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First 'Harvest Bowl' disappointing for Indians



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Frederick Rimmler explains the importance of the Immokalee High School Academy courses to Immokalee Chamber of Commerce members at their regular breakfast meeting September 3.

by Patty Brant
Immokalee Bulletin

The Immokalee Indians have thrown down the gauntlet, challenging the longtime rival Clewiston Tiger football team head-on.

Last Friday's football clash at the Gary Bates Stadium was the first round in what is planned to be an ongoing Harvest Bowl, backed by Lipman Produce, United States Sugar Corporation and the Immokalee Chamber of Commerce.

The game is planned as an annual tussle between the traditional inland area Titans of Tomatoes and the Sharks of Sugar and carries with it a traveling trophy and bragging rights for the season.

In the first match-up of the new Harvest Bowl last Friday, the Indians took it on the chin, 43-28. It was their first defeat of the season.

Career Academy

From Immokalee High School's Academy of Engineering, Frederick Rimmler, gave a brief update on the new academy approach, which will possibly include a finance component. He said that 60 students

have already signed up for the engineering academy.

These academy courses offer students and opportunity to make a decision on their future and learn some of the "soft" skills they will need to forward with their dream, including presentation skills and how to dress in the workplace.

The Immokalee Chamber of Commerce has promised to help impart the important skills of professional conduct and look for student internships for the summer. The engineering academy will help familiarize students with drafting and measuring techniques as well as other basic skills. These types of lessons can make an incredible difference for students to succeed beyond high school.

These engineering academy students will be putting their new skills to practical use. One of the most interesting projects he's seen, Mr. Rimmler said, is building a 4.5 foot long paper bridge using only two sheets of paper. The next project is for each student to design and make his or her own cube puzzle.

I.H.S. cross country in rebuilding mode

by Marcos Gonzalez

Losing eight established members of your team to graduation is never ideal, but that didn't faze the Immokalee Girls and Boys Cross Country team, who opened their season at Estero this past weekend. With 47 teams present the boys team, led by ninth place finisher Urias Velasquez and eleventh place finisher Alejandro Ruiz, recorded a seventh place finish as the only two returners from last year look to mold a young

team into a title contender come the State meet in November. The girls, led by Selena Velasquez, finished tenth as they too look to rebuild a team that lost their top three runners to graduation. With a strong start to the season in the books, the team looks to build on a good performance and improve as the days tick till November. Go Indians Cross Country!

The Immokalee Cross Country team will be hosting the Southwest Florida Cross Country Festival on September 27 at the Immokalee Seminole Ranch. The meet will look to build on the success of last year's inaugural edition as it will host both high school and middle school races. The Indians are looking for sponsors and for volunteers to help with the coordination of the meet, activities that will range from course set-up/clean up, concession stand, and much more. For more information please contact Hugo Gijon (hvgijon@gmail.com).



Alejandro Ruiz (11th Place) and Urias Velasquez (9th place) out of 248 runners.

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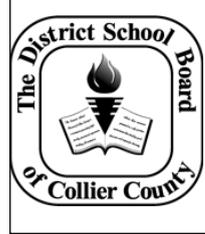
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Students First

by Maribel De Armas

There's something happening over at Eden Park Elementary School (EPE) and it's something great! It's something that's fundamentally all about reading and writing. You see, about a week or so before the



start of the new school year, EPE welcomed a special guest. Dr. Sandra Iversen, President and Publisher of Iversen Publishing, began working with Kindergarten teachers at the school to roll out her Foundations Skills Program Pilot. I'll explain a bit more on that in a minute, but I want to give a little background on Dr. Iversen's work and how Collier County has been in the front row of some of her literacy research. Dr. Iversen first visited Collier County in 1996 to help set up a literacy program at five Title 1 schools. So what is a Title 1 school? At the elementary level it is a school that has 75 percent or more of its student population enrolled in the free and reduced lunch program.

Dr. Iversen spent her time training Reading Specialists and tutors to work with students, as well as providing professional development to increase the reading instruction skills of Kindergarten through third grade teachers at each of those schools. This program became known as Accelerated Reading Power (ARP) and during that 1996-97 school year, 78 percent of students who had English as their second or third language became competent readers and writers. Certainly a successful year!

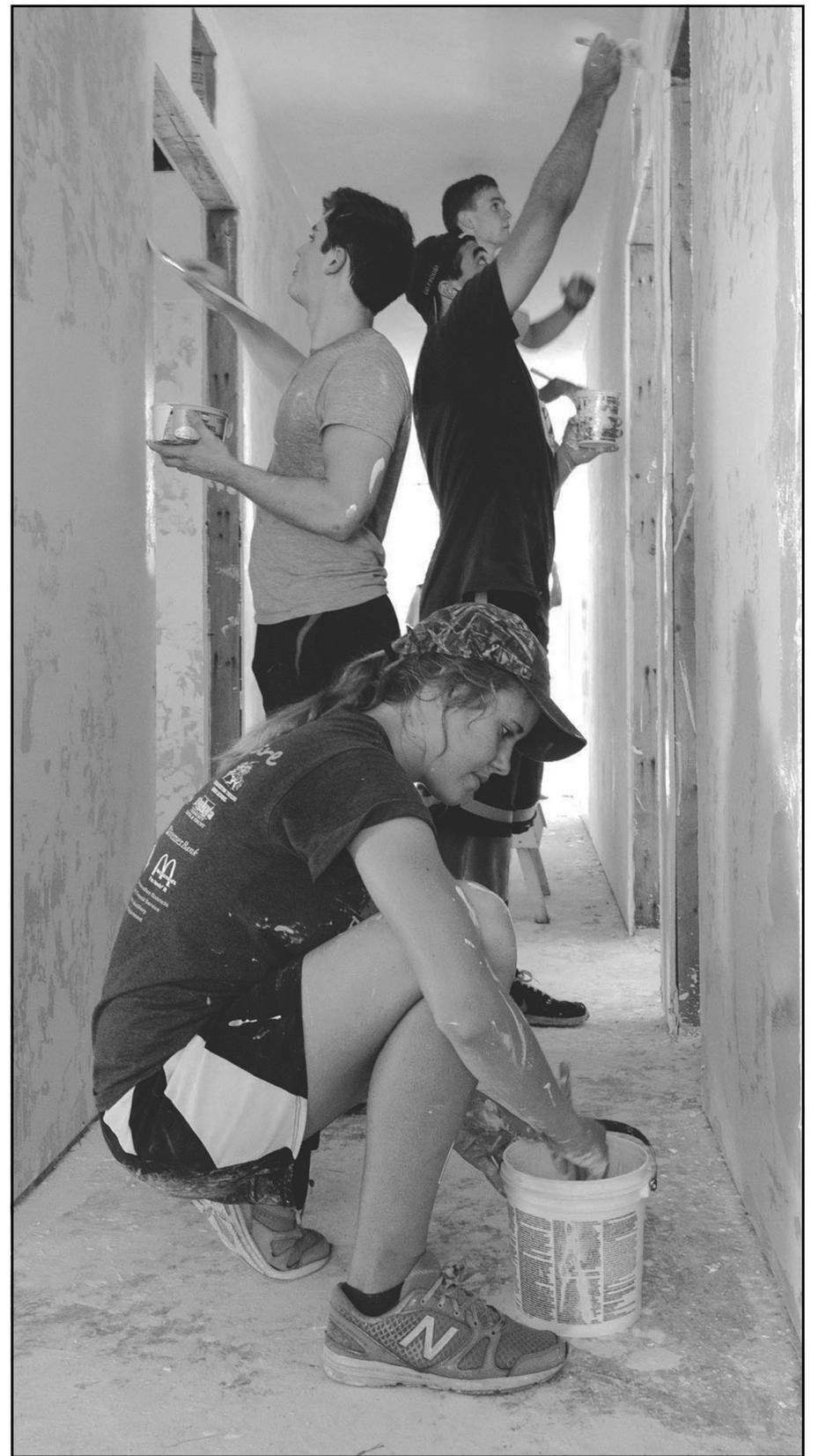
Dr. Iversen credits her time spent in Collier County with providing the knowledge that underpinned the development of a new literacy program called Quick60. Pilot schools using this small group intervention program have raised their literacy levels from 2 percent achieving state or national standards to over 60 percent in three years. Quick60 has been used successfully in Collier County Public Schools' Summer Schools Program for the past three years.

So this year, Dr. Iversen is working with EPE on implementing a program specifically for students who come to school with very few literacy skills and little vocabulary. She says, "The opportunity to be back in Collier and to work alongside such a passionate and respected educator as Eden Park Elementary School Principal Linda Salazar and her team of dedicated staff is great. The chance to build on the great strides the school has been making and help with the literacy development of the Kindergarten students this year is a very rewarding prospect."

The Foundations Skills Program Pilot is a whole year, whole class program designed to cut off failure before it can happen. I had a chance to touch base with EPE Principal Linda Salazar and she is very excited about this opportunity. "I was thrilled to be approached about piloting the Foundations Skill Program at Eden Park Elementary. The program addresses many challenges faced by Title 1 schools: oral language deficit (vocabulary), lack of experience with language (regardless of language spoken), turnover of teachers, etc. All of the program pieces are put together with the teacher and student in

mind. It is easy to use and follow, making implementation also easy to monitor. We use our own current data so no additional assessment is required. Our teachers have been very pleased and we are expecting great things!"

We certainly look forward to hearing about the successes of the Foundations Skill Program and sincerely thank Dr. Iversen sharing her time and knowledge with the teachers and students of Collier County Public Schools.



Habitat for Humanity

Ave Maria University students volunteer their time to paint a Habitat for Humanity of Collier County-built home in Immokalee. The students come out most weekends to help build in the newest Habitat development, Faith Landing, and other Immokalee homes. To volunteer or for more information, please call 239-657-4466. Photo Courtesy of Habitat for Humanity.

Community Briefs

College night

Collier County Public Schools' College Night 2014 is just a few weeks away! Students and parents are invited to the event taking place from 5:30-7:30 p.m. on Monday, September 22, in the Golden Gate High School gymnasium (2925 Titan Way). Approximately 100 colleges and universities will send representatives to College Night 2014.

Throughout the evening, students and parents will have the opportunity to visit with the various college and university representatives. Representatives will provide information about programs offered, entrance requirements, expenses, financial aid, campus life, and more.

Lunch ministry

A free hot lunch will be served at Allen Chapel A.M.E. Church,

"The Church Where Intentional Ministry Occurs", 208 S. 3rd Street.

Martha's Kitchen Feeding Ministry will serve a delicious lunche Saturday, September 13, from noon till the food is gone. The menu includes meatballs with onion gravy, freshly picked pinto beans, rice, cornbread, desserts and drinks. "I was hungry and you gave me food." Matthew 25:35.

I.H.S. reunion

Come out and talk about old times & catch up. the IHS class of 1985 is sponsoring a reunion of sorts, inviting Class of 1982-1988

The Seniors when we were Freshman and the Freshmen when we were Seniors. September 19, 2014 4:00-9:00 p.m. at Immokalee Community Park at the Pavilion-321 N. 1st Street-(239) 657-4459. (Food and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided until they run out).

Big Cypress rest area open

The rest area at mile marker 63 along Interstate 75 has reopened.

The up-graded facility includes backcountry access parking on the north and south sides of the interstate for those wanting to hike into the backcountry of the national preserve.

For more information on this and other access from I-75 into Big Cypress go to -

<http://www.nps.gov/bicy/planyourvisit/interstate-75-access-facilities.htm>.

Challenger team

Immokalee is starting its own Challenger division of Little League Baseball. Challenger is for boys and girls ages 4-21 years old that are enrolled in school that would not fit into Little League because of mental or physical differences.

We will show your child what cooperation, consideration, and teamwork experiences are at their best. Our motto is "Challenged not Defeated." You and your child will make this a worthy experience If you know of anyone that could benefit by this program, please tell them about us. We are counting on you to spread the word. Thank you for listening and informing others. Interested people should call William Trevino 1-239-324-3072 or John Kucko at 1-239-947-9943.

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Mustang show

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There will be FREE Mustang Only parking. FREE registration! FREE \$20 Play for driver and passengers (21 years or older with photo I.D.!) FREE \$10 food voucher for driver and passengers! Trophies for top Mustangs! Music by D.J. Tommy Tunes!

Last year Mustangs arrived from all over Florida, and nothing says beauty more than a parking lot full of classic Mustangs. Mark your calendar to be sure and join us for this annual show!

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Little League clinic

Parents, now is the time to get your kids signed up for our baseball and softball clinics. Immokalee Little League and Parks and Recreation are partnering up to start a 12-week program so your child can learn the basic fundamentals of baseball and softball.

Our clinics continue till October 04 and will run approximately 12 weeks.

The days of the clinics will be on Mondays, Tuesdays and Saturdays, Mon. and Tues. from 6:30-8 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. The ages for our clinic will run from 9 years old to 15 years of age boys or girls. A small fee of \$40.00 will be collected at the time of registration.

You can register at the Immokalee Sports Complex (Swimming Pool). If you any questions feel free to give us a call at the numbers provided.

Thank You again and we will see you there at the Little League Park. By all means if you would like to volunteer, we are always looking for volunteers.

You will also be able to fill out an application at the Immokalee Sports Complex as well.

Stephen Herrera 239-658-4071 or William Trevino 239-324-3072

Gopher tortoise interests

A meeting of the Gopher Tortoise Techni-

cal Assistance Group (GTAG) will be held at the Division of Plant Industry Auditorium, 1911 SW 34 Street, Gainesville, FL 32608 on 12 September 2014 from 10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. The public is welcome to attend. Meeting materials including the draft revisions to the Gopher Tortoise Permitting Guidelines, agenda, and presentations can be accessed on the GTAG SharePoint site (<http://share.myfwc.com/GT2/default.aspx>). Please note that some materials may not be available on the website until the day of the meeting. No user name or password is required.

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FSW receives scholarship funds from Florida College System

September 5, 2014 – FORT MYERS, FLA. – The Florida College System Foundation presented Florida SouthWestern State (FSW) College President Jeff Allbritten with a gift of \$29,734 to benefit scholarships for students.

Tami Cullens, chair of the Association of Florida College's Trustees Commission, presented the check to Dr. Allbritten during FSW's Fall Convocation at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall.

"More students than ever will be choosing the state college system," said Dr. Allbritten.

"We want these students to not only attend FSW but also graduate with a degree. One-third of our graduating students are now leaving with a baccalaureate degree in a competitive field. These robust scholarship opportunities help students to reach that goal."

"This generous gift from the Florida College System Foundation will help sustain three college scholarships," said Dr. Louis J. Traina, vice president of Institutional Advancement.

"Two of the scholarships are designed for first generation college students and the third is for nursing and other health professions students."

Out of the \$29,734 presented to FSW, nearly half, \$13,625, is for the Helios Edu-

cation Foundation First Generation Scholarship; \$4,326 is for the Bank of America Dream Makers Scholarship and \$11,783 from Florida Blue for Nursing and Allied Health students. Since 2001, these three scholarships have awarded over \$240,000 to FSW students.

The Florida College System Foundation is a 501(c)(3) non-profit established by Florida Statute to serve as the official direct support organization for the college system. During 2014-2015, it is expected to award over \$900,000 in scholarships to the state's 28 public colleges.

Florida SouthWestern State College is Southwest Florida's largest and one of the most affordable institutions of higher education.

Annually serving more than 22,000 students globally, FSW offers a variety of nationally-ranked, career-focused academic programs with two- and four-year degrees, and professional certifications.

Students are also active in clubs and programs catered to their interests. FSW will debut its intercollegiate athletics program in the fall 2015. Visit www.FSW.edu for more information.



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Donation for scholarships

From left to right, Tami Cullens, chair of the Association of Florida Colleges Trustees Commission, presents a gift of \$29,734 to FSW President Jeff Allbritten during the college's annual Fall Convocation.

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Paige has over 24 years of solid experience planning and managing events in the local community, most recently as the owner of her own company, No Worries Weddings and Events. She also has an extensive background in sales, event planning and catering with prominent local resorts and hotels, including her most recent position of Senior Sales Manager at The Bellasera Hotel, where her duties included soliciting and working with corporate accounts, creating new relationships and networking in local markets. Paige previously held positions overseeing and coordinating events and conventions at The Naples Hilton and The Naples Beach Hotel and Golf Club, among others.

Paige is a graduate of Purdue University, with a degree in Hospitality Management. She currently holds the position of President

of the Naples Chapter of the National Association of Wedding Professionals. Her other professional certifications and affiliations include Green Certification, the Sports Council of Naples and the Association of Bridal Consultants. She is also a Certified Meeting Professional and a licensed Notary. Paige previously served on the David Lawrence Foundation's signature, destination themed annual gala committee.

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 50,000 people each year. David Lawrence Foundation generates philanthropic support for the advancement of the Center's mission, operations and growth. For more information about David Lawrence Center and Foundation call 239-455-8500 or visit www.DavidLawrenceCenter.org.

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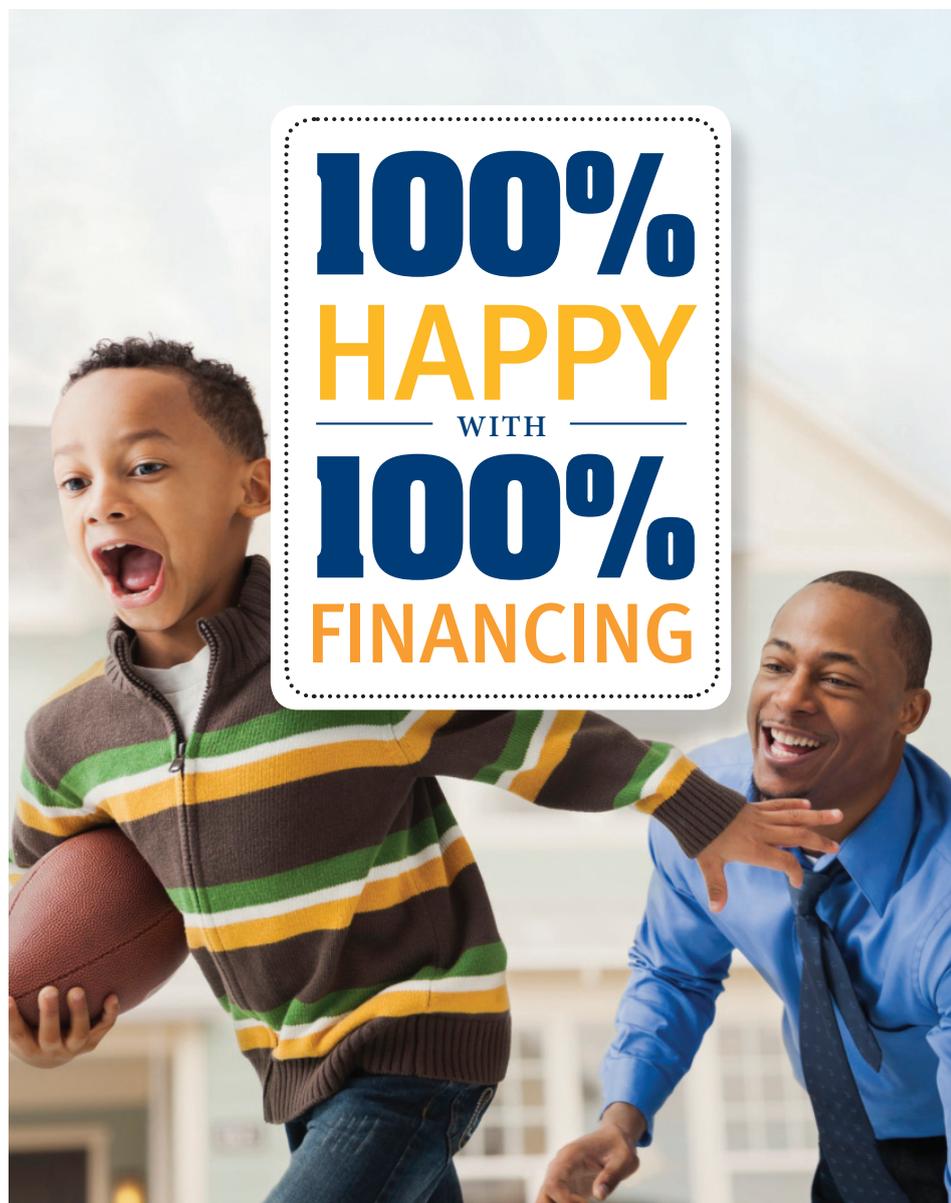
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NOTICE OF MEETING

There will be a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Immokalee Water & Sewer District, on Wednesday, September 17, 2014 at 4:00 P.M. at the office of the Immokalee Water & Sewer District, located at 1020 Sanitation Rd., Immokalee, FL 34142.

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. July 2014-TBA
 2. August 2014-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
 1. August 20, 2014 Regular Meeting
 2. August 20, 2014 Budget Meeting
 3. August 28, 2014 Continuance of Regular Budget Meeting
 - B. Civil Rights Compliance Report
 - C. August 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
 - A. Resolution 14-08-Employee Manual Update
5. Discussion Agenda
 - A. Other's Report
6. Other Public Interests
7. Adjournment

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Minority Business Fair on Oct. 16

by Delta Sigma Theta

The Collier County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will showcase minority-owned businesses in the area on Oct. 16 during its first Minority Business Fair. The sorority is partnering with Florida Gulf Coast University and the Delta Research and Education Foundation for the event.

The Minority Business Fair will take place from 4-7 p.m. at North Collier Regional Park Exhibit Hall, 15000 Livingston Road, Naples. At the fair, minority business owners and their staffs will have an opportunity to showcase their companies' products and services as well as network with leaders of major corporations in the area.

Companies of all sizes will gain invaluable insight about securing public contracts in Collier County. Purchasing professionals from the Collier County Government, the City of Naples, Florida Gulf Coast University, Hodges University and a host of others will provide information on the various programs available to business owners.

The spaces are limited for tables so businesses are encouraged to sign up for the Minority Business Fair by September 1. Application information is online at www.collierdeltas.org.

"We are excited to showcase the wonderful businesses in the area during our first Minority Business Fair. Economic Development is one of our sorority's major programs, and the Fair will be a great opportunity for entrepreneurs to present the many diverse services that are available to Southwest Florida residents," stated Christine Rahmings, president of the Collier County Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority is a private, non-profit organization whose purpose is to provide services and programs that promote human welfare. The sorority is a national organization with over 1,028 chapters located in the United States, England, Japan (Tokyo and Okinawa), Germany, the Virgin Islands, Bermuda, the Bahamas, Jamaica and the Republic of Korea.

The Collier County Alumnae Chapter,

charted in Naples on October 26, 2013, is made up of nearly 50 college-educated women. The major programs of the sorority are based upon the organization's five-point program thrust, which includes Educational Awareness, Economic Development, International Awareness, Physical and Mental Health and Political Awareness.

For more information or questions about the Minority Business Fair, contact Rhonda Cummings at 239-601-2525 or via email at Collierdst@gmail.org. For more information about the Collier County Alumnae Chapter, visit www.collierdeltas.org.

Speech Contest promotes confidence

Gainesville ---Food security is an important issue to the people of the United States. How can Florida agriculture continue to provide quality solutions for the future?

Teenagers across the Sunshine State will address this question in the 2014 Florida Farm Bureau Youth Speech Contest. Contestants must present a five minute speech on the assigned topic without using visual aids.

Each year the Florida Farm Bureau Federation Women's Leadership Program sponsors a Youth Speech Contest starting at the county level. The winner of each county contest competes in a district contest and the eight district winners will compete in the state competition at the Florida Farm Bureau Annual Meeting in October.

The contest provides a clearer understanding of the many facets of agriculture and its importance for everyday living. "The Youth Speech Contest provides opportunities for our youth to learn more about agriculture and help them master the art of public speaking," said Michael Rogalsky, coordinator of the Florida Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Program. "I am continually impressed by our participants' comfort level at the podium."

The contest is open to any student who is 14 years of age and not over 18 years of age by Sept. 19, 2014. Students must be a resident of the county of the sponsoring Farm Bureau. The deadline for submitting District Winners for State Competition is Sept. 19, 2014. Students do not have to be a member of the county Farm Bureau to participate.

State competitors will win \$500 for earning the first place award and \$250 for the second place award. County and district prizes will be determined at the county level. For more information about the contest, download the application or contact the local Farm Bureau county office.

The Florida Farm Bureau Women's Leadership Program is committed to telling the farming story at the local, state and national level. Farm Bureau Women are actively involved with schools, charitable organizations and various events to promote public understanding about agriculture.

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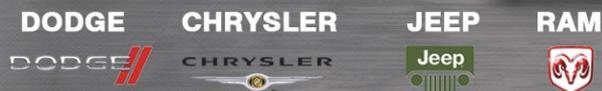
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