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Election 2014: Books close October 4

Collier County, Fla.—September 29, 2014: In order to vote in the 2014 General Election, voters must be registered to vote in Florida by 12:00 a.m. (Midnight), Monday, October 6, 2014.

A downloadable voter registration form can be found on the Supervisor of Elections page at www.CollierVotes.com under the "Register to Vote" tab. The Supervisor of Elections Office, located at the Collier County Government Complex, 3295 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, FL, is open during regular business hours, which are from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday. The satellite office is located at the North Collier Government Service Center, 2335 Orange Blossom Drive, Naples, FL and is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m.

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Mail/Absentee Ballots for the 2014 General Election go out

Collier County, Fla.—September 30, 2014: The Collier County Supervisor of Elections Office will begin to send its first mailing of requested ballots to domestic voters for the upcoming General Election.

Voters may submit requests online at www.CollierVotes.com under the "Vote by Mail" tab. Requests can also be made by calling the Supervisor of Elections Office

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Future voters

American Government students enjoyed a presentation on the importance of voting, explaining that students are citizens and have that right. Students also learned the differentiation between party affiliations and those most likely to vote based on age, gender and race in Collier County. Front row: Beya Jaramillo, Yesenia Lopez-Vasquez, Nereida Chavarria, Christi Gonzalez, Adolfa Villa, Elizabeth Martinez, Manuel Diaz Quintana. Back row: Jimmy Charles, Shelderson Milfort, Milien Measu.



Foundation earns award in excellence

NAPLES, Fla. (Sept. 29, 2014) – The Immokalee Foundation, an affiliate of Take Stock in Children, was recently recognized with a coveted Excellence Award for successfully providing at-risk youth with caring volunteer mentors, college readiness curriculum and college scholarships.

The Immokalee Foundation has shown great results with a high school graduation rate of 100 percent with 100 percent of those students entering college with the guidance of 86 mentors from the local community. This is well above Florida's average high school graduation rate of 57 percent for students living in poverty, with only 28 percent enrolling in college.

TIF, currently serving 125 students, received the award at TSIC's College and Career Readiness Summit. Attracting more than 250 participants from statewide programs, attendees learned from national leaders about the latest data on youth poverty, mentoring, college readiness skills and career pipelines.

"This award is a source of great pride to The Immokalee Foundation, and highlights our dedication to changing the lives

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Pushing the boundaries of beauty

Submitted photos/Delia Lozano Immokalee hairdresser Delia Lozano is making a name for herself in some very sophisticated society. She's headed for Las Vegas to compete in the Battle of the Strands 2014, also known as the World Cup of Beauty. Stylists from around the

world will compete Monday, October 6, at the Silverton Casino's Veil Theatre. The competition will be streamed live to only 650 theaters in the country. Delia previously qualified for the event in Orlando. Her salon is DNS and she also teaches cosmetology at iTech. This up and coming entrepreneur is a 2001 Immokalee High School graduate. These are some of her creations.



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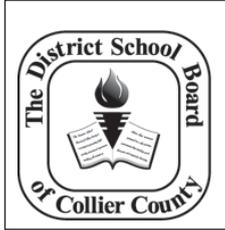
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Students First

by Maribel De Armas

Virtually everything is "virtual" today. We depend so heavily on today's technology as we navigate each day. We text, maybe tweet, check Facebook, and most certainly exchange tons of emails. We rely on the Internet for practically everything. Here at the school district we certainly rely on technology and the



Internet to help us provide information you may find important. One example is our Virtual Flyers. Nearly three years ago, Collier County Public Schools went "virtual" with flyers which are meant primarily for parents of elementary students. Flyers are posted as "virtual" flyers on the district website at www.collierschools.com. You simply go to the home page of the site, scroll down a bit, click on the green backpack (the Virtual Flyers icon) on the left side of the page and voilà, you're there.

What kind of flyers will you find? These are flyers from various community organizations or governmental agencies with offers for some sort of service which is available to your child or news about special events of interest to your child. These are the flyers schools used to send home in your child's weekly envelope or folder.

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

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

So when you go online to do anything – on your smart phone, iPhone, iPad, or work, library, or home computer – you'll want to take a quick moment to check out the virtual flyers. Plus, you'll be able to see all of the flyers posted, not just those meant for your child's school. We do realize that not everyone has Internet service on a phone or a computer, so we encourage you to contact your child's school to see how they can help in getting you access to a computer to take a look at our "virtual" flyers.

ESE conference set for October 25

Are you a family member of a child with a disability? Collier County Public Schools' Exceptional Student Education (ESE) Sharing the Commitment Advisory is inviting you to a free one-day conference on Saturday, October 25th, from 8 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at Gulf Coast High School (7878 Shark Way, Naples).

The conference, in partnership with the Florida Diagnostic and Learning Resources System (FDLRS), will offer a variety of training, education, and networking opportunities for parents. Come learn ways to increase family and school collaboration and find out what strategies your child's teachers will be

using in the classroom so you can support participation at home, in school, and in the community!

This year's keynote speaker is Vincent J. Varassi, an educational consultant whose practice is devoted to building a bridge to college and career for students. Online registration for the conference is now; just visit www.collierschools.com/ese. Parents are encouraged to check out a description of each of the day's workshops using the same website.

To learn more, register, or obtain online support, call 337-8363.

Award

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of students through this program," said Joe Zednik, TIF's chairman. "Our students are counting on us to make the difference in their lives to ensure they succeed academically and professionally."

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.

Take Stock in Children, a Florida 501(c)3

nonprofit organization, provides mentors, scholarships and hope for Florida's low-income and deserving students. Incorporated in 1995 and maintaining a 96 percent high school graduation rate, TSIC is Florida's flagship and most successful mentoring and scholarship program. In every Florida county, TSIC scholars in middle and high school pledge to meet regularly with their mentor, maintain academic standards, and remain drug and crime-free on the way to achieving a high school diploma. The reward for fulfilling these commitments is a scholarship to a Florida state college, university or vocational school. To donate, volunteer or learn more about Take Stock in Children, call 888-322-4673 or visit www.takestockinchildren.org.

Help kick off Relay for Life

Relay For Life Kickoff 2015-a celebrating jump starting another year of Relay For Life in Immokalee. Food, fun and an auction for your team to choose the color they will represent at Relay For Life this year.

Come to iTech in Immokalee Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at 5 p.m.

Each year the Relay For Life Committee honors the Immokalee community for its dedication and support to "celebrate, remember and fight back." RSVP to Mimi Gonzalez at mimigz86@gmail.com and how many of your friends and family are going to attend.

If you know yourself or a friend that would like to be a part of making Relay For Life Immokalee happen this year, please email mimigz86@gmail.com with your name and what you would be interested in doing. Any and all help is appreciated.

The Relay For Life program is the signature fundraising event for the American Cancer Society. The team-based event provides friends, families, and coworkers the opportunity to celebrate cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost to the disease, and learn more about how to fight back against cancer. While teams are raising much-needed funds, they also raise awareness of the importance of cancer prevention, early detection, treatment and patient support.

Every Relay For Life event offers the marketing power of a global movement with a local community impact. Some of the benefits include:

- Bolstering your company's image and reputation by aligning with the nation's largest and most respected voluntary health organization.
- Providing employees a meaningful volunteer experience while building and enhancing employee leadership skills.
- Creating fun team-building opportunities.
- Demonstrating your commitment and support for employee wellness.
- Supporting colleagues and their families who may be facing cancer.

Vote

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at (239) 252-VOTE. By law, ballots cannot be forwarded and can only be delivered to the address on file with the Supervisor of Elections Office. The deadline for voters to request a ballot to be delivered by mail for this election is 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, October 29.

Voted ballots must be returned to the Supervisor of Elections Office, by 7 p.m. on Election Day, November 4, 2014 and can be dropped off or mailed to the Supervisor of Elections Office in the official envelope provided. The voter's signature is required on the outside of the ballot return envelope.

If you receive a ballot in the mail and decide to vote in person on Election Day, bring their marked or unmarked ballot to their polling location so it can be cancelled.

Visit www.CollierVotes.com under the "Mail/Absentee" tab.

The Shelter welcomes Seaton and Tuff

The Shelter for Abused Women & Children recently welcomed two new members to its development team. Tamika Seaton joins The Shelter as Senior Development Officer and Kaydee Tuff as the new Communications Manager for the 18-year-old nonprofit agency.



Kaydee Tuff

Prior to joining The Shelter, Seaton was the Public Information Officer for the City of Naples. She earned a bachelor's and master's degree in management from Hodges University and is a 2014 Leadership Collier graduate. She is the recipient of the 2013 Gulf Shore Business 40 Under 40 Award, 2011 Hodges University Founder's Award and the 2010 National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) Collier County Branch Life Blood Award. Seaton and her family moved to Naples 11 years ago from Los Angeles, CA.

A 25-year Collier County resident, Tuff

served as managing editor for Tuff Publications from 1989-2005 and later as editor of the Collier Citizen for E.W. Scripps from 2005-2010. She comes to The Shelter from the Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida (HCN), where she served as Communication Coordinator. Prior to HCN, Tuff served in a public relations capacity for Grace Place for Children and Families and St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic School.



Tamika Seaton

"We are excited to have Tamika and Kaydee join our team," said Linda Oberhaus, Executive Director for The Shelter. "Their hands-on knowledge of and connections within this community will be invaluable to promotion of The Shelter and its mission to prevent, protect and prevail over domestic violence through advocacy, empowerment and social change."

Big Cypress trails remain closed for environmental analysis

As part of a settlement agreement with plaintiffs related to the designation of secondary off-road vehicle (ORV) trails within Big Cypress National Preserve, the National Park Service (NPS) will leave all secondary ORV trails closed until further environmental review and analysis can be completed. The trails were closed on June 2, 2014 as part of the annual 60-day recreational trail closure.

Upon lifting of that closure on August 1, 2014 the NPS announced that the secondary trails would remain closed for an additional 60-day period, through September 29, 2014, as further negotiations with plaintiffs were held. The NPS has agreed to leave all secondary trails closed through the completion of a Backcountry Access planning effort. As part of the effort the environmental impact of the secondary trails will be analyzed.

"The judge in this case spoke clearly in May of the need to complete further environmental analysis of the secondary trails. We are listening to the judge and will be investing all of our effort to complete this process as expeditiously as possible," said Pedro Ramos, Superintendent.

"My expectation is that the outcome of the analysis will help to permanently define secondary trail locations in both, the Addition Lands and the Original Preserve, in a manner that will balance preservation and traditional access into the preserve as our legislation directs us to."

The NPS began the planning effort related to backcountry access in early 2014. More details on the planning process can

be found at - <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectId=49334>. This most recent planning effort will more clearly define management of a variety of backcountry use issues including hiking, camping and secondary ORV trail placement and designation.

The Backcountry Access Plan is being completed as part of the NPS' National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process. It will provide a variety of opportunities for public review and comment. The NPS anticipates the release and review of draft alternatives of the plan in spring/summer 2015 and estimates that a final record of decision would be signed in 2016.

Immokalee Children's Peace March, fair October 27

The Immokalee Peace March & Children's Fair Monday, Oct. 27, 2014 at the Collier County Immokalee Sports Complex, 505 Escambia St. in Immokalee.

The Children's Fair will run from 3-6 p.m., followed by the police-escorted Peace March at 6 p.m. The event is free and open

to the public.

Activities include children's games, entertainment, food, and prizes. There will also be a talent show and information booths hosted by partner agencies.

For more information, please email Josie Means at jpunte@naplesshelter.org.

Champions for Learning announce 2014-15 board of directors

September 25 – Naples, FL) Education Foundation—Champions For Learning is pleased to announce the Board of Directors for the 2014-15 term as it begins the celebration of the 25th year as an organization.

Champions for Learning was founded in 1990 by the community with a passionate desire to recognize innovation in teaching, engage the community in our schools, mentor students and work collaboratively with others.

An independent, community-based, nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization, Champions For Learning brings our community together to invest in innovative practices that enrich the environment for student learning.

"Champions For Learning is very proud of the passion and dedication of our board leadership," remarks Keith Walker, Board Chair. "Each board member brings their time and talent to this organization and makes a remarkable impact as we work to connect students to their future."

"We extend a warm welcome to our newest board members who join us as we embark on our 25th year," states Susan McManus, President, Champions For Learning. "Together, with our returning members, we are excited to continue to create opportunities that help students and teachers thrive, and achieve their goals. Our organization is so grateful for the exemplary leadership of our board of directors."

Members of Champions For Learning 2014-15 Board of Directors are:

Keith Walker, Chair, Jim Hoppensteadt,

Immediate Past Chair, Bill Barker, Vice Chair, Brad Galbraith, Vice Chair Lynn Yaeger Davidson, Vice Chair, Mike Boose, Secretary Mary Cone, Finance Chair, Susan McManus, President Marcelo Alvarez, Carol Boyd, Steve Brinkert, Andrew Buschle, Kathy Connelly, Hunter Hansen, Sharon Hood, Jim Lintzenich, Felix Lluberres, Dick Munro, Jeff Ospina, Greg Pasanen, Dr. Kamela Patton, Gary Personett, Roy Terry, Heather Thomas, George Walters, Jr.

Champions For Learning has just earned a 4-star rating for a third consecutive year for sound fiscal management and commitment to accountability and transparency.

According to Ken Berger, President/CEO of Charity Navigator, "Only 12% of the charities we rate have received at least 3 consecutive 4-star evaluations, indicating that The Education Foundation of Collier County—Champions For Learning outperforms most other charities in America. Receiving four out of a possible four stars indicates that your organization adheres to good governance and other best practices that minimize the chance of unethical activities and consistently executes its mission in a fiscally responsible way."

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Guadalupe plans golf fundraiser for 2015

NAPLES, Fla. (Sept. 23, 2014) – Elements of fire and ice will create a dynamic backdrop for the Guadalupe Center's signature



fundraiser Wednesday, Jan. 14 2015 at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort in Naples. The annual event, themed "Fire & Ice: Igniting the Flame of Learning," is chaired by Sandy Vasey and Linda Yost, longtime supporters of the Guadalupe Center.

The event helps provide financial support for education, mentoring and social enrichment programs that provide more than 1,000 children in Immokalee with a better opportunity for a successful future.

Fire & Ice will offer a night of live musical entertainment, a gourmet dinner and the opportunity to make on-the-spot donations for college scholarships during "Jump Up." The event begins with a cocktail reception and a meet-and-greet with high school students enrolled in Guadalupe Center's Tutor Corps program.

"It's a very special opportunity for our patrons to be able to meet these gifted students and hear first-hand, personal stories about

their challenges, hopes and dreams," said Vasey. "This past year, we celebrated 14 Tutor Corps graduates who are now enrolled in colleges around the country. We're thankful to the many patrons who have helped make that possible."

Guests at Fire & Ice also have the chance to bid on experiential and luxury live auction lots.

"It's always fun creating unique experiences for our auctions and Fire & Ice will offer some pretty spectacular live auction lots," said Yost. Although the auction lots have not officially been announced, one item in particular has special meaning to the Guadalupe Center's mission. William Boyajian of Port Royal Jewelers in Naples is customizing a piece of jewelry inspired by one of the center's students.

Yost added, "William has put together a fabulous piece that truly symbolizes the transformative impact that the Guadalupe Center has on the lives of so many children and families in our community. We're excited to see the final product that will be unveiled this fall."

Last year's sold-out event raised \$780,000 to support educational programs for the children of Immokalee. Guadalupe Center's signature event has grown from a small-scale cocktail event to the organization's largest fundraiser.

Funds from Fire & Ice directly benefit the Early Childhood Education, Guadalupe After-school Program and Tutor Corps. For the past eight years, 100 percent of the high school students in Guadalupe's Tutor Corps program have graduated from high school.

Businesses, families and individual philanthropists have the opportunity to sup-



Submitted photo

Guadalupe Center's Tutor Corps program students.

port the signature event through six levels of sponsorships priced from \$500 to \$15,000, which include tickets and acknowledgment in the official Fire & Ice program. Individual tickets are available for \$500.

Guadalupe Center is dedicated to breaking the cycle of poverty. For more than 30 years, the nonprofit organization has been serving the children and families of Immokalee. Its innovative early childhood educa-

tion, after-school tutoring, community mentoring and college scholarship programs have earned national recognition, including the top four-star rating by Charity Navigator, America's leading independent charity evaluator.

For more information about the Guadalupe Center and its signature event, visit www.GuadalupeCenter.org or call 239-657-7158.

Economic blueprint for Immokalee on the horizon!

from Immokalee Today

By next summer Immokalee could have a new economic blueprint for its future as "Florida in the 21st Century."

Development of the plan will be a joint project of the Immokalee CRA, Collier County government and the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council, a five-county intergovernment body based in Fort Myers.

The plan will analyze the economic strengths and weaknesses of Immokalee, evaluate realistic opportunities for growth which complement the region's rural setting and develop a strategic plan for sustainable economic development in the decades to come. The project will cost \$25,000 and will be funded by a state grant.

"Immokalee's economy focused primarily on agriculture in the past with many farms and packaging plants in the surrounding area," explains documents prepared for the DEO. "While agriculture remains an important economic base, other economic activities are need to bring diversity and new

opportunities.

"Recent improvements include the new Ave Maria subdivision less than 10 miles away, plans for a new Walmart store, construction of a new hotel at the Seminole Immokalee Casino, infrastructure investment by the Immokalee CRA to improve sidewalks and drainage and a new vocational school," the documents continues. "Although these are small developments they indicate an expanding community.

"The Immokalee CRA would like to incorporate these improvements, along with other programs it offers to expand and grow the economy and create more opportunities for Immokalee residents in a unified, focused strategy."

Those "other programs" to which the documents refer include the community's designation as a Foreign Trade Zone, a HUB Zone, a Florida Enterprise Zone, a Rural Area of Critical Economic Concern (RACEC) and its inclusion in the Florida Heartland Rural Economic Development Initiative (FHREDI).

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Introducing technology to students at Immokalee Child Care Center

Technology Day at Immokalee Child Care Center

The creation of a Technology Library at the Immokalee Child Care Center has provided preschool children with the necessary technological proficiencies to give them a “jump start” into Kindergarten.

The introduction of technology has helped reinforce early literacy, math, cognitive and fine motor skills, as well as, develop language and socio-emotional awareness. Technology can also be used as a means to assist English language learners in their transition from their native language to English. This is similar to the use of a “language lab” used in higher education.

However, while the use of technology has become prevalent in our society and used as a modern teaching tool in our schools, families who have not been exposed to the everyday use of a computer may be somewhat intimidated when their child comes home from school talking about websites and Wikipedia.

A “Parent Technology Day,” was held at Immokalee Child Care Center to give parents an opportunity to utilize state of the art technology equipment, such as; i-Pads, a Smart Board and an interactive Smart Table, all loaded with early learning software.



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FSW College Designated as Military Friendly

September 24, 2014 – FORT MYERS, FLORIDA — Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) has earned the Military Friendly School designation. FSW is listed in the annual Military Friendly Schools list released by Victory Media for 2015.

“FSW strives to offer the best college experience to all students, and recognizes that veterans are searching for colleges that provide support and assistance to them and their families while balancing their military experiences and benefits,” said Denise Thompson, Veteran’s Affairs Specialist at FSW.

Schools on this list represent the top tier of institutions with leading opportunities for military service members and spouses.

“We are so proud of our military men and women and want to help support them in their academic endeavors,” said Thomp-

son. “They have all given so much for our freedoms and this is just one small thing we can do for them as they pursue their educational and career goals.”

About the Military Friendly Schools List (<http://militaryfriendly.com/press>):

The Military Friendly® designation process includes extensive research and data-driven surveys of leading opportunities for the military community in the areas of employment, education, franchising and cities. The school survey, methodology, criteria and weightings are developed with the assistance of an Academic Advisory Board (AAB) consisting of educators from schools across the country and are independently tested by Ernst & Young LLP based upon the weightings and methodology established by Victory Media.

Planned Parenthood’s Immokalee clinic now open two days a week

IMMOKALEE, Fla. (Sept. 26, 2014) – Planned Parenthood of Collier County has doubled the hours of its Immokalee Clinic, making it available two full days each week to women, men and teens seeking information and services related to sexual and reproductive health.

The clinic at 419 N. First St., Immokalee, is now open Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Appointments are required for most services, but walk-ins are accepted until 4 p.m. both days for birth control refills, pregnancy testing and emergency contraception. Staff members speak both English and Spanish. Insurance is accepted, and patients also can pay on a sliding-fee scale. The phone number is 239-262-0301.

For more than 40 years, Planned Parent-

hood of Collier County has offered women medical care and birth control, cancer screenings and family planning services. More than 15,000 patients are served every year.

Planned Parenthood of Collier County is an affiliate of Planned Parenthood Federation of America, the nation’s largest and longest running family planning organization. In addition to the Immokalee Clinic, women, men and teens visit the health center on Creech Road in Naples and rely on the comprehensive and affordable services to make responsible and informed decisions about sexual and reproductive health. For more information, call 239-262-0301 or visit www.plannedparenthood.org/collier-county.

Adopt a Shelter Dog this October

Collier County Domestic Animal Services works hard to find loving homes for all of kinds of animals at the shelter, but this month we are focusing on our canine pals. October is Adopt-a-Shelter-Dog Month and we encourage you to make your house a home for one of our many four-legged friends.

DAS is offering the October dog adopters a huge savings. All dogs currently available for adoption will be only \$10 the entire month of October. That’s a \$75 savings off the regular \$85 adoption fee. Whether you are looking for a running buddy, a best friend or a companion for your children, now is the time to do it. Big or small, DAS has them all. Adoptions can be made from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday at the shelter, 7610 Davis Blvd., just east of the intersection of Santa Barbara and Davis boulevards.



You can check out some of the amazing pets available for adoption at DAS on our “Happy Tails” television show. “Happy Tails” airs every night at 7 p.m. on Comcast and Century Link Prism channel 97. Also, the pets available for adoption are on our website, www.collierpets.com.

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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, October 20, 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. 467460 IB 10/2/2014

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- Qualifications:**
- Bachelors degree in chemical, civil or environmental engineering, environmental science, or safety management, industrial hygiene or a related discipline.
 - 5 to 7 years of applicable experience.

Working Conditions:
 80% of the work environment is conducted in an outdoor environment, exposed to heights, extreme temperatures, loud noise, and low lighting while wearing PPE (i.e., hard hat, goggles, ear plugs, full-body suits, and respirators); regularly climbing stairs or ladders, kneeling, crawling, bending, stooping, squatting, reaching overhead, and walking on uneven ground containing slip and trip hazards.

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Community Briefs

Fall Festival

Come to the Annual Fall Festival at Immokalee First Seminole Baptist Church, 800 Church Lane, Friday, October 31 6-8:30 p.m.

Health fair Saturday

The Florida Department of Health—Collier County Community Outreach—Big Bus Event Health Fair and Public Awareness Saturday, October 4, at the FL Department of Health—Collier County, 419 N. 1st Street, Immokalee, 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m. Free Dental exam for kids and referrals, food, computer access to apply for jobs and or assistance, free HIV and STD testing, free flu shots for adults and much more.

iTECH public announcement

The Immokalee Technical Center (iTech) at 508 North 9th Street, Immokalee, is applying for reaffirmation of their accreditation with the Commission of the Council on Occupational Education.

Persons wishing to make comments should write to the Executive Director of the Commission, Council on Occupational Education at:

7840 Roswell Road, Bldg 300, Suite 325, Atlanta, GA 30350. Persons making comments must provide their names and mailing addresses.

Hot meal October 11

Allen Chapel will be serving a free, hot meal on Saturday, October 11, 2014 at noon.

Free Spay/Neuter Surgery for Immokalee animals

For a limited time, The Humane Society Naples is offering free spay/neuter surgery at its Humane Animal Clinic for Immokalee pet owners. Confirmed residents of the city can schedule their pets' surgery directly by contacting (239) 643-1555 between the hours of 8am - 5pm, Monday through Saturday. Pet owners must be able to provide proof of residence within the city limits and must be able to transport and pick up their pets to the Humane Animal Clinic, located at 370 Airport-Pulling Road N. in Naples. To learn more about the free spay/neuter special and to schedule an appointment for your dog or cat, please contact (239) 643-1555.

iTECH Relay for Life Team

Get Your Pink On! Pre-order Breast Cancer awareness shirt from iTECH's Relay for Life team and help fight cancer October 6-10. \$12.00 sizes s, m, l, xl; \$15.00 sizes 2XL, 3XL. Black or white available. Email your order to: Jamie Flatley at flatlj@collierschools.com.

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.

Sign up for Pace Girls Center

Now enrolling. Individual attention. Grades 6-12 in need of social and academic assistance..Pace is a free year round day parogbrm that provides girls and young women with the opportunity for a better future. No cost to families. Call 239-842-5406 for information or to set up a tour or go to www.PaceCenter.org/collier.

Register for Pop Warner

Apply with the Immokalee Seminoles Pop Warner League for Cheer and Football players ages 5-15 for the upcoming sport season.

If you would like to register your child you can pick up an application at the Print Shop, 1390 North 15th Street Suite 300 (across the Florida Community Bank) or go online at www.ImmokaleeSeminoles.com.

You may register Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at the Print Shop from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Online off-road vehicle training course available

Big Cypress National Preserve is offering an online opportunity for visitors to complete the off-road vehicle operator course. Since 2000, visitors have been required to take a training course, in person at the off-road vehicle office, during office hours.

Unlike before, this new online course will be available to anyone, anywhere, at any time. Upon successful completion of the course individuals can print a form to present at the ORV Office to receive their operators permit. A computer will continue to be available at the off-road vehicle office for those who do not have internet access.

The training course is required to ensure that those operating off-road vehicles within the national preserve are familiar with important resource issues, safe driving practices and site specific regulations before driving off-road vehicles in the backcountry.

For more information about off-road vehicle use at Big Cypress National Preserve, please use the following link: <http://www.nps.gov/bicy/planyourvisit/off-road-vehicle-office.htm>For details on off-road vehicle permits and access into the national preserve contact our ORV Office at 239-695-1205.

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In an envelope, a child's Christmas joy

IMMOKALEE – It isn't your typical art, but Dylan Cruz isn't a typical artist. The Immokalee third grader drew his Santa Claus scene with the holiday joy of a child.

Now, Dylan's Santa adorns a Christmas card offered by Redlands Christian Migrant Association, a non-profit devoted to children in low-income farm communities. When Florida kids think of Christmas, oranges turn into snowmen; lights encircle palm trees. When grownups buy their Christmas cards, each dollar qualifies RCMA for \$16 in matching funds from the state.

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