of its Immokalee office to the former Barron Collier Building at 1320 N. 15th Street on March 20, from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. The event will include refreshments and a guided tour of the new facilities, with an official ribbon cutting at 4:30 p.m.

Services provided at Eye Centers of Florida include examination and diagnosis of eye diseases, testing for eyeglasses and contact lenses, cataract evaluations, and treatment of glaucoma and retinal diseases. Expanded retail space features a huge inventory of distinctive eyeglass frames and sunglasses.



Dr. David C. Brown
Eye Center of Florida

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Office hours are Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Phone: 239.657.4486. Fax: 239.657.4770. Services are available in both English and Spanish.

Founded in 1971 by Dr. David C. Brown, Eye Centers of Florida is the most experienced ophthalmology practice in Southwest Florida. The full-service eye care provider has 18 doctors practicing in 12 locations in Fort Myers, Bonita Springs, Cape Coral, Clewiston, Immokalee, LaBelle, Lehigh Acres, Naples, and Port Charlotte. All offices accept Medicare, Davis Vision and most forms of insurance, with bilingual staff available to assist patients in processing medical claims. Eye Centers of Florida also offers Care Credit, an interest-free financing program. For more information, visit www.ecof.com, call the main office at 239.939.3456, or stop by any of its 12 locations.

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Comcast will be providing more than \$1 million in grants to dozens of non-profit organizations across the country, including \$50,000 for partners in Collier County, to create Internet Essentials Learning Zones that will bring together the non-profit community, schools, and Comcast to create a continuum of Internet connectivity during the day, after school, and at home.

Family Literacy Classes to be held

Family Literacy Classes will be held Tuesdays, March 11-20 5:30:30 p.m. at the Jumpstart Ed Center, 1996 Alexander Circle. Programs for the whole family. Parent/child activities; Adult Basic Education; Child Education; English

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David Lawrence Center receives \$9,000 from Club

Naples, FL – The David Lawrence Center, Collier County’s only comprehensive, not-for-profit mental health and substance abuse treatment facility serving children, adults and families, is pleased to announce that the Naples Woman’s Club allocated \$9,000 of the proceeds to the Center from its annual Kitchen Tour held on January 22nd.

This was the Club’s second annual sold out Kitchen Tour that showcased exquisite private kitchens of prestigious Port Royal homes complete with cooking demonstrations and gourmet samples from professional chefs, live entertainment, unique floral designs and signature boutique shopping from BR Uno, Three60 Market and Marilyn’s Fashions.

Debi McInnis, Cochair for the Naples Women’s Club Kitchen Tour, added, “I’ve observed the wonderful outreach that David Lawrence Center has in this community and I have special place in my heart for the mission and the work of such a special or-

ganization. With the overwhelming success of this year’s event, we were able to do our part to help David Lawrence Center.”

The generous donation was given to the David Lawrence Center at a recent check presentation that ended with a private tour of the Center so that representatives from the Club could witness firsthand the programs and services that their generous donation will directly benefit.

Monica Biondo, Director of Development, stated, “We are so honored to have been selected as one of the charities to benefit from the proceeds for this year’s Kitchen Tour. Community partnerships like this are so important to the success of our mission to inspire and create life-changing wellness for every individual in need and we are grateful for the Naples Woman’s Club support.”

About the Naples Women’s Club

The General Federation of Women’s Club Naples Woman’s Club is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing

the community through philanthropic activities and volunteer services. The Club has more than 200 members and hosts a variety of events throughout the year.

About David Lawrence Center

David Lawrence Center is the Southwest Florida-based, not-for-profit leading provider of behavioral health solutions dedicated to inspiring and creating life-changing wellness for every individual.

The Center provides innovative, comprehensive inpatient, outpatient, residential and

community based prevention and treatment services for the one in four local children and adults who experience mental health, emotional, psychological and substance abuse challenges.

David Lawrence Center has eight locations in Collier County and touches the lives of more than 30,000 people each year. For more information about David Lawrence Center call 239-455-8500 or visit www.DavidLawrenceCenter.org.

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REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Preliminaries
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
 - B. Roll Call
 - C. Public Comment/Adoption of Agenda
 - D. Employee Recognition
 1. October 2013-Angel Maldonado
 2. November 2013-Teresa Medina
 3. December 2013- TBA
 - E. Public Concerns
 - F. Staff Good Cause Items
 - G. Board Concerns
 - H. Old Business
 - I. New Business
3. Public Comment/Consent Agenda
 - A. Adoption of Minutes
 - B. February 19, 2014 Regular Meeting
 - C. Civil Rights Compliance Report
 - C. February Budget Review
 - D. Fixed Assets Acquisitions-Disposals
 - E. Various Reports
 - F. USDA Reporting for Stimulus Money
 - G. Project Change Orders
 - H. Engineer's Report - Greeley and Hansen
 - I. Director's Report
4. Action Agenda
5. Discussion Agenda
 - A. Attorney's Report
6. Other Public Interests
7. Adjournment

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For Immokalee Community School

The RCMA School Board Meeting will take place on Monday, March 24, 2014. The meeting will be held at the Heritage Center, 2140 14th Avenue, Vero Beach, FL 32960. The School Board Meeting begins at 1:30 PM and is open to the public. Questions or concerns, please call Juana Brown (240) 370-4101
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Letter to the Editor

Dear Friends,

For those concerned about the prospect of an oil well adjacent to the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge in southwest Florida - and in close proximity to the rural community of Golden Gate Estates - three meetings will be held this Tuesday, March 11th, at the Golden Gate Community Center, 4701 Golden Gate Parkway, Naples, Florida 34116-6901. Meetings are scheduled as follows:

4 to 6 PM (Room A-B) - An informational meeting will take place on a Class II injection well for waste water disposal - to be built if and when the proposed oil well goes from exploration to production (meaning a commercially viable amount of oil has been found). Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has already approved this well and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has approved it in draft form. The purpose of this part of the meeting is to provide information to the public on Class II injection wells, the laws and regulations which govern them, and the permitting process.

4 to 6 PM (Auditorium) - A meeting of the Big Cypress Swamp Advisory Committee will take place. This is the new kid on the block and needs a bit of explanation. Florida Statute 377.42 provides the following rationale for this committee: "To ensure compliance with all requirements for obtaining a permit to explore for hydrocarbons in the Big Cypress Swamp area, each application for such permit shall be reviewed by the Big Cypress Swamp Advisory Committee." The statute goes on to explain how the committee will function: "If site-specific conditions require, the committee may recommend that additional procedures, safeguards, or conditions which are necessary to protect the integrity of the Big Cypress area be required as a condition to the issuance of a permit to drill and produce."

This meeting was inserted into the day's schedule (simultaneous with the above informational meeting on the Class II injection well) only after we (and our co-petitioners in this case "Preserver Our Paradise") complained to the DEP at the administrative hearing which took place two weeks ago in Ft. Myers. We carefully explained that the committee's review was mandatory and required by statute BEFORE a permit is signed. While DEP originally took the position that the committee did not have to meet - since their choice of a cleared piece of land for the well meant no new land impacts (and that is hardly accurate - there will indeed be new impacts - see below) - they finally decided to hold the meeting (although how they do that after a permit is signed and is under review by an administrative law judge remains an open question).

Given the broad nature of this committee's work - a review of "all requirements for obtaining a permit to explore for hydrocarbons in the Big Cypress Swamp area" - we strongly felt this meeting should take place by itself and with sufficient time for the committee and the public at large to examine all relevant information. After much and back forth with the agency - we received the following reply from the DEP Counsel's office at the end of last week: "Your comments are noted. However, the committee meeting will

be going forward as scheduled."

Finally, at the conclusion of the Big Cypress Swamp Advisory Committee, the EPA will move into the auditorium and take formal public comment on their Class II injection well draft permit from 6:30 to 8:30 as originally scheduled. If this sounds like a lot to cover - it is. But there was just no way to budge DEP from the fast-track they wanted to put the Big Cypress Swamp Advisory Committee on.

So be it. Lots of folks are going to be converging on Naples from around the area and state and there will be an opportunity for public comment. We will give it. Here are some issues to consider. With regard to the oil well (and South Florida Wildlands' focus on impacts to the Florida panther and other wildlife) - the following issues came out during the administrative hearing:

- The exploratory oil well is located in the primary zone of the Florida panther - and telemetry (electronic readings from collared panthers) show it to be an area of high level panther activity. This is not surprising considering the site is located on a piece of undeveloped land next to the Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge (with the highest density of panthers in the state).

- The area just outside the pad contains extremely important wetlands. "Stumpy Strand" flows east of the site in a generally north to south direction. It connects with "Lucky Lake Strand" which flows into the Merritt Canal and into the Picayune Strand State Forest - site of an Everglades Restoration Project (at a cost of hundreds of millions of public dollars) currently in progress. The Panther Refuge boundary was expanded to encompass Lucky Lake Strand and prevent its future development. Considering the importance of these still pristine and irreplaceable wetlands to our wildlife and ecosystems, even small spills of oil or other fluids from this operation can have enormous implications.

- A road and drill pad will be constructed requiring over 14,000 cubic yards of fill material. If large dump trucks capable of carrying 20 cubic yards each are used, that would amount to approximately 700 truck loads. Additional equipment will be needed to move the fill around. Noise, vibrations, and dust will all be impacting the surrounding wildlife habitat, wetlands, and vegetation.

- The pad and 150 foot drilling tower will be lit up at night. Drilling will be going on around the clock. Three generators will be powering this massive industrial operation. Noise, light, dust, odors and vibrations will clearly be impacting the surrounding area. Before drilling begins, a steel pipe 24 inches in diameter will be pounded into the ground by a pile driver to a depth of 250 feet. The noise from that activity is expected to be extremely loud.

- It is expected that wildlife will be disturbed by these combined operations and will be displaced by them. In the case of panthers this can be extremely dangerous. Large amounts of panther roadkill - the leading cause of death for this highly endangered species - have already been documented in this area - especially along I-75 just south of the drill site. Intra-specific aggression - or panther on panther fights over territory

which often end in the death of one of the participants - is the second leading cause of death for Florida panthers. In a high panther density area like this, there is a definite possibility that a displaced panther will end up in another panther's home range - and will not have a happy ending. Lastly, only a relatively small number of the 100 to 160 panthers remaining in Florida (and most are in this narrow belt of land between I-75 and the Caloosahatchee River) have been collared. There is a possibility that an uncollared female panther with kittens could abandon a den leading to the death of her offspring. Three panther dens (from collared females) have been historically documented in the vicinity of this well.

None of the above issues were considered by DEP in their approval of this exploratory oil well. They did request consultation from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). Unfortunately - and as we reported in our previous email - no consultation from either agency was provided.

With regard to the Class II injection well - I would highly recommend a read of the following investigative article - "Injection Wells: The Poison Beneath Us" from the Pulitzer Prize winning journal Propublica. In their own summary of Class II injection wells, the EPA describes the process as follows:

"When oil and gas are extracted, large amounts of brine are typically brought to the surface. Often saltier than seawater, this brine can also contain toxic metals and radioactive substances. It can be very damaging to the environment and public health if it is discharged to surface water or the land

surface. By injecting the brine deep underground, Class II wells prevent surface contamination of soil and water."

The Propublica article explains some of the problems. Casings used to transport these toxic fluids can and do leak - and the movement of the fluids once it gets down to its target depth is often unknown. Far from the nice layered geology we see in textbooks, real geology is not neat - nor is it ever fully understood. Injectate - the fluid dumped down these holes - can move vertically into upper aquifers used for drinking water - or horizontally into other water bodies. In the case of a well like this - which is simply a dumping ground for a still to be determined amount of waste water - the risks to our wildlife, habitat, and drinking water are simply too high.

If you've read this far - thanks a lot. Long as this email is, it is still only a tiny summary of the issues DEP and EPA will be attempting to squeeze into Tuesday's meetings. Hope to see as many of you as possible come this Tuesday.

Matthew Schwartz
South Florida Wildlands Association

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Harvest Festival Event

Saturday, March 29, Airport Park from 10

a.m.-7 p.m. Event is free, parking is \$3.00
Parade starts at 10:30 a.m. Line up begins at 9 a.m. at the corner of 9th & Main St.

BBQ Cook Off Competition

Airport Park. Winners announced at 6 p.m. on stage. First place winners receive \$1,000 Grand Cash Prize with beautiful trophy, second and third place winners receive trophy and small cash prize.

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Little Mr & Miss Tomato

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