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Governor Rick Scott comes to Immokalee

By Fred N Thomas, Jr

Special to the Immokalee Bulletin

Last week, the Governor's Office called the Immokalee Chamber of Commerce to help his staff set up an informal meeting of various persons with their concerns about the Immokalee community that needed help with and answers to.

The meeting was held at the First United Methodist Church at 303 North 9th Street in Immokalee, Governor Rick Scott met with several members of our ministerial partners and community leaders.

Danny Gonzalez(President of the Immokalee Chamber of Commerce) started off with the questions of how the Governor could possibly help the community recoup from Hurricane Irma with all types of housing issues, job creations and the expansion of the Immokalee Airport. Governor Scott was very informative with various contact numbers to call for additional help in the state of Florida and Washington DC to help solve some the needed issues Danny stated

Danny asked "are there any new programs to help the area farmers coming down the pipeline presently." Once again the Governor gave contact information to keep up with the latest information on that particular issue.

Governor Scott informed everyone that the value of land in Florida has gone up and that the Citrus Bill presently being considered may or may not be the answer for the future economy with jobs.

Reverend Jerry Bremser ask for help in getting a Detox Center for Immokalee, which is desperately needed. The Governor gave lots of contact information to help with that question.

Reverend Rick Heers asked, "What are you going to do in your candidacy that Senator Bill Nelson is not presently doing?" Governor Scott answered, "My focus is on getting the economy moving faster than it is presently doing."

Reverend Evens Saint Louis, wanted to know what is the future with Immigration? Governor Scott said that "presently Congress is not acting on that issue. Please keep up with the latest news around you. If you want to make changes, one has to have ideals that

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Chamber awards scholarships

On May 11, at Immokalee High School was the day to enjoy the IHS Senior Scholarship Program. The entire audience waited patiently for all the names of the Senior Scholarship and Awards especially the awardees from Christmas Around the World Parade and Snow Gala. This Christmas Event has given scholarships for more than 20 plus years to deserving students who were graduating in good standings. The Christmas Committee number one goal is to look for students who complete community services by volunteering for our event and other community events. This year's winners are from left to right: Danny Gonzalez (President of the Immokalee Chamber of Commerce), Robert Mendoza Jr., Erik Hernandez, Cherryle Thomas (Chairman and Founder of Christmas Around the World Parade and Snow Gala) and Jonathan Martinez. Cherryle Thomas's motto to the students... Please go out into the World and make your Families PROUD of your accomplishments!!!

IHS to go live with new security enhancement

By Jennifer L. Kupiec

Specialist, Communications & Community Engagement Collier County Public Schools

A few weeks ago, we made you aware of a new security enhancement the district is putting in place at all of its schools to further ensure the safety of our students, staff, and guests. Next week, our first Immokalee school - Immokalee High School - will go live with this new enhancement.

Effective Monday, May 21, the front office doors at Immokalee High School will be locked. Guests arriving on campus will need to ring the doorbell next to the door to request entry. When the front office staff answers, you will be asked your name and your reason for visiting, which may include your child's name. Please present your photo ID to the cam-

era directly above the doorbell. Once approved and access is granted, please do not allow other individuals to enter behind you.

As you enter the lobby, you will again present a photo ID and receive a visitor's pass using the existing visitor screening system.

Please visit the following link for a tutorial video: www.collierschools.com/keepcolliersafe. The video may also be found on the Immokalee High School webpage, Facebook, or Twitter pages.

Guests should plan to arrive at the school a few minutes earlier to expedite their visit.

Prioritizing student and staff safety is a commitment we all share. If you have any questions, please contact Principal Clara Calderon directly at caldercl@collierschools.com.



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Part of the security enhancement at IHS.

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will work for change. That is not presently being done as we sit here."

The following concerns were among those given to the governor as needs:

- Improved housing for our workforce community
- Assistance in recovery from Hurricane Irma
- Transportation assistance for better roads into and out of Immokalee
- Protection for children in the womb
- He discussed the challenge of helping

Haitian families who fear being deported back to Haiti

• A willingness to intervene and assist a local minister who had his rights removed as a 16-year old

• Concerns over the 'compact' with the native Americans

Great compassion was shown for a local minister who was lied to by officials who promised a 5-year sentence for a first time offender, and ended up sending him to the state penitentiary for 30-50 years. The hour-long meeting ended with a session of fervent prayer for the community and the governor as he embarks on a new road ... that God's will be done.



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Danny Gonzalez(President of the Immokalee Chamber of Commerce) and Governor Rick Scott.

Memorial Service to Honor Fallen Officers

Each year, the Collier County Sheriff's Office conducts a memorial service and candlelight vigil honoring local deputies who have died in the line of duty.

This year's vigil will take place Thursday, May 17 at 7 p.m., during National Law Enforcement Memorial Week. The event will take place at the East Naples United Methodist Church, 2701 Airport-Pulling Road S.

Members of local agencies including the CCSO, Naples Police Department and Marco Island Police Department will be in attendance, and the event is open to the public.

National Law Enforcement Memorial Week is a time set aside nationwide to remember law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice.

The event will begin with the presentation of the colors by the CCSO, Naples Police Department and Marco Island Police Department honor guards with the National Anthem sung by Cpl. Sylee Gibson. Sheriff

Kevin Rambosk will then introduce the NAACP Collier County Branch Spiritual Aims Committee representatives, who will present a memorial wreath, read the NAACP Law Enforcement Memorial Resolution and lead attendees in prayer.

Our guest speaker during the event is Patrick O'Connor. Mr. O'Connor is a longtime member of the Collier County 100 Club, an organization that provides financial assistance to the families of fallen first responders. He is a former president and current vice president of the 100 Club. He was recognized by the Naples Daily News as the 2016 Outstanding Citizen of the Year for his philanthropic work. Mr. O'Connor is also chairperson of the "Do The Right Thing" program, which recognizes the good deeds of local students in the city of Naples. He frequently volunteers as a guardian for the Collier County Honor Flight.

Members of the Harp and Thistle Pipe Band will perform Amazing Grace before

the lighting of the memorial candles. At this time, family members of our fallen officers may step forward to light a candle and place flowers on the table in honor of their loved ones.

Taps will be played by Deputy Stephan Leoni, the Benediction will be delivered by Chaplain Eric Housler.

The following CCSO members have died in the line of duty and will be recognized for their service:

Deputy W.B. Richardson
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Summer English Classes being offered at iTech

If you or someone you know has always wanted to learn to speak English or learn to speak English better, Immokalee Technical College invites you to take advantage of its summer English classes starting June 5 and ending July 26. Student Wooderson Jean Mary, who has been enrolled in the English classes all year, proudly says, "I like the way the teacher teaches me. I learned new words. I'm happy I have learned enough English to enter the GED program, and I learned enough English to get a job."

In addition to learning English, iTech students get real life experiences. They were able to participate in a field trip to Alico Arena's recent job fair. "One of my students who attended the job fair received a job offer," boasts teacher Lori Neal.

Maria Leyva, also a teacher of English, adds, "Our classes are very engaging, and our students can have fun while learning English. I'll put all my energy into teaching, and I will make you feel excited about learning."

Classes run Monday through Thursday mornings from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Registration is now open.



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From left to right teachers Maria Leyva and Lori Neal with student Wooderson Jean Mary.

Tuition is \$30, although for some students ages 16 to 21 and some adults the classes could be free. Stop by the iTech Student

Services office during the day or the night classes' office in the evening to see if you qualify for the free tuition and to register.

Letter to the Editor

Immokalee Water & Sewer District

The availability of the 2017 Quality on Tap Report has been mailed to all of our customers. This report shows the results of our water quality monitoring for the period from January through December 2017. Additional copies are available at the Immokalee Chamber of Commerce, 1255 N. 15th St. STE 3, Immokalee Branch Library at 417 North 1st St., and in the IWSD office at 1020 Sanitation Rd, Immokalee. Copies are also available for download from our website: (www.iw-sd.com) in both English and Spanish.

La disponibilidad de La Calidad de 2017 en Informe de Grifo ha enviado a todos nuestros clientes. Este informe muestra los resultados de nuestra escucha de calidad de agua para el período de Enero al Diciembre de 2017. Las copias adicionales están disponibles en la Immokalee Chamber of Commerce, 1255 N 15th St. Ste 3, en la Biblioteca de Immokalee, en 417 1st Calle del Norte, y en la oficina IWSD en 1020 Sanitation Rd, Immokalee. Copias también están disponibles para su descarga desde nuestra página Web: (www.iw-sd.com) en Inglés y Español.

*Thank you,
Eva J. Deyo
Executive Director*

Perseverance, dedication propel Guadalupe Center students from Immokalee into college

Perseverance, intelligence and a quest to succeed define the Class of 2018 from Guadalupe Center's Tutor Corps Program, a diverse group of Immokalee High School seniors who share one common element – they're all going to college.

And they're doing so with scholarships footing much of their tuition cost.

"These 29 students have overcome so many hardships – poverty, language barriers, lack of stability at home. It is inspiring to know they're all graduating and moving on to college," said Linda Yost, president of Guadalupe Center's Board of Trustees. "They are shining examples of what it means to persevere, and I'm confident they have the skills, motivation and fortitude to be successful in college and beyond."

Tutor Corps is a college preparatory program that offers scholarship money as well as a wage for tutoring elementary school students in Guadalupe Center's After-School and Summer Enrichment Program. Tutor Corps participants must maintain a 3.0 grade point average, and each is matched with an adult mentor to offer guidance and support.

Guadalupe Center held a formal recognition ceremony and dinner for Tutor Corps students on Tuesday, April 17 at Grey Oaks Country Club in Naples. The teens and their parents joined mentors, donors and Guadalupe Center staff in signaling the start of Phase II in their lives.

"Our mission is to break the cycle of poverty through education for the children of Immokalee, and federal data show a clear

correlation between education and career earnings," Yost said.

At the dinner, Bob Spano, vice president of programs, announced that the 29 seniors have earned an estimated \$2.6 million in scholarships and grants, making the dream of attending college a reality for each graduate.

"Education promotes equality," said Spano. "It is not just for a privileged few; it can be for everyone. Our parents reinforce this with their children and provided the direction so they could qualify for Tutor Corps. Our mentors reinforce this by providing an added layer of support, guidance and time. Our donors reinforce this by investing in the future of our students. Our staff reinforce this by strengthening the academic foundation of each of our students."

"This is why our students are able to break the cycle of poverty and attend universities throughout the United States."

Senior Marie Claire Andris delivered the keynote address, eloquently describing the hardships resulting from being taken by her father at age 1, then essentially dumped back into her mother's arms at age 9 as he stated, "You can have her. I don't want her anymore."

The incident, coupled with watching her mother struggle to find work without a high school education, inspired Andris to set lofty goals. Guadalupe Center is helping her reach them.

"There are so many students who miss amazing chances that could better their lives, but many are not able to utilize these opportunities because their parents have to struggle to just put food on the table," said Andris, who will be majoring in business administration at the University of South Florida. "Someday, I would like to help them, just as this program has helped me."

At the ceremony, it was announced that 55 percent of Tutor Corps seniors already have earned college credits through dual enrollment classes, and students' average weighted grade point average at Immokalee High is 4.04. Tutor Corps has a 100 percent high school graduation rate and college acceptance rate for its seniors, and more than 90 percent of Tutor Corps graduates earn a college degree.

The class of 2018 will be attending prestigious institutions like the University of Florida, University of Toledo, Florida State University, Michigan State University, Arcadia University, Union College and University of South Florida.

This year's Tutor Corps seniors include Mikenly Abel, Marie Claire Andris, Gerson Destine, Jannet Frias, Lisa Guerrero, Linda Hernandez, Omar Jaimes, Dadourcha Jean-Pierre, Steven Lopez, Eric Maldonado, Mark Maldonado, Samantha Mateo-Mateo, Nican Medina, Jacqueline Montanez, Miguel Olgun, Chrisla Pierre, Alejandro Quintana-Garsia, Jacqueline Ramirez-Velazco, Abigail Reyes Perez, Nancy Reyes-Hernandez, Zayda Saucedo, Katelyn Brianna Scott, Barbara St. Fleur, Fabian Venegas-Ramos, Berenice Villanueva, Yesenia Villegas, Vanessa Salas, Marie Rhau and Maria Pascual-Felipe.

SCHOLARSHIP NOTES

Thanks to the Blankley Tutor Corps Scholarship Endowment, donors who fund scholarships in their family's name, and

those who help arrange or fund scholarship opportunities through their alma maters, the following scholarships were awarded this year:

- Ben O'Bryan Memorial Scholarship: Omar Jaimes (marketing or graphic design major) – Santa Fe College

- Blankley Scholarship: Jacqueline Ramirez Velazco (English literature or journalism major), Abigail Reyes (biology and women's studies major) and Barbara St. Fleur (global media major) – Arcadia Uni-

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- Cameron and Susan Stokka Education and Nursing Scholarships: Berenice Villanueva (education major) – University of North Florida; Jacqueline Montanez (nursing major) – Florida SouthWestern State College
- Donald G. Popejoy Memorial Scholarship: Zayda Suacedo (dietetics or nutrition major) – Florida SouthWestern State College
- Griesdorn Family Scholarship: Mikelyn Able (nursing major) – Florida Southeastern University
- Guadalupe Center and Stanley Tate Project STARS Scholarship: Vanessa Salas (biology major) – University of North Florida
- Judith Herb Education Scholarship: Jannett Frias (early childhood education major) – University of Toledo
- Moorings Park Foundation Scholarships: Steven Lopez (business management and music major) – University of Florida; Samantha Mateo (international relations and affairs major) – University of North Florida; Nanci Medina (nursing major) – Florida SouthWestern State College; Alejandro Quintana (marine biology major) – Hawaii

Pacific University; Fabian Venegas Ramos (environmental studies major) – University of Florida or Saint John's University

- North Central College Scholarships: Chrisla Pierre (accounting or management major); Nancy Reyes Hernandez (environmental studies major); Dadourcha Jean Pierre (nursing major) – North Central College
- Robert Lisbon Memorial Scholarship: Dadourcha Jean-Pierre (nursing major) – North Central College
- Rosemary and Walter Blankley Endowed Scholarship: Linda Hernandez (biomedical engineering major) – Union College; and Miguel Olguin (graphic design major) – Michigan State University
- Sandy and Roger Vasey Scholarship: Marie Claire Andris (business administration major) – University of South Florida
- Tutor Corps Alumni Scholarship: Katelynn Scott (social work major) – University of North Florida

In addition, generous scholarships by Ametek Foundation, Grace and Douglas Herr, Rose Marie and Eyk van Otterloo, and the Joan and John Vatterott Foundation are helping to support current college students.

About the Author

Dawn Montecalvo is president of Guadalupe Center, a nonprofit organization with a mission of breaking the cycle of poverty through education for the children of Immokalee.

Collier County Road Watch

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.

I-75 from Alligator Alley (mile marker 61) to just north of SR 78 (exit 143): Construc-

tion project: Work is underway to replace 24 Dynamic Message Signs. Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours. Estimated project completion is fall 2018. The contractor is Horsepower Electric, Inc.

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34112.

This is the third year Immokalee and Gulfview middle schools have participated in the mock commission meeting, which began as a collaborative effort with Commissioner Penny Taylor reaching out to Superintendent Dr. Kamela Patton, in co-

ordination with Immokalee Middle School Principal Ryan Nemeth and Gulfview Middle School Principal Kristina Lee. Manatee Middle School, Pine Ridge Middle School, and Lely High School students will also participate this year.

Teachers have been preparing their civics class students to discuss topics of their choosing. Some of the selected topics include:

- Building a digital park
- Building a homeless shelter or battered women's shelter
- Renewable energy solutions for county

buildings and vehicles

- Fracking and drilling bans

Students will assume the roles of commissioners, the county attorney, county manager, and deputy county manager. Other students will play the role of community members prepared to debate both sides of the presented topics. County staff will be on hand to assist the students.

For more information, contact Sherry Greco, executive coordinator to Commissioner Penny Taylor, at (239) 252-8604, or Mikie Stroh, coordinator, K-12 social studies, at (239) 377-0096.

FDEM Provides update to ongoing Public Assistance Payments

TALLAHASSEE - The Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) announced today that Public Assistance (PA) payments of \$3,260,618.42 were processed to the Department of Financial Services (DFS) on May 9 for their review and payment to end recipients.

The PA program funds the debris removal, emergency protective measures, repair, restoration, reconstruction or replacement of a facility or infrastructure that is damaged or destroyed by disaster. The PA program also encourages protection of these damaged facilities and infrastructure from future events by providing assistance

for hazard mitigation measures during the recovery process.

The Division will continue to ensure that Florida's communities successfully recover from major disasters as quickly and with as much future budget certainty as possible. We are committed to expeditiously processing federal public assistance reimbursements in a fully transparent manner immediately following FEMA obligation.

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Governor Rick Scott discusses local issues with community leaders on Friday, May 11.



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Farm Worker Village invites you to come home. Available now 1, 2, 3 & 4 bedroom rental homes, starting as low as \$425 per month. You may qualify for Rental assistance. Please Call us at: 239-657-3649 or stop by at 1800 Farm Worker Way



Community Briefs

Planning for Christmas Celebration

The Christmas around the World Parade and Snow Gala committee is meeting on **May 17 at 3 p.m.** to plan the Christmas activities for Christmas around the World Parade and Snow Gala. The meeting will be at the Aquatic Pool Office, 321 N. 1st St., Immokalee, FL 34142. The Date for the Christmas Event is December 8. The Parade starts at 5:30 p.m. and the Snow Gala at 7:15 p.m. Any questions please call 239-657-0080.

Retail Food Summit

Please join us for the 3rd Annual Blue Zones Project® Retail Food Summit on **Wednesday, May 23**, at the Naples Daily News. This event is offered to all grocers and restaurateurs in Collier County, Bonita Springs, and Estero. Hear from industry leaders and learn how to increase your traffic and sales. It's FREE, it's FUN, and it's for YOU! The average American makes more than 200 health-related decisions a day. What if it was easier to make healthy choices? Blue Zones Project® incorporates les-

sons learned from places in the world where people live the longest and healthiest lives to help communities across the country make healthy choices easier for everyone to find and enjoy. RSVP today at: retailfoodsummit.eventbrite.com.

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.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Indian prince
 - 6 Bert, to Ernie
 - 9 Formal agreement
 - 13 __ Gay: WWII bomber
 - 14 Dutch cheese
 - 16 Tibet's continent
 - 17 Casino machines
 - 20 Small stream
 - 21 Dashboard prefix with meter
 - 22 Fleur-de-__
 - 23 Sound from a Guernsey
 - 25 Intense fear
 - 27 Suffix with formal or custom
 - 28 Novelty item whose user always wins a coin toss
 - 32 Divide into shares
 - 33 Foldable self-cooling device
 - 34 Eyeglasses glass
 - 35 From __ to riches
 - 38 Connecticut Ivy
 - 40 Nailed, as a test
 - 43 Banking convenience, briefly
 - 45 Log home
 - 49 Cooperative picnic running contest
 - 53 Actor Stephen
 - 54 Strikes lightly
 - 55 Work on a hem, say
 - 56 Org. auditing 1040s
 - 57 Comedian Margaret
 - 58 Opinions
 - 61 Game involving eight knights
 - 66 Head of the manor
 - 67 Christian of couture
 - 68 Weddings, e.g.
 - 69 French summers
 - 70 Twice five
 - 71 Perturbed

- 3 Snoopy, when he's wearing shades
- 4 Banned fruit spray
- 5 Loser to the tortoise
- 6 Looked when you shouldn't have
- 7 Contribute
- 8 In 2014, it fell on September 1
- 9 Writing tablet
- 10 "... my way"
- 11 __ Kane": Welles film
- 12 Fez danglers
- 15 "Like a Prayer" singer
- 18 Prefix with physics
- 19 Formal "Me neither"
- 23 NYC subway org.
- 24 Hooting bird
- 26 TKO signaler
- 29 Massive group
- 30 Train schedule abbr.
- 31 Easy to grasp
- 36 Round Table knight
- 37 "Drive faster!"

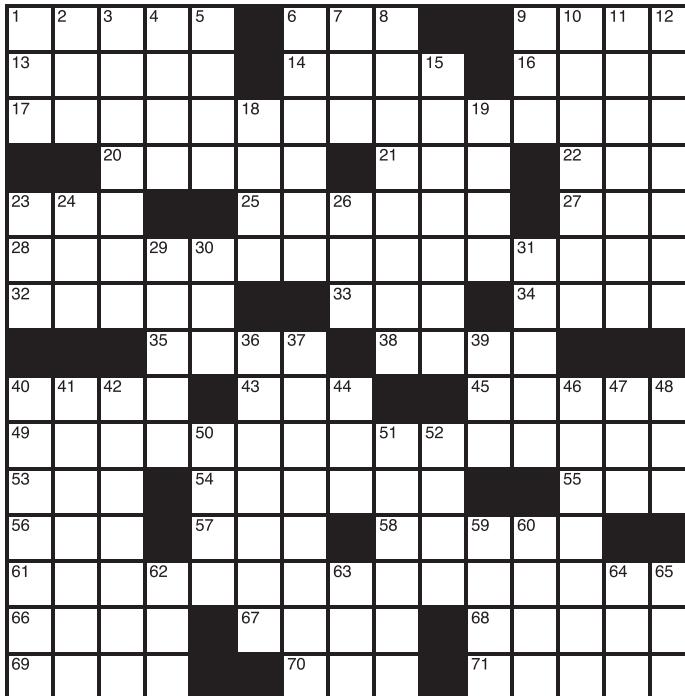
- 39 Flat panel TV component
- 40 Slightly
- 41 Cigar with open, untapered ends
- 42 Sign of a changed test answer
- 44 British sports cars
- 46 Drooping-faced hounds
- 47 Freezer cubes
- 48 Hot off the press
- 50 Scratch into glass, e.g.
- 51 Run the country
- 52 City near Tulsa
- 59 Earth tone
- 60 Blender speed
- 62 Charing Cross and Abbey: Abbr.
- 63 Forest female
- 64 Understand
- 65 Former Air France jet, briefly

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:



DOWN

- 1 Speed Wagon: classic truck
- 2 "Today" anchor-at-large Curry



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Ribbon Cutting

Please join First Bank for their Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on **Tuesday, May 29, at 10 a.m.** 316 North 15th Street, Immokalee

iTech Summer Class

Summer ELL Classes from **June 5 to July 26, Monday – Thursday from 8 a.m.-12 p.m.** The class is \$30. Must be 16 years old to attend and not enrolled in the K-12 system. ELCATE is tuition exempt. Some students may qualify to receive free tuition.

Clases De Inglés Del Verano - 5 de Junio – 26 de Julio Lunes - Jueves 8 a.m. -12 p.m. \$30

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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

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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. TO BE ENTITLED TO: A BILL TO BE ENTITLED, & PETITION THE FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO REQUEST EXCEPTION WAIVING A STATUTORY WAIVER, SECTION 11.065 PETITION LEGISLATURE, IN ACCORDANCE WITH IT RULES, TO SEEK AN APPROPRIATION TO PAY A JUDGEMENT AGAINST THE STATE OF FLORIDA OR STATE AGENCY OR SUBDIVISION 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 REQUIRES/PETITION CONGRESS TO WAIVE ABROGATE STATE IMMUNITY. FLORIDA FAILED TO WARN IT CITIZENS THE DANGER OF LIVING IN FLORIDA OF THIS STATE AGENCIES TARGETING ITS CITIZENS WHICH SENATOR NANCY SHAFFER 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 11.065 HAS BEEN GIVEN, PETITION FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO HEAR THESE 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: Incidents(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 (Dancy 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 Shenko, Hugh D. Hayes, Magistrate Maria Dent, Magistrate Amy Ellis, Mary Evans, (Magistrates) Maria Dente, Amy W. Ellis, David Friedman, Larry Pivack, 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 Pivack. SENATOR KATHLEEN PASSIDOMO & GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT.

Claimant (2): Betty R. Gosnell claim amount \$166,666,666.00 against 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 Pivack. SENATOR KATHLEEN PASSIDOMO & GOVERNOR RICK SCOTT.

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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 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.ELCoSWFL.org and click on the Big Buddy Button.

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 or 239-252-3608.

Coming soon to the Firehouse Community Theatre

This season the Firehouse Community Theatre will offer two Summer Youth Programs. These Summer Youth camps offers area children the experience of live theatre. Registration fees are \$50 per child, \$25 for additional children in a family.

The first Summer Youth Program will be for the "older kids" ages 10 to 16. THE GREAT AMERICAN TALENT SHOW directed by Kristin Green. Play dates are June 14, 15 and 16 at 7p.m. and June 18 at 2 p.m.

The second Summer Youth Program will be for the "younger kids" ages five to 10. MONSTER IN THE CLOSET directed by Kylie Bancroft and Valerie Shough. REGISTRATION/AUDITIONS for this production will be Monday, May 21 at 7 p.m. at the Firehouse Community Theatre. Play dates are: June 29 and 30 at 7 p.m. and July 1 at 2 p.m.

For more info call 863-675-3066 (leave a message) or online at www.firehousecommunitytheatre.com.

Mennonites Key Partner in Immokalee's Recovery

The Mennonite Disaster Services (MDS), in partnership with the Immokalee Unmet Needs Coalition, recently completed critical repairs to a home that suffered roof and interior damage from Hurricane Irma. The house was uninhabitable due to holes in the roof and ceiling where water came through, damaging furniture underneath. Thanks to MDS and the Coalition, however, the roof was replaced the drywall was repaired, and the homeowner was finally able to return home after living with her son since the storm struck.

Her house was one of 23 homes the volunteer group, MDS, worked on while here in Immokalee. The group arrived in early January and completed their final project last week before returning home for the summer. The Collier Comes Together Fund, held at the Community Foundation of Collier

County in partnership with the United Way of Collier County, provided funding to the Coalition's partner, Rural Neighborhoods, to cover the cost of materials.

MDS is just one of the Coalition's many partners. The Coalition includes a mix of local and national non-profit organizations, faith-based groups, Collier County staff, and interested residents who volunteer their time and resources to help families impacted by the storm. The Coalition currently has about 300 open cases in the Immokalee area and is working hard to find resources to help families. If someone you know is still suffering from Hurricane Irma and hasn't sought help, please contact the Salvation Army Disaster Assistance Center in Immokalee at 239-657-2198.



Submitted photo

This happy homeowner was finally able to return home after living with her son since Hurricane Irma damaged her home.

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

Skillets

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 or call 239.624.2312

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