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Chamber hosts Roundtable with Redevelopment Agency

By Fred N Thomas, Jr

Special to the Immokalee Bulletin

The Immokalee Chamber of Commerce (ICOC) and the Community Redevelopment Agency hosted a Roundtable Meeting with Cissy Proctor, Executive Director of DOE at the Boys & Girls Club-Bolch Campus located at 1155 Roberts Ave in Immokalee on May 29 with various community business members.

There was an opened discussion on the following topics:

- Availability of State and Federal Programs
- Initiatives for small business
- Plan's that will advance Collier County (Immokalee's vision)
- Economic Development Projects
- Capital Projects
- Infrastructure
- Employment Opportunities

Before starting the questions and answers with Proctor a committee member asked for her first impressions of the Immokalee community. She and her assistant told the committee that she went to two ribbon cutting ceremonies events and was amazed to see so much community involvement. She said that speaks well of the community. Usually the Ribbon Cutting Ceremonies she attends have mostly government officials there and not a lot of community residents. This was

not the case in the Immokalee community. Proctor told the committee she was very impressed with what she has viewed so far in Immokalee.

Proctor and her assistant, Julie Dennis began the discussion with the various businesses with an overview of exactly what their jobs entailed and how it could help Immokalee.

After listening very attentively to all the community businesses comments, Proctor and Dennis made a suggestion that Immokalee needs to form its own "Economic Development Committee" and prioritize the most important needs of Immokalee by different categories. After completing that function Proctor's staff will come to Immokalee and meet with the committee to help in securing grants, and help with proposals needed to get Immokalee goals accomplished.

ICOC and the community businesses of Immokalee will finally know how to get started with their community needs and find out what grants or proposals are available and appropriate with State and Federal funding.

There were 15 businesses in attendance with lots of questions and comments.



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From left to right: Julie Dennis (DOE), Estil Null (Null's Notary & Tax Services), Danny Gonzalez (President of the Immokalee Chamber of Commerce) and Cissy Proctor (Executive Director of DOE).



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Students waiting their turn to cross the stage.

Congratulations Class of 2018

By Jennifer L. Kupiec

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Congratulations, students! You've made it! It's the last day of school and we could not be more proud of your accomplishments this year.

You persevered through the impact of Hurricane Irma, continued to make learning gains, and developed some impressive leadership skills. The results were demonstrated last Friday as 380 Immokalee High School students took the all-important walk across the stage to receive their diplomas. Together, those students received \$5.1 million in scholarship support. That is an increase of \$1.3 million over last year! Well done, Class of 2018!

When asked to share some advice with our younger students, almost all of our graduates said the same thing, "Don't procrastinate." Another word of advice, "Participate."

Getting involved in various clubs and activities helps to find your passion and keeps you connected with your fellow students.

Also for our future graduates, do not let summer diminish what you've learned. There will be resources available on our website (www.collierschools.com) to continue your growth and learning during the summer months.

You will also want to be sure to continue to check your school's website for important back-to-school information such as school supply lists, dress code information, and "Meet the Teacher" events. To find your school's website, visit www.collierschools.com and select Schools in the green navigation bar. Click on your child's school and choose the School Website link under the picture.

Again, congratulations on making it through another successful school year. We'll see you in August!

Panther killed by downed I-75 fence

Special to the Immokalee Bulletin

An unknown vehicle recently struck and killed a male Florida panther that was 2 1/2 years old on Interstate 75 east of State Road 29 in Collier County, Defenders of Wildlife (DOW) reports. The carcass was collected May 18, according to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. While the part of Alligator Alley where he was struck is fenced, the panther most likely ac-

cessed the road through areas where fences had been downed by Hurricane Irma, an email from DOW said. Bids had been received the day before on Florida Department of Transportation contracts to replace the fencing. DOW had been requesting that FDOT make fixing the damaged fencing a priority, but it is not considered an emergency repair like signals. Fencing repairs are scheduled to begin within a few months, the FDOT says.





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Guadalupe Center to hold pre-kindergarten graduation ceremony tonight, May 31

The Guadalupe Center will honor its hardworking pre-kindergarten class at a formal graduation ceremony tonight May 31, officially certifying that students are well-prepared to start kindergarten in August. This year's graduating class includes 88 children, and more than 700 family members are expected to attend. The students, in nautical costumes, will perform songs around the theme "Sailing to a Bright Future." A PowerPoint presentation featuring photos of the

children throughout the school year will take place between the performance and the graduation procession in which students will be wearing red caps and gowns.

Guadalupe Center offers a voluntary pre-kindergarten program (VPK) to families in Immokalee with tuition on a sliding scale based on household income. Historically, 95 percent of children completing Guadalupe Center's pre-kindergarten program meet or exceed Collier County's kindergarten read-

iness standards, far surpassing the average for youth in Immokalee. Guadalupe Center has earned the Gold Seal from the Florida Legislature for receiving outside accreditation from nationally recognized agencies while implementing high-quality academic and operational programs.

The ceremony will start at 6 p.m. at the Immokalee High School auditorium, 701 Immokalee Drive, Immokalee.

Fact Sheet for Books for Collier Kids

Celebrating One Million new books to children in need since 2005

Importance of Books for Collier Kids:

- Literacy is one of the best predictors of a child's future success

- A lack of basic literacy skills is linked with academic failure, delinquency, teenage pregnancy, substance abuse, unemployment, low productivity and welfare dependency

- Nationally, in some of the lowest-income areas there is only one book for every 300 kids

- Children whose parents are unable to read tend to struggle with reading too, perpetuating a cycle of poverty

- Low-income children without access to books experience the "summer slide;" starting fall classes with reading scores 30 percent lower than students with steady access to books

- By the end of 5th grade, children-in-need are nearly three grades behind in reading skills

- 63 percent of Collier County's 22,000 elementary students are economically needy; Collier County has designated 64.38 percent of the students as "economically disadvantaged" across all schools

- 22 of Collier County's 30 elementary schools are Title I schools where a majority of students are from low-income families where at least 75 percent of students enrolled in the free and reduced lunch program

- An average of 90 percent of children in Title I elementary schools are economically disadvantaged children and benefit from our free book program

"My four-year-old carries all her books from Books for Collier Kids in her backpack every single day. At night, we read them together to her little brother. Then, she puts those books right back into her backpack to keep them safe."

~ Parent of a student at Fun Time Early Childhood Academy

Books for Collier Kids:

- Launched in 2005 as First Book-Collier County to provide new books to children in need, addressing one of the most important factors affecting literacy — access to books

- Changed its name in 2015 to Books for Collier Kids; this leading chapter of the

award-winning national nonprofit, First Book, changed its name to reflect its focus on disadvantaged children in pre-K, kindergarten, first and second grades across Collier County

- Early childhood experts select top-quality, age-appropriate books that are purchased in-bulk, at heavily discounted prices, through The First Book Marketplace

- Added Palmetto Ridge and Poinciana Elementary schools to the program in 2017; three more schools to be added in 2018

- Supports the curriculum in more than 380 classrooms in Collier County

- Distributes books in every Title I school and Head Start pre-K program in the county

- Provides more than 100,000 new books to Collier County students each year

- Gives a new book each month to some 7,400 children to develop their personal home libraries

- Collaborates with Habitat for Humanity and Christ Child Society of Naples to provide more than 100 "starter home libraries" to low-income families in our community

- Partners with numerous organizations to get Books for Collier Kids into the hands of children, including: Backpacks for the Homeless, Collier County Public Schools, Early Literacy and Learning Model (ELLM), Friends of Foster Children, Grace Place for Children & Families, Guadalupe Center for Immokalee, Immokalee Housing & Family Services, NCH Healthcare System, Ronald McDonald Caremobile®, Youth Haven, etc.

"The children's faces just light up when it's Books for Collier Kids day. ~ Amanda Kubin, reading coach, Lely Elementary School

Books for Collier Kids' Success:

- Measurable improvements in Collier County children's reading scores since material distribution began in 2005

- Survey ratings of more than 98 percent for value and effectiveness

- Thriving partnerships with more than 20 local nonprofits serving disadvantaged children

- Praise and appreciation from Collier County School Board and Superintendent Dr. Patton

- Named "Outstanding Nonprofit" of 2012 by the Community Foundation of Collier County

- Praise from teachers, parents and students

- More than 7,400 children a month engaging their imaginations to learn, play and grow as they enjoy their monthly new book selection

- 2018: Milestone of ONE MILLION books distributed throughout Collier County since inception

"Thank you for the books. I read the book. I sound out the words that I do not know. You are the best. I love you. I love you 'cause you gave us the books." ~ Maria, pre-K student, Manatee Elementary School

Support for Books for Collier Kids:

- Books for Collier Kids is an all-volunteer nonprofit organization

- Community support enables the charity to continue providing life-transforming educational adventures and experiences to our neediest children

- \$50 buys one book for every child in a Head Start pre-K or Title I classroom

- \$100 buys one book for every child in two classrooms

- \$250 buys one book for every child in five classrooms

- \$500 supports an entire classroom (over 200 new books) for a full year, providing each child with a book a month to take home, cherish and share

For more information on Books for Collier Kids, please visit www.BooksForCollierKids.org, or call Sallie Williams, Chair, at 239-394-4062.

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Courtesy photo
Aubrey Garcia raised \$1,550 by selling advertising on her prom dress, she donated the proceeds to the Guadalupe Center.

Naples teen sells advertising on prom dress and donates proceeds

NAPLES - A junior at Golden Gate High School who sold advertising space on her prom dress as a fundraiser has donated the proceeds to Guadalupe Center.

Aubrey Garcia, like many teenagers in Collier County, witnessed firsthand the devastation caused by Hurricane Irma and searched for ways to help those in need. Garcia's fundraising idea was to sell blocks of advertising on her prom dress, and the 17-year-old student reached out to local businesses and organizations with her idea.

"I got a lot of rejections, but heard a lot of positive feedback as well," Garcia said.

The teen ended up collecting \$1,550 through eight sponsorships, and after careful consideration, she decided to donate the money to Guadalupe Center, citing the non-profit organization's track record of success within the community.

"On prom night, most students are focused on their hair, makeup and transportation," said Dawn Montecalvo, president of Guadalupe Center. "I've seen the photos, and Aubrey looked stunning in her prom dress, but she was more concerned with using that special night to create an opportunity to help others in the community. She wanted to send a strong message that we need to look beyond ourselves. What an incredible young woman!"

Guadalupe Center, which has a mission of breaking the cycle of poverty through education for the children of Immokalee, selected 2018 Immokalee High School graduate Barbara St. Fleur, a senior in its college-preparatory Tutor Corps program, to receive the funds. St. Fleur's laptop was severely damaged during the hurricane, and she's been using a borrowed computer since last fall. St. Fleur, who is heading to Arcadia University in Pennsylvania on a full scholarship, needed to find a permanent solution.

On Wednesday, May 23, Garcia presented St. Fleur with a new HP laptop. It was the

first time the two teens had met, but after chatting, they realized each was taking early admissions classes at Florida SouthWestern State College. St. Fleur, 18, was happy to see a fellow teen step forward and make the news for a positive action.

"You usually don't hear about a dress or fashion unless a person is wearing something inappropriate, so for her to use her prom dress for a good cause is amazing," said St. Fleur.

Golden Gate High held its prom on April 28 at the Hilton Naples, and Garcia wore a black skirt coupled with a white sleeveless top. The dress featured advertisements from Barron Collier Companies, the Maurizi family, Remnant Construction, S&J Renovations, Asset Management Solutions, FOX4, Good-year and the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, each printed on fabric paper, attached to a sash made by Garcia and pinned to her skirt.

Only a small group of friends knew about Garcia's dress before prom night.

"Everybody is so stuck on graduation and prom, and what they want to wear," Garcia said. "They all wondered, 'Why are you wearing logos?' After they found out, though, most of them thought it was a cool idea."

About Guadalupe Center

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

Letters to the Editor

Talk is Cheap

Governor Rick Scott brought his talk to Immokalee and tax payer money to Naples. The Immokalee Bulletin reports that the Governor scheduled an informal meeting last week with the Immokalee Chamber of Commerce to speak to with various people. The Governor was asked how he could help the community recuperate from Hurricane Irma and help to get a Detox Center for the area. In that meeting the Governor gave only contact information for these and other concerns brought up to him.

However, when the Governor went to Naples last week, and without apparently being asked, he stated "We have to support the safety of all the Jewish Day Schools," and talked about a two million dollar in security funding in the Florida budget for this purpose.

I have worked in Immokalee for three decades and believe that two million dollars spent in Immokalee to feed the hungry and care for the sick could save more lives than protecting any school.

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Democracy Shouldn't be Forced

I am surprised that State Representative of Fort Myers, Heather Fitzenhagen did not seem to know the history of U.S./Cuba politics. In her recent guest column in the News Press, "My trip to Cuba: Sad and appalling, but also eye opening," she blames Castro's brand of Socialism for the dire straights of the Cuban people today. She has apparently not heard of the Cuban Democracy Act, which prohibits foreign U.S. subsidiaries to trade with Cuba, the Helm-Burton Act or the U.S. trade embargo on Cuba. The U.S. uses these blunt tools to bring economic oppression to force changes in Cuba. The U.S. embargo on Cuba has cost 1.126 trillion dollars in damages to the Cuban economy, a damage that cannot be blamed on the Cuban Government.

Nearly unanimously for the past twenty-two years the U.N. has condemned the U.S. embargo on Cuba. It seems the U.S. doesn't always believe in Democracy.

I agree with Ms. Fitzenhagen that Democracy is good, but in my opinion, works best when it cannot be bought.

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Be wary and safe during alligators' active season, FWC advises

By Chris Felker
INI Florida

A funny video showed up on Facebook recently, by Daniel McNamara via Storyful, that shows a resting alligator, awakened by an errant golf drive, then devouring said ball and slinking off into the water hazard.

So far they haven't been trained to fetch by Florida golf course owners, but a local trapper tells the story of how human activity can condition them to become nuisances.

Alligators become more active and visible in populated areas at this time of year because their mating season is under way, so the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) wants Floridians to be cognizant of how best to stay safe around them, what measures they can take to keep alligators at a safe distance and what to do if they feel threatened by one.

Although they were removed from the endangered species list decades ago, alligators still are a protected species because of their resemblance to the endangered American crocodile. Under Florida law, it is illegal to feed, kill, harass or possess alligators without a farming or hunting license.

All residents and visitors are advised to be aware that as a fundamental part of Florida's natural landscapes, ecosystems and food chains, alligators are found in all 67 counties, especially in and near freshwater or brackish water bodies. So it is important to always be watchful when engaging in outdoor recreation nearby or in the water, even, possibly, in one's own back yard. And because gators are most active between dusk and dawn, swimming at night in inland water bodies is to be avoided.

Clean up the scraps while fishing

Fishermen especially are asked to be proactive in not providing artificial food sources or attractions for alligators. The FWC advises disposing of all fish scraps in garbage cans at boat ramps and fish camps; never throw them in the water. People are asked to observe and photograph alligators only from a distance.

Alligators under 4 feet long generally are not big enough to be dangerous to people unless handled. But male alligators 7 feet or longer, and females 6 feet or longer, most likely are sexually mature. Mating season oc-

curs during May and June, and the animals are more active outside their usual ranges and are apt to act more aggressively during these months.

In any case, people are advised never to swim outside of posted swimming areas or in any waters where large alligators might be present. Also, people who own pets must remember that dogs and cats are close in size to alligators' natural prey, so they should not allow their pets to swim, exercise or drink in or near water bodies that might harbor gators. Attacks on humans are extremely rare but still possible, so always be wary if one is

sighted, and leave it alone.

Alligators may be seen anywhere near ponds, canals, ditches, streams, pools and golf-course waterholes. Often they may just be sunning themselves or moving between wetland areas, but if anyone observes an alligator that is believed to pose a threat to humans, pets or property, they are encouraged to call the FWC's Statewide Nuisance Alligator Program (SNAP) at 866-392-4286.

The program's goal is to reduce the threat from alligators to people and their property in developed areas, while conserving alligators in areas where they naturally occur. In

2017, SNAP received 13,210 nuisance alligator complaints, resulting in the removal of 8,455 nuisance alligators. The number of calls was about 3,000 fewer in 2016, but the number of animals harvested was up from 8,036 that year. Overall, the recent number of calls is below the 2012-16 average of 15,124 calls but harvests are up substantially over that four-year average of 7,379.

This program permits the removal of alligators that pose a threat to people, pets, livestock, or property. It is illegal for members of the general public to kill, capture or relocate nuisance alligators. For more information about nuisance alligators, visit <http://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/man>.

Local trapper has been keeping busy

Local FWC-licensed nuisance-gator trapper Allen Register, who also is co-owner with wife Patty of the Gatorama attraction in Glades County, said on Saturday, May 19, that he's been somewhat busier lately than usual at this time.

"It's the breeding season so they're out moving around. I've got five open permits right now," he said. Five different people had called FWC in his area, reporting nuisance alligators, but some of them were reporting multiple gators.

Mr. Register, who's been working for FWC as a trapper for about seven years, is assigned the territory between the Caloosahatchee River and Fisheating Creek.

"There's high trapping traffic right now, because alligators are breeding so they're on the roads and they're in people's ponds," said Mrs. Register. She added that the alligators he traps are not killed. "We bring them back here (to Gatorama) and, depending on their size, we either put them in the breeding area as new bloodlines, or we put them in this barebacking opportunity for a little bit." That's a new photo-op available to Gatorama visitors where they can be photographed as though they were riding an alligator.

Sometimes people report alligators that are too young to be a nuisance; Mr. Register said a woman in Moore Haven had reported several but they were only 2-3 feet.

"A nuisance alligator is deemed as one 4 feet and above, but we as the trapper indus-



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You'll usually find FWC licensed nuisance-alligator trapper Allen Register feeding the specimens at Gatorama, or giving a lecture for visitors.

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try or group have said that we'll go get those alligators to keep the complainant happy, and we'll relocate them ... to another body of water. The nuisance trapping never ends; it goes on year-round," Mr. Register explained.

"The state has to respond because of public safety, and so that's why they call the trappers. But some are not, in my opinion," he added.

Asked when it's necessary to report an alligator one might encounter as a "nuisance," he replied:

"I think when a person feels threatened — but there's different thresholds for that — I have a lady who's lived in the same house since 1977, and she said they're worse this year than they've ever been. Her house is up on stilts, and it was underneath her house or in her carport. That's certainly an incident where we need to take care of the alligator.

"But," he added, "there becomes a

heightened awareness when there's an injury or death from an alligator and people start to freak out. We had that happen in Moore Haven several years ago when a boy got his arm bitten off, so it's a frenzy now. Generally what happens is, if an alligator's up on your property closer to your house than to the water, that's a good indication that it could be a problem alligator."

That can be because the animal's lost his fear of people, said Mrs. Register.

Alligators seem to be easily trained

"If people start to feed them, then they lose that fear. It only takes one or two times to feed an alligator before that gator ... I mean, they're smart," Mr. Register continued. "We've trained some of these alligators here ... you see that triangle hanging from the tree over there (on a bank along Gatorama's alligator pond); if we go there and ring that triangle, then whomp, they all go over there, and then we can call them one by one back over here and then we'll feed them, stop them, have them walk around the trees

and come back. It doesn't take but just a few incidents, or a few times of them doing that, and they understand what's going on.

"They easily get conditioned to know when there's food present or nearby and when there's not. They have a natural fear of people, they just lose that fear whenever people start to feed them."

Mr. Register even thinks the alligators might be smart enough to modify their behavior based on trappers' routine.

"The gators know ... there's this one in Moore Haven that we've been chasing for about three weeks, and he's just in a canal system; there's ... four different things with culverts going through. You put out the bait, and he's not even close by. And then you've got to think about how long he is because you don't want to put it too low; then other animals would get it. You don't want to get the four-footers if you're after an eight-footer."

Alligator harvest program

The first application period for 2018 State-wide Alligator Harvest Permits ran from May 18 through May 28. Participants had to either

complete an online harvest report form or mail in a hard copy form; but if they transfer their alligator carcass to a commercial processor, then they must also print out a copy of the form and submit it with the carcass.

There's also a Private Lands Alligator Harvest Program with similar reporting requirements, except that participants also must verify alligator habitat and population data using certified wildlife biologists.

Male alligators 7 feet or longer, and females 6 feet or longer, most likely are sexually mature, and mating occurs in May and June. Females build a mound nest of soil, vegetation and debris and lay 32 to 46 eggs in late June or early July. Hatching occurs from mid-August through early September.

The basic rules for coexisting with gators are: never feed them; keep pets away from water's edge; swim during the day and only in designated areas; and keep your distance if you see an alligator.

If an alligator is on your property and causing concern, call the FWC's toll-free nuisance alligator hotline at 866-FWC-GATOR (392-4286).



INI Florida/Chris Felker

A sign on trapper Allen Register's vehicle identifies him as licensed by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Often, he joked, he thinks he should "send up a flare" when he arrives at a call because he goes right to work and nervous residents might not see him right away.

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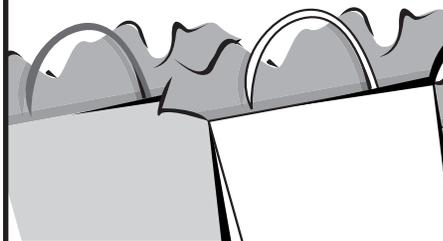
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Community Briefs

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.

“Let’s Talk”

Let’s Talk is a workshop for Parents on How to Communicate Better with their Children. The workshop will be held on June 11 from 5 p.m. – 7 p.m. at the Center for Child Strees and Health, FSU College of Medicine, 1441 Heritage Boulevard, Immokalee, FL 34142. Pizza Night! Kids are invited to create their own healthy pizza. Free dinner and childcare Provided. RSVP not required but appreciated at fsustress@med.fsu.edu or

call 239-658-3123.

Taller para familias sobre cómo comunicarse mejor con sus hijos **11 de Junio 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.** 1441 Heritage Boulevard, Immokalee, FL 34142. ¡Noche de Pizza para los Niños! Los niños están invitados a venir y crear su propia pizza saludable. No se requiere reservación, pero se agradece fsustress@med.fsu.edu 239-658-3123.

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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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 and click on the Big Buddy Button.

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. 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.

- ACROSS**
- 1 Part of 10/29/14
- 6 With the bow, to a violist
- 10 “The Godfather” novelist
- 14 Its strings are tuned in perfect fifths
- 15 Gulp (down)
- 16 Alternative to Windows
- 17 Geometric products
- 18 Patron saint of Norway
- 19 Evening, informally
- 20 Classic country song with the lyric “I’ve lived my life in vain”
- 22 Pass the welcome mat
- 23 Gambler’s method
- 24 Image handlers, for short
- 26 “Clueless” actress Donovan
- 29 Ice cream treat
- 32 L x XLVIII
- 35 Support for a weak joint
- 37 Deforestation remnant
- 38 ___Locka, Florida
- 39 Manners expressed in letters
- 41 Queen Victoria’s realm, e.g.: Abbr.
- 42 Kibbutz teacher
- 44 Steady fellow
- 45 U.K. mil. awards
- 46 Buzzard’s grippers
- 48 Big name in appliances
- 50 Les ___-Unis
- 52 California wine region
- 56 Newsletter choice
- 58 Writer/director known for his coming-of-age films
- 61 Genesis son
- 62 Golden rule word
- 63 Showy flowers, for short
- 64 “Deadliest Catch” narrator Mike
- 65 Not quite dry

- 66 Eagle’s hideaway
- 67 Place for private dining?
- 68 First name in mysteries
- 69 Political essay
- DOWN**
- 1 Picket line crossers
- 2 “Bad, Bad” Brown of song
- 3 A’s and Jays
- 4 Not on the level
- 5 Inexpensive lodging
- 6 Missing reveille, perhaps
- 7 Chewy candy brand
- 8 Purse fastener
- 9 Bids
- 10 Strong-smelling
- 11 Deduction on many paychecks
- 12 Rigatoni alternative
- 13 Field team
- 21 Drops
- 25 Rumpel, with “up”
- 27 “Born From Jets” automaker
- 28 Sleep ___
- 30 Arsenal supply
- 31 “Love & Basketball” actor Omar

- 32 Media mogul Zuckerman
- 33 Film-rating org.
- 34 24/7 information provider
- 36 Mild cheese
- 39 Colada fruit
- 40 Suppress
- 43 Pop holders
- 45 Pendant earring, say
- 47 Children’s hosp. co-founded by Danny Thomas
- 49 Chewy candy
- 51 Sub tracker
- 53 “Butterfield 8” novelist
- 54 Physician at the front
- 55 It’s a good thing
- 56 Growing concern?
- 57 Double-reed woodwind
- 59 Standard Web page code
- 60 “You wish”

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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Public Notice

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION

To whom it may concern Notice is hereby given of intention. To apply/Enroll into the 2018-2019 Session of the Florida Legislature for passage (Be it Enacted by the Legislature of the State of Florida). Petition for the Florida Legislature to waive statutory. Hence 768.28 FS, 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, WAIVING A STATUTORY WAIVER, SECTION 11.066 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, REQUEST/PETITION CONGRESS TO WAIVE ABRIGATE 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 11.066 HAS BEEN GIVEN. PETITION FLORIDA LEGISLATURE TO 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: Incident(s) 07/07/2016, 09/16/2016, 04/15, 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 Sheinko, Hugh D. Hayes, Magistrate Maria Dentel, Magistrate Amy Ellis, Mary Evans, (Magistrates) Maria Dente, 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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Traffic Enforcement

- Monday, June 4:**
Pine Ridge Road and I75 on-ramps – Aggressive Driving
Pine Ridge Road and Goodlette Frank Road – Red-light running
Golden Gate Parkway and Airport-Pulling Road – Red-light running
- Tuesday, June 5:**
Golden Gate Boulevard West – Speeding
Naples Boulevard – Aggressive Driving
Collier Boulevard and U.S. 41 – Red-light running
- Wednesday, June 6:**
Collier Boulevard and Manatee Road – Speeding
Grand Lely Drive and Collier Boulevard – Speeding
Immokalee Road at Wilson Boulevard – Speeding
- Thursday, June 7:**
Immokalee Road at Randall Boulevard – Speeding
Airport Pulling Road and Pine Ridge Road – Aggressive Driving
97th Avenue North – Speeding
- Friday, June 8:**
Immokalee Road and Vanderbilt Beach Road – Aggressive driving
Santa Barbara Boulevard – Speeding
U.S. 41 East and Barefoot Williams Road – Speeding



The Immokalee Foundation's Steven Kissinger with Liz Winebrenner, president of The League Club

The League Club grants \$10,000 to The Immokalee Foundation's Immokalee Readers program

NAPLES – The Immokalee Foundation has received a \$10,000 grant from Southwest Florida's League Club to support its Immokalee Readers program.

Immokalee Readers is an after-school early intervention literacy tutoring program designed to help the lowest-performing young readers by supplementing their regular classroom instruction in reading. The tutors are high school students supervised by certified classroom teachers in all five elementary schools in Immokalee. Ninety-eight percent of the young students achieve measurable gains in reading scores; the tutors also have shown improvements in overall reading proficiency.

"This grant from the League Club, coupled with generous community support, enable The Immokalee Foundation to continue providing services for thousands of students in Immokalee," said Steven Kissinger, executive director of The Immokalee Foundation. "Immokalee Readers helps to set our young-

est students on their pathway to success."

Each year, grant requests are reviewed by The League Club's volunteer Community Involvement Committee. Grants are awarded for projects or critical services, equipment, and improvements to make a valuable impact in the lives of local residents. Since 1987, The League Club has granted over \$4.2 million to 157 local nonprofit agencies. For more information, visit www.leagueclub.org.

The Immokalee Foundation provides a range of education programs that focus on building pathways to professional careers through support, mentoring and tutoring, 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.

Collier County Road Watch

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

• During the nighttime/overnight hours of 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. from Monday, May 29 through Thursday, May 31, motorists should expect southbound and northbound lane closures between mile marker 109 and 114.

I-75/Alligator Alley Rest Area (mile mark-

er 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 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.

AAASWFL encourages people to wear purple on June 15

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day commemorated annually on June 15 to raise awareness of abuse and neglect in our communities

NORTH FORT MYERS - World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is honored each year on June 15. The Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida (AAASWFL) is asking the community to wear purple on that day to raise awareness of elder abuse, neglect and exploitation.

"We associate the color purple with dignity, respect, and royalty," explains Sherry Young, AAASWFL Elder Abuse Prevention Coordinator. "And those are often the same words we use when describing how to treat our elders. Wearing purple on World Elder Abuse Awareness Day is another reminder of how we need to treat our seniors with respect and dignity."

Elder abuse impacts millions of people around the world each year. The National Council on Aging estimates that one in ten Americans age 60 and over have experienced some kind of elder abuse, and the U.S. Administration for Community living states that older Americans lose an estimated \$2.6 billion annually due to financial abuse and material exploitation. Other forms include emotional or psychological abuse, neglect and self-neglect, and physical

and sexual abuse.

World Elder Abuse Awareness Day was established in 2006 by the International Network for the Prevention of Elder Abuse and the World Health Organization at the United Nations. The goal of WEAAD is to promote a better understanding of abuse, neglect, and exploitation of older persons.

AAASWFL provides informational seminars on elder abuse recognition, prevention, and reporting. To schedule a presentation for your group, call the AAASWFL Helpline at 866-413-5337 (866-41-ELDER).

The Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida is a nonprofit organization serving Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hendry, Lee, and Sarasota Counties. AAASWFL is the state's designated Aging and Disability Resource Center for Southwest Florida. The organization is committed to helping adults ages 60 and over and people with disabilities to live with independence and dignity in their own homes and communities. More information is available at www.aaaswfl.org or by calling the toll-free Helpline at 866-413-5337 (866-41-ELDER).



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