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'Food Chains' premieres at Tribeca Film Festival in NYC

Food Chains premiered in New York at the Tribeca Film Festival on April 26, 2014 at 2 p.m. at the School of Visual Arts (SVA), with a special panel discussion on the

topic of fair food following the screening with the filmmakers and expert cast.

This new exposé delves behind the scenes to reveal how fresh produce gets from farm to table – and the stark economic distance between grocery retailers and farmworkers along the way.

There is more interest in food and fresh produce than ever, yet

there is very little interest in the hands that pick it. In this exposé documentary, an intrepid group of workers in Immokalee, Florida battle the \$4 trillion global supermarket industry in a quest for fair wages and living conditions.

The Coalition of Immokalee Workers (CIW), a worker-based human rights group in Florida leading efforts to change the system

through its Fair Food Program, is profiled in Food Chains. These are the new face of the farmworkers' rights movement at a time when wages have fallen sharply -- even as supermarket profits are at record highs. The farmworkers' fight reveals the extreme imbalance between large supermarket chains and, at the end of the food chain, the laborers who tend to and pick

the produce.

Food Chains will be released theatrically in Fall 2014.

- Cast members, including Eva Longoria, Eric Schlosser, Lucas Benitez, Gerardo Reyes Chávez (CIW) and Kerry Kennedy

- Producers Smriti Keshari, Hamilton Fish and Barry Estabrook.

Golfers: Time to scramble for I.H.S

Immokalee High School's second Annual Golf Scramble is coming up soon!

Saturday, May 17, at Panther Run Golf Club in Ave Maria, players will tee off with a shotgun start at 8:30 a.m. Entry fee is \$80 per play, which includes golf, prizes and lunch. The event is sponsored by the Immokalee High School Athletic Department and all proceeds will benefit the student-athletes at I.H.S.

For further information contact Athletic Director Tony Allen at 239-377-1818 or email allento@collier-schools.com.



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Balloons Over Paradise

Top:

Immokalee Bulletin/Patty Brant

Students learned about traditional Seminole foods like fry bread and pumpkin bread, sofkee and Indian tacos and how they're made over an open fire. Eden Park fourth graders enjoy their first taste of fry bread: Lilia Delarosa, Destiny Diaz and Bibiana Castro, all of Miss Horn's class. Lilia's reaction to the experience: "I'm in heaven right now!"

Left:

Immokalee Bulletin/Waddy Thompson

Those fantastic balloons went off without a hitch in perfect weather at the casino's Balloons over Paradise event Saturday, April 26, dwarfing people as they take to the sky.



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I.H.S. Drumbeat

Mr. Fairbanks and the entire I.H.S family cordially invite you to attend a community informational meeting to learn about our desire to form a strong Booster Club for Immokalee HS. Your presence would be greatly appreciated on Monday, May 12, 2014 from 6:00-7:00 in the I.H.S auditorium. Light snacks will be provided from 5:30-6:00 PM. This meeting is to form a solid united front for all the students of Immokalee High School. We hope to see you there.

Other exciting news at I.H.S.:

We would like for you, the community, to join us in congratulating our third Gates Millennium Scholarship winner. Dulce Mendoza has done herself and this community proud by keeping the tradition of academic excellence alive by being awarded this prestigious award for 2014.

Previous "Gates Millennium Scholarship" recipients: Gilberte Bastien in 2001; Amalio Montez in 2009; Then the past



three consecutive years: Daniel Guzman in 2012; Jesus Velazco Salazar in 2013; Dulce Mendoza in 2014.

On Friday, May 2, 16 students from Immokalee will represent us at the 2A state track meet to be held in Jacksonville, Florida. This group is led by seniors Leonel Delacruz and Anita Munoz. These two students have been a vital part of the athletic program at Immokalee High for the past four years and are really looking to end their career on a high note.

Important dates:

May 1: Spring Football Practice

May 9: BETA talent Show

May 9: Migrant Banquet

May 16: Red and white Game

May 17: I.H.S Golf Scramble

May 17: I.H.S Prom



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Chamber recognition

The Immokalee Chamber and First Bank, would like to thank Mr. Trevino a/k/a "Mr. T" for his hard work and dedication to Immokalee Little League. The community and youth appreciates all you do. Once again, Thank you! Pictured from left: Mr. Trevino and Chamber President Bernardo Barnhart.

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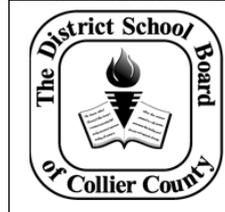
by Joe Landon

I always want to take a moment a couple of times during the course of the year to remind parents of some television programming available that enhances the learning happening

in the classroom. The programming can be found on The Education Channel which can be found by tuning in to Comcast cable 99 on your TV. If you

have access to a computer or if you have a mobile device, such as a smartphone, you can also access the channel live online at www.collierschools.com. While there is programming all day long, including highlights of school and district events, I want to focus on two shows that you – Mom and Dad – may find quite useful.

If you have a student in your family who is an English Language Learner, you'll be happy to know that you have an opportuni-



ty each afternoon to learn what the Collier County Public Schools' English Language Learners (ELL) program is all about. There is actually a TV show you can watch that's chock full of the information you need to help your child. It's called "Passport to America" and the good news is that the information that's shared on the show can be viewed and listened to in three languages: English, Spanish, and Creole. A new episode begins at the end of each month, with topics ranging from tips for improving your child's vocabulary, to information about services offered by the school district's ELL program, to help with writing, reading, math and science. In fact, the episode that just started this week focuses on helping your child learn math. And then, toward the end of May, there will be a special show focused on the various summer educational activities that'll keep learning alive for you and your child. So, I invite you to watch "Passport to America"! It airs every evening at 5:30 p.m.

Now if there is no one in your home who is able to read to your child in the evening,

Substance abuse treatment for pregnant and postpartum women

Naples, FL – Crossroads, the continuum of substance abuse services that includes inpatient detoxification, residential and intensive outpatient treatment provided by the not-for-profit mental health and substance abuse treatment facility David Lawrence Center, has enhanced treatment options available for pregnant and postpartum women in need of comprehensive substance abuse treatment and well-baby services.

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The goal is to engage at-risk women into our Crossroads continuum of care, including short-term residential treatment. Clients receive a comprehensive clinical assessment, individualized intervention plan, nursing and physical assessments, case management, wellness and nutrition services, individual and group therapy, psychiatric services provided by a board-certified addictionologist, parenting education as well as referrals to prenatal, postnatal and well-baby care.

Crossroads offers a full continuum of substance abuse services including inpatient detoxification, residential and intensive outpatient treatment provided by the David Lawrence Center the SW Florida-based, not-for-profit leading provider of behavioral health solutions. Call 239-354-1428 or visit www.CrossroadsNaples.org.

or on those evenings when you just don't have the time, the "Storytime" TV read aloud show (with its guest readers) will read to your child for you. "Storytime" is on TV at 7 p.m. each evening Monday thru Sunday, and it is on at 7 a.m., 7:30 a.m., and again at 12 p.m. each day, Monday thru Friday. Plus, there's a two and a half hour "Storytime" marathon on the air beginning at 8 a.m. on Saturdays.

Even if you aren't able to watch when the show is actually on TV or is being streamed online, we have what we call webisodes of "Passport to America" and "Storytime" stored for you to watch at your convenience on our website – again at www.collierschools.com. Just scroll to the bottom of the home page and you'll see the latest webisodes. Or, you can then click on "Communications" on the top of the page, then "Videos on Demand" to get to our main webisodes page. You'll then be able to click on the "Passport to America" or "Storytime" icon to pick a topic of interest.

Youth Honor Faith, at Ft. Lauderdale Celebration

Local Immokalee LDS youth for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints would like to invite all to tune in and watch the "Cultural Celebration" in honor of the new Ft. Lauderdale, Florida Temple by internet this Saturday, May 3, 2014 at 7 p.m. EST. They will celebrate along with 1,200 other youth from the South Florida State area with song and dance performances. Before an LDS temple is

dedicated, the youth in the area hold a celebration to represent their culture. The Fort Lauderdale Temple dedication marks the first time that the Church is broadcasting a cultural celebration live and on the internet. The cultural celebration will be broadcast live on the internet at: www.lds.org/broadcasts/languages/florida-cultural-celebration/2014/04.

Home invasion taskforce formed

The multijurisdictional task force investigating five recent home invasion robberies in Collier County and the City of Naples is continuing to work daily to identify and arrest those responsible for these crimes.

The task force is made up of members representing the Collier County Sheriff's Office, the Naples Police Department, the Marco Island Police Department, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement and the FBI.

The crimes began Feb. 13, when the suspects targeted a home on White Boulevard. The next one took place Feb. 19 at a home on Golden Oaks Lane. The third home invasion was reported Feb. 24 on 17th Avenue South. That one was followed by one on March 11 at a home on Osprey Trail in The Estuary. The most recent home invasion took place April 3 at a home on Groveland Terrace in Quail West.

The suspects wear dark clothing, gloves and masks and target high-end homes. They restrain the occupants, render telephones and cell phones in the home inoperable, and make off with cash and jewelry. The suspects have gained access to the homes by either entering through unlocked doors or approaching residents who were outside on their own property in the evening hours.

Task force members are asking the com-

munity to contact law enforcement anytime they see something suspicious. Information about something as seemingly harmless as an unfamiliar vehicle driving through a neighborhood could be the tip the task force needs to break the case.

"No piece of information is too small," said CCSO Lt. John Morrisseau, who is leading the task force. "Trust your instincts and report anything that seems suspicious."

The task force recently partnered with Crime Stoppers of Southwest Florida to publicize the case. Click here to watch the Crime Stoppers segment.

In addition, representatives from the CCSO Crime Prevention Bureau have been out in the community speaking to homeowner and civic associations, stressing the importance of having good home security measures in place and encouraging them to develop a family safety plan so that they are prepared in the event of an emergency. Click here to view CCSO's family safety plan handout.

Anyone with information is asked to call the home invasion hotline at 239.252.0300, or to remain anonymous and be eligible for a reward call Crime Stoppers at 1.800.780.8477.

Community Brief

Prayer breakfast

You're invited to a free prayer breakfast Saturday, May 3, at 9 a.m. at Allen Chapel

A.M.E. Church, 208 S. 3rd Street. Rev. Lori Snell Pastor. Men and women invited. Come and share physical and spiritual food. Theme: Faith. Guest speaker Dr. Juniace Etienne.



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These sixth graders at Lake Trafford Elementary were geared up to take the FCAT math test.

LTE students get FCAT help from Pi

The sixth graders at Lake Trafford Elementary geared up to take the FCAT math test last week by breaking a neatly decorated piñata with various math symbols, particularly the Pi symbol and its estimated values of 3.14 and 22/7.

"We smacked the FCAT and had a lot of fun," said one student when asked about the activity. Ms. Doyle, a 2014 Golden Apple Teacher of Distinction, brought the piñata to school for her 6th grade math students to get excited about taking the Math FCAT test. "Now is your time to show what you know," she told her students at the celebration.

Breaking the piñata was a culminating activity to a previous celebration of Pi Day, which was March 14 (3/14). Pi Day was a huge success here at Lake Trafford. The events helped motivate students to prepare for the high stakes assessment test. Not only did we enjoy eating lots of pie that day, but our Pi activities were outstanding. Trivia questions were asked about using formulas to find the area and circumference of circles, we sang songs, watched videos and recited poems about Pi, and had a Pi Poster Contest.

Contest winners were Gisselle Nava (1st place), Lester Velasquez (2nd place) and Roberta Desgards (3rd place). Students

were challenged to memorize the digits of Pi in a friendly competition. Rood Vilamont stunned the audience with his first place finish by reciting the first 100 digits from memory! Dave Belrice and Cindy Velasquez were crowned the Pi King and Queen, an honor bestowed upon them by having one of the highest scores in their Geometry unit. What did they win? What else? Pizza pie! Go Gators! Beat the FCAT!

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The Immokalee Soccer School's Mission is to increase the health, social, cultural and sports development of boys and girls by encouraging them to seek fulfillment through education and sport by integrating them into the community as better human beings.

The Immokalee Soccer School's vision is to create a place in the world where boys and girls have the opportunity to participate and develop in society in which they can play an important role. Whether it be achievement in school, sport or work, whatever they find themselves doing, they will do it with dignity, respect and love.

The work we do day by day will eventually bring rewards and on this occasion we want to thank INTER CUPS MEXICO for believing in our project, supporting us and motivating us. Now we want to thank them

for providing a unique opportunity for one of our players to experience. He will travel to Mexico, visit the Azteca stadium and Cruz Azul's training facilities, and will even get to watch a playoff match at the Azul Stadium. And that's not even to mention the soccer camp from May 2 to May 6. Amazingly all this is at no charge for our player. Thank you, Inter Cups for this experience for our future champion! Esteban Acevedo is a ten-year-old who plays midfield position. He has been at Immokalee Soccer School for two years. Young Esteban is disciplined young man, well behaved and good at school. He right-leg, a fast runner and strong kicker with a very good attitude.

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Getting some practice on the field.



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Lipman Fundraiser

"Lipman Fundraiser Softball Event" was held on last Saturday. Cherrylle and Fred Thomas are pictured with Jaime Wiesinger of Lipman.

Foundation offers tree-care booklet

The Arbor Day Foundation is offering a handy tree-care booklet designed to help people plant and care for trees.

Anyone can receive Conservation Trees, a user-friendly booklet featuring illustrations, colorful photos and easily-understood descriptions, by making a \$3 donation to the Foundation this month.

"Conservation Trees is an ideal resource for tree planters," said John Rosenow, founder and chief executive of the Arbor Day Foundation. "Taking care of existing trees is just as critical as planting new ones, and proper care ensures communities are able

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Speaker: Pastor Melinda Hernandez. Allen Chapel is located at 208 S. 3rd Street.

Feeding the hungry

Allen Chapel AME Church will open Martha's Kitchen Feeding Ministry once a month to provide free hot meals for those in need, alternating between breakfast one month and lunch the next. The kitchen opens May 17, with breakfast 9 a.m. Lunch will be served the following month at noon.

The church is located at 208 South Third Street. This is a joint ministry with the Missionary Society and Evangelism.

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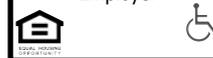
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A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held at the site 905 Roberts Avenue on May 9, 2014 at 9:30 am. (Meet and sign in at front entrance lobby).

Funding for this project is provided in part by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (FDEO), Disaster Recovery Grant #10DB-D4-09-21-01-K09 as such, Small, Minority, Women, and Section 3 businesses are encouraged to submit a bid. Procurement is in accordance with 24CFR 85.36. Licensed contractors are encouraged to solicit bids from minority and female-owned subcontractors and efforts for such will need to be documented before award. A current listing of certified minority and female owned businesses can be found on the certified Vendor Directory at: http://www.dms.myflorida.com/other_programs/office_of_supplier_diversity/osd

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COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA Disaster Recovery Initiative and Disaster Enhancement Funds Grant Agreement Modifications And Public Meeting Notice Citizen Participation Announcement



Collier County is modifying the Disaster Recovery Initiative (DRI) and Disaster Recovery Enhancement Funds (DREF) Grant Agreement as required by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO). DRI/DREF is state funding from U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) disaster relief funding through Florida DEO. Funds available are for long term recovery and mitigation in communities affected by federally declared natural disasters that occurred during the 2008 (Tropical storms Fay, Ike and Gustav) hurricane season. The grants affected in this notice are: Disaster Recovery Initiative #10DB-D4-09-21-01-K09 and Disaster Recovery Enhancement Funds #12DB-P5-09-21-01-K39.

Collier County Housing, Human and Veteran Services identified a total of \$1,616,000 in unspent/unallocated funds that are being proposed to be re-programmed for eligible projects within the grant agreements. The funding announcement was published on February 13, 2014. A total of six applications were received on March 13, 2014. The review committee met on Friday, April 4, 2014 and recommended the following projects be funded:

The Shelter for Abused Women and Children - Options Thrift Store Roof, Windows and Doors Replacement - \$211,365
The Shelter for Abused Women and Children - Garage Door Replacement - \$8,190
Big Cypress Housing Corporation - Construction of 3 single family rental units - \$516,032.16
Immokalee Community Redevelopment Agency - North 16 Street Improvements - \$472,500
Bayshore Gateway Triangle Community Redevelopment Agency - Karen Drive Stormwater Improvements - \$161,350.15
Bayshore Gateway Triangle Community Redevelopment Agency - Pineland Avenue Stormwater Improvements - \$59,204.65

In addition, the Immokalee Community Redevelopment Agency requested a budget reallocation for an existing project - Immokalee Stormwater Improvements - Phase II. The request is to increase the budget by \$183,739.04 to \$2,195,694.50.

Public Comment Period

There will be a public comment period from April 25, 2014 to May 25, 2014 regarding the Substantial Amendments to the DRI/DREF Modification. During this period, the draft modification will be available for review at the Public Information Desk in the Harmon Turner Building on the Collier County Government Main Campus, in the Housing, Human & Veteran Services Department office located at 3339 E Tamiami Trail, Building H, Suite 211, Naples FL 34112, and the Collier County web site at www.colliergov.net. The document is available in a format accessible to persons with disabilities upon request (239-252-2901). All comments (received through the HHVS office, either written, by telephone, via email, regular mail or in person) from citizens will be considered in preparing the final Modified DRI/DREF Grant Agreement. HHVS will respond to all comments in writing within 15 days of receipt. 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.

Final Action

Adoption of the Modification is scheduled for Tuesday May 27, 2014, along with the subrecipient agreements at the Board of County Commissioners regularly scheduled meeting. If you require special aid or services as addressed in the Americans with Disabilities Act or require someone to translate or sign, please contact the Housing, Human & Veteran Services office at (239) 252-4663, no later than two (2) days prior to the public hearing date. For additional information contact Ely Soto McKuen at (239) 252-2664 or ElyMcKuen@colliergov.net.

CONDADO COLLIER, FLORIDA Programas de Mejoramiento y Recuperación de Desastres (DRI/DREF) Modificaciones sustanciales de Plan de Acción Anuncio de Participación Ciudadana y Reunión Pública

El Condado Collier está modificando los planes de acción de la Iniciativa de Mejoramiento y Recuperación de Desastres (DRI/DREF) como es requerido por el Departamento de Oportunidad Económica de la Florida (DEO). DRI / DREF son fondos estatales del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano (HUD) del Programa de Desarrollo de la Comunidad (CDBG). Estos fondos son financiados para el alivio de desastres a través del Departamento de Oportunidad Económica del Estado de Florida (DEO) E.U.U. Los fondos disponibles son para la recuperación a largo plazo y la mejora de las comunidades que fueron afectadas por desastres, que federalmente fueron declarados desastres naturales, y que ocurrieron durante la temporada de huracanes el año 2008 (tormentas tropicales Fay, Gustav e Ike). Las subvenciones afectadas en este aviso son: Iniciativa para la Recuperación de Desastres # 10DB-D4-09-21-01-K09 y Recuperación y Mejoramiento de Desastres # 12DB-P5-09-21-01-K39.

El Departamento de Vivienda, Servicios Humanos y Veteranos (HHVS) del Condado Collier ha identificado un total de \$1,616,000 en fondos no utilizados en años pasados para reprogramar a proyectos elegibles en el año corriente (FY13-14). El anuncio de fondos se publicó el 13 de febrero 2014 y un total de seis solicitudes fueron recibidas el 13 de marzo del 2014. El comité de revista se reunió el Viernes, 4 de abril 2014 y recomendó los siguientes proyectos:

El Refugio para Mujeres Abusadas y Niños - Opciones (Tienda de Segunda) Ventanas y puertas de repuesto - \$ 211,365
El Refugio para Mujeres Abusadas y Niños - Sustitución de puerta de cochera - \$8,190
Big Cypress Corporación de Vivienda - Construcción de 3 unidades de alquiler unifamiliares - \$516,032.16
Agencia de Reurbanización Comunitaria de Immokalee - North 16 Street Mejoramientos - \$ 472,500
Agencia de Reurbanización Comunitaria del Triangulo de Bayshore Karen Drive- Mejoramientos de Aguas Pluviales - \$ 161,350.15
Agencia de Reurbanización Comunitaria del Triangulo de Bayshore Pineland Avenue- Mejoramientos de Aguas Pluviales - \$ 59,204.65

Además, la Agencia de Reurbanización Comunitaria de Immokalee solicitó una reasignación del presupuesto para un proyecto existente - Mejoramientos de Aguas Pluviales de Immokalee - Fase II. La solicitud es para aumentar el presupuesto de \$183,739.04 a \$ 2,195,694.50.

Periodo de Comentarios Públicos:

Habrá un periodo de comentarios públicos de 25 abril 2014 hasta 25 mayo 2014 con respecto a las modificaciones sustanciales de los Planes de Acción de DRI / DREF. Durante este periodo, el proyecto del plan estará disponible para su revisión en la oficina de información pública en el edificio Harmon Turner en el edificio de Gobierno Central del Condado Collier; en la oficina del Departamento de Vivienda y Servicios Humanos y de Veteranos ubicada en 3339 E Tamiami Trail, Edificio H, Cuarto 211, Naples FL 34112; y el sitio web del Condado Collier en www.colliergov.net. El documento está disponible en un formato accesible a las personas con discapacidad que lo soliciten (239-252-2901). Todos los comentarios de los ciudadanos (recibidos a través de la oficina de HHVS, ya sea por escrito, por teléfono, por correo electrónico, correo postal o en persona) serán considerados en la preparación del Modificación final del Plan de Acción de DRI / DREF. HHVS responderá a todos los comentarios por escrito dentro de los 15 días de recepción.

El Condado Collier es un Empleador de Igualdad de Oportunidades. El Condado Collier cumple con la Ley de Vivienda Justa (42 USC 3600, et seq) y el condado de Vivienda Justa Ordenanza 92-9.

Acción Final:

La adopción de la modificación está prevista para el martes 27 mayo, 2014, junto con los convenios de los sub-beneficiarios, en la reunión ordinaria de la Junta de Comisionados del Condado. Si necesita ayuda o servicios especiales según lo indica la Ley de Americanos con Discapacidades, o requerir a alguien para traducir o firmar, por favor comuníquese con la oficina de Vivienda, y Servicios Humanos y de Veteranos al (239) 252-4663, en un plazo de dos (2) días antes de la a la fecha de la audiencia pública. Para obtener información adicional, comuníquese con Ely Soto McKuen al (239) 252-2664 o ElyMcKuen@colliergov.net. 465076 IB 5/1/2014

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Transportation Improvement Program public comment period open

The Collier Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) is announcing the opening of a 21-day public comment period for the Draft Fiscal Years (FY) 2014/15 – 2018/19

Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). Each year the MPO is required to develop a financially-feasible TIP that includes highway, aviation, transit and transportation

alternative program projects that are to be funded with state and federal dollars over the next five years. The document may be viewed at colliermopo.net by going to the Latest News on the left side of the screen, then select the link, "21-Day Public Comment Period for Draft FY 2014/15 – 2018/19 TIP" and then scroll down and select the first link.

vision – Construction & Maintenance, 2885 S. Horseshoe Drive, Naples

- Naples City Hall, 735 8th Street South, Naples
- Everglades City Hall, 102 Broadway Avenue East
- Marco Island City Hall, 50 Bald Eagle Drive, Marco Island
- Career Source Southwest Florida, 750 S. 5th Street
- All Collier County public libraries

The MPO's planning process is conducted in accordance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related statutes. Any person or beneficiary who believes that he or she has been discriminated against because of race, color, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability, or familial status may file a complaint with the Collier MPO Title VI Specialist Lorraine Lantz at 239-252-5779 or by writing to Ms. Lantz at 2885 South Horseshoe Drive, Naples, Florida 34104.

For more information call MPO Principal Planner Ms. Sue Faulkner at 239-252-5715.

The public comment period will end on May 15, 2014. The MPO Board will consider the adoption of the Draft FY 2014/15 – 2018/19 TIP together with comments received within the public comment period at the MPO's regular meeting on June 13 at 9 a.m. in the Board of County Commissioners Chambers on the third floor of the Collier County Government Center, 3299 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, Florida 34112

The Draft FY 2014/15 – 2018/19 TIP will also be on display at the customer service desks at the sites listed below:

- Collier County Government Center North, 2335 Orange Blossom Drive, Naples
- Collier County Growth Management Di-

FWC highlights efforts of 4,000 volunteers for FL Volunteer Month

"No time is better than Florida Volunteer Month to reflect on how much the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) appreciates its volunteers," said FWC Executive Director Nick Wiley. "FWC volunteers are exceptional – collectively and individually – in offering their time and efforts to help conserve Florida's amazing wildlife diversity."

More than 4,000 volunteers help with 80 volunteer projects annually, bringing a wide range of skills, experiences and perspectives to the FWC team. Their efforts lend to the agency's success in conserving the naturally beautiful habitat of Florida, which is a key to wildlife sustainability.

Over the past six years, FWC volunteers have contributed 656,955 volunteer hours to make great strides in conservation as they tirelessly continue to:

- Fight the formidable battle against invasive species.
- Expand the range of many valuable imperiled-species-monitoring projects.
- Instruct Florida's youth, residents and visitors on how to become responsible anglers and hunters.
- Educate the public about living with wildlife.
- Improve the visitor experience at many wildlife management and wildlife environmental areas.

For example, volunteers discovered a rare wasp species. This rare invertebrate effort was a partnership with the Florida Natural Areas Inventory to identify rare invertebrate species as well as determine invertebrate diversity at Chinsegut Wildlife and Environmental Area and the Citrus Tract of the Withlacoochee State Forest. Volunteers also expanded the nest box monitoring range for the Southeastern America Kestrel Partnership. Volunteers monitored 10 boxes in Hernando County during the 2011 breeding season and are currently monitoring 95 boxes throughout the north central and southwest regions of Florida. The kestrel nest box monitoring program is a citizen science effort to help biologists assess kestrel populations statewide.

Individual volunteers also shine as much as the collective work of all 4,000:

- David Blatt, from Chassahowitzka, became the FWC's Division of Habitat and Species Conservation Volunteer of the Year for 2011-2012.
- Bruce Antognoni, from White Springs, was the FWC's Volunteer Hunter Safety Instructor of the Year in 2012.
- Danielle DeSilvestro, a high school student from Gibsonton, became a national fi-

nalist for the 2013 Future Farmers of America Proficiency Award for work completed with the Tarpon Genetic Recapture Study through the FWC's Fish and Wildlife Research Institute during the summer of 2012.

Gov. Rick Scott and the Florida Cabinet signed a resolution on March 18 proclaiming April as Florida Volunteer Month. This resolution supports National Volunteer Week, which began in 1974 and occurs in April, to celebrate volunteers and encourage volunteer participation at the local, state and national levels.

"This is a great time to stop and thank our volunteers for their hard work and dedication to helping us further our mission," said Wiley. Volunteering provides an opportunity for Floridians to help sustain and improve our habitat and wildlife for today and the future."

To those who have not yet explored the rewarding experience of volunteering, it is never too late to get involved.

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Dance company visits Immokalee area schools

Thanks to a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts in Washington, D.C., a contemporary dance group visited six Immokalee schools on March 18, 19 and 20. Their visit was organized by the United Arts Council of Collier County, in cooperation with the schools and the Miracle Plus after-school program.

The Moving Current Dance Collective, based in the Tampa Bay area, performed and led workshops at PACE Center for Girls, Highlands Elementary, RCMA's Immokalee Community School, Immokalee Middle, Guadalupe Center and Lake Trafford Elementary.

Moving Current was founded in 1997 by three dancer-choreographers. Two of the founders, Cynthia Hennessey and Erin Cardinal, were part of the touring group that came to Immokalee. When asked to describe their dance company, they said: "We collaborate with artists to create programs that provide people of every age the opportunity to learn and express themselves through dance."

For middle- and high-school age students, the group performed a piece called "Dancing Your Direction," in which audience members are gradually drawn into an interaction with the dancers by providing cues that help shape the performance, like "dance it very slowly" or "perform it backwards."

For elementary-age children, Moving Current presented a show called "Dancing Verbs, Adverbs and Similes." First, the dancers demonstrated basic dance concepts.



LEFT: Moving Current dancer Sean McDonald leads a workshop for dance students in the Miracle Plus after-school program at Immokalee Middle School. **RIGHT:** Moving Current Dance Collective in performance on March 19 at Immokalee Middle School, where their show was seen by students enrolled in the Miracle Plus after-school enrichment program.



Then they showed the audience how their "body language" changed when asked to shift the expressive quality – to "float like a leaf in the wind" or "leap like a superhero." At the end, some teachers were invited to join the dancers and demonstrate their own modern dance abilities.

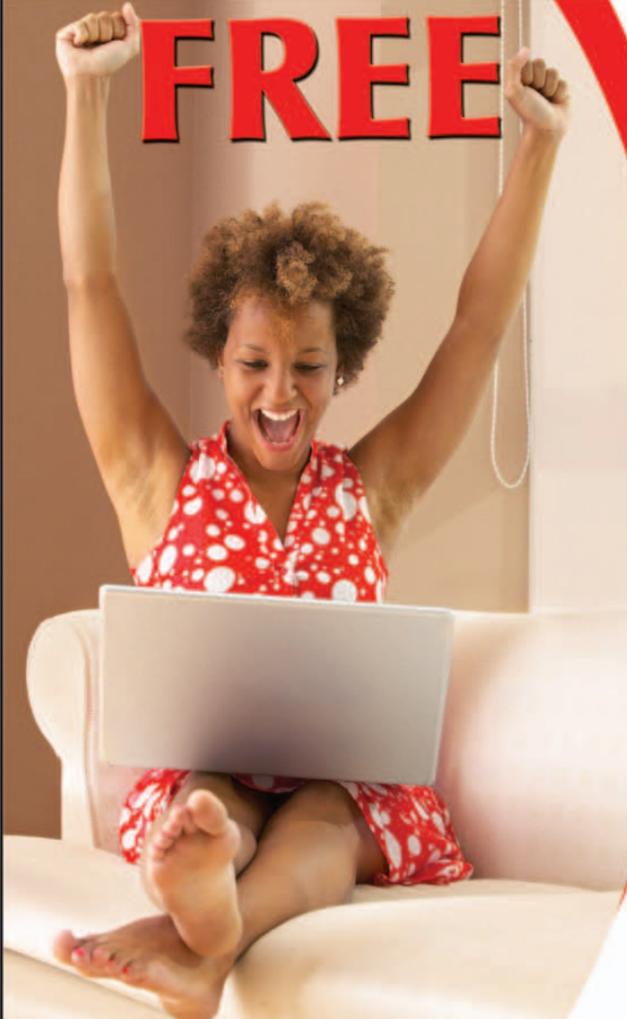
"We were very pleased with the entire

residency," said Council program manager Andy Browne. "The Immokalee schools were very warm and welcoming to the dance troupe. At all the places we went, the students were so enthusiastic about participating."

The United Arts Council promotes art and culture on behalf of Collier County's entire

arts community. It provides education in the arts and outreach programs to underserved areas of the county.

For more information about Moving Current and United Arts Council education programs, please call the Council at 239-254-8242 or visit its web site: www.collierarts.com.



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