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## Invitation for all Immokalee Christians

By Rick Heers

Special to the Immokalee Bulletin

We, in our community of Immokalee, have been suffering so much heartache the past few weeks with a cloud of death and depression blanketing our area.

There have been two suicides of students enrolled at the high school since Christmas break, plus the suicide of another student who graduated less than five years ago, the unexpected 'heart failure' death of a 14-year old girl a few weeks ago, the life sentence recently given for murdering a former student a few years ago, another recent graduate the victim of an unsolved murder on the East coast where the young lady was attending college...on and on, the incidents continue to pile up. We've also witnessed the passing of several godly former employees of the Collier County Schools... Mrs. Florence Jelks, Mrs. Phyllis Fryson, and most recently Mrs. Beverly Pringle.

I know that many of you have been and are continuing to pray for our Immokalee families, but, as co-director with T.W. Malory of the Immokalee Ministerial Alliance, we are calling on all our churches in town to join together and have a united 'PRAYER WALK' around Immokalee High and Middle Schools. I believe we need to reclaim the peace, health and prosperity that GOD intends for us to enjoy. It's time for us to lay aside any denominational differences and take back all that the Enemy is trying to do to us.

Today, Thursday, May 3 is the National Day of Prayer, and we are asking that everyone in the Immokalee community that believes in GOD and the power of prayer join with us at the Immokalee Parks and Rec pavilion on 1st Street for a walk of prayerful victory around the middle and high school campuses at 5:30 p.m. There are plenty of Biblical examples that could be used when united community prayer brought about positive changes. If you are unable to join with us, you can do the same individually.



Submitted photo/Carica Astrel

Estfania Louis was joined on stage by her mother and uncle who helped her celebrate her scholarship

## IHS student becomes first volleyball player to receive a scholarship

By Carica Astrel

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"It feels good knowing that I successfully completed all my years of high school and now I'm on the road to college. Knowing that I have something good going for myself feels great," says Estfania Louis, who will be graduating from Immokalee High School in a few weeks and will be attending North Carolina Central University where she will be the first Immokalee volleyball player to receive a scholarship.

"I never pictured myself in this position, to be getting my college education at NCCU feels good and I'm ready to further my volleyball career," Louis added.

It took Louis an entire year to decide that NCCU was the right school for her. After visiting the university and meeting her soon to be coaches she knew that becoming an eagle was the right choice. "NCCU just felt like home, the coaching staff brought me in like I was part of their family, they let me know that they would help me with anything I need from my academics, tutoring and they provided me with an academic advisor that would be with me throughout my college

career and that sense of security wasn't offered at other schools."

Going off to college is a joyful moment but can also be a difficult transition for some students including Louis. "I'm nervous about keeping up with school and volleyball and I'm nervous about playing volleyball at a level that I've never played before, but I'm excited to start a new chapter in my life and I'll be working towards my major and my career which makes me happy. I'm excited to experience college life and of course volleyball!"

Volleyball was just a fun hobby for this star athlete, but after spending countless hours on the court, her love for volleyball grew rapidly. Besides volleyball, the I.H.S senior has participated in travel volleyball, basketball, track and has always been eager to try softball. Louis has been playing sports for seven years and gained interest in athletics after hearing numerous comments about her height and constantly being asked if she played sports.

Jokingly, Louis said, "Let me give it a shot, I don't want to be like my sister, tall

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## Immokalee to get aid under EPA Brownfields Grant Program

Special to the Immokalee Bulletin

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency announced grants to 144 communities nationwide, including five in Florida, at a news conference in Atlanta on Wednesday, April 25. The projects being financed are part of the Brownfields Redevelopment Program, which will give these cities and regional agencies money to conduct environmental assessments and cleanups in locally designated areas.

A grant of \$600,000 funneled through the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council will finance hazardous substance and petroleum cleanup projects in Immokalee, Clewiston and Moore Haven, and a \$300,000 allocation will be spent for similar projects in Pahokee.

"EPA's Brownfields Program expands the ability of communities to recycle vacant and abandoned properties for new, productive reuses, using existing infrastructure," said EPA Administrator Scott Pruitt in announcing the grants. "These grants leverage other public and private investments, and improve local economies through property cleanup and redevelopment."

Administrator Trey Glenn of the EPA's Region 4, which includes Florida along with Alabama, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North and South Carolina, Tennessee and the sovereign lands of six Native American tribes, noted that \$8.9 million of the total \$54.3 million awarded is coming to the Southeast.

"Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup grants target communities that are economically disadvantaged and provide assistance where environmental cleanup and new job opportunities are needed," he said. "These funds mean a great deal to these communities."

"Florida has been very successful with our Brownfields Redevelopment Program (BRP) over the years, and our efforts have been strengthened through funding received from EPA Brownfields grants," Carrie Kruchell, Florida BRP manager and liaison, said. "We are extremely pleased to learn that once again Florida's communities will benefit from a total of \$1.2 million that has

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## Volleyball

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for nothing, so I started playing sports and I liked it."

Volleyball became one of Louis's favorite sports to play because of all the doors it opened for her and basketball because her coach Bridgette Toombs pushed her to be the best athlete, student, and person she could be.

The soon to be graduate made it very

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been awarded for environmental site assessments in fiscal 2018-19. These assessment grants support this important first stage of protecting and preserving our environment, which sets the stage for future redevelopment and reuse."

The Brownfields Program targets communities that are economically disadvantaged and provides funding and assistance to transform blighted sites into assets that

clear that she would miss her family, her coaches, and friends once she goes off to college, but waking up at 6 a.m. and eating the questionable cafeteria food were a few things that were not going to be missed.

Louis really encourages athletes in high school to focus on their academics and not only sports because school is just as important. "It was hard for me to balance two sports and school. Sometimes I was getting off flights at 2 a.m. and had to be up at 5 a.m. for school. Even though I was exhausted I did my best not to miss school because I didn't want to deal with credit denial. I made

sure all my school work was done, I never wanted sports to be a reason as to why I wasn't doing my best in school."

With graduation quickly approaching a few last words Louis would like to say to her coaches are "Thank you so much for all the help that you guys provided me with and all the doors you opened for me and always pushing me to be a better person, athletically, academically and socially and not only being around for sports but being around when I was going through stuff."

can generate jobs and spur economic growth. A study analyzing 48 brownfields sites found that an estimated \$29 million to \$97 million in additional tax revenue was generated for local governments in a single year after cleanup. This is two to seven times more than the \$12.4 million EPA contributed to the cleanup of these brownfield sites. Another study found that property values of homes located near brownfields sites that are cleaned up increased by between 5 percent and 15 percent after cleanup.

In addition, communities can use brownfields funding to leverage water infrastructure loans and other financial resources. For

example, EPA's Clean Water State Revolving Fund and Drinking Water State Revolving Fund can be used, under certain conditions, to address the water-quality aspects of brownfield sites and the assessment and construction of drinking water infrastructure on brownfields, respectively. EPA's Water Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act program may also serve as a potential source of long-term, low-cost supplemental financing to fund brownfields project development and implementation activities to address water quality aspects of brownfields.

## Students First

By Jennifer L. Kupiec

Specialist, Communications & Community Engagement Collier County Public Schools

Students at Immokalee High School (IHS) recently received a special visit from Native Pride Arts, a Native American dance group that travels the United States performing at schools and other venues. Larry Yazzie, founder and artistic director for Native Pride Arts, shared the story of himself and his tribe with the IHS students.

According to Assistant Principal Maryann Gallegos, "The students enjoyed the dance moves that went with the music. They commented that he looked like he was in a trance."

Larry is a two-time World Champion Fancy Dancer from the Meskwaki Nation in Tama, Iowa. He founded Native Pride Arts to give back to his community and to the world. Their mission is to educate, inspire, motivate, and empower diverse communities to bridge cultural gaps through Indigenous traditions. "By sharing life stories through music, dance, and storytelling, we nurture meaningful communication among all people," states Larry on his website.

Larry shared that he wants to be a positive person in young people's lives. He had plans to visit Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School the following day.



Submitted photo/Jennifer L. Kupiec  
**Larry Yazzie, founder and artistic director for Native Pride Arts talks to IHS students.**

## Champions For Learning announces Scholars Program

The Florida Prepaid College Foundation is partnering with Champions For Learning to pilot the In-Demand Career Scholars Program. By piloting this program, a model has been developed that can be easily replicated across the state.

This program's goal is to develop a trained

workforce in targeted in-demand careers in Florida. Four high school juniors will be selected who are interested in pursuing a certificate, associate's degree or bachelor's degree (major or minor) with an entrepreneurship focus. The entrepreneurial focus will help students gain employability skills that cross all workforce careers such as customer service, communication, problem solving/troubleshooting, writing and computer skills.

These students will be awarded a Florida Prepaid 2-Year Florida College Plan scholarship. In addition, they will receive support from their advocate in weekly college and career preparation labs throughout their junior and senior year of high school, and continued support through college graduation and entry into the workforce. The students selected to participate in the pilot will be announced prior to the end of the school year.

# David Lawrence Center Young Executives to host Sunset Cruise

David Lawrence Center, Collier County's only comprehensive, not-for-profit mental health and addiction recovery treatment center serving children, adults and families, pleased to announce the DLC Young Executives will host the 7th Annual Sunset Cruise on June 14, 2018 (National Flag Day) aboard the Naples Princess at 550 Port O Call Way. Boarding begins at 6:00 p.m. with the cruise taking place from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.

This wildly popular event often sells out filling with anyone with a passion for supporting mental health awareness and helping others. The two-hour cruise along Naples Bay will feature a fun, festive atmosphere, music, hors d'oeuvres, drinks and a priceless encore performance of a beautiful Naples sunset.

Attendees are encouraged to get into the Flag Day spirit by wearing their most patriotic apparel. Casual red, white and "nautical" blue attire is encouraged by all and a prize will be awarded to the most patriotic outfit.

All proceeds from DLC Young Executives events benefit the mission, operations, and expansion of David Lawrence Center's community-based prevention and treatment programs that help the 1-in-4 local children and adults who experience psychological and substance use challenges.

There are three ticket levels ranging in price from \$45 - \$65 depending on the number of drink tickets and raffle tickets included at the time of registration. Prices for each level will increase by \$5 after June 5, 2018. For sponsorship information or to register, visit [DavidLawrenceCenter.org](http://DavidLawrenceCenter.org) or contact Emily Budd at 239-304-3505 or [emilyb@dlcmhc.com](mailto:emilyb@dlcmhc.com).

The David Lawrence Center Young Executives are a group of next generation philanthropists and business professionals throughout Collier County whose mission is to build awareness of the Center.

Southwest Florida nonprofit David Lawrence Center is a national leader in providing world-class mental health and addiction recovery solutions for children, adolescents and adults. The Center's innovative, integrated treatment includes inpatient, outpatient, residential, and community-based services – a comprehensive system of care funded by community and government support. Each year, David Lawrence Center creates life-changing wellness for more than 9,000 people through over 220,000 treatment sessions. To learn more, please call 239-455-8500 or visit [www.DavidLawrenceCenter.org](http://www.DavidLawrenceCenter.org).



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## Almost Maine coming to the Firehouse

The Firehouse Community will present "Almost, Maine" to finish up its 25th season on May 4, 5, 6 and 11, 12, 13. Playful and surreal experiences are commonplace in the world of John Cariani's "Almost, Maine" where on one deeply cold and magical Midwinter Night, citizens of Almost - not organized enough for a town, too populated for a wilderness - experience the life-altering power of the human heart. Relationships end, begin, or change beyond recognition, as strangers become friends, friends become lovers, and lovers turn into strangers. Propelled by the mystical energy of the aurora borealis and populated with characters who are humorous, plain-spoken, thoughtful, and sincere, "Almost, Maine" is a series of loosely connected tales about love, each with a compelling couple at its center, each with its own touch of sorcery. Performances are at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday nights and 2 p.m. matinee on Sunday both week-ends. Reserved seats are \$14.00 and can be purchased by calling (863) 675-6799 (leave a message) or buy online at [www.firehousecommunitytheatre.com](http://www.firehousecommunitytheatre.com). The Firehouse Community Theatre is located in downtown LaBelle at 241 North Bridge Street.

## Florida Seniors Earned \$150 Million through Airbnb in 2017

Airbnb Florida, the Sunshine State's leading community driven hospitality company, released a report today documenting the economic impact of home sharing and vacation rentals for Florida's senior community.

Florida, over 45 percent of Airbnb's 40,000 plus hosts are seniors. Floridian seniors earned over \$150 million through the Airbnb platform in 2017, indicating the capacity of home sharing to produce supplemental income for older generations and sustain retirement.

"We're happy to see seniors throughout our state utilizing technology to take full economic advantage of their properties and sustain their retirements," said Jeffrey S. Bragg, Secretary of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs. "Under the Scott Administration, we will continue to support the efforts of private sector platforms like Airbnb to facilitate economic opportunities for older Floridians."

Southwest Florida is the most prominent Florida hub for senior hosts, with over 50 percent of hosts in the region ages 55 plus and up. Throughout all of Florida, seniors account for the fastest growing and the best reviewed Airbnb host demographic.

"Many older Floridians are realizing that sharing their home provides benefits like preventing isolation, which itself is a sig-

nificant risk to physical and mental health, while offering the opportunity to continue to learn and grow by encountering new ideas and cultures that come from interaction with other people," said Jeff Johnson, AARP Florida State Director. "Several models of home-sharing, from online platforms to old-fashioned roommate-hunting, provide the additional benefit of revenue or cost-sharing for older home owners, allowing them financial security and the ability to age in place."

Airbnb Florida Senior Data

- Florida seniors earned \$150 million through sharing their homes in 2017
- Over 18,000 Florida seniors share their homes or a vacation rental through Airbnb
- Seniors are the most prevalent age demographic of Airbnb hosts in Florida
- Seniors are the fastest growing age demographic of Airbnb hosts in Florida -- with 46 percent year-over-year growth in total senior hosts
- Seniors are the best reviewed Airbnb hosts in Florida -- 85 percent receive 5-star reviews
- Females account for 60 percent of Airbnb's Florida host community - the highest proportion of any other age demographic
- The typical Florida senior host earns \$6,400 a year in income through Airbnb

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# Four FSW employees recognized with NISOD Awards

Four Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) faculty and staff members have been named winners of the National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) Award for 2018.

NISOD's Excellence Awards recognize college faculty, staff and administrators each year who have demonstrated an outstanding commitment and contribution to their students and colleagues. FSW students and employees submit nominations for their professors and colleagues for this award based on teaching and learning practices that encourage student achievement.

Dr. Katie Paschall, professor of speech at the FSW Collier Campus, has received the NISOD Excellence Award for Professional Development and Scholarship; Don Ransford, professor of mathematics at the FSW Thomas Edison Campus, has received the NISOD Excellence Award for Service to the College and Community; and Sandra Seifert, professor of mathematics at the FSW Hendry/Glades Curtis Center, has received the NISOD Excellence Award for Teaching and Instruction. This year's recipient of the NISOD Staff Excellence Award is Amy English, Academic Support Center specialist at the FSW Hendry/Glades Curtis Center.

"The NISOD Excellence Awards gives our students, faculty and staff the opportunity to recognize those college employees that go above and beyond their everyday duties in guiding our students to the ultimate goal of graduation," said Dr. Jeff Stewart, FSW provost and vice president, Academic Affairs. "We are proud of the dedication and commitment these staff and faculty members have provided to ensure our students reach their greatest potential."

In 1989, in connection with a University of Texas at Austin national study of teaching excellence, NISOD hosted its first ceremony honoring NISOD Excellence Award recipients. It has since become the largest and most inspiring gathering that recognizes the contributions and achievements of community and technical college faculty, administrators and staff. This year's recipients will be recognized during NISOD's International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence in May.

### About NISOD:

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Bottom Left: Sandra Seifert. Top Left: Dr. Katie Paschall. Top Center: Amy English. Top Right: Don Ransford. Presenting the awards is Dr. Jeff Stewart, FSW provost and vice president, Academic Affairs.

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# May is Motorcycle and Bicycle Safety Awareness Month

This May, the Florida Department of Highway Safety and Motor Vehicles (DHSMV) is reminding motorists statewide to safely share the road with motorcycles and bicycles in recognition of Motorcycle and Bicycle Safety Awareness Month. In addition, the DHSMV is providing drivers information to safely drive around large commercial vehicles. DHSMV and its division of the Florida Highway Patrol is partnering with the Florida Department of Transportation, Florida Police Chiefs Association, Florida Sheriffs Association and the Florida Trucking Association to spread these important messages.

"Smaller vehicles are harder to see on the road. Drivers must be sure to always look twice, use caution when changing lanes and give others plenty of space," said DHSMV Executive Director Terry L. Rhodes. "Sharing the road is everyone's responsibility. Whether you operate a large truck, passenger vehicle, motorcycle or bicycle, learn your role on the road and always look out for one another."

In 2017 preliminarily, there were 9,535 motorcycle crashes and 6,521 bicycle crashes in Florida. That is more than 300 motorcycle and bicycle crashes every week, resulting in 611 motorcycle and bicycle fatalities last year.

"Motorists should use caution when driving around large trucks and watch for motorcycles and bicycles," said Colonel Gene Spaulding, Director of the Florida Highway Patrol. "By staying alert, drivers and riders can help create a safer road environment for everyone to Arrive Alive."

In 2017 preliminarily, of the 10,232 motorcyclists involved in a crash, 42 percent were not wearing a helmet and more than 85 percent were male. Motorists are reminded never to share the lane with a motorcycle, maintain a four-second buffer zone between you and a motorcyclist and increase space when encountering bad weather and road conditions. Do not follow too closely behind a motorcycle or bicycle. Motorists and bicyclists should refer to the official Flor-

ida Driver License Handbook for more safety tips about operating on roadways.

"Understanding how to share the road responsibly is critical for the safety of Floridians, visitors and our police officers who work on bicycles and motorcycles," said Miami Shores Police Chief Kevin Lystad, President of the Florida Police Chiefs Association. "It's important for motorists to be mindful of these vehicles and help us keep our roads and highways safer for all users."

In addition to motorcycles and bicycles, motorists are reminded to safely share the road with commercial vehicles. Large trucks

do not maneuver like passenger vehicles. Drivers are reminded to stay out of the "No Zone," the blind spots in front, behind and on both sides of commercial vehicles, and never tailgate. Always pass on the left for maximum visibility and watch for wide turns.

Visit DHSMV's website for more information and resources for the Motorcycle and Bicycle Safety Awareness Month: Share the Road campaign. The public is encouraged to report dangerous drivers by dialing \*FHP (\*347).

## Representative Donalds announces Town Hall Meetings

Representative Byron Donalds (District 80) announced four town hall meetings, two in Collier County and two in Hendry County, that will take place in May. The Hendry County town halls will be hosted with Senator Kathleen Passidomo (District 28).

Representative Donalds will be updating the community on the 2018 Legislative Session and interacting directly with constituents on key issues through a question and answer format.

Representative Byron Donalds issued the following statement, "I am looking forward to engaging in productive dialogue with the good people of District 80, and the chance to listen to their concerns and suggestions. The 2018 Legislative Session was eventful and historical, and I am excited to share those accomplishments with community members."

Representative Byron Donalds Town

Halls will be held at the following locations.

### Collier County

Date: May 7, 2018

Location: North Collier Regional Park Exhibit Hall 15000 Livingston Rd, Naples, FL 34109

Time: 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Date: May 9, 2018

Location: IFAS Agriculture Research Center 2685 FL-29, Immokalee, FL 34142

Time: 5:30 p.m.-7:30 p.m.

Representative Byron Donalds and Senator Kathleen Passidomo Town Halls

### Hendry County

Date: May 10, 2018

Location: Clewiston City Hall 115 W Ventura Ave, Clewiston, FL 33440

Time: 5:30-7:30 pm

Date: May 16, 2018

Location: LaBelle Civic Center 481 Highway 80 W, LaBelle, FL 33925

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# Community Briefs

## Free Family Event

Walking to Wellness - there will be games, a Food Bank, Zumba, bike safety, physical fitness, Health information and more! ON Saturday, May 5, at the Immokalee Community Park, 321 North 1st Street from 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. The event is hosted by Ciclovía Immokalee.

¡Camino hacia una buena salud!  
Juegos y comida Zumba Medidas de seguridad para ciclistas Acondicionamiento físico Información sobre la salud y más!  
Pero sobre

todo DIVERSIÓN! El Parque de Immokalee, 321 North 1st Street. Sábado, 5 de Mayo, 2018 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Mache pou yon pi bon sante!  
Jwèt ak manje Prekosyon pou monte bisiklèt Zumba Aktivite fizik Enfòmasyon sou lasante ak plus ank! Men se sitou AMIZMAN! Nan Pak Kominote Immokalee a ki nan, 321 North 1st Street. Samdi 5 Me, 2018 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

## Star Wars Party

The Naples Regional Library, 650 Central

Avenue, Naples, Florida 34102, invites you to a Star Wars Party at 2 p.m., Saturday, May 5. Dress like your favorite Star Wars character and come enjoy a Star Wars film. There will be games and refreshments. All ages are welcome. Seating is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Doors will open 30 minutes before the film presentation. For more information, call (239) 252-5135 or visit us online at [collierlibrary.org](http://collierlibrary.org).

## Leadership meeting

The first Leadership Immokalee meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 9, at 10:00 a.m. in the Career Source Conference Room, 750 South 5th Street, Immokalee FL 34142. An agenda will be sent a week prior to the meeting. All are welcome to attend.

## 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. 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.

## 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 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](http://www.ELCofSWFL.org) and click on the Big Buddy Button.

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- Dressage gear
  - Sound of warning
  - Repel, with "off"
  - Member of a '60s quartet
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  - Projecting window
  - Like an insufficient account
  - Best-dressed goal?
  - Start of an optical illusion quip
  - Agnus \_\_\_
  - Film dog's first name?
  - Quip, part 2
  - "A little \_\_\_ the mightiest Julius fell": Horatio
  - Rocket retired in 2011
  - Cry for help
  - "The Scream" artist
  - One in a cage
  - Drive erratically
  - Like the thing not to do
  - Zip
  - Org. with an elephant in its logo
  - Quip, part 3
  - "No more seats" letters
  - Cross shape
  - End of the quip
  - Small songbird
  - Customers
  - Not showing much life
  - Masseur's selection
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  - New beginnings
  - Stout grain
  - Rip violently

- Ed who was the longtime voice of Kraft Foods
- FaceTime device
- Needled?
- Nissan model
- Duke of Albany, to Lear
- Subj. with many functions
- Indigenous Japanese
- Avoid a suddenly stopped car, say
- End of a threat
- Righteous Brothers hit, e.g.
- Record, in a way
- Squeezed
- From now
- Spot for a stud
- Spring sound
- River to the Severn
- Saw
- Relish
- Flightless zoo bird
- "Okey-doke!"
- "M\*A\*S\*H" set piece

- Up-and-comers with egos
- Catcher behind a plate?
- Old Italian capital
- Most supple
- 1-Down, for one
- Profit
- Water catcher
- Enthusiastic
- 1492 caravel
- Took from the deck
- Gull-like bird
- Pelvic bones
- Spot for ten-spots
- Fast-spreading Internet phenomenon
- Nordegren who married Tiger Woods in 2004
- Flight board abbr.

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### Public Notice

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**NOTICE OF PUBLICATION**

To whom it may concern Notice is hereby given of intention. To apply/file/Enroll into the 2018-2019 Session of the Florida Legislature for passage (Be it Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida). Petition the Florida Legislature to waive statutory. Hence 768.28 F.S. of an act for relief for the local Claim Bill of Claimant(s): Peggy Bryan Dupree & Betty R. Gosnell, Karen J. Federighi. Petition Excess Judgment Claim filed pursuant as required by Article III Section 10 of the Constitution Article X Section 13 Florida Constitution.

**SECTION 284.30 F.S. TO BE ENTITLED TO: A BILL TO BE ENTITLED: & PETITION THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO REQUEST EXCEPTION WAIVING A STATUTORY WAIVER. SECTION 11.066 PETITION LEGISLATURE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH IT RULES, TO SEEK AN APPEAL TO PAY A JUDGEMENT, AGAINST THE STATE OF FLORIDA OR STATE AGENCY OR SUBORDIN THEREOF IN EACH OF THESE LOCAL CLAIM BILL'S OF EACH CLAIMANT(S) IN THE CIRCUIT OF THE TWENTIETH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT IN AND FOR COLLIER, LEE, CHARLOTTE, GLADES HENDRY REQUES/PETITION CONGRESS TO WAIVE ABRAGATE STATE IMMUNITY FLORIDA FAILED TO WARN IT CITIZENS THE DANGER OF LIVING IN FLORIDA OF THIS STATE AGENCIES TARGETING IT'S CITIZENS WHICH SENATOR NANCY SHAFER INFORMED WASHINGTON D.C. OF THE DANGER'S AND WARN OUR CONGRESS TO WARN IT CITIZENS WHICH GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT FAILED TO WARN CLAIMANT(S) PEGGY B. DUPREE, BETTY R. GOSNELL, KAREN J. FEDERIGHI, FAILED IN THE AGENCIES EXECUTION OF POLICIES & OPERATIONAL ACTIONS. NOTICE OF L.L.065 HAS BEEN GIVEN. PETITION FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO LOCAL CLAIM BILL'S AT THE SAME TIME AT THE MASTER HEARING SET.**

WHEREAS: Peggy Bryan Dupree & Kenneth Lee Bryan: Nature of Injuries & Financial lost:  
Arising out of gross negligence supervision, Brain Injuries, other health illness, Torture & Irrevocable Psychological & Medical Malpractice, Professional Malpractice, Breach of Contract, Duty, Causation, damages, Property Damages: Incident(s) 03/09/16 & 04/14/16 & 5/01/16 to the Present.

WHEREAS: Betty R. Gosnell & Jamie Lynn Curtis: Nature of Injuries & Financial lost: Arising out of Gross Negligence Supervision, other health illness, Torture & Irrevocable Psychological & Medical Malpractice, Professional Malpractice, Breach of Contract, Duty, Causation, damages, Property Damages: Incident(s) 07/07/2016, 09/16/2016, 04/19/2017 to the Present.

WHEREAS: Karen J. Federighi: Nature of Injuries & Financial lost: Arising out of Gross Negligence Supervision, Torture & Premeditated Murder, Medical Malpractice, Professional Malpractice, Breach of Contract, Duty, Causation, damages, Property Damages: Incident(s) 01/14/2016, 01/22/2016 to the Present.

Respondent(s) Caused Claimant(s) Injuries Lee Sheriff (Mike Scott) Office, Collier County Sheriff (Kevin J Rambosk) Office, Agency for Persons with Disabilities Director (Barbara Palmer), David Lawrence Center Director / President (Darcy Taylor & Scott Burgess), Department of Children Family Director (Robert Anderson & Jerry Seiden ), Collier County Clerk of Court Chief Judge (Michael T. McHugh & Judges) Lauren Brodie, Frederick R. Hardt, Christine Greider, James Shenik, Hugh D. Hayes, Magistrate Maria Dentel, Magistrate Amy Ellis, Mary Evans, (Magistrates) Maria Dentel, Amy W. Ellis, David Friedman, Larry Pivacek, Patrick Charles Weber, SENATOR KATHLEEN PASSIDOMO, GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT.

Claimant (1): Peggy Bryan Dupree claim amount \$166,666,666.00 against the State of Florida & Municipal of Collier County, Collier County Sheriff Office, Agency for Persons with Disabilities, David Lawrence Center, Department of Children and Family & Protect Services, Collier County Clerk of Court, Larry Pivacek. SENATOR KATHLEEN PASSIDOMO & GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT.

Claimant (2): Betty R. Gosnell claim amount \$166,666,666.00 against the State of Florida & Municipal Lee County & Collier County Florida. Lee County Sheriff Office, Collier County Sheriff Office, Department of Children and Family & Protect Services, Collier County Clerk of Court. SENATOR KATHLEEN PASSIDOMO & GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT.

Claimant (3): Karen J. Federighi Claim Amount \$166,666,666.00 against State of Florida Municipal, Collier County Clerk of Court, Patrick Charles Weber, Larry Pivacek. SENATOR KATHLEEN PASSIDOMO & GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT.

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## Emergency Preparedness

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. -

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

## 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](mailto:cadepe@collierschools.com).

# DLC adds three Registered Nurse Practitioners to Medical Team

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 addition of three new Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioners to the medical team.

Jean Evins Remy will serve as a part-time, Inpatient Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner providing services to children and adults on the Crisis Stabilization and Detoxification Units.

Remy was a licensed doctor of medicine in Haiti, where he earned his medical degree from Faculté de Médecine et de Pharmacie, Université d'Etat d'Ha ti. Upon relocating to the United States, he earned his bachelor of science and mas-



**Jean Remy**

ter of science degrees in nursing from Florida International University graduating with honors.

Remy has more than 10 years of experience in the healthcare field having worked as a clinical technician, registered nurse and family nurse practitioner in hospitals, outpatient medical clinics and home health treatment settings—including posts locally at Naples Community Hospital, Millennium Physician Group, CVS, Humana and Korunda Pain Management Center.

Remy is a member of the Florida Nursing Association. He is fluent in Creole, French, and English.

Randall D. Cobb will serve as an Adult Outpatient Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner. He has more than 25 years of experi-



**Randall D. Cobb**

ence in mental health care as a registered nurse and an advanced registered nurse in private practice, correctional facilities, hospitals and inpatient crisis stabilization units.

Cobb earned his bachelor of social work and master of science degree in nursing from the University of South Florida.

America Gomez will serve as an Adult Outpatient Advanced Registered Nurse Practitioner.

Gomez was a licensed doctor of medicine in Valenzuela, where she earned her medical degree from Los Andes Univer-



**America Gomez**

sity and practiced internal medicine. Upon relocating to the United States, she earned her bachelor of science and her master of science degrees in nursing from Florida International University.

Gomez has more than five years of experience in the healthcare field having served as a licensed practical nurse and registered nurse in hospitals, correctional facilities, nursing homes, rehabilitation centers and long-term care facilities in Oklahoma and Florida.

Gomez is a member of the American Nursing Association; American Association of Nurse Practitioners; and American Academy of Psychiatry. She is fluent in English and Spanish.



Submitted photo  
From left: Voter Education Coordinator, Heather Doane; Supervisor of Elections, Jennifer J. Edwards and Election Communications Coordinator, Trish Robertson

## Elections Office wins awards

The Collier County Supervisor of Elections office was honored with an Image Award and Judges Award by the Southwest Florida Chapter of the Florida Public Relations Association last week.

The awards recognized the office's outstanding efforts during the fifth annual High School Voter Registration Challenge, which was postponed due to Hurricane Irma. Through planning and coordinating with the Collier County Public Schools, the elections office was able to continue the challenge post-Irma and saw the highest voter registration numbers in the competition's history – nearly doubling the number of student registrations from the prior year.

In order to qualify for judging, Image Award entries must incorporate sound pub-

lic relations research and planning and must meet the highest standard of production, implementation and evaluation of results within the means of a budget. An Image Award may be presented to the top-scoring entry in each category if the entry meets predetermined criteria of excellence set by the panel of judges.

"We are extremely honored to have been recognized for our efforts during our annual High School Voter Registration Challenge. I am so proud of my staff for facing the many challenges that Hurricane Irma put our community through and their ability to adapt so we can continue our mission to register voters ahead of the 2018 elections." – Jennifer J. Edwards, Supervisor of Elections.

# CONGRATS!

Congratulations to all the **NEW** organizations that are helping to spread well-being in Southwest Florida by participating with Blue Zones Project!



Rotary Club of Immokalee  
David Lawrence Center  
Community Health Partners  
Guadalupe Center  
Naples United Church of Christ  
Naples Art Association  
Bonita Springs Charter School  
Cypress Cove Conservancy

Bear's Den Childcare Center  
Naples Zoo  
Glenview at Pelican Bay  
Saint Ann Catholic School  
Shula's Steak House  
Purely You Spa  
Skilletts  
BKS Yoga  
Wildcat Run

To learn more about how your organization can participate with Blue Zones Project, at no cost, please visit [SouthwestFlorida.BlueZonesProject.com](http://SouthwestFlorida.BlueZonesProject.com) or call **239.624.2312**

