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## Man threatens to shoot up casino

Special to the Immokalee Bulletin

Leland Thomas is accused of making threats to shoot up the Immokalee Seminole Casino with a machine gun and blow up a police car.

Seminole Police arrested Leland Thomas on Monday, Aug. 27, at the casino. Police said Thomas had already been banned for his lifetime from the casino. He is also accused of trespassing there on Monday.

Police said he told an officer he was going to put a bomb under their patrol car and then unload on the casino with a machine gun, as soon as he gets released from jail.

Thomas has been booked into the Collier County Jail 26 times. At press time, he was still in jail on a \$17,500 bond.

## Collier County election results

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Here are Tuesday's primary election results for the Collier County races.

Collier County clerk of courts: Crystal Kinzel defeated challenger Don Berry to retain the clerk's post she was appointed to two months ago. Ms. Kinzel received 36,911 votes to Mr. Berry's 21,789.

Collier County Commission, District 4, Republican primary: Penny Taylor defeated Stephen Jaron (REP) with 5,053 votes, compared to Mr. Jaron's 3,248 votes.

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## Immokalee Chamber of Commerce hosts Networking After 5 Affair

By Fred N Thomas, Jr.

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The Chamber's President, Danny Gonzalez wanted this event to be more than just networking with local chambers, clubs and organizations. Danny along with his Board of Director's decided to include a Community Appreciation Awards and a community sponsored raffle for all attendees. Last year a Grand-Ole "Appreciation Banquet" was in the planning stage when our community was devastated by Hurricane Irma. Danny and his director's thought it was more important to help Immokalee get back on its feet from the hurricane with any and all resources available to help and support the Immokalee community.

This year, Danny with his Board of Directors' decided to give the following awards to loyal community active chamber members who had excelled in the Immokalee community, all except for "The Citizen of the Year". Danny Gonzalez stated this award will always be give to any community minded individual who has contributed his or her time to the betterment of kids ,adults and causes in the community of Immokalee and surrounding areas.

The Immokalee Chamber of Commerce Awards were as follow:

Citizen of the Year was given to Linda Ayer, retired school teacher from the CCPS and a outstanding Athletic Director at IHS. "For your loyal and unselfish devotion to all the kids & residents of Immokalee, We



Submitted photo/Fred N Thomas Jr

Pictured from left to right: Patti Calderon-Vice President of the Chamber, Linda Ayer "Citizen of the Year" and Danny Gonzalez-President of The Immokalee Chamber of Commerce.

Thank You," The Immokalee Chamber of Commerce.

The Community Service Award from the Collier County Sheriff Office in Immokalee was given to Corporal Patti Calderon, Corporal Mike Taylor and Corporal Lydia Pitre.

"Congratulation, from the Hearts and Souls of all the Residents of Immokalee," The Immokalee Chamber of Commerce.

New Business of the Year Award was

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## Results

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Collier County Commission, District 2, universal primary: Andy Solis (Republican) defeated Brad Schiffer (Republican) with 8,629 votes, compared to Mr. Schiffer's 6,706 votes.

Collier County School Board, District 3, nonpartisan: Jen Mitchell won the seat over Kathy Ryan with 31,020 votes, compared to Ms. Ryan's 25,619 votes.

Collier County School Board, District 5,

nonpartisan: Roy M. Terry defeated challengers Darlene Alvarez and Mary Ellen Cash with 30,347 votes, compared to Ms. Cash's 15,525 and Ms. Alvarez's 12,121.

Circuit Judge, 20th Judicial Circuit, Group 8, nonpartisan: John Owen McGowan received 32,391 votes and James Wesley Chandler received 21,959 votes. (The circuit covers multiple counties.)

Collier County Judge, Group 2, nonpartisan: Blake Adams and James Moon will meet in a runoff election on Election Day in November.

The Immokalee Fire Fee did not pass,

with 1,225 No votes compared to 613 Yes votes.

The North Collier Fire Fee also failed: No with 22,427 votes, compared to 5,851 Yes votes.

The Marco Island EMS measure did not pass, with 3,015 No votes compared to 2,575 Yes votes.

With all 59 precincts reporting, 70,202 ballots were cast. That is 33.6 percent of the 208,948 eligible voters in Collier County.

More election results can be viewed at the Collier County supervisor of elections web page, [www.colliervotes.com](http://www.colliervotes.com).

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awarded to First1Bank's, Vice President-Bernardo Barnhart. "Congratulations on our newest and latest full service bank in Immokalee," Immokalee Chamber of Commerce.

Most Improved Business of the Year Award was given to: Sandy Gonzalez of Lozano's Mexican Restaurant. "Its takes a Village to operate your delicious business. We Thank You! The Immokalee Chamber of Commerce.

Business Women of the Year Award went to Karen Hendry of Bruce Hendry Insurance Company for displaying "Women Power in Business," Immokalee Chamber of Commerce.

Business Man of the Year Award goes to

Edward "Ski" Olesky, "for all of your various community service projects rendered to the community of Immokalee," The Immokalee Chamber of Commerce.

Non-Profit Business of the Year Award was awarded to Julian Morgan, Center Manager of The Boys & Girls Club of Collier County. "Thanks for coming to Immokalee and being a part of our community," The Immokalee Chamber of Commerce.

Community Partnership Award went to Blake Gableo the Barron Collier Partnership II. "Thanks for all the business friendships given to the community of Immokalee," The Immokalee Chamber of Commerce. Receiving this award for Blake was Monica Villa.

The Business of the Year Award was given to The Lipman Family Farms. (JaimeWeinsinger)."Your entire family are true IMMOKALEANS, Your family help shape the

Immokalee community," The Immokalee Chamber of Commerce.

A Chamber of Commerce Appreciation Letter was presented to Estil Null for his generosity and kindness with sharing his total office space, time and his commitments with the Immokalee Chamber of Commerce.

After the awards were given out, Danny Gonzalez and Cherryle Thomas hosted some breathe taking moments with a fantastic community sponsored raffle.

The Immokalee Chamber of Commerce would like to thank the Seminole Casino Hotel Immokalee for hosting their event which was well attended by other local Chambers in the area and with local clubs and organizations. At the end of the evening, Danny Gonzalez's Board of Directors' acknowledged that Danny was doing a superb job as the current President of ICOC.

## Students First

By Jennifer L. Kupiec

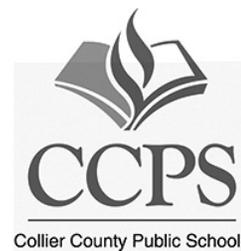
Specialist, Communications & Community Engagement Collier County Public Schools

Last week, I shared a bit of information related to safety procedures within our schools. Another focus you'll see this year is an effort to address mental wellness. As a proactive approach to this important issue facing our students, CCPS has identified five Social Emotional Learning (SEL) priorities for the 2018-2019 school year.

First, what is SEL? SEL is the process of developing and using the skills, attitudes, and knowledge that help youth and adults to:

- Identify and regulate emotions
- Develop positive relationships
- Make responsible decisions

Following are the five SEL priorities that



will be implemented throughout CCPS this school year:

1. New Student 30-60 Day Check-In
2. Handle with Care
3. Buddy Bench and We Dine Together
4. Principal-led

SEL Video Announcements

5. Panorama SEL Student Voice Survey

Over the next few weeks, I'll share what these five priorities mean for you and your child in more detail. Let's start with the first, New Student 30-60 Day Check-In, which will take place in all of our elementary, middle, and high schools.

The New Student 30-60 Day Check-In priority focuses on a sense of belonging/relationships. The school counselor will meet with all students new to the district upon enrollment or when transferring from one school to another within the school district. The same counselor then interacts with the student at 30 and 60 days in a brief check-in, or with multiple students in a group setting if they started at the same time.

Our hope is that through this outreach, all students will develop that sense of belonging within our schools and know that there are staff members available to them should they need any supports.

Look for this article next week to hear more about Handle with Care, as well as our new Buddy Benches and We Dine Together program.

## Collier County Traffic Enforcement Spots

**Monday, Sept. 3:**

Vanderbilt Beach Road and Vanderbilt Drive – Aggressive driving

U.S. 41 North and Seagate Drive – Speeding

U.S. 41 East and Outer Drive - Speeding

**Tuesday, Sept. 4:**

Pebblebrooke Drive and Immokalee Road – Speeding

White and Weber boulevards – Aggressive driving

Lely Cultural Parkway at Lely Elementary

School – Aggressive driving

**Wednesday, Sept. 5:**

Airport-Pulling and North roads – Red-light running

Livingston Road and Pocket Lake Drive - Speeding

St. Andrews Boulevard and Wildflower Way – Speeding

**Thursday, Sept. 6:**

Vineyards Boulevard at Vineyards Elementary School - Speeding

Green and Collier boulevards – Red-light

running

Davis Boulevard and Market Street – Aggressive driving

**Friday, Sept. 7:**

Immokalee Road at Laurel Oak Elementary School – Aggressive driving

Golden Gate Parkway and Livingston Road – Red-light running

U.S. 41 North and 100th Avenue North – Aggressive driving

## National Senior Center Month

Naples - September is National Senior Center Month and Collier Senior Resources (CSR), a nonprofit organization working to address the needs of older adults and their caregivers, is building momentum to improve the quality of life for area seniors and their familial and professional caregivers.

"Our free membership and wide-range of offerings surprises many," explains Senior Center Director Tatiana Fortune. "As does that fact that we are more than a home-away-from-home for our 1,300 registered members, we are a change-agent working with caregivers, providers and sister organizations to advocate for the needs of Collier County's ever-growing population of seniors."

Each day in the US, more than 10,000 adults turn 65 years old. According to the Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida, in 2016, 36.6 percent of Collier County's population was 60 years of age or older; a number expected to increase to 38 percent by 2030.

CSR operates the Golden Gate Senior Center (the Center) to offer seniors the chance to learn new skills, develop relationships, share stories, build community and feel included, especially beneficial for men and women who have relocated to the area without a support network and/or recently lost a spouse/partner.

The organization maximizes each dollar received by collaborating with trusted partners, including AARP Foundation (job

placement and training for out-of-work, low-income seniors), Alzheimer's Support Network, Area Agency on Aging, Catholic Charities (social services), Collier Area Transport, Collier County Nutrition, SHINE Medicare counseling, Literacy Volunteers, Sheriff's Office and more.

Additionally, CSR provides: a daily hot lunch and coffee bar; weekly food pantry, blood pressure, vision and diabetes screenings, oral health assessments, balance testing and fall prevention lectures; monthly birthday parties, dance and exercise classes, art therapy, cards and games, holiday parties, Alzheimer's support groups, crafts; Direct Assistance for Needy Seniors Program and other life-enhancing programs and services. Through the Center, CSR serves more than 1,200 hot lunches a month to seniors in-need and provides 780+ families weekly access to a Meals of Hope food pantry, including 330 needy seniors.

"Just as growth in this demographic is a constant, so are our efforts to exceed community need," concludes Fortune. "We have all the momentum we need in the vibrant, diverse, caring community that is the Center."

For more information on Collier Senior Resources and the charity's Golden Gate Senior Center, please call 239.252.4541, or visit [www.CollierSeniorResources.org](http://www.CollierSeniorResources.org).

## The Temptations and The Four Tops to perform at casino

IMMOKALEE - Jay Goldberg Events and Entertainment presents an evening with legendary musical groups The Temptations and the Four Tops live in concert at Seminole Casino Hotel Immokalee on Friday, Feb. 1 at 8 p.m., with doors opening at 7 p.m. Advance tickets are on sale now for \$110 and are available online at [moreinparadise.com](http://moreinparadise.com) or [jaytv.com/florida](http://jaytv.com/florida) or by calling 1-800-514-ETIX. Attendees must be 21 years of age.

The Temptations were essential to the original Motown machine and charted their first big hit, the Smokey Robinson written and produced "The Way You Do the Things You Do," in 1964. An avalanche of hits – many of which have attained pop music immortality – followed, including "My Girl," "Since I Lost My Baby," "Get Ready," "Ain't Too Proud to Beg," and "I Wish It Would Rain."

When the 1960s and 1970s turned political, The Temptations changed their tone, dress and music. Their hits during this period – "Runaway Child," "Cloud Nine," "I Can't Get Next to You," "Papa Was a Rolling Stone," "Ball of Confusion (That's What the World is Today)" and "Psychedelic Shack" – burn with intensity.

In the 1980s, The Temptations hit the charts again with "Treat Her Like A Lady" and appeared on the Motown 25: Yesterday, Today and Forever television special. The group was inducted into the Rock and

Roll Hall of Fame in 1989. In 1998, an Emmy-Award-winning miniseries about the group aired on NBC. Despite changes in personnel over the years, The Temptations remain true to The Temptations' tradition, delivering iconic hits with unparalleled heart and soul.

Also one of Motown's super groups, the Four Tops collaborated with the writing-producing trio Holland-Dozier-Holland to produce a string of smash hits. Their first Motown hit, "Baby I Need Your Loving" in 1964 made the Four Tops stars, and their sound helped define the 1960s with hit songs like "I Can't Help Myself (Sugar Pie, Honey Bunch)," "It's The Same Old Song," "Reach Out I'll Be There," "Standing In The Shadows Of Love," "Bernadette," and their cover of "Walk Away Renee."

In the 1970s, the Four Tops hit the charts with "It's All In The Game" and "Still Water (Love)" and teamed with The Supremes for a series of albums that produce the hit cover of "River Deep – Mountain High." Other hits during the decade include the Top 5 "Ain't No Woman (Like The One I've Got)" and the Top 10 "Keeper Of The Castle." During the 1980s, the group scored with "When She Was My Girl," "Tonight I'm Gonna Love You All Over," "I Believe In You And Me," "I Just Can't Walk Away" and "Sexy Ways." In 1988, the Four Tops' hit "Indestructible" was the theme of the Summer Olympics.

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# Guadalupe Center students have 'awesome' experience touring facility

NAPLES – Forty-five students in Guadalupe Center's Tutor Corps Program were offered an exclusive tour of Arthrex Manufacturing Inc., seeing firsthand some of the innovative products being developed by the Naples-based company.

Engineers led the Immokalee High School students on a tour of the Arthrex facility in Ave Maria, showing cutting-edge Computer Numerically Controlled machines that make surgical devices and implants. Students also toured Arthrex' administrative offices to learn about the company's history, diversity initiatives and career opportunities.

"We're happy to support the Guadalupe Center's valuable programs, especially Tutor Corps, to inspire students to come back to their community for employment opportunities in a variety of fields at Arthrex," said Kevin Fowler, human resources manager for Arthrex Manufacturing Inc.

Arthrex is the 12th largest employer in the five-county region, according to the Southwest Florida Economic Development Alliance.

Students were fascinated with the high-tech equipment and processes Arthrex uses to make surgical devices. Brianna Gallegos said the tour revived her interest in the field of orthopedic medicine, while Melinda Joseph enjoyed seeing how everything is neatly documented so Arthrex staff can easily retrieve information about products being manufactured.

"I learned that most of the tools are made by automated machines that are programmed precisely to make the tools with little or no flaw," said Rodrigo Nava. "It was an awesome experience learning something new."

Tutor Corps is a college preparatory program that offers scholarship assistance, guidance in college and career readiness, ACT and SAT test prep and financial literacy, 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.

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— Rodrigo Nava

"Each year, we select 25 to 30 additional Immokalee High School students who show great academic promise, and our ultimate goal is to prepare them for college and their careers," said Dawn Montecalvo, Guadalupe Center president. "Hopefully visiting Arthrex inspired some of them to pursue a career in STEM, and maybe someday return to Collier County to work at Arthrex."

## About Arthrex

Arthrex Inc., headquartered in Naples, Fla., is a global leader in orthopedic product development and medical education for orthopedic surgeons. More than 12,500 products for arthroscopic and minimally invasive orthopedic surgical procedures have been developed by Arthrex and are currently marketed worldwide. For more information, visit [Arthrex.com](http://Arthrex.com).

## 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 graduate with a post-secondary degree.



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Engineers led the Immokalee High School students on a tour of the Arthrex facility in Ave Maria

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## Letter to the Editor

### Christmas around the World Parade & Snow Gala celebrates “Boots & Bling in Cowboy or Country style for Christmas”

Dear Past and Future Participants and En-trants:

The Immokalee Christmas around the World Committee and the Collier County Parks & Recreation Department will be hosting its' Annual Christmas Parade and Gala on Saturday, December 08, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. The Parade and Gala Events occur in the evening and dress is festive - casual fit to the occasion (and weather).

At the Christmas committees meetings, the committee decided to have a parade line up of Clubs of various kind , Organizations, Public Officers and all Schools in Immokalee not to limit other areas. We are trying to have the Best Entertainment found in Immokalee and surrounding area with a well known country band.

We want you on our Entertainment Schedule on December 08, 2018 immediately after the parade is over. Please call or email the contact below for your RSVP spot on the Entertainment Schedule.

Christmas around the World is a Community sponsored Event. Activities include a

lighted night parade followed by a Christmas Gala at our community swimming pool with lots of food, games, music, machine-produced snow, our own Immokalee Talent contestants with a well known Country Band and lots of other entertainment. The highlight of the Christmas Gala is the Grand Finale that features the arrival of Santa Claus, via helicopter, courtesy of the Collier County Medical Helicopter. The Seminole Casino Hotel Immokalee will provide a free book to every child who takes a photo with Santa during the Gala Celebration.

The parade will again feature a float competition, If you prefer a pre-packaged float, please go online to [www.Festive Floats.com](http://www.Festive Floats.com) for details regarding a ready-made float with costs (separate from sponsorship) and availability. The parade staging area has changed. The Parade line-up will start at 5:30 p.m. with a mandatory line-up time of 4:00 p.m.

The New location for the parade is 212 Jerome Drive (Nobles-Collier Packing House), From Jerome Street to State Rd #29, the parade will continue on a path that leads to 9th and Main Street, making a right hand turn proceeding to Immokalee Drive to the Immokalee High School's football field parking lot on the right hand side of the street.. While unloading all floats, parents must pick up their children at the High School football field only. The Gala will start immediately thereafter at the Immokalee Soccer Field lo-

cated @ 505 Escambia Drive, directly across from Immokalee High School.

Immokalee's Parks & Recreation is offering FREE Admission to enter all the entrance gates to the Snow Gala Event to everyone!

We want you to participate in our Parade and Gala. Partial proceeds from this Parade & Gala will go towards two scholarships per year to deserving Immokalee High School Seniors who plan to advance through higher education. However, we still would like your continued support & participation as one of our sponsorship sponsors.. We hope that you will confirm your interest through one

of our sponsorship donor options. Please make your check payable to: Immokalee-Chamber of Commerce/ Christmas Parade, and mail to: 1255 N. 15th Street, Suite 3 Immokalee, FL34142.

Please contact the Immokalee Chamber of Commerce at (239) 657-3237 or e-mail us to [cherrylethomas47@gmail.com](mailto:cherrylethomas47@gmail.com) for further information. Forms can be faxed to (239) 657-0211. THANKS for your community support!!!

**Sincerely,**  
**Cherryle Thomas, Event Chair**  
**(239-657-0080)**

## Collier County Road Watch

Airport Pulling Road South at Calusa Avenue/Great Blue Drive: Construction project: Crews make median modifications at the intersection of Calusa Avenue/Great Blue Drive. The directional left-turn median openings for both northbound and southbound traffic on Airport Pulling Road S. will be modified to align the turn lanes with the side streets. Left turns will be adjusted to improve line of sight for motorists. The median at Great Blue Drive will be shortened to allow for the crosswalk alignment to be straightened. No lane closures are permitted during the peak hours of 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. or from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. Estimated completion is summer 2018, weather permitting. The contractor is Ajax Paving Industries of

Florida, LLC.

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

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## Immokalee South Park 3 yr old teeny tots

Register now ages 3 years old. The care will go from 7:00 a.m.- 5:30 p.m daily. Play Learn and Grow Together. For more information call or visit 418 School Dr. Immokalee FL 34142 or call (239) 252-4677 or check us out online at [www.collierparks.com](http://www.collierparks.com).

Immokalee South Park 3 años de edad pequeños

Regístrese ahora con edades de 3 años. El cuidado irá de 7:00 a.m.- 5:30 p.m. Jugar aprender y crecer juntos. Para obtener más información, llame al 418 School Dr. Immokalee FL 34142 o llame al (239) 252-4677 o visítenos en línea en [www.collierparks.com](http://www.collierparks.com).

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.

## 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.

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

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  - 31 NFL Hall of Famer Lynn
  - 33 Returning to action, and, on a gridiron, what each first word of 17-, 24-, 47- and 55-Across is
  - 39 "Am not!" reply
  - 40 Whacked arcade critter
  - 42 Greek markets
  - 45 Between-meals meals
  - 47 Musical symbol
  - 50 Disney frame
  - 51 Vaulted church areas
  - 52 Singer Newton-John
  - 54 Table salt, to a chemist
  - 55 Hold that's illegal in amateur wrestling
  - 59 "Buenos \_\_"
  - 60 Characteristic
  - 61 Frustrating toy for Charlie Brown
  - 62 "Rule, Britannia" composer Thomas
  - 63 Breaks bread
  - 64 Shoveled precipitation

- 2 Guatemala gold
- 3 Spinal bone
- 4 River of Pisa
- 5 Habeas \_\_
- 6 Compare
- 7 From another planet
- 8 Camcorder button
- 9 "Raiders of the Lost \_\_"
- 10 Op-Ed piece
- 11 Deep into the pub crawl, say
- 12 Dunkin' \_\_
- 13 Take off the board
- 18 Currency since 1999
- 21 Winery process that can take years
- 22 Wagering letters
- 23 Apply haphazardly
- 25 Potato state
- 26 \_\_ of the above
- 28 Tolkien monster
- 31 Look of disdain
- 32 Scale amts.
- 34 Wii game rides for Mario and Luigi
- 35 "Dies \_\_": hymn
- 36 Physicians' org.
- 37 Soft shoe
- 38 Sommer of films
- 41 Immigrant's class: Abbr.
- 42 Live-in nanny
- 43 Stranded motorist's aid
- 44 Threat-ending words
- 45 Tours of duty
- 46 Campbell of "Scream"
- 47 Info-gathering exchange
- 48 Ryan with a record seven no-hitters
- 49 Hardy of Laurel & Hardy
- 53 Classes
- 55 Teleflora rival
- 56 Sch. in the smallest state
- 57 Oklahoma tribe
- 58 Cutting-edge

### ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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## After School Program

Immokalee South Park, 418 School Drive, has an After School Program, Monday thru Friday from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. We have homework help, games, arts and crafts and more. Plus snacks will be provided. Sign up today! If you have any questions call (239) 252-4677.

## Collier Senior Resources

Collier Senior Resources at the Golden Gate Senior Center has launched a new program for low income elderly Collier County residents who need financial assistance and who have exhausted all other resources. This one-time financial assistance can be used for: Prescriptions, Utility Shut Off Notice, Rent or Mortgage Payments, Durable Medical Equipment, Small Appliances, Gas Cards, Eye Glasses and Other Items.

Eligibility Requirements:

- 60 years and older
- Collier County Resident
- Within 175 percent of federal poverty level
- Exhausted all other resources

To speak to a case worker and for more information about the Direct Assistance Program for Needy Seniors, please call 239-252-4550 and ask for Maritza.

Collier Senior Resources Programa De Asistencia Directa Para Ancianos Necesitados Collier Senior Resources en el Centro de Ancianos de Golden Gate comenzó un programa de ayuda financiera para ancianos con escasos recursos económicos y que están en necesidad de ayuda monetaria.

La asistencia se puede usar para:

Medicinas, Desconexión de Utilidades, Tarjeta de Gasolina, Pagos atrasados de Renta o Hipoteca, Equipo Médico Durable, Pequeños Electrodomésticos, Anteojos, Otras Necesidades.

Requisitos de Elegibilidad:

- 60 años o más
- Residentes del Condado de Collier
- Dentro del 175% nivel de pobreza
- Hayan agotado otros recursos en la comunidad

Llamar al 239-252-4550 para más información del Programa Directo de Asistencia. Pregunte por Maritza.

## 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

## Immokalee Branch Library Events for September

Registration for all programs began Monday, August 13. The library is located at 417 N. First Street, Immokalee. Call (239) 657-2882 for information on any of these events.

**Tuesdays, September 11, 18 & 25** is Family Story Time starting at 10 a.m. for all ages. Registration is not required.

### Back to School Scavenger Hunt

September – All Month Long

School is in back in session! Join the fun at the Immokalee Library by picking up your scavenger sheet located in the New Book section of the children's area. Hidden in the children's area are pictures related to back to school. Find all the pictures and present your completed scavenger sheet to the circulation staff for a small prize.

### How (and why!) Archeologists Find Sites

will be on **Thursday, September 13, 5-6:30 p.m.** The Florida Public Archeology Network will be using a peanut butter and jelly sandwich to show children how to excavate and explore the concepts of stratigraphy and survey. They will use the scientific method to show how it is used in the field. All ages. Registration is not required.

### Fuse Beading, Monday, September 17, 5-6:30 p.m.

Join us for a night of creative fun using fuse beads! Create a star, horse, flower and other fun shapes! All ages. Registration is not required.

**Movie Day** - and showing that day is Jumanji: Welcome to the Jungle - **Wednesday, September 19, 2 p.m.** No School! Have no place to go? Come to the Library and join us for an afternoon movie! Popcorn and water will be provided. (119 mins) All ages. Registration is not required.



# SWFRPC awarded grant to promote agricultural products

Special to the Immokalee Bulletin

On Aug. 10, the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council (SWFRPC) announced that it has been awarded an Economic Adjustment Assistance grant in the amount of \$206,545 from the Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce. Sens. Marco Rubio and Bill Nelson called Margaret Wuerstle, executive director of the council, to congratulate council staff.

The purpose of the grant is to increase resilience and sustainability for small and medium-sized farms in Southwest Florida. The goal of the project is to develop new markets and increase revenues for the local farms in Southwest Florida that suffered catastrophic losses as a result of Hurricane Irma, assisting with their economic recovery and increasing their ability to weather future disasters.

The proposal is the result of a recent study financed by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity (DEO) that evaluated methods to assist small farms in economically depressed areas of Southwest Florida. The University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) was a project partner in the original study, and will be a partner in the project funded by the new grant. The project will educate residents of Southwest Florida regarding the benefits of consuming fresh, locally grown food, thereby increasing demand for local products among consumers, local super-

markets, chefs, restaurant managers and other people within the food distribution system.

The agricultural sector of Southwest Florida (SWFL) was devastated by Hurricane Irma. As noted in the application, a local agriculture expert from the UF/IFAS estimated that SWFL may have suffered over \$2 billion of financial losses in agriculture from Hurricane Irma. Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Adam H. Putnam estimated \$2.5 billion in agricultural damages for the state and added that we are likely to see even greater economic losses as we account for loss of future production and the cost to rebuild infrastructure.

Agriculture is one of the dominant industry sectors in SWFL, particularly in the rural areas such as Glades and Hendry counties, Immokalee and eastern Lee County. The data below from the most recent U.S. Census of Agriculture further illustrate the sector's significance in the region as well as the region's value to the state.

After the hurricane, the Southwest Florida Regional Planning Council began a \$30,000 agriculture sustainability study financed by the Florida DEO. The study aimed to gather small to mid-sized farmers in the SWFL Promise Zone area of Glades County, Hendry County and the Immokalee community in Collier County along with other regional agricultural stakeholders, such as UF/IFAS and the Farm Bureau, to determine what can be done to help these farms become more re-

Agriculture in Southwest Florida

County / Area	Number of Farms	Land in Farms (Acres)	Percentage of Land in Farms	Market Value of Land and Buildings (\$1,000)	Market Value of Agricultural Products Sold (\$1,000)
Charlotte	284	217,222	49.9%	\$1,100,658	\$103,401
Collier	319	123,608	9.7%	\$554,016	\$202,751
Glades	331	442,750	85.8%	\$1,352,943	\$106,518
Hendry	406	495,734	67.2%	\$2,010,994	\$499,926
Lee	844	87,125	17.4%	\$826,412	\$105,903
Sarasota	283	80,143	22.5%	\$170,809	\$25,033
SWFL	2,467	1,446,582	37.8%	\$6,015,832	\$1,043,532
Florida	47,740	9,548,342	27.8%	\$49,661,974	\$7,701,532

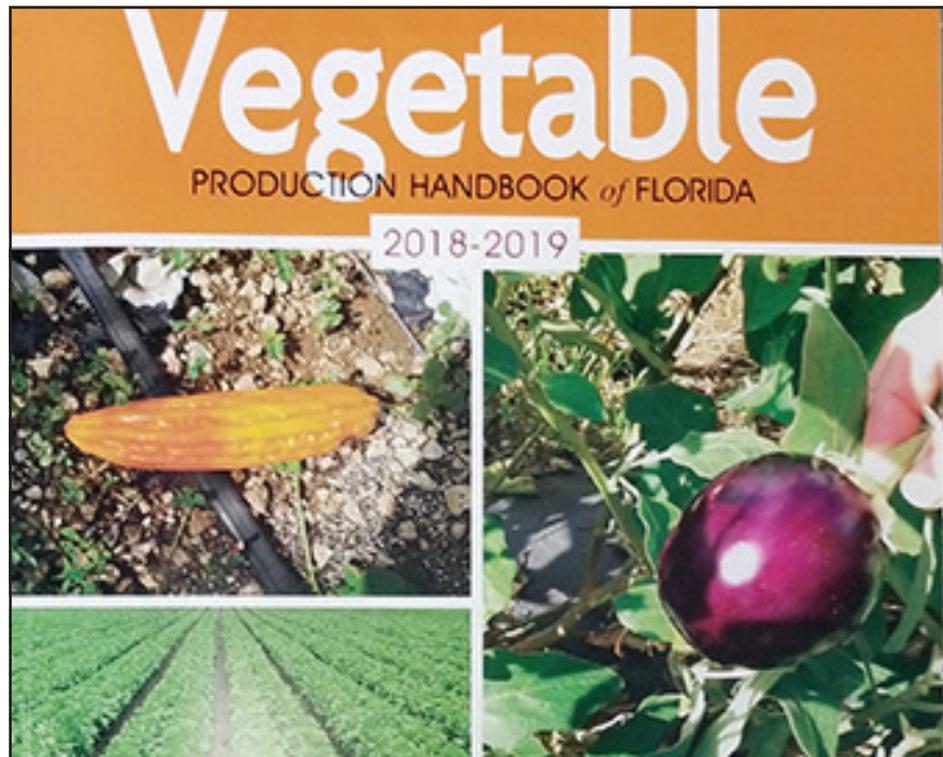
Source: U.S. Dept of Agriculture: 2012 Census of Agriculture

silient to future disasters. The study's SWOT (strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, threats) analysis identified several strategies to achieve sustainability including gaining access to new markets, the creation of a food safety plan template, the creation of a regional brand and the need for a marketing strategy.

The project being proposed to EDA involves taking the next steps to implement the strategies developed by the DEO study and includes the entire six-county region. These strategies were specifically developed by industry stakeholders as ways to help farmers gain much-needed resiliency post-Irma. Before the hurricane, agriculture was identified as an industry severely lacking in resiliency due to the seasonal

nature of crops, high cost of production and long-term rate of return on investment.

Those limitations made the impact of the hurricane greater than on other industries and made recovery even more difficult. The strategies outlined in this project will remove several barriers that keep small to mid-sized farmers from expanding into new markets and increasing their sales. The systems and partnerships created through this project will reduce these farms' recovery time during the next economic shock. This increased productivity will give growers a higher margin-for-error when dealing with future disaster events.



Submitted photo

## Veggie Production Handbook available from Hendry Extension

The 2018-19 Vegetable Production Handbook, produced by the University of Florida/Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences, is hot off the press. Hendry County Extension Director Gene McAvoy will be distributing them over the coming weeks. Anyone who wants copies may pick them up at the Hendry County Extension Office at 1085 Pratt Blvd. in LaBelle.



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