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Pictured from left to right are Alli Wigham, Julia Tiell, Cai Higley, Fariha Farjana, Alina Zayas, Katie Boomhower, Sarah Palocko and Lexi Fisher.

## Pathways of Immokalee welcomes Ohio State Buckeye Volunteers



Pathways Early Education Center of Immokalee (Pathways) welcomed the Ohio State Buckeye Volunteers to the center for a Buck-I-Serv alternative spring break program. Susan Ignelzi, an active member of the Ohio State Alumni Club of Naples, spearheaded efforts to connect the students with Pathways.

Eight female college students chose to immerse themselves in Immokalee, staying at a local church for their volunteer mission through the Buck-I-Serv alternative spring break program. The Ohio State University Buck-I-Serv program stands for Students Engaged in Responsible Volunteering.

In their project, the college students were educated about Pathway's 54 years of history, traditions and diversity in the Immokalee community. They learned about the unique needs for families in the migrant farm worker community and how they are still recovering from Hurricane Irma. Additionally, through this experience, the students saw the early education goals with hands-on interaction with Pathways' students during story time, art activities, music and dancing. Wrapping up the week, they helped organize a St. Patrick's Day Buckeye Leprechaun dance parade spreading good luck to all.

As one of the largest and most active groups comprised of Ohio State University alumni in the United States, the Ohio State Alumni Club of Naples has long been recognized as one of the premier Alumni Clubs in the nation. Membership is open not only to alumni, but also to friends and fans of Ohio State University. The organization provides opportunities to the members and their families for community engagement activi-

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## Immokalee Regional Airport's Taxiway Rehabilitation Completed

Under Budget and Ahead of Schedule

The Immokalee Regional Airport (IMM) Taxiway Rehabilitation was completed on March 8, a month ahead of schedule, and approximately \$70,000 under budget. The project began last fall and is part of an ongoing initiative to modernize the airport's infrastructure to create a safer and more efficient operating environment for airport users. The airport began operating in 1942 and this project encompassed reconstructing the last remaining section of Taxiway Bravo. The taxiway is open and in service once again.

"This project is one step closer to moving our airport to being an integral part of the long term economic sustainability of all of Collier County," said Board of County Commissioners Vice Chairman Bill McDaniel, District 5.

Funding for the approximately \$900,000 taxiway rehabilitation was largely provided by a Federal Aviation Administration grant

(90 percent) with remaining funds provided by the Florida Department of Transportation (5 percent) and the Immokalee Regional Airport (5 percent). The contractor was Owen-Ames-Kimball (O.A.K. Florida) and the construction engineering inspection firm was Hole-Montes, Inc. Both companies have offices in southwest Florida.

Airports Manager Justin Lobb said he is pleased with the final outcome.

"This project is a significant representation of the Collier County Airport Authority's efforts to improve and modernize IMM's infrastructure," said Lobb. "These projects are made more advantageous with the support and encouragement from the community of pilots and aviation professionals that utilize IMM and/or call IMM home."

For more information contact Airports Manager Justin Lobb at 239-642-7878.

## Collier County Superintendent of schools honored at meeting

LaBelle March 27, 2018 – At a meeting of the State Board of Education, Commissioner of Education Pam Stewart named Collier County Superintendent Dr. Kamela Patton the 2017 Lavan Dukes District Data Leader of the Year. As a result of Dr. Patton's leadership over the last six years, Collier County Public Schools has made tremendous progress through a data-driven focus on continuous improvement.

"Dr. Kamela Patton's techniques are a great example of the way data can be used to help teachers and administrators provide students with the best education experience possible, and Collier County students are benefitting greatly," said Commissioner of Education Pam Stewart. "What I appreciate most is the fact that she has opened her doors and offered other districts the opportunity to learn about the student-focused strategies that have worked in Collier County so they too can help students reach their full potential. It is truly an honor to recognize Dr. Patton today, and I look forward to witnessing her ongoing success."

Of the 67 school districts, Collier's district grades ranking has risen to 5th in 2017 from

33rd in 2011. Through strategic and systematic monitoring to ensure students' needs are met, the "A"-rated district has also experienced a 15.7 percent increase in its high school graduation rate, from 72.5 percent in 2010-11 to 88.2 percent in 2016-17.

Upon her arrival, Dr. Patton introduced "Data Dialogues," which are collaborative and targeted conversations between school and district leaders that have resulted in tremendous gains. Three times per year, following state and local benchmark assessments, school leaders analyze and reflect upon data. This allows school leaders, teachers, students and parents to review the data and determine the best approaches to maximize student impact.

During her tenure, Dr. Patton has implemented the Naviance College and Career Readiness platform for grades 6-12, which includes a Family Connection platform that helps students research colleges, scholarships, careers and more. In addition, she has implemented recruitment, retention and professional development systems to create a strong administrator pool for those aspir-

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ing to be instructional leaders.

The Lavan Dukes District Data Leader of the Year Program highlights the critical role district superintendents play in supporting and encouraging the use of data to improve students' college and career readiness. The award is named after Lavan Dukes to honor longtime Department of Education employee Garnet Lavan Dukes for his numerous contributions to public education on both the state and national levels.

For more information about the award, visit District Data Leader.



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# The Fourth Annual Lipman Family Farms 5k Run For Backpacks is set for April 21

Lipman Family Farms – North America's largest open field tomato grower and one of Southwest Florida's largest employers, will host its 4th Annual 5k Run For Backpacks on Saturday, April 21, 2018. This year, the 5K Run and Junior Fun Run format is being expanded to include a 1-Mile Walk.

Through sponsorships and event registration fees, the annual event raises funds to purchase more than 1,500 backpacks filled with school supplies for students in the Immokalee area. The backpacks are distributed at Lipman Family Farm's Backpack Giveaway event, held each year in August, to help ensure local children have the supplies they need as they begin the school year.

"This community event encourages healthy lifestyles and gets families outdoors participating in a fun, healthy activity," said Jaime Weisinger, Community Relations Director for Lipman Family Farms. "And this year, with the addition of a 1 mile walk, individuals of any age and ability can participate.

The event raises more than \$25,000 each year and continues to grow. It's so exciting for all of us at Lipman to see communities come together to support the region's children each year. We are so grateful for the growing enthusiasm around the event."

The race takes place at Immokalee High School's Gary Bates Stadium. Registration starts at 6:30am. The race begins at 8:00am. Registration is \$20 for students, \$30 for pre-event general registration and \$35 the day of the event. A discounted fee of \$25 is offered to groups. The Junior Fun Run is free.

Pre-event registration is available at [lipman-familyfarms.com](http://lipman-familyfarms.com). Each registrant receives an exclusive race t-shirt. All fitness levels are welcome! This event is designed for the whole family to enjoy!

Businesses and individuals interested in sponsorships should contact Jaime Weisinger at 239-657-4421 or via email at [jaimeweisinger@lipmanproduce.com](mailto:jaimeweisinger@lipmanproduce.com)

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## Students First

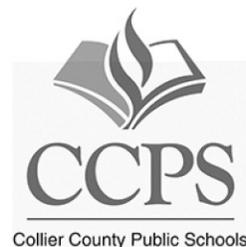
**By Jennifer L. Kupiec**  
Specialist, Communications & Community Engagement Collier County Public Schools

There are some end-of-the-month updates from Collier County Public Schools:

Congratulations to Immokalee High School's Unified Special Olympics basketball team on their recent state championship win! In addition, coach Kelly Stevenson received the honor of 2017 Special Olympics North America

Coach of the Year!

Do you have a child entering kindergarten next school year and want to familiarize yourself with the school and what to expect?



Then, you'll want to attend your school's Kindergarten Round-Up.

- Eden Park Elementary: April 27, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.
- Highlands Elementary: April 27, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.
- Lake Trafford Elementary: April 27, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.
- Pinecrest Elementary: April 27, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.
- Village Oaks Elementary: April 27, 2018 at 9:00 a.m.

Speaking of kindergarten, registration for the 2018-2019 school year begins April 23, 2018. Secondary level registration begins April 30. All students, kindergarten through 12th grade, NEW to the District, must be registered using the Online Centralized Registration system which can be found at [www.collierschools.com/registration](http://www.collierschools.com/registration).

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ties like the one at Pathways.

As a nationally accredited early education center, Pathways' goal is to provide the children of Immokalee with exceptional childcare and education opportunities. The center's students engage in learning opportunities with volunteers, their families and staff that will help give them the tools they need to succeed in kindergarten and in life.

Pathways' goal is to provide exceptional educational programs and the highest quality childcare in addition to continuing the education and opportunities for everyone, including teachers and families outside of the classroom. For more information please visit [www.PathwaysEarlyEducation.org](http://www.PathwaysEarlyEducation.org).

# Our energy has the power to affect other people

Today I was over the moon to have the opportunity to visit the Downton Abbey Exhibit in New York City. I am a huge Downton fan and the entire experience was absolutely incredible. As we entered the enormous and gilded double doors the docent pulled the trio of DA fans of which I was one third off to the side and said to us, "I just want to thank you for being here today because your energy is so great that it has made my day to have you in my line!"



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What a great compliment to get from someone who literally encounters thousands of people in the course of a day. But, the truth is that it doesn't surprise me. Now I don't say this to sound haughty or arrogant in any way; but I do put a LOT of work into maintaining a high vibe.

All of the things that I practice daily, like prayer and meditation, yoga, reading good personal development books, and making mindfulness a priority are things that I do specifically to keep my energy high-vibing!

And so, when someone says that I made their day with my great energy it's just a testament that all of my dedicated work has paid off!

Why am I telling you this, you may ask? Because our energy has the power to affect other people. You literally have the ability to change the course of someones day just by being in a great mood, isn't that amazing? Conversely, have you ever held the door for someone who grumpily trots right past you without so much as a thank you? It doesn't feel good and it probably altered your mood in a negative way.

This week, try to set an intention to choose good feeling thoughts. When we choose good feeling thoughts, we make good feeling decisions, when we set ourselves up to have a good feeling day we make everyone around us feel good too! Can you imagine living in a world where everyone was a little bit happier? Let's give it a try.

## FDoH-Collier County warns of the risk from wildfire smoke

Smoky conditions are occurring in parts of Collier County from current wildfires. The Florida Department of Health in Collier County cautions citizens that wildfire smoke is a respiratory irritant that can cause scratchy throat, coughing, headaches or irritated eyes and nose. Smoke can worsen asthma, and other chronic lung or heart conditions. Dust generated from increased wildfire response activity on dirt roads may also worsen these conditions.

Protect your family from smoke:

- Pay attention to news coverage or health warnings related to the wildfires and the associated smoke.
- Avoid prolonged outdoor activities. This is especially important for children and persons with pre-existing medical conditions. Pay attention to visibility and how you feel.
- Stay indoors and run your air conditioner if you have one. Keep the fresh air intake closed and the filter clean to prevent bringing additional smoke inside. For best results, run the air conditioning with recirculated air. If you do not have an air conditioner, staying inside with the windows closed may be dangerous in extremely hot weather. In these cases, seek alternative shelter with family or friends.
- Help keep particle levels lower inside. When smoke levels are high, try to avoid us-

ing anything that burns, such as wood fireplaces, gas logs, gas stoves and candles. Do not vacuum, which stirs up particles already inside your home. Do not smoke.

Follow your doctor's advice about taking medicines and following your asthma management plan if you have asthma or another lung disease. Call your doctor if your symptoms worsen.

Persons should contact their doctor if they feel they have difficulty breathing due to the smoke. Persons with underlying medical conditions such as allergies, sinus problems, asthma and chronic lung diseases should contact their medical provider if they have concerns about their condition.

Wildfire activity is being monitored by the Florida Forest Service, Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (FDACS). A map of the wildfires and the latest information on the status of Florida wildfires can be obtained at the Florida Fire Service website at <https://www.freshfrom-florida.com/Divisions-Offices/Florida-Forest-Service>.

Frequently asked questions about wildfire smoke and health can be found at <http://collier.floridahealth.gov/newsroom/2018/03/2018faqwildfire.html>.

For more information about this press release contact Andrea McKinney at 239-252-8049 or [Andrea.McKinney@flhealth.gov](mailto:Andrea.McKinney@flhealth.gov).



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## Coming soon to the Firehouse Theatre

Rehearsals sometimes can be grueling work, but with some particular songs, they can actually be a lot of fun! Such a moment is when Barbara Dinsmore and Sue Wall rehearse their duet. These two ladies really get into their song while Carolyn White, Cindy Shough and Bill Bower watch the two of them go at each other! So come on down to the Firehouse Community Theatre where the Firehouse Singers will be presenting a musical review called "Looking Back and Forward" in celebration of the Theatre's 25th Anniversary. Performances will be April 6-8 and 12-15. Get your tickets by calling our ticket hotline at (863) 675-3066 or online at [firehousecommunitytheatre.com](http://firehousecommunitytheatre.com). Tickets are \$14 in advance and \$16 at the door. The Firehouse Community Theatre is located at 241 N. Bridge Street in LaBelle.

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# TIF brings arts program to Immokalee Middle School

The Immokalee Foundation has collaborated with Young Audiences of Southwest Florida Arts for Learning to bring a variety of arts programs into Immokalee Middle School this year.

Along with the local nonprofit arts program, the foundation is encouraging kids to think creatively and express themselves with confidence – and likely is widening the range of careers that students can imagine themselves pursuing one day.

This school year, Immokalee Middle School students experienced opera singing, puppeteering, acting, and stage and prop design in this after-school program that brings instruction in fine, performing and media arts to schools.

Young Audiences is a 60-year-old national nonprofit that introduces children to artists and their work, either as part of the school curriculum or as a supplement.

“The inclusion of an arts component into the curriculum makes it more fun to learn, and more approachable to kids,” said Cynthia Arnold, executive director of the local affiliate. “Children need to be engaged in learning and to learn in ways that can hold their attention, the way social media and internet sites like YouTube do. The easiest way to do this is to make it fun and interesting. The inclusion of arts does this, for a wider range of children.”

“One of our big goals has been to increase our students’ confidence,” said Amber Barr, after-school program coordinator for The Immokalee Foundation. “Especially for our middle school students, this type of program is a great benefit when they are

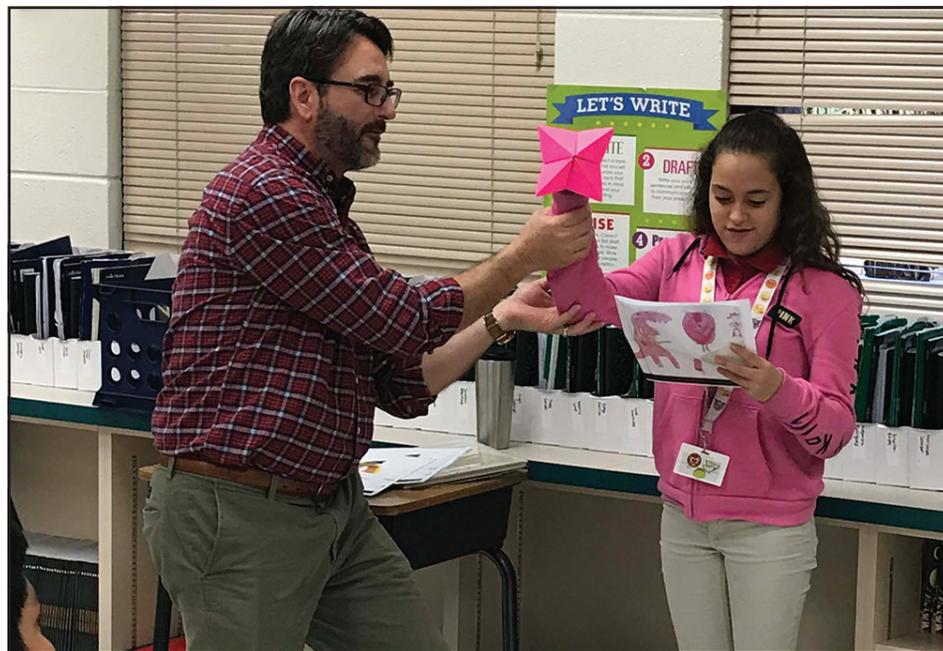
speaking in front of a class or in public.”

In its pilot year in Immokalee, Arts for Learning reached 26 students in grades six through eight who voluntarily participated; each student is a member of The Immokalee Foundation’s Junior Academy program. Students must apply and be interviewed for the Junior Academy, where they obtain homework help, extension lessons on world affairs and STEM subjects, and supplementary lessons in technology and leadership.

Recently, puppeteers with The Naples Players visited Immokalee Middle School to present a session that involved children making puppets according to characters in a script they read.

“We learned how to make puppets and show emotions with the puppets,” said Emili Carmona, who is 11. “We presented puppets to the class. I made a cyclops.” Emili’s twin sister, Abigail, made a unicorn. The girls and their classmates also learned to make props.

The Immokalee Foundation provides a range of education programs that focus on building pathways to professional careers 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 The Immokalee Foundation, volunteering as a career panel speaker or host, becoming a mentor, making a donation, including the foundation in your estate plans, or for additional information, call 239-430-9122 or visit [www.immokaleefoundation.org](http://www.immokaleefoundation.org).



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Hailey Turner works with an instructor during the after-school theater program.

## Collier County Road Watch

SR 29 from South 7th Street to South 2nd Street: Maintenance contract project: Motorists should expect intermittent east-bound lane closures during daytime hours, while crews make water main connections, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work near the roadway.

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 contractor is American Lighting & Signalization, Inc.

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# “Jimmy” Garvin returns to Immokalee to complete a documentary

The Immokalee Chamber of Commerce (ICOC) has always been behind one of Jimmy Garvin's dreams, to make a documentary movie of himself, growing up in his hometown where it all started.

Jimmy, a graduate of Immokalee High School who is living out his dreams. Jimmy is consider to be a very innovative business leader and a golf specialist with lots of expertise in all phrases of the golf industry.

Jimmy is first married to his loving wife Lona, his kids and family members and to a host of committed friends.

In completing his documentary movie,

Jimmy, his camera staff and screen writers came to Immokalee recently to cover three areas of his movie, to complete photo shoots of a soft ball field in which Jimmy played on while growing up in Immokalee, to photo Ave Marie's Driving Range which was not in this area when he was growing up and to get personal photo shots of Mother Florence Jelk's Estate. Ms. Jelks was Jimmy's second mom and she passed away this year

The Immokalee Chamber of Commerce President/Danny Gonzalez volunteered to help Jimmy out with his request.

Some of Jimmy's accomplishments are,

he is a well known manager of the Langston Golf Course in Maryland and is President and General Manager. In May of 2006, Jimmy was inducted into the African American Golfers Hall of Fame. In October 2012, Jimmy was inducted into the United States Golf Teachers Hall of Fame and many more accomplishments. Jimmy is most proud of the day he was selected to deliver the commencement address to the 2010 class of The Heritage Institute in Fort Myers.

Just in case the community does not know this fact- Jimmy has authored a book entitled, "Legacy of a Common Man." Everyone

needs to read his book it's very rewarding. Jimmy personal motto is 'Golf is THE Carrot, BUT Education is the Key to his success!'

Immokalee is very proud of James "Jimmy" Garvin. In 2016 ICOC's President Danny Gonzalez declared James "Jimmy" Garvin to be the Grand Parade Marshal of our last Harvest Festival Event in Immokalee.

Immokalee's are 100 percent behind James "Jimmy" Garvin's conquer... ALL THE WAY!!

## FutureMakers Coalition partners launch joint effort

The FutureMakers Coalition, a regional collective impact initiative, announces a strategic project co-designed by Immokalee Technical College (iTech), Fort Myers Technical College (FMTC) and the Hendry County School District to reach its goal of increasing the percent of college graduates and residents with advanced certifications in Southwest Florida (55 percent by the year 2025).

The partnership, titled the Technical and Adult Education Completion program, aims to improve access to information, awareness and perception of regional educational opportunities among historically underserved or un-/underemployed adults in Immokalee, Hendry County and Fort Myers. Further, the initiative aims to ensure students complete their degree and/or certificate programs so they can join the workforce in their desired industry.

"In Southwest Florida, students of color are less likely to complete a degree or technical education program than their white counterparts. This points to a systems-level problem," says Tessa LeSage, Director of Social Innovation and Sustainability for the Southwest Florida Community Foundation, backbone organization for the FutureMakers Coalition. "By working together, we can begin to remove barriers that produce such inequalities and create the skilled workforce local employers need."

Due to its collaborative approach involving three separate institutions, the initiative is unlike any other. By combining efforts, the institutions will have a greater impact and be able to better support the individuals involved. The program will involve multiple approaches to increase access to training and removing barriers to completion, including grassroots, one-on-one outreach, digital marketing, public relations, community relations as well as the use of predictive analytics to help understand where students are falling through the cracks and increased support once students enter into the programs.

Programs at each institution vary, but industries of study include health science, human services, business administration, information technology, cybersecurity, mechanics, manufacturing, machining, digital media design, culinary arts, education and more. General Educational Development (GED) and English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) courses are also available.

Prospective students can learn more about the programs at each college by visiting their respective websites:

- [HendryAdultLearning.org](http://HendryAdultLearning.org) for Hendry County
- [iTech.edu/AdultLearningProgram](http://iTech.edu/AdultLearningProgram) for Immokalee
- [AdultLearningProgram.FortMyersTech.edu](http://AdultLearningProgram.FortMyersTech.edu) for Fort Myers

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Please email resume and references to [kelsken@newszap.com](mailto:kelsken@newszap.com)



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**2008 Ford**  
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VIN#2B4GP44G5XR362976

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VIN#1FMZU62E62UB14633

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Hours are 6:00am - 4:30pm Monday - Friday

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## Help Wanted: REPORTER/WRITER

Love to write? Enjoy talking to people? Interested in the LaBelle community? The Caloosa Belle needs a reporter to work part-time.

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# Community Briefs

## Public Event planned

Public Community Event to celebrate the award of a \$13 Million U.S. Department of Transportation TIGER Grant on March 29 starting at 11:30 a.m. at the Immokalee Library, 417 North First Street, Immokalee.

## Eggstravaganza

The Eggstravaganza will be held on March 31 starting at 11:00 a.m. and going until 2:00 p.m. at the Immokalee Community Park 321 North 1st Street, Immokalee.

## Master Plan

### Meeting scheduled

The Immokalee Area Master Plan guides the future growth in your community – how land uses are arranged for housing, businesses, and civic uses; how these are supported and connected by the transportation network, and with the protection of important environmental areas. The next round of Public Workshops will be on April 25. The Morning Workshop will be from 8:30 – 10:30 a.m. at CareerSource 750 South 5th St. Immokalee, FL 34142 OR Evening Workshop 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Immokalee Community Park 321 North 1st St. Immokalee, FL 34142. For more information call Anita Jenkins, AICP Collier County Community Planning

Anita.Jenkins@colliercountyfl.gov (239) 252-8288 www.colliergov.net/GMPrestudies.

## Training and support group

This support group is for families of children with special needs 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. Cuando: 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.

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.

## Emergency Preparedness & Planning:

Collier County Emergency Management invites you to participate in Emergency Preparedness & Planning: A Workshop for the Immokalee Unmet Needs Coalition. The event will be on Saturday, May 12, from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at 8075 Lely Cultural Parkway, Naples, FL 34113 in the Collier County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) on the third floor. -

- Learn how to further assist Immokalee before, during and after an emergency
- Participate in an Immokalee-designed Table Top Exercise (TTX)
- Take a tour of the Emergency Operations Center
- Earn a certificate for this free training!
- Registration is limited!

To register, please contact Lauren D. Bonica, Human Services Program Manager, Collier County Emergency Management, Lauren.Bonica@CollierCountyFL.Gov or 239-252-3608

that may not have anything for their babies, and whom may never have a baby shower of their own. There will be a morning of games, food, gifts, raffles and education. They would like to invite community partners to come and set up tables with services and information, and an educational presentation by one of the FSU- Psychologist. The organization is asking for any one or any agency/organization interested in being a sponsor for this event to please contact me: Rosa Martinez -239-658-3129 or Estela Aguilar- 239-425-6922.

## 5th Annual Leadership Day

Highlands Elementary School, 1101 Lake Trafford Rd—Immokalee, FL 34142 will celebrate their 5th Annual Leadership Day on Friday, May 4 from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. We encourage you to join us as we celebrate our recently achieved “Lighthouse” status! Our Student Leadership Teams will spotlight the 7 Habits through an array of approaches in order to provide guests with a first hand look at the important role of each habit! With our theme of “Lighting the Way”- our young leaders are eager to showcase their accomplishments through leadership! Please RSVP so that we may plan accordingly. Send name(s) of each person attending along with their physical mailing address. Formal invitations will be mailed out prior to the event. Please feel free to contact the school with any questions @ 239.377.7100. RSVP to cadepe@collierschools.com



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## Looking for volunteers

One of the best investments 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

## Baby Shower Planned

The 3rd Annual Immokalee Community Baby Shower is being planned for May 3 for the low income and Migrant farm working pregnant women of Immokalee. Healthy Start of Southwest Florida and FSU College of Medicine partner together to host a community baby shower for these women



**Public Notices**



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**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

To Whom It May Concern: Notice is hereby given of intention to apply to the 2018 session of the Florida Legislature for passage **(Be it Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida). Hence 768.28 F.S.** of an act for Relief of Claimant(s): Peggy Bryan Dupree, Betty R. Gosnell, Karen J. Federighi. Excess Judgment Claim filed pursuant as required by Article III, Section 10 of the Constitution. Article X Section 13 Florida Constitution.

**A BILL TO BE ENTITLED:**

**WHEREAS,** Peggy Bryan Dupree & Kenneth Lee Bryan in Collier County Florida. Nature of Injuries: Arising out of Gross Negligence (Torture, Premeditated Attempted Murder, Brain Injuries, Other Health Illness & Irreversible Physiological Damages), Medical Malpractice, Professional Malpractice. Property Damages: Incident(s): 10/12/2015, 10/16/2015, 10/19/2015, 10/29/2015, 03/09/2016, 04/14/2016, 05/01/2016 & other dates unknown.

**WHEREAS,** Betty R. Gosnell & Jamie L. Curtis. Nature of Injuries: Arising out of Gross Negligence (Torture, Premeditated Attempted Murder, Possible Death & Irreversible Psychological Damages), Medical Malpractice, Professional Malpractice, Property Damages. Incident(s): 07/07/2016, 09/16/2016, 04/19/2017 to present.

**WHEREAS,** Karen J. Federighi. Nature of Injuries: Arising out of Gross Negligence (Torture & Premeditated Murder), Medical Malpractice, Professional Malpractice, Property Damages. Incident(s): 01/14/2016, 01/22/2016 to present.

Respondent(s) Caused Claimant(s) Injuries: Lee County Sheriff (Mike Scott) Office, Collier County Sheriff (Kevin J. Rambosk) Office. Agency With Persons With Disabilities Director (Barbara Palmer). David Lawrence Center Director/President (Darcy Taylor, Scott Burgess). Department of Children & Families Director/Secretary (Mike Carroll), Collier County Clerk of Court Chief Judge McHugh. Lauren L. Brodie. James Shenko. Christine Greider. Larry Pivacek, Patrick Charles Weber.

Claimant Peggy Bryan Dupree: Claim Amount \$166,666,666.00 against State of Florida & Municipal, Collier County Sheriff Office. Agency With Persons With Disabilities. David Lawrence Center. Department of Children & Families & Protective Services. Collier County Clerk of Court. Larry Pivacek. Claimant Betty R. Gosnell: Claim Amount \$166,666,666.00 against State of Florida & Municipal. Lee County Sheriff Office. Collier County Sheriff Office. Department of Children & Families & Protective Services. Collier County Clerk of Court.

Claimant Karen J. Federighi: Claim Amount \$166,666,666.00 against State of Florida & Municipal. Collier County Sheriff Office. Collier County Clerk of Court. Patrick Charles Weber. Larry Pivacek. 485000 IB 3/15,22,29;4/5,12/2018

# FSW Concert Series Launches with Memorial Concert

Spring is in the air – and so is music! The Florida SouthWestern State College Orchestra and Choir will be performing a special memorial concert to honor the legacy and memory of the college’s second president, Dr. David Robinson.

The concert is at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 10 at the Barbara B. Mann Performing Arts Hall at FSW. While the concert is free and open to the public, attendees are welcome to make contributions to the Robinson Scholarship Fund, which supports FSW music students.

Entitled the “Dr. David Robinson Memorial Concert,” this performance honors the college’s late second president, who led the college from 1965 to his retirement in 1991. He passed away in 2016.

Joe Kramp, senior development director, FSW Foundation, said “Dr. Robinson was a huge fan of the arts. It’s a great way to continue his legacy for generations to come.”

For more information about the Robinson Scholarship Fund, please call 239-432-6778.

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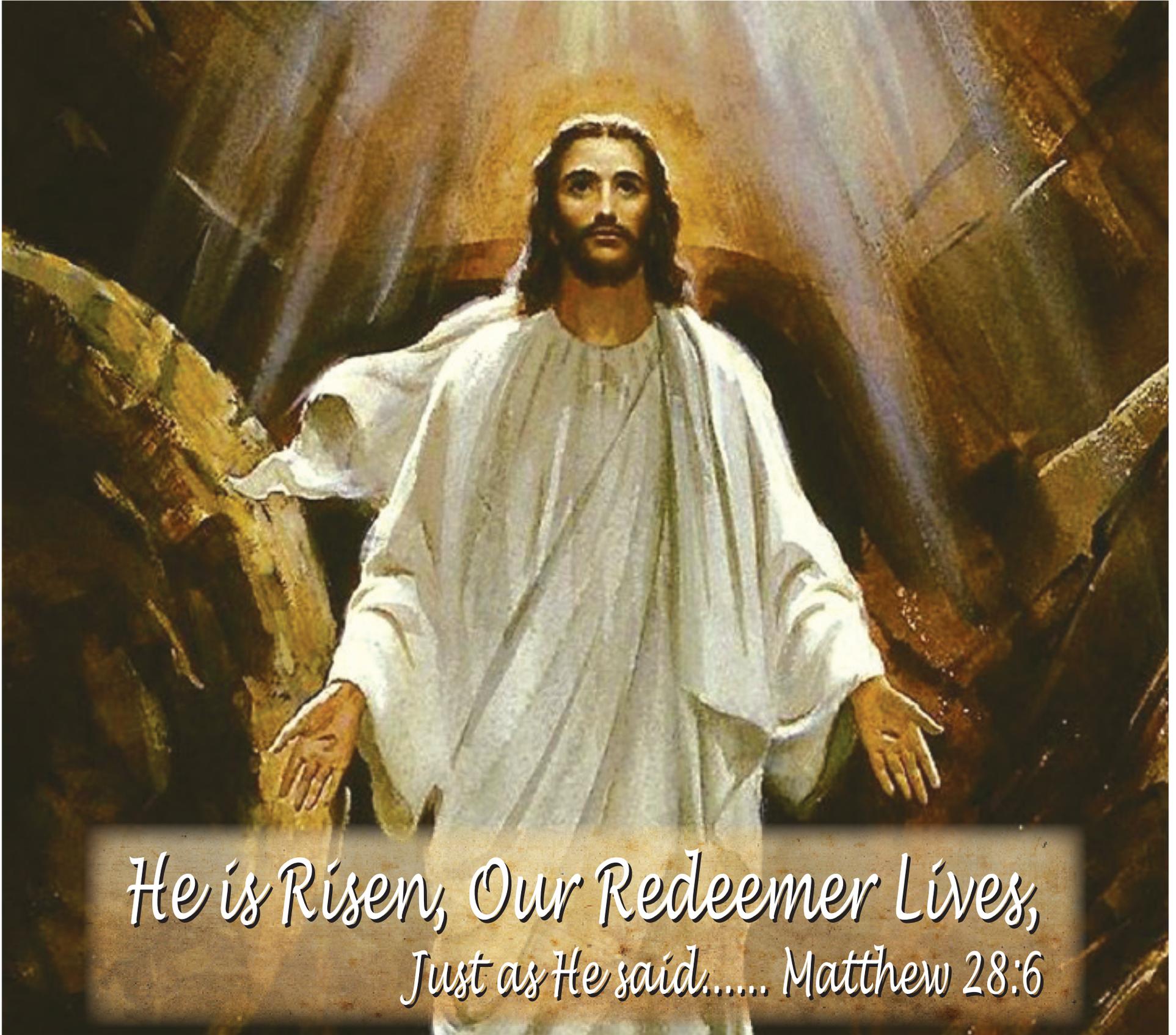


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## The FSW Orchestra and Choir will be performing a special memorial concert.

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in clubs and programs catered to their interests. FSW debuted its intercollegiate athletics program in the fall 2015. Visit www.FSW.edu for more information.



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