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4-H Livestock Show returns to Immokalee

By Travis Anderson

Special to the Immokalee Bulletin

The Twelfth Annual Collier County 4-H Livestock Show will be held Thursday, January 18, 2018 through Saturday, January 20, 2018 at the Roberts Ranch Museum Grounds, located at 1215 Roberts Avenue, Immokalee, Florida. Admission and parking are free.

The Show this year is dedicated to Mildred Sherrod who was a long time supporter of 4-H youth and was instrumental in the 4-H Livestock Show being held at the Robert's Ranch Museum grounds.

The show is a countywide competition for 4-H youth to exhibit their livestock projects such as rabbits, poultry, goats, swine, breeding cattle and steer. Everyone is encouraged to come out and watch the competitions and learn more about livestock production and show.

On Saturday January 20th at 7:00pm all market swine and steer will be auctioned. Bids are placed per pound of the animal and additional add-ons can be given to the market exhibitors to help fund their projects. Various gift baskets and desserts will also be auctioned off to raise money to

keep the show going. Funds are due at the end of the auction unless arrangements are made with the sales management prior to the auction.

The purpose of the livestock show is to teach youth the fundamentals of good stock husbandry, to provide a wholesome product to the consumer by educating 4-H market livestock members on food safety awareness, to emphasize production and quality in farm animals, to stress the breeding of better livestock, to demonstrate the finer points of fitting showmanship, and to provide recognition and a fitting climax to each year's efforts.

Gates will be open for the shows at 6:00 p.m. Thursday and Friday and 10:00 a.m. on Saturday.

Tours of the Museum grounds will be available. Food will be available for purchase from Southernland Catering.

Thursday - 7:00 p.m. - Swine judging and showmanship

Friday - 7:00 p.m. - Breeding cattle and Steer judging and showmanship

Saturday - beginning at 10:30 a.m. - Goat, Dairy Cattle, Rabbit and Poultry shows.

Arrest made in connection with Immokalee burglary

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Angel Perez, age 21, was arrested Saturday, January 6, 2018 following a burglary at Crestview Park Apartments in Immokalee.

According to the Collier County Sheriff's Office, Perez is accused of stealing several items valued at over \$7,400 which includes two handguns, cash, a diamond plated necklace, an Armani watch, and



a gun case.

Perez later sold the items at Capital Pawn and after deputies confirmed the sale took place, he was charged with burglary, dealing in stolen property, grand theft of a firearm, grand theft, and defrauding a pawnbroker.

Perez was previously arrested in 2016 for driving without a license.

His bail is set at \$50,000 and his next court appearance is set for January 29, 2018.



Submitted photo/Travis Anderson

A 2007 Chrysler Pacifica is pulled out of the water near the intersection of Custer Avenue and Eden Avenue.

Crash claims three lives in Immokalee

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According to the Florida Highway Patrol, the Collier County Sheriff's Office received a report of a crash on Custer Avenue in Immokalee just after 11:25 p.m. on Saturday, January 6, 2018.

When deputies, firefighters, and paramedics arrived they located Ra'Layah Johnson, age 3, who was transported to Naples Community Hospital where she was pronounced deceased.

The Collier County Sheriff's Office Dive Team and helicopter responded to help search for additional victims.

The search continued throughout the night and into Sunday morning when the vehicle was located and removed by Keith's Towing.

A second passenger, Ra'Majesty Johnson, age 5, was located in the vehicle and pronounced deceased.

North Collier Fire & Rescue District's Dive Team responded and deployed their boat. Along with the assistance of a Sheriff's Office drone, divers located the driver of the vehicle, Shatoria Michelle Brown, age 27, who was pronounced deceased.

According to the initial report provided by Florida Highway Patrol, the 2007 Chrysler Pacifica traveled east on Eden Avenue, continued past the intersection of Apple Street, and failed to stop at the intersection of Custer Avenue. The vehicle then traveled through a construction site and crashed into a retention pond where it became submerged.

Several residents were concerned when they learned about the crash since they thought the extension connecting Eden Avenue to Custer Avenue was still closed.

A resident who lives on Custer Avenue echoed those remarks and said that she was not aware that the extension had been opened. She said that she was concerned because the area at night is dark, poorly lit, and doesn't have the proper signage to let drivers know that the extension may be open.

Upon closer inspection, it does appear that the barricades which once stopped traffic from entering Custer Avenue, have since been moved to the side of Eden Avenue and there are no signs to warn drivers of the impending stop. In fact, there isn't even a stop sign at the new corner of Eden Avenue and Custer Avenue.

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Crash

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The one street light that might illuminate the intersection of Eden Avenue and Custer Avenue has a broken lamp cover and appears not to work.

Because the construction site and roadway still belong to Habitat for Humanity of Collier County as part of their Faith Landing project, we reached out to their office for comment.

Nick Kouloheras, President of Habitat for Humanity in Collier County said that he was upset when he heard about the tragedy that took place Saturday night. Kouloheras said that the new extension does not have the

proper markings that a roadway should at this point because technically the road has not yet been officially opened.

Kouloheras went on to say that the connection from Custer Avenue to Eden Avenue was required and approved through the zoning process and for now the new extension still belongs to Habitat for Humanity.

As the project progresses and homes are built in the northwest corner of Faith Landing, the new road extension will be inspected by the County. Following that inspection, the road will officially be opened within 45-60 days. Twelve months after that, the road will officially be turned over to Collier County.

When asked about whether Habitat of Collier County plans to install signs or guardrails at the T intersection of Custer Avenue

and Eden Avenue until the road is officially opened, Kouloheras said that options are being looked which includes the possibility of securing the barricades that were originally in place.

Just prior to the vehicle entering the water, Brown's vehicle missed hitting a light pole by just a few inches. "I wished she would have hit the pole, maybe they would still be alive." Kouloheras said.

A search of the Collier County Traffic Operations website also reveals that there were no Road Alert Updates pertaining to the Faith Landing project for at least the last month.

Until the Florida Highway Patrol concludes their investigation, local residents say they will be pushing Habitat for Humanity to install proper lights and signs so that another tragedy like this doesn't occur in the future.

Hit-and-run leaves one critically injured

By Travis Anderson

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According to the Florida Highway Patrol, Geraldo Gariby, age 51, of Immokalee was riding his bicycle on Carson Road Extension just north of Lincoln Boulevard near Arrowhead Reserve when the passenger

side mirror of a vehicle struck him around 1:47 a.m. on Sunday, January 7, 2018.

Gariby was not wearing a helmet at the time of the crash. He was transported to Lee Memorial Hospital in critical condition.

The vehicle was described as either a black Ford pickup truck or a small sport

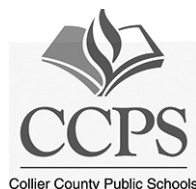
utility vehicle missing the right side mirror. The vehicle left the scene in an unknown direction.

Anyone with information is encouraged to call the Florida Highway Patrol at 239-938-1800.

Students First

By Amanda N. Jackson

Specialist, Communications & Community Engagement Collier County Public Schools



A lighthouse is seen as a welcoming structure, a reassuring sign of steady ground ahead, and an optimistic symbol of hope for all looking to move forward safely. Highlands Elementary School (HLE) was recently recognized as a Leader in Me Lighthouse School—the first in Collier County. With this designation, they're an example for other Leader in Me schools across the country and world.

"This is an achievement that we didn't think would happen until later on this year, but because we have such stellar leaders, they jumped on the bandwagon and they wanted this more than anything," says HLE principal Laura Mendicino.

As part of the 'Leader in Me' program, students participate in leadership teams and classroom roles throughout the year. HLE's goal is to give students the opportunity to meet others, synergize on community projects, and strengthen their natural leadership skills in an area of passion. As Mendicino explains, there are more than 3,500 Leader in Me schools in the world, but only 350 are Lighthouse schools—22 of those are in Florida, and now one in Collier County. The school hosted a school-wide celebration to share the news with students, staff, and guests.

"I think the fact that our students can light the path for Collier County is extremely profound,"

Mendicino explains. "Many times at a Title I school, people don't think that's going to happen, but our students have risen to the occasion and shown what they're capable of. Our students are capable of amazing things, and they're leading the way for not only

excellence in themselves but in the school and the community of Immokalee. It has really been empowering for the students, and in turn, that's positively impacted our staff as well."

HLE has over 47 student leadership teams for students of all grade levels led by student choice. They meet once or twice a month for about 30 minutes. Mendicino says each group begins with the end in mind and has a giveback goal, whether it's to the school or to the community or nationally.

This year, they even have a student Lighthouse team made up of 33 student leaders who meet with the parent and staff Lighthouse team to plan events, boost school culture and morale, and plan celebrations. They were even part of the creation of the school calendar.

"We know that with student leadership, our students are setting goals for success. They're developing habits they need to be successful. The Lighthouse pinnacle is just a cherry on top. We just want to make sure we're setting that foundation for our kids, and being a Lighthouse school gives us that affirmation that we are accomplishing that for our kids."

Upcoming art classes offered

Upcoming classes being offered at Barron Park House Gallery, LaBelle, FL.

Watercolor and acrylic: Classes offered by local Lehigh artist Penny Fox. Classes include beginner or intermediate artists. Dates are Friday, January 12 and Saturday, January 13 from 1 to 3:30. Two classes are \$25 and one class is \$15. These classes will be repeated on February 9 and 10. Contact penelopeartist2@aol.com.

Learn to paint with a palette knife: Two-day workshop offered by well-known SW Florida artist Jan Ellen Atielski, January 20 – 21 from 9 to 3:30. This information-packed workshop is designed to give a good foundation for bold palette knife painting using oils and limited palette. Workshop is \$160.00. For information/enroll, contact Jan Ellen at 414-243-9778 or jan@janelenart.com.

Fused Glass Class: Two classes offered by local Cape Coral glass artist Lois Johnston on January 27 from 10 a.m. to noon or 1 p.m. to 3:00. Create unique designs using re-cycled glass and have fun doing it! Cost is \$35 and includes all materials. Class size is limited. Contact Lois at 239-210-1318.

Bob Ross Landscape Painting Class: A class offered by Lois Johnston for beginners or expert level painters. If you have never painted before, this is a great way to learn. The class is limited to 6 students. Cost is \$75 and all materials are included. Date is Saturday, February 17 from 10 a.m. to 2. Call Lois at 239-210-1318 to reserve your spot.

Painting the Female Portrait using live models: Two-day intensive workshop offered by well-known Maine artist Judy Taylor, March 10 and 11 from 9 to 3 both days. Workshop is \$350. Must enroll by January 31.

Contact Marty Cowen at 239-290-6837 or macowen@embarqmail.com. View Judy Taylor's work at www.judytaylorstudio.com.

Guadalupe Center names Omar Jaimes as student speaker for 2018 Signature Event, “Welcome Aboard”

Imagine a father telling their young child that they're not good enough for an education. That was the experience of now 17-year-old Omar Jaimes, the student speaker for Guadalupe Center's 2018 Signature Event, “Welcome Aboard.” During the event, which will be held on Wednesday, Jan. 17 at The Ritz-Carlton Golf Resort in Naples, the high school senior will share his personal testimony and inspirational journey alongside Guadalupe Center to overcome life's obstacles and create a better future for him and his family.

From a young age, Jaimes was told that a higher education was unnecessary, however, he was inspired by his hardworking mother, who serves as his motivation for success. Jaimes has been enrolled in the college preparatory Tutor Corps Programs at Guadalupe Center since his freshman year of high school, and has worked tirelessly to achieve excellent grades in school and excel academically. Over the years, he also became involved in several clubs and organizations, while volunteering his time to give back to his community. He will graduate from Immokalee High School this spring, and has already been accepted to the University of Missouri and Saint John's University in Minnesota.

“Breaking the cycle of poverty through education is our mission here at Guadalupe Center, and we couldn't be more pleased to introduce a student who represents the tremendous impact of education, and why

we're so passionate about bringing these life-changing resources to the students of Immokalee,” said Dawn Montecalvo, president of Guadalupe Center. “We are proud of Omar's continued efforts to build a foundation for a successful future, and we look forward to our community coming together to support educational programs that help provide endless possibilities to children in Immokalee.”

Presented by The Moglia Family Foundation on behalf of Amy and Paul Heuerman, Guadalupe Center's Signature Event is renowned for its fun atmosphere and great entertainment, featuring a live band, gourmet dinner and live auction. Proceeds from the annual signature event will directly benefit Guadalupe Center's three educational programs serving Immokalee students from cradle to career: Early Childhood Education, After-school Tutoring & Summer Enrichment and college preparatory Tutor Corps Programs.

Auction items may be previewed at a pre-event Captain's Party hosted by MarineMax Naples Yacht Center and sponsored by Seminole Casino. Auction items are being provided through the generosity of Hamilton Harbor Yacht Club, MarineMax Naples Yacht Center, Port Royal Jewelers, Preferred Travel & Seabourn, and Waterside Shops.

The sponsors of “Welcome Aboard” include JP Morgan Chase & Co., Capital Wealth Advisors, Lee Health Foundation, Life in Naples, Luma Capital, Merrill Lynch

Private Bank, Naples Daily News, Northern Trust, Priority Marketing, The Ibarra Calleja Group at Morgan Stanley and Waterside Builders.

For more information on the 2018 Signature Event, to purchase tickets, or to learn more about Guadalupe Center and its work, visit www.guadalupecenter.org.

About Guadalupe Center

Guadalupe Center is a purpose-driven, nonprofit organization with proven results in creating endless possibilities for the students

of Immokalee through education and fostering personal and academic success that leads to economic independence. With a focus on breaking the cycle of poverty through education, Guadalupe Center is proud of the children's accomplishments: 94% exceed kindergarten readiness measures, 100% of Tutor Corps high school seniors graduate high school and are accepted into college, and more than 90% graduated with a post-secondary degree.

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2018 Signature Event student speaker Omar Jaimes with students from Guadalupe Center's After-school program.



DLC launches new outpatient medication-assisted program

David Lawrence Center, Collier County's only comprehensive, not-for-profit mental health and addiction recovery treatment center serving children, adults and families, is pleased to announce the receipt of a \$320,000 grant from the State of Florida through federal funding provided by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's (SAMSHA) State's Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis (STR) initiative. These funds will support a new outpatient medication-assisted treatment program.

The State's Targeted Response to the Opioid Crisis funding aims to address the opioid crisis by increasing access to treatment, reducing unmet treatment need, and reducing opioid overdose related deaths. Specifically, the state of Florida's Targeted Response Project funds evidence-based prevention, medication-assisted treatment, and recovery support services. The state has earmarked the vast majority of these funds to be used for methadone and buprenorphine maintenance because these services have been demonstrated as most effective at retaining individuals in treatment, reducing illicit opioid use, and reducing opioid-related mortality.

David Lawrence Center's Crossroads Adult Addiction Recovery program is utilizing the funding to add the MORE (Maintenance of Opioid Recovery Everyday) Medication-Assisted Treatment program to expand its comprehensive continuum of inpatient detoxification, residential, intensive outpatient and ongoing recovery support services.

Medication-Assisted Treatment is the use of medications, in combination with counseling and behavioral therapies, to provide a whole-patient approach to the treatment of substance use disorders. Research shows that a combination of medication and therapy can successfully treat these disorders and help sustain recovery.

The MORE Medication-Assisted Treatment program offers hope to adults struggling with an addiction to opioids including heroin, fentanyl and prescription painkillers, through the use of Suboxone®, an opiate-based, FDA approved prescription

medication. Buprenorphine is the primary active ingredient in Suboxone. By attaching to the same receptors as other opioids, it helps suppress withdrawal symptoms and reduce cravings. Naloxone is also included in Suboxone to help prevent misuse.

The goal of the MORE Program is to improve functioning and increase the chances of successful outcomes by allowing the individual to regain a normal state of mind, free of drug-induced highs and lows, so the benefits of recovery can be maintained.

The MORE program includes a comprehensive clinical assessment performed by a specialized, designated medication-assistance treatment therapist, medical assessment performed by a nurse and a psychiatric addiction medical evaluation performed by a psychiatrist.

The first phase of treatment begins with inpatient induction on the detoxification unit. Individuals must abstain from opioids for a minimum of 12 hours to enter this phase of treatment. While on the unit, clients are administered Suboxone and medically monitored around the clock for 2-3 days while response to the medication is evaluated.

Upon discharge, clients are immediately referred to a weekly Suboxone Medication Management Clinic. During this next phase of treatment, clients receive individualized treatment plans that include case management, twice weekly group therapy, individual therapy and routine drug testing.

Once the client is established on a steady dose of Suboxone, he/she enters the Maintenance Phase where the intensity and frequency of continued treatment services is individualized. The length of stay in this phase can be indefinite.

For individuals who qualify for financial assistance, the grant will fund all medications and outpatient therapy services, and a state-mandated, sliding fee scale based on ability to pay can be utilized for the inpatient treatment.

For more information about the MORE Medication-Assisted Treatment Program, contact the David Lawrence Center Crossroads program at CrossroadsNaples.org or 239-354-1428.

Fire, EMS, and Law Enforcement: working together to keep county safe

The Leadership Collier Foundation (LCF) Alumni Association™ announces Collier County Sheriff Kevin Rambosk, Collier County EMS Chief Tabatha Butcher, and North Collier Fire Chief James Cunningham, as the keynote speakers for the Jan. 24 Leadership Lunch Series.

Attendees will learn how Collier County Fire, EMS and Law Enforcement collaborate to best serve residents and visitors. The Leadership Lunch Series provides education, stewardship and networking opportunities to keep alumni abreast of the current challenges and opportunities facing the community.

Registration and networking begin at 11:30 a.m., with the program starting promptly at noon hosted at the Professional Development Center, 615 3rd Ave. S. in Naples. The cost to attend is \$15 for Alumni Dues Paying LCF Alumni, \$20 for Alumni Non-Dues Paying LCF Alumni, and \$25 for Non-Alumni interested in learning more and applying for one of the Leadership Collier

Foundation programs.

Tickets are available at www.napleschamber.org/events.

About Leadership Collier Foundation

The Leadership Collier Foundation (LCF), in coordination with the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, educates local business leaders about the societal and economic challenges facing the community today through the programs it governs: Leadership Collier™, Growing Associates In Naples™ (GAIN™), The Leadership Institute™, Youth Leadership Collier™ and The Campaign for Leadership™. Through the work of the LCF Alumni Association™, graduates continue to build alliances, foster goodwill and civic trusteeship that will strengthen Collier County through nonprofit organizations, local government boards and our schools while enhancing relations with other like-minded, influential community leaders. For more information, contact Amanda Beights at amanda@napleschamber.org.



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Take time to fill your own cup first it's a self-full act

I recently saw an interview with inspirational speaker, life coach, tv personality, and lawyer Iyanla Vanzant in which she said "My cup runneth over; what's in the cup is mine and what overflows is yours."

She was talking on the importance of taking care of yourself, creating healthy boundaries, and making self care a top priority. You see, you cannot give to others if your own cup is empty.

So many times in our lives we identify ourselves as caretakers. Whether we are caring for our children, our spouses, or oth-

ers in and through our work, we can expend a lot of energy, care, and emotion on other people. While this is a noble venture, if we don't take the time to fill our own cup first, what ends up happening is we become burnt out, resentful, and even sick.

"It is not a 'selfish' act" as Iyanla says, to make caring for yourself a priority, but a "self-full act".



Hunting Happiness With Val White

How much better can we care for the ones we love if we can care for them from a well rested, and healthy place? How much better can we serve others when we first take the time to care and serve ourselves, ensuring a sense of peace, sanity, and well being in our own bodies and minds?

What could you do to implement some more self care into your week?

Maybe it's eating healthier and moving more. Maybe you could sleep longer and put away your electronic devices at bed time. Maybe you could meditate and practice yoga or take a brisk morning walk. I suggest this week seeking out ways you can fill your cup; so much so, that it overflows and you can easily and gratefully say "My cup runneth over; what's in the cup is mine and what overflows is yours."

Collier County Road Watch

I-75/Alligator Alley Rest Area (mile marker 63): Construction project: Work is underway to build a new rest area and water treatment plant on the north side of the roadway. Estimated project completion is spring 2018. The contractor is West Construction, Inc.

US 41 from Pine Ridge Road to Sandpine Drive: Construction project: Crews will be placing sidewalk, drainage structures and lighting on the east side of US 41. Crews will also resurface the intersection of US 41 and Pelican Bay Boulevard. Work occurs during daytime and nighttime hours. Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures through the duration of the project during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Drivers should use caution traveling in this area. Estimated completion is summer 2018. The American Lighting & Signalization, Inc.

US 41 from Golden Gate Parkway to Orchid Drive: Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect intermittent southbound lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. weekdays, while crews replace a driveway, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

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2nd Street South from 6th Avenue South to 11th Avenue South: Construction project: This project will construct sidewalk on the east side of the roadway. Motorists should expect lane closures during daytime hours from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution while driving in this area. Estimated completion is spring 2018. The contractor is V & H Construction, Inc.

3rd Street North from Central Avenue to 7th Avenue North: Construction project: This project will construct sidewalk on the west side of the roadway. Motorists should expect lane closures during daytime hours from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution while driving in this area. Estimated completion is spring 2018. The contractor is V & H Construction, Inc.

8th Street NE from Golden Gate Boulevard to Randall Boulevard: Construction project: This project constructs a new bridge over the Cypress Canal. Crews will also widen existing lanes, add sidewalk to the west side of the roadway and improve drainage throughout the project area. Work will occur during daytime hours. Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Local area residents will have access at all times. Motorists and pedestrians should use caution while traveling in this area. Estimated project completion is spring 2019. The contractor is Bergeron Land Development, Inc.

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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, January 17, 2018 at 4:30 P.M. at the office of the Immokalee Water & Sewer District, located at 1020 Sanitation Rd, Immokalee, FL 34142.

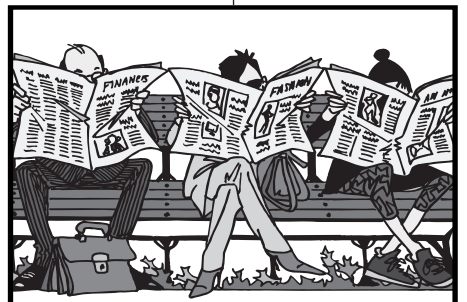
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1. Call to Order
2. Preliminaries
A. Pledge of Allegiance
B. Roll Call
C. Adoption of Agenda
D. Employee Recognition
1. October - Salvador Garcia
2. November - Maricela DeLaRosa
E. Public Concerns
F. Staff Good Cause Items
G. Board Concerns
H. Old Business
I. New Business
3. Consent Agenda
A. Adoption of Minutes
1. December 20, 2017, Board Meeting
B. Civil Rights Compliance Report
C. 1. December Budget Review
D. Fixed Assets Acquisitions-Disposals
E. Various Reports
F. Project Change Orders
G. Engineer's Report - Greeley and Hansen
H. Director's Report
4. Action Agenda
5. Discussion Agenda
A. Attorney's Report
6. Other Public Interests
7. Adjournment

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Community Briefs

Serving up Taco's Fundraiser

Pathways Early Education Center of Immokalee, 415 Colorado Ave, will be serving up breakfast taco's for \$2 on **Friday, January 12 from 6:30 a.m. to 11 a.m.** They will have potator and chorizo or potato, egg and bacon. Procees will go toward the funeral services for Shatoria, Ra'majesty and Ra'Layah.

Training and support group

This support group is for families of children with special needs

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Public Notice HUD FY2018-2019 HUD Entitlement Application Cycle

The Collier County Community and Human Services Department (CHS) announces the opening of the FY 2018-2019 grant application cycle. During FY 2018-2019, Collier County is scheduled to receive federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds, HOME Investment Partnerships Program (HOME) funds and Emergency Solutions Grant (ESG) funds.

The application period will begin on Wednesday, January 10, 2018 and will continue until 3 p.m. Tuesday, February 20, 2018. The applications will be available through the CHS website at www.colliergov.net under the CHS Main page link and paper copies of the application may also be obtained at our offices at 3339 Tamiami Trail East, Suite 211, Naples, FL 34112.

All applications must be consistent with the Collier County's Consolidated Plan. More project details are provided in the FY2018-2019 Grant Application instructions.

Administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), this federal program funds projects that meet one or more of three national objectives:

- * Benefits low- and moderate-income persons or households who earn at or below 80% of the median income
- * Aids in the prevention or elimination of slums or blight
- * Qualifies as a certified urgent need

The CHS Department, consistent with the Collier County approved Citizen Participation Plan, will hold two Public Meetings during this annual application cycle.

A Public Meeting with Technical Assistance will be provided for those that wish to attend the following meeting:

Wednesday, January 24, 2018 - 3:30pm to 4:30pm - Golden Gate Community Center, Room C, 4701 Golden Gate Parkway Naples, FL

A second public meeting is planned for Tuesday, June 26, 2018 with the Collier County Board of County Commissioners.

One-on-one technical assistance meetings are required in order to submit an application. Those interested in submitting an application for FY2018-2019 funding cycle should contact CHS to schedule a meeting between Jan 31-Feb 2, 2018. No applications will be accepted unless a one-on-one technical assistance meeting has occurred.

Any questions, comments, clarifications or changes made during the technical assistance period and/or with individuals will be made public on February 9, 2018 on the CHS website and through an email blast.

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.

Organizations seeking information, technical assistance with the grant application process, or for any other questions may contact Cormac Giblin by phone at (239) 252-2399 or by email Cormac.Giblin@colliercountyfl.gov.

Aviso Público Ciclo de Solicitud de Asistencia del Año Fiscal 2018-19 de HUD

El Departamento de Servicios Comunitarios y Humanos (CHS) del Condado de Collier anuncia la apertura del ciclo de solicitud de asistencia del año fiscal 2018-2019. Durante el año fiscal 2018-2019, el condado de Collier está asignado a recibir fondos federales del Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los EE.UU. (HUD) para el Programa Del Desarrollo de la Comunidad (CDBG), el Programa de Asociación para Inversiones en Vivienda (HOME), y el Programa de Soluciones en Emergencia (ESG).

El período de solicitud comenzará el miércoles, 10 de enero de 2018 y continuará hasta las 3:00 p.m. del martes, 20 de febrero de 2018. Las solicitudes están disponibles por medio del sitio web del CHS en www.colliergov.net bajo el enlace de la página principal de CHS, y también se pueden obtener copias impresas de la solicitud en nuestras oficinas en 3339 Tamiami Trail East, Suite 211, Naples, FL 34112.

Todas las solicitudes deben concordar con el Plan Consolidado del Condado de Collier. Más detalles de los proyectos se proporcionan en las instrucciones de la Solicitud de Asistencia del Año Fiscal 2018-2019.

Administrado por el Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Urbano de los EE.UU. (HUD), este programa federal financia proyectos que cumplen uno o más de los tres objetivos nacionales:

- * Beneficia a personas u hogares de bajos y moderados ingresos que ganan igual o menos de 80% del ingreso promedio del Condado
- * Ayuda en la prevención o eliminación de áreas insalubres o deterioradas
- * Califica como una necesidad certificada urgente

El Departamento de CHS, en concordancia con el Plan de Participación Ciudadana aprobado por el Condado de Collier celebrará dos Reuniones Públicas durante este ciclo de solicitud anual.

Se proporcionará una Reunión Pública con Asistencia Técnica para aquellos que deseen asistir a la siguiente reunión:

Miércoles, 24 de enero del 2018 - 3:30 p.m. a 4:30 p.m. - Golden Gate Community Center, Room C, 4701 Golden Gate Parkway Naples, FL

Una segunda reunión pública está prevista para el martes, 26 de junio de 2018 con la Junta de Comisionados del Condado de Collier.

Las reuniones individuales con asistencia técnica se requieren para poder presentar una solicitud. Las personas interesadas en presentar una solicitud para el ciclo de financiamiento para el año fiscal 2018-2019 deben ponerse en contacto con CHS para programar una reunión entre el 31 de enero y el 2 de febrero de 2018. Las solicitudes no serán aceptadas a menos de que haya tenido lugar una reunión de asistencia técnica individual.

Todas las preguntas, comentarios, aclaraciones o cambios realizados durante el período de asistencia técnica y/o con individuos será harán públicos el 9 de febrero del 2018 en el sitio web de CHS y a través de un envío masivo de correos electrónicos.

El Condado de Collier es un Empleador que ofrece Igualdad de Oportunidades. El Condado de Collier cumple con la Ley de Vivienda Justa (42 USC 3600, et seq) y con la Ordenanza del Condado sobre Vivienda Justa 92.9.

Las organizaciones que buscan información, asistencia técnica con el proceso de solicitud de asistencia o para cualquier otra pregunta pueden comunicarse con Cormac Giblin por teléfono al (239) 252-2399 o por correo electrónico a Cormac.Giblin@colliercountyfl.gov. 483757 1B 1/11/2018483757 1B 1/11/2018

of any kind. It provides the ability for parent training and for families to connect and establish supportive relationships. When: The last Wednesday of every month from 9 a. m.-11 a.m. Where: Florida State University College of Medicine, Immokalee Health Education Site, 1441 Heritage Boulevard, Immokalee. Cost: Free to families. Snacks and beverages will be provided for free. For more information or to register to attend, call Tara Tallaksen at (239) 254-4279 or Rosa Martinez (239) 658-3129.

Este grupo de apoyo es para familias de niños con necesidades especiales de cualquier tipo. Proporciona la capacidad para el entrenamiento de los padres y para que las familias se conecten y establezcan relaciones de apoyo. Cuándo: El último miércoles de cada mes de 9 a. m.-11 a.m. Dónde: Colegio de Medicina de la Universidad Estatal de Florida, Sitio de Educación de Salud de Immokalee, 1441 Heritage Boulevard, Immokalee. Costo: Gratuito para familias. Se ofrecerán refrigerios y bebidas gratis. Para más información o para inscribirse para asistir, llame a Tara Tallaksen al (239) 254-4279 o Rosa Martínez (239) 658-3129.

Sports Complex Pool has new number

The Immokalee Sports Complex Pool, located at 505 Escambia Street, Immokalee has a new phone number. The new number to call for information is 239-252-8811.

Looking for volunteers

One of the best investment we can make in the life of a child is in their early education experiences. We are looking for volunteers. The goal of the Literacy Buddy Program is to put books into the hands of 3, 4 and 5-year old children. Once you volunteer, you are matched with a child in a preschool contracted by the coalition. Your child writes to you and tells you what they are interested in and then you write back and include a book about those interests. These exchanges happen three times during the school year. It's a great way to start a young child on the path to literacy and the love of learning. For more information visit www.ELCofSWFL.org and click on the Big Buddy Button.

Everglades City branch library temporarily relocated

The Everglades City Branch Library has been temporarily relocated to 205 N. Buckner Ave., Everglades City. Currently this location has a computer available to access the Collier County Public Library's catalog system and a laptop computer for public usage.

Residents will be able to place requests for library materials and have them delivered to this location. For updated information, please visit us online at www.collierlibrary.org.

CCMS accepting scholarship applications

The board of directors of the Foundation of Collier County Medical Society (CCMS) is accepting applications **through March 31, 2018** for two scholarship awards. Applications and requirements are available at www.ccmsfoundation.org, or may be obtained by calling the Foundation of CCMS, (239) 435-7727 or emailing info@ccmsonline.org. Information about the 2017 Scholarship Winners is also online.

FREE Old Fashioned Fun

Lee County 4-H youth are hosting their fourth annual off Saturday at Veterans Park located at 55 Homestead Road South in Lehigh on **Saturday, January 27 from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.** Admission is free. There will be a petting zoo plus many fun, non-electric activities for families to participate in such as racing, throwing, running, and jumping. Parents are encouraged to also participate with their child so that each fill a passport to enter to win big prizes donated by SW Florida sponsors. Rain or shine. For more information or to participate call 4-H leader Miss Karen at 610.530.8883.

Support the work of JDRF

JDRF invites the community to support its efforts to treat, prevent, and cure type one diabetes (T1D) by donating during Give Where You Live Collier, February 21-22, 2018.

Give Where You Live Collier is a county-wide movement to celebrate and increase philanthropy in Collier County through on-line giving. The Community Foundation of Collier County and the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation are partnering to present Give Where You Live Collier with 38 participating nonprofit organizations in 2018. Donations are accepted through GiveWhereYouLiveCollier.org.

As a participating nonprofit, JDRF will benefit from Give Where You Live Collier in many ways.

"The donations we receive through Give Where You Live Collier help us do more to support the community and fund life-changing research," says Kathy Cleeland, Executive Director. "People with T1D would never benefit from JDRF-funded innovations without our donors. The work to create transformational therapies to help people live with T1D cannot—and must not—be allowed to stop because dedicated researchers lack funds. Laboratory studies that are unlocking the mysteries of T1D and accelerating progress toward a cure and prevention must continue. With the generous help of supporters like you, JDRF is pursuing a diversified, dynamic research agenda that is moving us ever closer to a world without T1D."

\$500,000 Matching Fund

Give Where You Live Collier features a \$400,000 matching fund from the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation and a \$100,000 match from the Community Foundation of Collier County. Every nonprofit that receives a donation from noon, February 21, 2018 to 11:59am, February 22, 2018 will receive a proportionate share of the matching fund, increasing the value of every dollar donated. The first \$2,500 raised will be matched dollar-for-dollar through the Community Foundation. Beyond that, for example if JDRF receives 10% of the total donations made through Give Where You Live Collier, JDRF also receives 10% of the \$400,000 matching fund from the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation.

"Give Where You Live Collier makes it easy to participate so that everyone has the chance to make a difference in our community, whether you call Collier County home seasonally or year-round," said Eileen Connolly-Keesler, president and CEO of the Community Foundation of Collier County. "We are proud to live in an incredibly philanthropic community that believes strongly in giving back and is passionate about making a difference. We applaud the Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation for again sponsoring this wonderful event that benefits so many."

For more information about JDRF please visit www.jdrf.org/southgulfcoast. For more information about Give Where You Live Collier, please visit GiveWhereYouLiveCollier.org.

Deadline approaching for contest

The deadline is approaching for the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy's annual student essay contest.

Open to third- through fifth-grade students in Southwest Florida, including Charlotte, Collier and Lee counties, this year's essay contest challenges young writers to think about issues that are important to them – whether in their schools, local communities, or around the world – and explore ways they may be able to use their unique strengths and abilities to make a positive change.

Essays should be no longer than 500 words, and the submission deadline is Wednesday, Jan. 17 at 5 p.m. All entries must be submitted electronically to contest@barbarabush.org. Entry forms and contest guidelines are available at www.barbarabush.org/floridacelebrationcontest.

The Florida Department of Education's Just Read, Florida! office, along with a panel of community leaders, will assist in reading and judging entries. Student essay contest winners will be invited guests of the Barbara Bush Foundation for Family Literacy and will have the opportunity to meet with special guests Florida Commissioner of Education Pam Stewart and acclaimed children's author Christina Diaz Gonzalez.

Gonzalez is the award-winning author of several books, including "The Red Umbrella," "A Thunderous Whisper," "Moving Target" and "Return Fire." Her books have received numerous honors and recognitions from publications such as Publisher's Weekly, the Miami Herald, School Library Journal, and the Washington Post, which have called her novels engrossing, compelling and inspirational.

Gonzalez will also be part of the Celebration of Reading evening reception at the Hyatt Regency Coconut Point Resort & Spa. Since 2001, the Florida Celebration of Reading has raised more than \$26 million for the Barbara Bush Foundation in support of family literacy programs that help parents and children improve their literacy skills.

In addition to Gonzalez, the Celebration of Reading evening program – chaired this year by Sandra and Jeb Bush, Jr. – will feature guest appearances from New York Times best-selling authors including retired U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Travis Mills and acclaimed novelist Jan Karon. Mills, who became a quadruple amputee after surviving an explosion while on active duty in Afghanistan, is the author of the New York Times best-selling memoir "Tough as They Come." Author of 14 novels, including the popular Mitford series, Karon is also the recipient of the Library of Virginia's Literary Lifetime Achievement Award.

For more information about Celebration of Reading and the Barbara Bush Foundation, visit www.barbarabush.org/events.



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Successful Ribbon Cutting

On December 16, 2017 the Immokalee Chamber of Commerce performed the Ribbon Cutting for Gabriel's House of Care. This is a new medical office at 212 South First Street, ran by two sisters, Dr. Christina Calderon Carrillo and Dr Patricia Calderon Schwartz.

Opening Prayer and Introductions were by Minister Nerlynn Etienne. Guest Speakers included Dr. Phil Phillips, Founder & CEO of Level Up Partners and Mr. Mark Lemke, Health Center Administrator Department of Health Collier in Immokalee. Entertainment by Mr. Lenz Dalusma, Renown Poet. Closing Remarks by Dr. Christina Calderon Carrillo, DOM, AP and Dr. Patricia Calderon Schwarz, PT, DPT.

Picture from left to right: Danny Gonzales, President of the Immokalee Chamber of Commerce, Pam Brown, Corporal Patti Calderon, the two MD's, Estli Null and Cherrylle Thomas.

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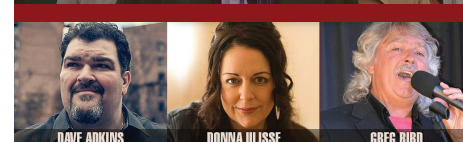
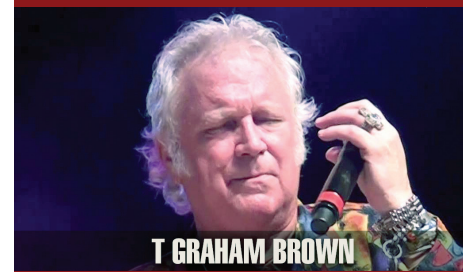


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