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Light falls on lost heroes

by **Patty Brant**
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Memorial Day is dedicated to remembering our heroes - national and personal - who have given everything for our freedom. It's about keeping faith with our dead, with ourselves and our children.

That's why what happened at Lake Trafford Memorial Gardens this Memorial Day was so important. It brought the focus back to our own veterans who served us well and have passed.

Members of VFW Post 7369 Naples, Commander Ed Messer, along with members of Golden Gate VFW Post 7721, the American Legion and AMVETS returned dignity to the graves of brothers they never knew that day, in a small Veterans Area right here in Immokalee. No one knows how many veterans rest there.

Originally, VFW members

thought there were 40-45 run down, overgrown and neglected graves of veterans, but found during their Friday work day that it could be more like 90 because many are unmarked. In fact, several more were found before the Memorial Day service began.

The story on the visible markers show veterans being buried there from 1968-2013 - former members of the Navy, Army, Air Force and Marine Corps.

Veterans resting there have names from Altman to Zetrenne. Their names also represent Americans who came here from many distant lands - Willinski, Borrero, Meriweather.

The revelation of these long forgotten gravesites began with a phone call all the way from Germany to VFW District 19 Commander

Ken Coor from the granddaughter of one of the veterans interred there. She was looking for a photo of his gravesite.

After making some inquiries, Commander Coor was unable to locate the site, so he called local VFW 7369 Commander Ed Messer, who took up the mystery. His investigation revealed only the overgrown graves and a neglect of fellow military members' memory that he and his fellow vets could not sit still for.

No one knows just how the graves came into such disrepair. Commander Messer said paperwork could have been lost or simply not done over the years. If there were no family members to take care of the details, it might explain

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Seven-year-old Steven Schindler enthusiastically did his part to clean up veterans' gravesites at Lake Trafford Memorial Gardens May 26.



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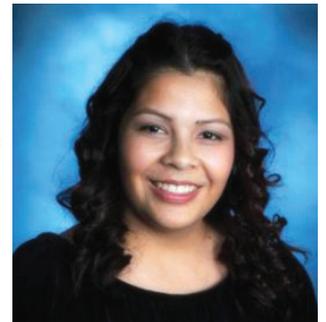
2014 I.H.S. Top Scholars

With a 5.2 GPA, Dulce Maria Mendoza, 18, is Immokalee High School's valedictorian. Dulce plans to attend Arcadia University in Pennsylvania on a full scholarship to study medical/healthcare field - possibly majoring in dermatology or orthodontics. She said her own experience in building self confidence influenced her choice of a major.

Dulce came from Mexico when she was just four-years-old and she said her parents, Miguel and Maria S. Mendoza, and in particular her father, have focused her and her siblings squarely on the importance of education. Her brother is an FGCU graduate, and sister is studying medical administration at iTECH. Of her parents, Dulce said, "I know what they did for me, bringing me to the United States." She said that the Guadalupe Center has also been a crucial part in her success to this point. Dulce has been a tutor at the center since she was a freshman and sees herself in her young students, coming into kindergarten with no English skills, "I was in the same place as they are."



Submitted photo
Salutatorian
Jennifer Acevedo



Submitted photo
Valedictorian
Dulce Mendoza

Dulce was one of the I.H.S. students recognized at this year's Guadalupe Center Taste of New York fundraiser this year, where she delivered a speech titled "My American Dream." Dulce's seven-week experience at Harvard taking two summer classes - Introduction to Psychology (in which she earned a B) and Introduction to Qualitative Methods (B+) - let her know she could handle college, she said. While at I.H.S. Dulce was dual enrolled at FGCU and has a head start on a number of classes, although she realizes that she may need to take those credits as electives. She chose Arcadia after a visit there in April and fell in love with it. In particular she was impressed with the small class sizes. She hopes to take advantage of the study abroad program at Arcadia - perhaps studying in China at some point. In spite of her desire to travel, Dulce definitely sees herself coming back to Immokalee one day.

Jennifer Acevedo has been named Salutatorian for the Immokalee High School Class of 2014.



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Summer lunch sites

Collier County Public Schools' (CCPS) Nutrition Services Department will begin its Summer Food Service Program in a couple of weeks.

Free, nutritionally balanced, hot meals (breakfast and lunch) will be available to all children 18 years old and younger Monday-Thursday at the following sites.

Immokalee will open Monday, June 16, and will close Thursday, July 24.

- Eden Park Elementary – breakfast: 7:40-8:00 a.m.; lunch: 12:00-12:30 p.m. (3650 Westclox Street, Immokalee, 377-9200)

- Highlands Elementary – breakfast: 7:45-8:05 a.m.; lunch: 12:00 -12:45 p.m. (1101 Lake Trafford Road, Immokalee, 377-7100)

Monday thru Friday (5 days per week). The following sites in Immokalee will open Monday, June 9th and will close Friday, August 1.

- Immokalee High – breakfast: 7:05-8:05 a.m.; lunch: 11:10 a.m.-12:15 p.m. (701 Immokalee Drive, Immokalee, 377-1800)

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- Village Oaks Elementary – breakfast: 8:00-9:00 a.m.; lunch: 11:30 a.m.-12:45 p.m. (1601 S.R. 29, Immokalee, 377-8600).

Heroes

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the lack of headstones for some. But he feels that the fact that so many of them had no marker and they were all overgrown, points to simple neglect and disrespect.

The short but poignant ceremony on Memorial Day included the Immokalee High School JROTC Color Guard, Star Spangled Banner, hand salute and prayer, and ended with lowering the flag at half staff and Taps.

The oldest visible marked grave is from 1968; the newest 2013.



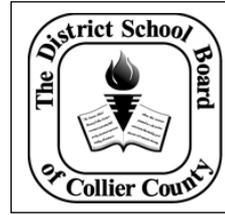
Immokalee Bulletin/Patty Brant
Veterans graves have deteriorated over the years.

Students First

by Maribel De Armas

"The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams." - Eleanor Roosevelt.

Tomorrow is the day the future begins for more than 2,700 seniors from nine Collier County public high schools. Tomorrow is the day these students bring the last thirteen years to a close and embark on a journey toward making their dreams come true. Tomorrow is graduation day! A day school-colored caps and gowns are donned proudly as we say "congratulations, you did it!" to our graduates. And it's a day for our graduates to say thank you to the family, friends, teachers, coaches and mentors who have helped each and every one of them reach this milestone.



At Immokalee High School (IHS), tomorrow is a milestone for 335 graduates who will cross the stage during their commencement ceremony at Harborside Event Center. There have been tough moments of loss for Immokalee High and the entire Immokalee community this school year.

But in true Immokalee spirit, through the loss, strength was gathered and successes were still achieved.

Successes ranging from the school's third Gates Millennium Scholar (Dulce Mendoza, who I will feature in next week's column), to the fourth straight District Championship win for the football team and a State Champion track and field athlete (Leo Delacruz), to yet another successful year for the school's BETA Club, and so many more achievements in between. Each and every one of our IHS graduates should be proud of who they are and what they have accomplished as they move their tassels from right to left tomorrow evening.

Graduates...walk across that stage with your heads held high. Have faith in yourself and know that your family and friends are there to support you through any obstacle you may encounter and lend a helping hand might you drift from your destined path. You have a vast future ahead of you – make it yours. In the words of Dr. Suess: "You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes. You can steer yourself in any direction you choose. You're on your own. And you know what you know. You are the guy who'll decide where to go."

brothers, Marines who were both wounded in Viet Nam. He said he also had an uncle who was a Tuskegee Airman.

The grave of Rodney Deguise 1936-1988 has a homemade wooden cross; another, is simply marked with diamond shaped concrete shapes laid out in a cross; and there are a number of what were once nice headstones. A large number are old and worn, illegible.

Many of the people at the ceremony have their own stories, reasons for being there.

Isaac Persley of Naples was one of those veterans who made the trip to Lake Trafford Memorial Gardens.

An Army veteran himself, he had two

The Becerra family of Immokalee - Esmeralda Becerra, Elizabeth 16, Michael Lee 15, and Erick Reyes 6 - came to the ceremony. Esmeralda said they come to take care of family graves just across the road from the Veterans Area and like to do their part for the veterans as well. They came to the ceremony to offer their respect to the heroes there.

A World War II era Jeep stood by at the ceremony, transported from the Museum of Military memorabilia in Naples.

Owner Greg Garcia has researched its history. The 1942 jeep rolled off the assembly line at Toledo, Ohio, on December 7, 1942 - exactly one year after Pearl Harbor. It saw service during WW II and Korea and ended its military usefulness at 29 Palms in 1973 as a Marine ambulance when it was purchased by Earl Hoffman.

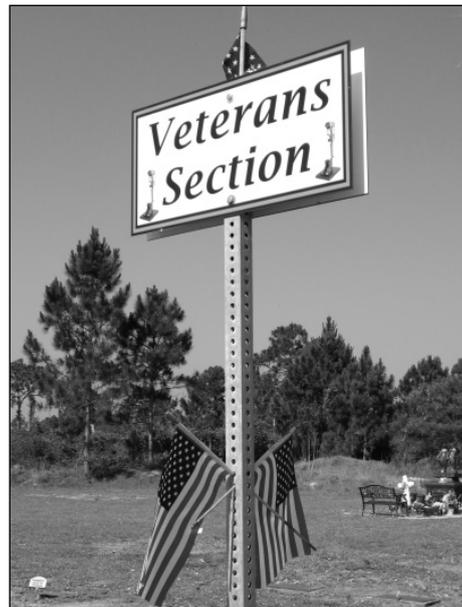
He had christened it Bonnie, for his wife, and used it on their property.

Eventually, Mr. Garcia said, he will pass ownership along to the museum.

Seven-year-old Steven Schindler 7, came with his grandfather Steven Smith of Golden Gate VFW Post 7721, to honor the military men there. His grandfather was in Army Air Defense and young Steven explained just what his grandfather did. "He's the guy who fought for our freedom."

District Commander Coor said, "Ed (Post 7369 Commander) and his staff get all the credit... he and the post took the reins and have done a fabulous job!"

During his brief remarks, Commander Messer issued a challenge to make a commitment to the veterans at Lake Trafford Memorial Gardens and "make it right."



The Veterans Section at Lake Trafford Memorial Gardens is now marked with the respect the veterans deserve.



Submitted photos
EWGA chairs - Cindy Booker Gatz, Chris Burgner and Kathi Gray and EWGA members with Marianne Kearns and PACE girls.

EWGA Charity Pro-Am donates

\$8,500 to PACE Collier

Executive Women's Golf Association of SWFL has been responsible for over \$57,000 in donations to PACE Collier at Immokalee in the form of cash and scholarships

The partnership between PACE and EWGA goes all the way back to 2005, when the Executive Director of PACE Immokalee made a presentation to EWGA's board. "We heard the story, we visited the Center, and we were hooked on the girls and the life-saving changes that PACE was making in their lives", said Kathi Gray, who along with Chris Burgner and Cindy Booker Gatz Chaired the 2014 Charity Pro-Am event held April 27 and 28 at The Colony Golf & Country Club in Bonita Springs, FL. "We are deeply impressed with the teachers, the PACE girls, the entire staff, and love being a part of seeing the young ladies grow into responsible adults", continued Ms. Gray.

The Charity Pro-Am is one of the few women only pro-am golf tournaments in Florida. Three amateurs are paired with an LPGA-USGA teaching professional. Weekend events also included a buffet, raffle and the ever-popular silent auction with Scott Zedecker, Meteorologist for WINK TV, serving as the guest auctioneer.

PACE Executive Director Marianne Kearns

notes, "To date, EWGA has been responsible for over \$57,000 in donations to PACE in the form of cash and scholarships. Without partners such as EWGA, we could not continue our mission of providing girls and young women an opportunity for a better future through education, counseling, training and advocacy."

Since 1991, the Executive Women's Golf Association has touched the lives of over 100,000 women. This not-for-profit association currently has nearly 20,000 members in over 120 chapters throughout the United States, along with international Chapters in Canada and France offering a wide range of organized golf activities, player development and education programs, volunteer, social and networking opportunities for both novice and experienced golfers

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, facing 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.

You can LEAP at the public library!

The Collier County Public Library and the Friends of the Library are excited to announce the Library Electronic Assistance Program (LEAP). The program, funded by the Friends of the Library, provides seven Collier County students the opportunity to work up to ten hours per week assisting library patrons with their various electronic device needs, using either a patron's own personal device or equipment from the library. Assistance can range from instructing patrons on how to download eBooks on their personal devices to helping set up email accounts. When not providing electronic assistance, the teens will help library staff with shelving materials and other library projects.

Collier County teenagers meeting the minimum requirements were encouraged to apply for this program through the county website. Students needed to be at least 16-years-old, enrolled in high school or home school, have knowledge of electronic devices and computers, provide a letter of recommendation from their guidance counselor or similar representative, and express an interest in working with the public. All applicants were interviewed by members of the LEAP

committee, which consisted of two library staff members and a board member of the Friends of the Library. The program provides valuable work experience including being interviewed, recording scheduled work hours, and assisting the public and library staff both independently and as a part of the library team.

The seven library locations participating in the LEAP pilot program are:

- Headquarters, 2385 Orange Blossom Drive, Naples, Florida 34109
- Naples Regional, 650 Central Avenue, Naples, Florida 34102
- South Regional, 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway, Naples, Florida 34113
- Marco Island Branch, 210 S. Heathwood Drive, Marco Island, Florida 34145
- Golden Gate Branch, 2432 Lucerne Road, Naples, Florida 34116
- Vanderbilt Beach Branch, 788 Vanderbilt Beach Road, Naples, Florida 34108
- Immokalee Branch, 417 N. First Street, Immokalee, Florida 34142

For more information, contact Jamie Reilly at (239) 593-0177 ext. 17 or via email at jreilly@collier-lib.org.

Obituaries

Pedro Julio Santiago, Sr., 74

MOORE HAVEN — Pedro Julio Santiago, Sr. died May 21, 2014. He was born August 14, 1939 in Coamo, Puerto Rico to Julio and Jesusa Moreno Santiago.

A resident of Moore Haven for over 50 years, he enjoyed fishing and boxing.

Mr. Santiago was preceded in death by his daughter, Luzdinella Santiago.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Maria Santiago of Moore Haven; five sons, Peewee Santiago of La-



Belle, Turi Santiago of Moore Haven, Daniel Santiago of Georgia, David Santiago (Rosalinda) of Immokalee, Duran Santiago of Felda; three daughters, Margaret Santiago of LaBelle, Sylvia Santiago of Immokalee and Mima Billie (James) of Brighton; 23 grandchildren; 17 great grandchildren; five brothers and five sisters.

Visitation will be 2 p.m. until services at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 24, 2014 at Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home.

Those wishing to leave a message of condolence may sign the register book at, www.OkeechobeeFuneralHome.com

All arrangements are entrusted to the direction and care of the Buxton, Bass and Conway families of the Buxton & Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home, 400 North Parrott Avenue, Okeechobee, Florida, 34972.

Community Briefs

Summer fun coming

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IF students network with business leaders

NAPLES, Fla. (May 23, 2014) – The Immokalee Foundation students gained valuable insight from local business leaders during the organization's third annual networking reception at the Hilton Naples.

The workshop provided 30 high school juniors and seniors in TIF's Career Development Program the opportunity to interact with some of the area's top business leaders, sharing their goals, ambitions and how they plan to achieve their life vision. The business executives offered valuable insight about their own experiences and provided real-life lessons important in helping students prepare for their own transition to college and beyond.

Prior to the afternoon's reception, students were treated to an etiquette luncheon and training by Dawn Magaril and Dirga Buwana, The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort, Naples. After, students were ready to practice their skills and were prepared to ask questions about their prospective career paths. They worked the room, introducing themselves to more than 30 professionals in a variety of leadership positions from companies including Edison State College, Arthrex, Coldwell Banker, Hilton Naples, The Print Shop, McKenney Home Care, Collier County Sheriff's Office, Holiday Inn Express & Suites, Central Bank, Bay Colony Golf Club, NCH Healthcare Systems and Gravina, Smith, Matte & Arnold Marketing and Public Relations. In addition, several TIF board members, staff, ambassadors and mentors gave their encouragement and advice to the students they support all year long.

In preparation for the April networking reception, Lori Kleiman, an entrepreneur and member of National Speakers Association, hosted a networking training for the students in March.

Arthrex's Connie Byrne was impressed with the students, "There's a lot of smart kids; I like to see new talent. Once they finish their secondary education, I would love for them to return to the area. It's important for them to know about job opportunities in Southwest Florida."

Each student gained priceless networking knowledge of how to share necessary

and interesting details in a concise and compelling manner. They created and exchanged business cards, which included their college major, in hopes of making connections that could further their potential job opportunities.

Jovenel Benjamin, a member of TIF's Take Stock in Children program, has dreams of attending Edison, then transferring to receive a degree in mechanical engineering. "It's great to meet people with connections and beneficial to have confidence when meeting new people."

The face-to-face interaction is crucial in helping these future business leaders build confidence. Plus, socializing with such a diverse group of businesspeople allows them to understand the wide variety of options available to them in the workforce.

Louise Penta, a TIF board member and mentor to four students, was particularly proud of the students. She is in Immokalee three to four times a week so knows and understands their challenges and their goals, "These kids are so polite and want to learn; they've come such a long way."

The day was made possible by the generosity of Hilton Naples and Shula's Steak House, who were underwriters of the Career Development Etiquette Luncheon and Networking Reception. In addition, TIF corporate sponsors include Arthrex, Hope Society; GE Foundation, Corporate Matching Sponsor; Fifth Third, Founding Sponsor; Porsche of Naples and Naples Jaguar, Education Circle; Naples Illustrated, Media Sponsor; and Kevin Johnson of Morgan Stanley Private Wealth Management, Success Circle Sponsor.

The Immokalee Foundation provides a range of education programs that focus on building pathways to success through college and post-secondary preparation and support, mentoring and tutoring, opportunities for broadening experiences and life skills development leading to economic independence. To learn more about TIF, volunteering as a mentor or for additional information, call 239-430-9122 or visit www.immokaleefoundation.org.

Event provides child care to area

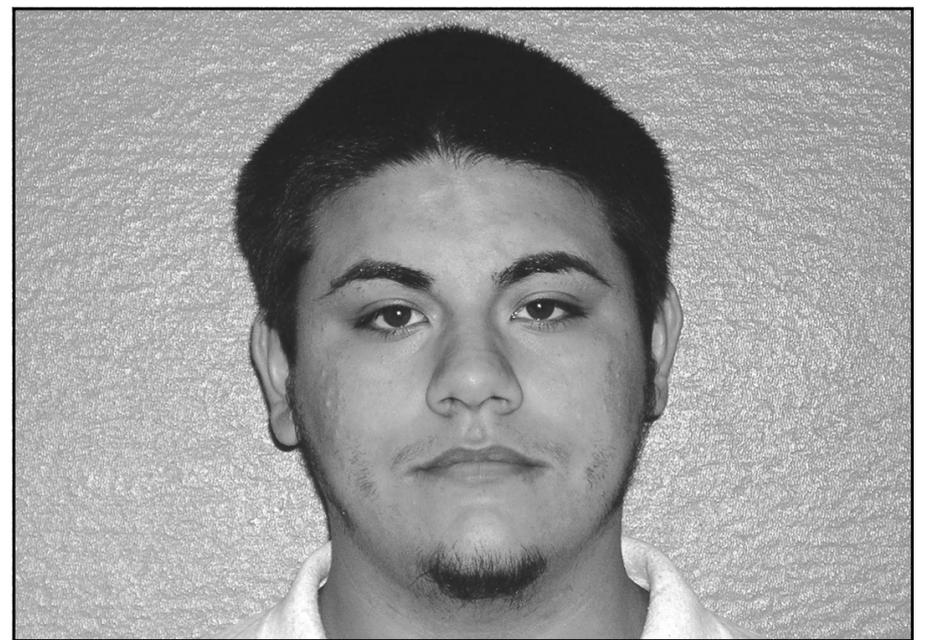
NAPLES, Fla. (May 19, 2014) – The 14th annual Lipman Golf Classic netted more than \$80,000 to directly support Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA)'s 70 child care centers and three charter schools located in Florida's farming communities. Recently held at Naples Heritage Golf and Country Club, the tournament is RCMA's largest annual fundraising event.

RCMA's child care centers and charter schools provide cutting-edge early-childhood education to children while their parents work. All RCMA programs serve low-income families, particularly, Hispanic immigrants. Over the years, the Immokalee-based RCMA has broadened the range of its services, enabling Early Head Start centers

to accept infants as young as six weeks and the after-school programs to serve children ages six to 16.

"RCMA has made and continues to make a direct impact on our employees and their families," said Jaime Weisinger, Lipman's Director of Community Relations and a board member of RCMA. "Over the years, we have seen the difference RCMA has made in the education and success of our community and it is a cause we want to contribute to."

More than 7,000 children will benefit from the money raised at this year's Lipman Golf Classic, with funds used to enhance services statewide. For more information about RCMA, visit www.rcma.org.



Submitted photo

Employee of the month

Patrick Shepherd was selected as Employee of the Month for April 2014 by his peers and supervisors at Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Division of Plant Industry, Citrus Health Response Program Office in Immokalee.

Allen Chapel meal program feeding the areas hungry

Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church's new feeding ministry, Martha's Kitchen, got off to a bang on last Saturday, March 17, 2014. This small church that has a big heart for ministry and for being a blessing to Immokalee, was able to feed approximately 140 persons a free, hot, southern style breakfast of creamy cheese grits, scrambled eggs, sausages and buttered toast. Not only did their guests enjoy a hot meal, but they also were able to get a bag of groceries and fresh fruit and vegetables, that were provided by another ministry that Allen Chapel partnered with for this event, First Assembly Cornerstone of Ft. Myers (Apostle Gregory Ford, Pastor).

Pastor Lori Snell, who has such a passion for doing impactful ministry in Immokalee, and strongly promotes unity in the community, especially among the faith community,

was elated to have several ladies from other community churches (First Missionary Baptist Church (Terry Mallory, Pastor) and Victory in Jesus Christ Tabernacle (Claretha Thomas, Pastor), volunteer to help bring this vision to fruition. All of the ladies worked harmoniously and joyfully together, which made the food taste like it had been cooked with love. Pastor Snell wants to give special thanks to this ministry's coordinator, Diane Robinson and to David and Annette Anderson (Immokalee residents and members of Cornerstone), who donated bags of food to be given away.

This ministry will occur for now, once a month. Next feeding, will be lunch, and it is scheduled for Saturday, June 14, at noon. These meals are absolutely free. So come out and join us.



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LEFT: CRA Brad Muckle offered his thoughts on this day of celebration. **RIGHT:** District 5 Collier County Commissioner Tim Nance said the Zocalo was “built for the long term” and invited everyone present to help “bring Immokalee forward to its future together.”



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Black Violin and the tropical beats of Caribbean Groove kept it mellow after the ribbon cutting.



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Music by the Immokalee High School Drum Line and Band livened things up and got the ribbon cutting off to a great start.



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Welcome to Immokalee! Welcome to the Zocalo!

Downtown focal point open

On May 20, Immokalee celebrated the grand opening and ribbon cutting for its first Zocalo, a traditional Central American plaza at Main Street and First. Advisory board members of the Immokalee Community Redevelopment Agency, the Enterprise Zone Development Agency and the Immokalee Lighting and Beautification Municipal Service Taxing Unit, along with Commissioner Tim Nance joined CRA Executive Director Brad Muckle to dedicate Immokalee’s newest landmark. The newly opened plaza will be joined by a twin to be built at Main Street and 9th, serving as gateways to downtown Immokalee and provide community gathering places.

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The Collier County Housing Authority has developed its 2014-2019 5 Year Plan in compliance with the Quality Housing and Work Responsibility Act of 1988, as it relates to their Housing Choice Voucher (Section 8 Program). It is available for review on May 30, 2014 thru July 14, 2014 at the Authority's main office located at 1800 Farm Worker Way, Immokalee, Florida or at its Naples office located at 5251 Golden Gate Parkway, Ste #D, Naples, Florida. The hours available for review are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday-Thursday.

Public Hearings will be held June 24, 2014, at 3:00 p.m. in the Immokalee office and on June 27, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. in the Naples office.
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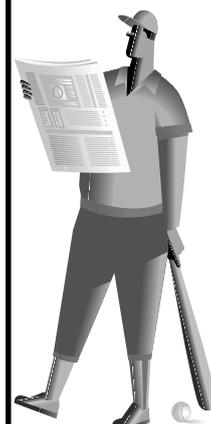
Public Notices

Public Notice

RCMA School Board Meeting Notice For Immokalee Community School

The RCMA School Board Meeting will take place on Monday, June 9, 2014. The meeting will be held at University of Florida Gulf Coast and Research & Education Center (IFAS), 14625 County Road 672, Wimauma, FL 33598. The School Board Meeting begins at 12:30 PM and is open to the public. Questions or concerns, please call Angie Alfaro at (239) 658-3560, ext. 224.
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New directors at Healthcare Network

The Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida (HCN) recently welcomed three new members to its board of directors. Dr. Bernard Feldman, Jerry Starkey and Dr. Louis J. Traina joined the HCN governing board in late April 2014.

Dr. Feldman is board certified in pediatrics and perinatal-neonatal medicine and practiced as a neonatologist in Las Vegas, NV for 29 years. His professional career includes a long list of hospital, teaching and administrative appointments at the local, state and national levels. Dr. Feldman has authored and co-authored 18 scientific publications and holds the position of professor and chair of pediatrics, emeritus at the University of Nevada School of Medicine. He currently serves as a physician member of the Collier County Medical Reserve Corps and a volunteer pediatric instructor in the primary care center at the Isabel Read Medical Center in Immokalee.



Dr. Bernard Feldman



Dr. Louis J. Traina



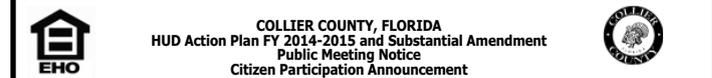
Jerry Starkey

Traina has served the not-for-profit community since 1974 and is an accomplished fundraiser, top executive, and community leader. He currently serves on the board of directors for Leadership Foundation, The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce and the Forum Club of Southwest Florida.

"It is truly an honor to have these tremendously talented individuals on our board," said Mike Ellis, CEO. "Their significant contributions to healthcare, the betterment of their community and overall philanthropy speak volumes of their commitment to our mission of providing quality healthcare accessible to everyone in our community."

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®.

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Collier County is developing its FY 2014-2015 One Year Action Plan as part of its 5-Year Consolidated Plan (CP) FY 2011-2016 as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). The goals of the Consolidated Plan are identified as: provide decent housing; provide a suitable living environment; and expand economic opportunities for very low, low and moderate-income persons. The Consolidated Plan guides Collier County's efforts for addressing both housing and non-housing community activities. This One-Year Action Plan determines expenditures for projects that will be conducted in the 2014-2015 program year.

Collier County, along with its entitlement city, Naples, has been allocated \$2,196,746 in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds for FY2014-2015. In addition, the County has been notified that Marco Island did not apply for their FY2013-2014 entitlement allocation (\$84,307). Collier County is the recipient of total funds of \$2,281,053. In addition, supplemental funds will be used from FY2009-2010 and FY2011-2012 of unspent and/or unallocated funds. Eligible activities for CDBG funds include, but are not limited to: construction and renovation of public facilities, land acquisition, and public services in accordance with 24 CFR § 570.201. Approximately 100% of the total allocation will benefit low and moderate-income persons.

Collier County has been allocated \$501,110 in HOME Initiative Partnership Program (HOME) funds for FY2014-2015 to expand the supply of decent, affordable housing for low and very low-income families. This year's HOME funds will provide building/land acquisition. HUD required CHDO Set Aside funds are allocated once an eligible project request is received and approved. Approximately 100% of the total HOME allocation will be used to benefit very low and low-income citizens.

Collier County has been allocated \$163,440 in Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds for FY2014-2015. ESG funds may be used for emergency homeless shelters operations, re-housing of homeless individuals and families, Homeless Management Information Systems (HMIS), and homelessness prevention activities and outreach. Approximately 100% of the total allocation will benefit the homeless or individuals/families that are at risk of homelessness. ESG will be distributed in accordance with HUD guidance.

Proposed projects for the FY2014-2015 funding year have been identified in the One Year Action Plan. During the Public Hearing on June 24, 2014, these projects will be presented for approval by the Board of County Commissioners.

Public Comment Period
There will be a public comment period from May 23, 2014 to June 23, 2014 regarding the One Year Action Plan. During this period, the draft Plan will be available for review in all County public libraries, 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 (239-252-2664). 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 Consolidated Plan One Year Action Plan FY 2014-2015. 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.

Next Step
Two public meetings will be held to take input on the draft Action Plan. The first public meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 10, 2014 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Immokalee Library located at 417 N. First Street, Immokalee, FL 34142. The second public meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 17, 2014 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the Golden Gate Library located at 2432 Lucerne Road, Naples, FL 34116.

Final Action
Adoption of the One Year Action Plan (FY 2014-2015) is scheduled for Tuesday June 24, 2014 at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of County Commissioners. This provides the ability to meet the HUD deadline for the Action Plan submittal on August 15, 2014. The Action Plan may be amended after this time, should the need arise. 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.

COLLIER COUNTY, FLORIDA HUD Plan de Acción del año fiscal 2014-2015 y de modificación sustancial Aviso de Reunión Pública Anuncio de Participación Ciudadana

El Condado de Collier está desarrollando el plan de acción de un año para el año fiscal 2014-2015 como parte del Plan Consolidado de 5 años (CP) para los años fiscales 2011-2016, como es requerido por el Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de EE.UU. (HUD). Los objetivos del Plan Consolidado se identifican como: proporcionar viviendas dignas; proporcionar un entorno de vida adecuado; y ampliar las oportunidades económicas para las personas de muy bajos, bajos, y moderados ingresos. El Plan Consolidado guía los esfuerzos del Condado de Collier para abordar las actividades de vivienda, así como las actividades comunitarias. Este plan de acción de un año determina los gastos para los proyectos que se llevarán a cabo en el año del programa 2014-2015.

El Condado de Collier, junto con la ciudad de Naples, han estado asignados \$2,196,746 en fondos federales para el año fiscal 2014-2015. Además, el Condado ha sido notificado de que la Ciudad de Marco Island no aplico para su asignación en el año FY2013-2014 (\$84,307). El Condado Collier es el destinatario de un total de \$2,281,053. Además, los fondos suplementarios no utilizados o no asignados, se utilizarán a partir de los años 2009-2010 y 2011-2012. Las actividades elegibles para los fondos CDBG incluyen, pero no se limitan a: la construcción y renovación de instalaciones públicas, adquisición de terrenos, y los servicios públicos, de acuerdo con el 24 CFR § 570.201. Aproximadamente 100% de la asignación total beneficiará a personas de bajos y moderados ingresos.

El Condado de Collier ha recibido \$501,110 en fondos del Programa de Asociación para Inversiones en Vivienda (HOME) para FY2014-2015 para ampliar la oferta de vivienda digna y asequible para familias de bajos y muy bajos ingresos. Fondos recibidos en este año se porcionera para la adquisición de terrenos/edificios. HUD requiere que fondos reservados para CHDOs sean asignados cuando una solicitud para un proyecto elegible esta recibida y aprobada. Aproximadamente el 100% de la asignación total de HOME será utilizado para beneficiar a los ciudadanos de muy bajos y bajos ingresos.

El Condado Collier ha sido asignado \$163,440 en fondo para el programa de Soluciones para Emergencias (ESG) en FY2014-2015. Estos fondos pueden ser utilizados para las operaciones de los refugios de emergencia, para el realojamiento de las personas y familias sin hogar, el Sistema de Información de Gestión de Personas sin Hogar (HMIS), y actividades de prevención contra la falta de vivienda. Aproximadamente 100% de la asignación total beneficiará las personas sin hogar o los individuos / familias que están en riesgo de quedarse sin hogar. Los fondos de ESG se distribuirán de acuerdo con la dirección de HUD.

Proyectos propuestos para el año fiscal 2014-2015 han sido identificados en el Plan de Acción de un Año. Durante la audiencia pública el 24 de junio de 2014, estos proyectos serán aprobados por la Junta de Comisionados del Condado.

Periodo de comentarios públicos
Habrá un periodo de comentarios públicos desde el 23 mayo 2014 al 22 junio 2014 en relación con el Plan de Acción de un Año. Durante este periodo, el proyecto del plan estará disponible para su revisión en las bibliotecas públicas del Condado, en el mostrador de Información Pública en el edificio de Harmon Turner en el campus central del Gobierno del Condado de Collier, en la oficina del departamento de Vivienda, Servicios Humanos y de Veteranos, ubicada en 3339 E. Tamiami Trail, Edificio H, # 211, Naples FL 34112, y el sitio web del Condado de Collier en www.colliergov.net. El documento está disponible en un formato accesible para las personas con discapacidad que lo soliciten (239-252-2664). Todos los comentarios (recibidos a través de la oficina de HHVS, ya sea por escrito, por teléfono, por correo electrónico, correo postal o en persona) de los ciudadanos se tendrán en cuenta en la preparación del Plan Consolidado de un año el Plan de Acción del año fiscal 2014-2015 final. HHVS responderán a todas las observaciones por escrito dentro de los 15 días de recepción. 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 la ordenanza de Vivienda Justa #92-9.

Siguiente Paso
Dos reuniones públicas se llevarán a cabo para tomar la entrada en el proyecto de Plan de Acción. La primera reunión pública se llevará a cabo el Martes, 10 de junio 2014 a las 3 p.m. hasta las 5 p.m. en la biblioteca en Immokalee, ubicada en 417 N. First Street, Immokalee, FL 34142. La segunda reunión pública se llevará a cabo el martes, 17 de junio 2014 15:00-17:00 en la Biblioteca en Golden Gate ubicado en 2432 Lucerne Road, Naples, FL 34116

Acción Final
Aprobación del Plan de Acción de un Año (Año Fiscal 2014-2015) está programada para el martes 24 junio, 2014 en el reunión regular de la Junta de los Comisionados del Condado. Esto proporciona la capacidad de cumplir con el plazo de HUD para la presentación del Plan de Acción el 15 de agosto de 2014. El Plan de Acción podrá ser modificado después de este tiempo, en caso de necesidad.

Si necesita ayuda o servicios especiales, según lo indica el acto de Americans with Disabilities o requerir a alguien para traducir o firmar, por favor comuníquese con la oficina del departamento de Vivienda, y Servicios Humanos y Veteranos en el (239) 252-4663, en el plazo de dos (2) días antes de la fecha de la audiencia pública. Para obtener información adicional, comuníquese con Ely Soto McKuen al (239) 252-2664 o ElyMcKuen@colliergov.net. 465522 IB 5/29/2014

FWC seeks input on proposed fishing change

If you are among the 750,000-plus Florida bass anglers, now is the time to provide your opinion about Florida's proposed change to largemouth bass conservation by filling out a new online survey.

The change being considered is a five-bass daily bag limit, only one of which may be 16 inches in total

length or longer. This means that each person would be allowed to keep up to five largemouth bass less than 16 inches, or four largemouth bass less than 16 inches and one largemouth bass 16 inches or longer each day.

This change would replace current length limits, but would not alter the current statewide bag limit of five bass.

To take the survey and to learn more about largemouth bass, and current and possible future management changes, go to MyFWC.com/Fishing and select the "Speak out on bass rules!" link under the bass image near the middle of the page. Based on public input and future edits to the proposal, the earliest this rule change is expected to be implemented is July 2016.

"The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) takes public opinions very seriously," said Tom Champeau, director of the Division of Freshwater Fisheries Management. "Combined with the best science and case studies that we have to go on, public input helps us strive for optimal sustained use of these popular and valuable fish."

In addition, it is important to note that there is no intent to alter the simple Bass Tournament Exemption Per-

mit process (see MyFWC.com/Permits then click on "Freshwater" and "Black Bass Tournament").

Currently, bass organizations holding tournaments may apply online for a temporary exemption to bass size limits. This is done to ensure the health of Florida freshwater resources while encouraging fishing participation from small clubs to major tournaments. Tournament organizers and sponsors must emphasize proper handling and care of bass to their participants and adhere to live-release guidelines stipulated in the permit. Moreover, in return for the temporary exemption to allow weigh-in prior to live-release of the bass, all tournament participants must forego any harvest. Hence, they are not allowed to keep what would otherwise be their five-fish bag limit. Any fish that accidentally die in a permitted tournament must be donated to charity or for research. Tournaments are not required to have a permit if they choose to abide by existing regulations (e.g., currently one bass longer than 22 inches or the proposed one bass over 16 inches).

Besides filling out the survey, those interested in ensuring quality bass fishing can do two other things: Sign up for our TrophyCatch citizen-science program that rewards anglers for catching, documenting and releasing bass heavier than 8 pounds (see TrophyCatchFlorida.com), and purchase a "Go Fishing" largemouth bass tag for your vehicle or trailer (see <http://bit.ly/FLbass-tag>).

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 The Becerras: Michale Lee, Erick Reyes, Esmeralda and Elizabeth found it in their hearts to include the overgrown veterans' graves when they care for those of family members nearby.

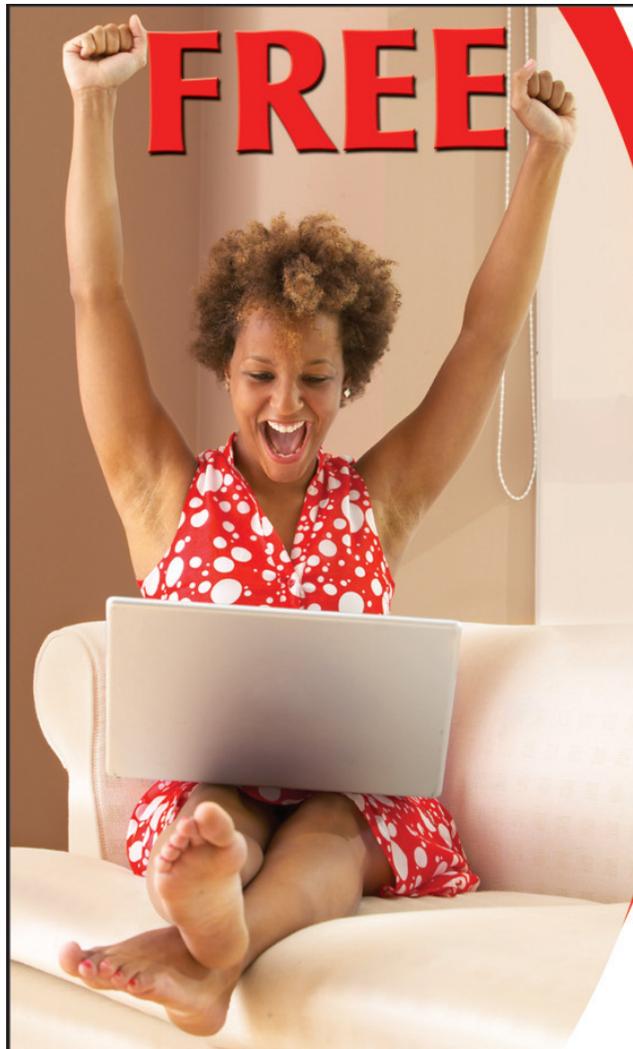


Immokalee Bulletin/Patty Brant
 This 1942 jeep was a point of interest to those attending Memorial Day ceremonies at Lake Trafford Memorial Gardens May 26.



Immokalee Bulletin/Patty Brant
 I.H.S junior and JROTC member Ramiro Moreno is in his third year a JROTC, Victor Ino Mendoza, is going into junior year and is a two-year JROTC member. Yosi Trejo is considering a future as a military nurse some day, Jennifer Gomez is to going into her sophomore year next fall and said membership helps her realize the sacrifices of others. Susana Gomez will be a junior next year and likes the discipline and respect that is integral in the JROTC.

Immokalee Bulletin/Patty Brant
 Young Steven Schindler pays his respects to a hero he never knew. He was at the May 26 Memorial Day ceremonies at Lake Trafford Memorial Gardens, where numerous overlooked and overgrown graves of veterans have been discovered. VFW, American Legion and AMVET posts are making things right. The I.H.S. JROTC will continue the upkeep.



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