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4-H: Adapting to the ever-growing needs of Youth

By Lewis Perkins

Special to the Immokalee Bulletin

Established as an afterschool agriculture program in the early 1900's, the 4-H Association has been dedicated to encouraging

youth to thrive in their communities "... to develop the citizenship, leadership, responsibility and life skills of youth through experiential learning programs and a positive youth development approach." Still noted for their agriculture programs, 4-H clubs

around the country strive to create safe and comprehensive learning environments, to all their youth. The 4-H Association developed its name from its original motto that had four words beginning with the letter "h": head, heart, hands, and health. Over the past hundred years, 4-H has expanded through the country. In 1978, 4-H came to Collier County, still dedicated to inspiring its youth.

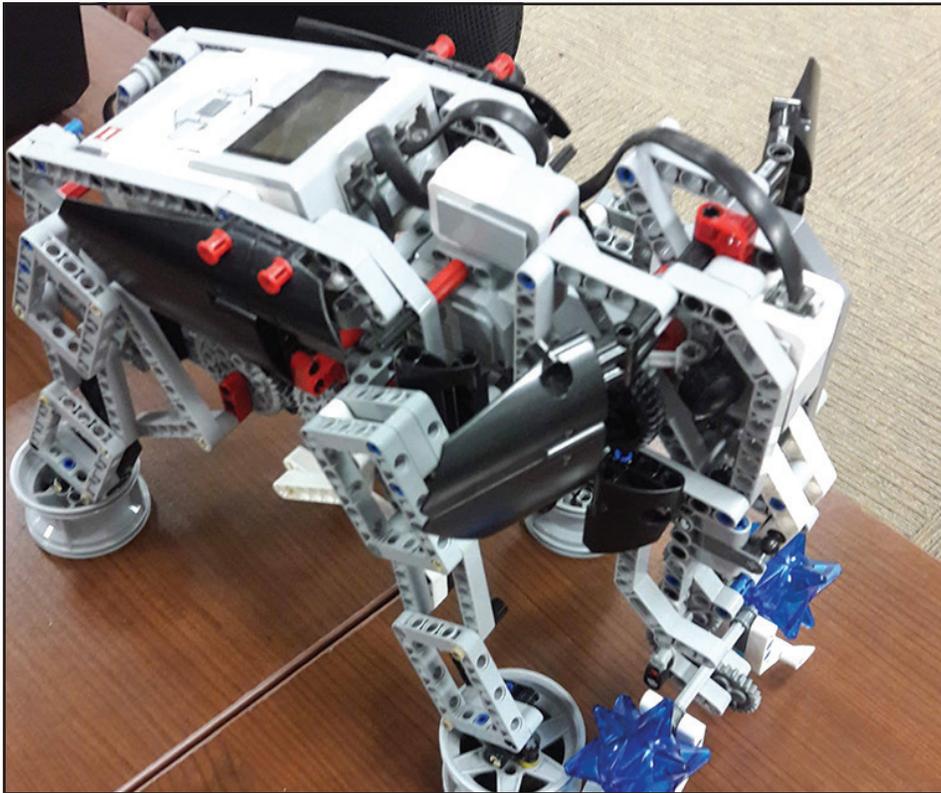
One of 4-H's aspiring youth, Bess Granholm, 16, has been involved with 4-H since she was a young girl. In the past, Bess has shown off her pig, Benson, in the county fair. However, more importantly, 4-H Collier has instilled values that she will use the rest of

her life. Not only has Bess served in different executive positions in Collier County, such as president, she now serves as State Treasurer.

"It's my way of giving back to the community," Bess states.

Furthermore, in June, Bess has served as a State Senator and Senate Education Committee Chair in 4-H Legislature (LEG). In this event, youth learn firsthand how the state legislative process works. Participants are brought to Tallahassee where they propose, negotiate, and debate bills they have created, "tackling the nation's top issues,

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Submitted photo/Lewis Perkins

Most people think of 4-H as youth at the county fair showing off their livestock and crops, people are not aware of other programs that 4-H offers - like the robotics.

FSW Collier becomes First Blue Zones-recognized college in state

NAPLES – The Florida SouthWestern State College (FSW) Collier Campus will become the first Blue Zones Project-recognized college in Florida, and only the second in the nation, during a ribbon cutting at 11:30 a.m. on Thursday, Sept. 20, on the rooftop garden, Building N, 7505 Grand Lely Drive, Naples. The ribbon cutting is free and open to the public.

The Blue Zones Project is a community-wide, well-being improvement initiative to help make healthy choices easier for everyone in southwest Florida. It was inspired by the global Blue Zones Project, which began when National Geographic Fellow Dan Buettner researched locations

throughout the world where people were living active lives into their hundreds with less rates of chronic diseases.

"FSW Collier Campus already has a history of using environmentally friendly practices, with our four newest buildings, campus-wide recycling efforts and our annual GreenFest Expo," said Gail Murphy, director, FSW Collier Campus. "These initiatives are about making healthy choices for our planet. Participating in the Blue Zones Project is a natural extension of that with the added focus of good health for people."

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from global food security, climate change and sustainable energy to childhood obesity and food safety."

Although most think of 4-H as youth at the county fair showing off their livestock and crops, people are not aware of other programs that 4-H offers. Besides 4-H legis-

lators, 4-H is dedicated to the changing needs of today's youth offering hands-on programs in rocketry, robotics, environmental protection and computer science. This will give participants an edge on future job markets as they learn skills such as: how to build and program robots, use drones to create maps, but most of all, how to become robust leaders and give back to their communities. 4-H also offers in-school enrichment programs, clubs and camps. Most people do not realize that Collier 4-H is two differ-

ent entities: "Collier County 4-H Association, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, raises funds, which it distributes to Collier County 4-H, (local programs), for specific programs and initiatives." If anyone is interested you can contact Tish Roland, the leader of the Immokalee 4-H program at: troland@ufl.edu, 239-252-4800 or 402-580-7669

With more than 7,000 participants, in Collier County alone, 4-H is dedicated to challenging children beyond standard education.

FSW

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In order to become a Blue Zones Project-recognized college, at least 25 percent of students must pledge to enroll in the Blue Zones Project and do their best to incorporate the Blue Zones' Power 9 principles into their lives.

The FSW Collier Campus is also taking an active role in the Blue Zones Project by providing healthier food options at student events and making fruits and vegetables more prominent in its cafeteria. It has also installed three refillable water bottle stations around the campus.

"We are thrilled that the FSW Collier Campus is the first Blue Zones Project-recognized college in Florida," said Trang Burney, coordinator, FSW Collier Campus Student Engagement. "By signing the Blue Zones Project pledge, our students have told us they want to lead healthier lives, and we want to be sure we are providing them with the options to do so."

For more information about FSW Collier's Blue Zone ribbon cutting event, contact Burney at (239) 732-3706 or trang.burney@fsw.edu.



Submitted photo

Students on their way to class at the FSW Collier Campus.

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For more information about the south-

west Florida Blue Zones Project, visit <https://southwestflorida.bluezonesproject.com/>.

Students First

By Jennifer L. Kupiec

Specialist, Communications & Community Engagement Collier County Public Schools

This week, we conclude our series on Social Emotional Learning (SEL). Over the past few weeks, we have reviewed three of the five SEL priorities being 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

The five SEL priorities were developed in connection with our increased focus on mental wellness in our schools. So, let's talk Principal-led SEL Video Announcements and the new Panorama SEL Student Voice Survey.

Principal-led SEL Video Announcements will take place in all levels – elementary, middle and high – and focus on SEL competencies. SEL, for those that have not been

following the series, is the process of developing and using the skills, attitudes, and knowledge that help youth and adults:

- To identify and regulate emotions
- To develop positive relationships
- To make responsible decisions

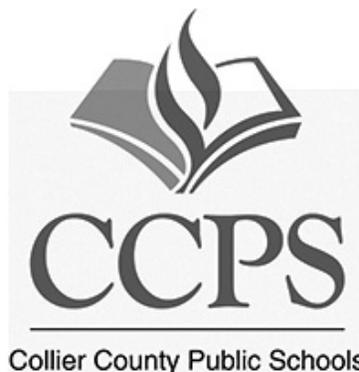
Twice monthly during morning announcements, the principal at each of our schools will introduce an SEL video component and provide closing comments on SEL. These video announcements

will be about five to eight minutes in length and will foster conversations around strategies that strengthen community and individual student resiliency.

The new Panorama SEL Student Voice Survey will be given to all middle and high

school students, as well as students in grades three through five in our elementary schools. This priority values a safe, supportive, and positive learning environment. The survey will provide students the opportunity to tell us what they think about their experiences at school and how school staff can best support them socially and emotionally. These anonymous results will allow us to address overall school-wide trends. The first survey will be given in the fall and will provide baseline data for schools and the district. Students will take the survey again in the spring. The expectation is that consistent implementation of the five SEL priorities across the district will increase topic reporting results.

This SEL series, in connection with our previous safety update, has been provided as a way to keep our parents and the community informed as to the safety and security measures that are being implemented throughout our schools. By working together, our hope is that our students feel safe, that they know there are caring adults available to help them, and that they are able to achieve and excel to reach their goals and dreams.



Letter to the Editor

What happened to the Immokalee Pride?

I have been pumped all week to go to the IHS game last night. It was my first home game in years and I was super excited to go watch my Indians play, to see my old school and my community members and most importantly, to watch my baby play in my old Indian band. Unfortunately, my excitement started to regress as each quarter passed. First of all, the stadium wasn't even 3/4's full, which surprised me greatly. I kept looking around, thinking more people would show up... but I was wrong! But ok... we could deal with that because the Immokalee spirit could surpass mediocre attendance, right?! Wrong!! I don't know what has happened through the years, but it felt like people were there just to be there. There wasn't much cheering or yelling or encouragement for our boys at all. I remember going home after games with no voice. I had lost it from screaming and cheering. Friday nights were the epitome of the week; everybody looked forward to football games! I didn't feel that life anymore. I know things change... but have they really changed that much?! It seemed like people were more interested in being on their phones and talking about the game than they were actually watching the game and supporting our boys!! We're a small town... but there's always been a lot of heart here. What happened to that?! What happened to the cheerleaders who worked the entire stadium, instead of just standing in front of the center section? What happened to the cheerleaders who had so much heart and excitement and pride... the ones who helped to pump up the team and get the crowd all worked up? All I saw (from my end of the stadium by the band)... but didn't hear... were girls who cheered in the same spots, to the crowd in front of the press box. For them, they cheered well, I think... from what I could see from down the track.

I mean, cheered when they weren't standing around, talking to each other or to people over the fence. They used to walk down by the band and dance with us as we played. And one of my questions of the night was this... what happened to the sportsman like conduct of taking a knee when a player is injured? I witnessed Barron taking a knee when their players were hurt. I even saw Barron take a knee when OUR player was hurt. But I never, not one time, saw our players, coaching staff or cheerleaders take a knee for any player that was down. The BAND took a knee. You mean to tell me that sportsmanship disappeared with the heart and pride of my Indians?! I was shocked, to say the least. These kids... our kids... should've been taught that from the time they entered pop warner football! I spoke to a friend of mine after the game who said he coached pop warner for about 22 minutes because he couldn't tolerate the disrespect from the kids or the parents! What are we teaching our kids?! We know better! We have to do better by our children! I just don't understand! I don't even want to tell y'all what a letdown the commentators were, either. I'm glad I didn't depend on them to follow the game. Their commenting was sparse and didn't hardly happen until there was a flag or a touchdown. And I have to say that the biggest let down of the night were things that I saw going on with our band. MY band! The heart of my teenage and high school years! I saw so much unorganized mess... so much disinterest in what was happening on the field and the scoreboard. I saw kids on their phones. I saw kids sitting out of section. Kids were not listening to leadership... the little bit that exists. I saw nonchalant, complacent attitudes from the director and guard instructor. I see band parents who are working their butts off to take care of whatever problem arises, from missing buttons to gloves that don't fit to anything else you can imagine. The problem is that I don't see a LOT of parents there helping. Oh, I saw a

lot of them there taking pictures and videos to post to social media. But I didn't see a lot of parents getting their hands dirty to help make our band a better band. We NEED boosters. We don't just need parents that sit in their cars in the pick up line. We also need funding. We need to make money to buy better equipment and necessities for OUR KIDS. We need section leaders who keep their sections accountable. We need a drum major who takes charge and handles the band like a drill sergeant handling their corp. We need a band director who asserts himself and provides guidance and discipline to these students, these kids... OUR kids. One that is always found there... or near the band area. We need a guard teacher who is more concerned with the crappy numbered flags they're using, the girls who don't know the routine (putting them in the back of the field makes no difference because you can still see their flags twirling off count) and making sure that her girls use proper language in the stands than she is running around putting gummy bears into the mouths of the guard girls and percussionists. Yeah, that happened! I brought my girls back from GA and I've been trying to convince them that this was a good move. I've been hyping the band up to Kaylee because that's where my heart has always been. And for what?! I was warned that it was different but does it have to be? I think we all need to sit back and take a good look at what's happening around us. Be accountable. Take responsibility. Reach deep inside and find your sense of pride. It's more than a word! WE ARE IMMOKA-

LEE! When the hurricane hit last year, I saw this town pull together like never before. What happened to that sense of community?! The sense of togetherness and family? Immokalee means "MY HOME." This is my home. This is your home. This is our children's home. We're supposed to be raising our kids to be better than us... do more than us... achieve more than us! Let's act like it!! I saw people wearing shirts that say "One Team." Well, let's act like one town and find our pride again. Let's go, Indians!!!

I'm sure there is a bunch of people who are/will be mad when they read this... but sometimes the truth hurts. Everyone is so used to doing the same thing that they become stale. Sometimes it's good having fresh eyes look at things and speak up. Nothing I've said was said with malice. I say it because I care and this is my home. I've seen how Immokalee used to be and we need to restore pride back into our schools and town! My mama dedicated 47 years of her heart and soul into IMS and CCPS. She always wanted the best for the students and community members of Immokalee. She raised me to be proud of where I come from and I always have been. I love Immokalee and I want to see the fellowship, brotherhood, love and sense of community spirit fill our hearts and souls again. We ARE Immokalee!

Crystal J. Sage

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.

I-75 from Alligator Alley (mile marker 61) to mile marker 146 (just north of SR 78, exit 143): Construction project: Work is underway to replace 24 Dynamic Message Signs. No lane closures are anticipated at this time. Estimated project completion is fall 2018. The contractor is Horsepower Electric, 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.

US 41 from Pine Ridge Road to Sandpine Drive: Construction project: Crews will be placing sidewalk, drainage structures and lighting on the east side of US 41. Crews will also resurface the intersection of US 41 and Pelican Bay Boulevard. Work occurs during daytime and nighttime hours. Motorists should expect intermittent lane closures through the duration of the project during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m.

• Cajeput Drive at Trail Boulevard will be temporarily closed until August 24. Motorists should follow detour signs.

Drivers should use caution traveling in this area. Estimated completion is summer 2018. The contractor is American Lighting & Signalization, Inc.

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FWC aiming to remove Northern African pythons in south Florida

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is asking for the public's help with continuing efforts to locate and remove nonnative Northern African pythons in south Florida.

The Northern African python (also called an African rock or rock python) has been documented living in the Bird Drive Recharge Area, which covers approximately 6

square miles in western Miami-Dade County. Unlike Burmese pythons, the Northern African python population is thought to be confined to a small area in a single county.

"Recently, the FWC received a report of a large Northern African python found and killed in a vacant lot on the corner of SW 144th Ave. and 26th St./Coral Way near Kendall West in early July," said Sarah Funck, nonnative fish and wildlife program coordinator for the FWC. "We are asking residents and visitors in this area to report sightings of these large constrictors as soon as they see them. The more reports we receive, the more likely we will be successful in removing these nonnative snakes from the wild."

In Florida, the average size of a Northern African python is 10 feet in length, posing a threat to human safety and native wildlife. They can grow up to 20 feet in length in their native range.



How to help:

- Immediately report any sightings of live Northern African pythons to the FWC's Exotic Species Hotline at 888-Ive-Got1 (888-483-4681). Include a picture if possible.

- Report past sightings, roadkill, shed skins and other remains of Northern African pythons to Ivegot1.org.

- If you own land in the identified area where this species lives, allow wildlife managers to search for pythons on your property.

- Deter pythons from your property by cutting back vegetation, clearing debris and securing small pets.

The FWC listed the Northern and Southern African pythons as conditional species in 2010, with the result that an individual may no longer legally acquire these species in the state for personal pets.

While Northern African pythons are very similar in appearance to Burmese pythons, the skin pattern on their backs is less defined. Additionally, the belly scales of a Northern African python are a pattern of black and white markings, while those of

the Burmese python are white.

To learn more about the Northern African python, go to MyFWC.com/Nonnatives then select "Reptiles" and look under "Snakes."

Learn more about the FWC's efforts to manage and minimize the impacts of non-native species on Florida's fish, wildlife and marine life at MyFWC.com/Nonnatives.

Correction

In the August 30 issue of the Immokalee Bulletin a "Letter to the Editor" concerning the Christmas Around the World and Snow Gala incorrectly stated that, "Immokalee's Parks & Recreation is offering FREE Admission to enter all the entrance gates to the Snow Gala Event to everyone!" It should be noted that Immokalee's Parks & Recreation Department is offering \$1.00 Admission Fee to enter all the Entrance Gates to the Snow Gala Event to everyone except persons under 36 inches, they are FREE!!

CCSO Traffic Enforcement Spots

Monday, Sept. 17:

Immokalee and Livingston roads – Red-light running

Golden Gate Parkway and Santa Barbara Boulevard – Red-light running

Shadowlawn Drive at Shadowlawn Elementary School – Aggressive driving

Tuesday, Sept. 18:

Vanderbilt Beach Road and Collier Boulevard – Aggressive driving

Radio Road and San Marcos Boulevard – Speeding

U.S. 41 North and Laurel Oak Drive – Speeding

Wednesday, Sept. 19:

18th Avenue NE at Cypress Palm Middle School – Aggressive driving

Oil Well and Immokalee roads – Red-light running

Airport-Pulling Road and J and C Boule-

vard – Red-light running

Thursday, Sept. 20:

Hunter Boulevard and Coronado Parkway – Aggressive driving

Estey Avenue at East Naples Middle School – Speeding

Collier and Davis boulevards – Red-light running

Friday, Sept. 21:

U.S. 41 North and Wiggins Pass Road – Speeding

Logan Boulevard and Palmetto Woods Drive – Speeding

Pine Ridge Road and East Avenue – Aggressive driving

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Upcoming Community Events and Meetings

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- \$40 Registration Fee Location: Immokalee Culinary Accelerator, 170 Airpark Blvd., Immokalee, FL 34142

Day For Kids

Date: 09/15/2018 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Location: Boys & Girls Club – Bolch C a.m. pus 1155 Roberts Ave. W. Immokalee, FL 34142

Immokalee Water & Sewer District Board Meeting

Date: 09/19/2018 4:30 p.m. Location: Immokalee Water & Sewer District, 1020 Sanitation Rd., Immokalee, FL 34142

Immokalee Fire Dept. Board Workshop

Date: 09/20/2018 5:00 p.m. Location: Immokalee Fire Dept. Fire Station 30, 502 New Market Rd., Immokalee, FL 34142

Immokalee Fire Dept. Regular Board Meeting

Date: 09/20/2018 6:00 p.m. Location: Immokalee Fire Dept. Fire Station 30, 502 New Market Rd., Immokalee, FL 34142

Culinary Accelerator Launch Party for Carina's Hot Sauce

Date: 09/22/2018 9:00 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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Immokalee Community Safety Meeting

Date: 09/23/2018 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Location: Boys & Girls Club, 1155 Roberts Ave., Immokalee, FL 34142

Immokalee Fire Dept. Final Budget Hearing

Date: 09/26/2018 5:30 p.m. Location: Immokalee Fire Dept. Fire Station 30, 502 New Market Rd., Immokalee, FL 34142

Culinary Accelerator Micro-Greens Growing Class

Date: 09/29/2018 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- \$75 Registration Fee. Location: Immokalee Culinary Accelerator, 170 Airpark Blvd., Immokalee, FL 34142

Blue Zones Project Volunteer Te a.m.! Produce Distribution

Date: 10/4/2018 9:00 a.m. – 10:30 p.m.
Location: Career Source Center, 750 S. 5th Street, Immokalee, FL 34142

4th Annual Big Bus Event

Date: 10/06/2018 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
Location: Florida Dept. of Health in Collier County, 419 N. 1st Street, Immokalee, FL 34142

Naples Yard & Garden Show

Date: 10/20/2018 1:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Location: Collier Museum & Government Center, 3331 T amiami Trail E., Naples, FL 34112

Pioneer Pumpkin Palooza

Date: 10/28/2018 10:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Location: Immokalee Pioneer Museum, 1215 Roberts Ave. W., Immokalee, FL 34142

5th Annual Christmas Tree

Lighting Event

Date: 11/29/2018 6:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.
Location: Immokalee First Street Zocalo Park, 107 North 1st Street, Immokalee, FL 34142

Christmas Around the World Parade & Snow Gala

“Boots & Bling in Cowboy or Country Style for Christmas” Date: 12/08/2018 5:30 p.m. Location: Immokalee Sports Complex, 310 Alachua Street, Immokalee, FL 34142



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Community Brief

Paws Park Dog Park Closed for Annual Maintenance

Paws Park Dog Park at Golden Gate Community Park, 3300 Santa Barbara Blvd., will be closed Thursday, August 30 to Thursday, September 27, for annual maintenance.

While Paws Park is closed, please visit Rover Run Dog Park at Veterans Community Park, 1895 Veterans Park Drive, Naples, Florida 34109. Rover Run is open 7:30 a.m. to sunset seven days a week. The park has a small dog area separated from a large dog area. For more information, call Rick Garby at (239) 252-4000.



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NOTICE OF MEETING

There will be a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Immokalee Water & Sewer District, on Wednesday, September 9, 2018 at 4:30 P.M., at the office of the Immokalee Water & Sewer District, located at 1020 Sanitation Rd, Immokalee, FL 34142.

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. Preliminaries
 - A. Pledge of Allegiance
 - B. Roll Call
 - C. Adoption of Agenda
 - D. Employee Recognition
 - 1. July 2018-Norma Garcia
 - E. Public Concerns
 - F. Staff Good Cause Items
 - G. Board Concerns
 - 1. Presentation from Mark T. Mustain of Nabors, Giblin & Nickerson, P.A.
 - 2. Presentation from Monique R. Spotts of Bryant, Miller and Olive, P.A.
 - H. Old Business
 - 1. USDA Documents
 - 1. New Business
3. Consent Agenda
 - A. Adoption of Minutes
 - 1. August 15, 2018 Board Meeting
 - 2. August 15, 2018 Budget Workshop
 - 3. August 22, 2018 Budget Board Meeting
 - B. Civil Rights August Compliance Report
 - C. August Budget Review
 - D. Fixed Assets Acquisitions-Disposals
 - E. Various Reports
 - F. Project Change Orders
 - G. Engineer's Report - Greeley and Hansen
 - H. Director's Report August
4. Action Agenda
 - A. Bond Counsel Selection
 - C. FDEP Consent Order
 - D. Bad Debt Write-off
5. Discussion Agenda
 - A. Attorney's Report
6. Other Public Interests
7. Adjournment

"Public discussion will be limited to three (3) minutes per speaker, unless additional information is requested, and additional time is granted by the Board Members."

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Community Briefs

VPK positions available

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at 415 Colorado Avenue, Immokalee.

A Day for Kids

The Boys and Girls Club of Collier County will have a Day for Kids on **Saturday, September 15 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.** at the Bolch Campus, 1155 Robers Ave W, Immokalee. This free event is open to the public so bring the kids in your life to a fun-filled event and remember just how awesome it is

to be a kid. There will be games, food, face painting, crafts and bounce houses. Parents must accompany their children.

Smoke Alarms Save Lives!

We will be in your neighborhood offering free smoke alarm installations on **September 26, 2018 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.** To register for a free smoke alarm, please sign up at tinyurl.com/y8pzlrsc or call the Amigos Center at (239) 657-3822 Did you know that if a fire starts in your home, you may have just two minutes to escape? Sponsored by the American Red Cross.

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.

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

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- 1 Modern "Keep in touch!"
 - 7 Ann's sister
 - 11 Extras may comprise one
 - 14 Tennis star Gibson
 - 15 The real thing, so to speak
 - 17 Riddles
 - 18 Regretting a wild night, maybe
 - 19 *Beginning
 - 21 Field of study
 - 24 "We ___ Family": 1979 hit
 - 25 Tamper
 - 26 *They carry remainders
 - 31 Org. where weight matters
 - 32 Without __: risky
 - 33 On a streak
 - 36 Capp and Capone
 - 37 Syr. neighbor
 - 38 Jueves, por ejemplo
 - 39 Natural resource
 - 40 Tease
 - 42 Vibrater in a wind
 - 43 Like Gen. Powell
 - 44 *Bike safety device
 - 47 ___ Men: "Who Let the Dogs Out" band
 - 49 Edible Asian shoot
 - 50 Greek mount
 - 51 *The rest
 - 56 Burns poem that starts, "Wee, sleekit, cow'rin, tim'rous beastie"
 - 57 Time of your life
 - 61 Marching band instrument
 - 62 Mill around
 - 63 Passing stat.
 - 64 Egyptian symbols of royalty
 - 65 Both words in each answer to a starred clue begin and end with the same one

- 2 Symphonic rock gp.
- 3 Cadillac sedan
- 4 Store to "fall into," in old ads
- 5 Scant
- 6 First word of the chorus of "The Sidewalks of New York"
- 7 Parched
- 8 Dark-haired guy
- 9 Cask stopper
- 10 Safecracker
- 11 Some Cannes films
- 12 They have hoods and racks
- 13 Cold-water hazards
- 16 Was impending
- 20 Perp subduer
- 21 Egyptian dam
- 22 100 kopecks
- 23 Parts opposite points
- 27 First name in women's boxing
- 28 Racing family name
- 29 Bay window
- 30 Aptly named novelist

- 34 Easily crumbled cookies
- 35 Betta tankmate
- 38 "Colonel Jack" novelist
- 41 "Oh, my!"
- 42 Uses, as credit card rewards
- 45 Amasses
- 46 Work on together, in a way
- 47 LPGA great Rawls
- 48 Stay clear of
- 52 "The boy you trained, gone he is" speaker
- 53 Sharing word
- 54 Relax
- 55 Blackthorn fruit
- 58 QB's stat
- 59 Turn right
- 60 Go wrong

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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By Don Gagliardo
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¡Los detectores de humo pueden salvar vidas!

Pasamos por su hogar para ofrecerle la instalación de detectores de humo de forma gratuita 26 Septiembre 2018 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Puedes registrarte en tinyurl.com/y8pzlrsc o llame el Amigos Center, (239) 657-3822 ¿Sabías que si se inicia un incendio en su casa, podría contar con tan solo dos minutos para evacuar? Patrocinado por la Cruz Roja Americana.

Hot Rods and Hot Dogs

On **September 18 at 5 p.m.** Hot Rods and Hot Dogs in the Park roll back into the Barron Park in LaBelle, for the Kick Off of the 2018-2019 Cruise In season. The South Central Florida Car Club will start up it's 14th year. This group of auto enthusiasts welcome all owners and lovers of things with wheels. So dust of your ride, gather up your bride and strut on over to the park on St Rd 29N. We start at 5 p.m. and go on till we run out of conversation. Fresh grilled Hot Dogs, served with sides and cold drinks, are available to enjoy. This event is held rain or shine. We meet monthly on the third Tuesday Sept-May. Need more info call 863-634-1791.

Big Bus Event

The 4th Annual Big Bus Event is planned for **October 6, from 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.** at the Florida Department of Health in Collier County, 419 North 1st Street, Immokalee, FL 34142. The free event will have Health, Vision, and Dental Screenings (Adult and Children), Visits from the Tooth Fairy, Bike Inspections, Repairs, and Helmets, Child Safety Seat Inspection, Adult Flu Vaccines, Collier Mosquito Control District Helicopter, Food...and MORE!

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.

Immokalee South Park 3 años de edad pequeñitos

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. Im-

okalee Fl 34142 o llame al (239) 252-4677 o visítenos en línea en www.collierparks.com.

Movie Day - and showing that day is Juanji: 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.



Celebrating a Decade of Good Health in Ave Maria

By Lewis Perkins

Special to the Immokalee Bulletin

Tomorrow, September, 15, Tropical Smoothie in Ave Maria, located at 5072 Annunciation Cir, Ave Maria, FL 34142 will celebrate its 10th year of being in business. During this anniversary celebration, Phong Ho, owner and local resident, will be offering \$0.99 SMOOTHIES with any food purchase ALL DAY and cellphone pop-sides to all who purchase smoothies. (While supplies last). Come join this celebration as Tropical Smoothie has been a part of Ave Maria since its infancy. Tropical Smoothie has helped the community grow as they donate time and food to the church, volunteer for fund raisers, also raise money for the Donahue academy, a prominent a K-12 school located within the community. They also greatly support Immokalee sports programs and other non-profit organizations, they also support local sports program and recently gave an athletic sponsorship at the university. Also, they have a long time partnership with the Seminole Tribe of Immokalee.

Phong moved here from Vietnam in 1988, and graduated from Barron Collier High School in 1999. After college, Phong worked for Pulte Homes, the primary builder in Ave Maria. There, he found out that one of his high school friend's fathers was head

of the Barron Collier Companies. After meeting and talking to his friend's father, Phong was convinced to be a pioneer in the new community. "My dad also wanted me to start my own venture so we put our thoughts together... We took a risk and came out here, (Ave Maria)."

Phong chose Tropical Smoothie, (A rapidly growing Florida based franchise), because "It was the only unique concept that included food as well... Without the food it would not have been as successful... A lot of the residents and visitors did not know what a smoothie was until they came here and ate the food... Something you can feel good about... It all comes down to taste and value."

Phong owes his ten year success to hard work and continuous support from his family, community, Ave Maria Development, and intense focus on customer service, besides offering a new and healthy concept in the area people come from Immokalee and other cities, driving 15 - 20 miles, to visit Tropical Smoothie. Phong is renewing his lease next year and plans on staying around for the foreseeable future. "As long as I feel like I'm needed here and can make an impact on my local community I don't have a any reason to leave."

Area Agency on Aging celebrates 40th Anniversary with milestone

North Fort Myers — Forty years ago this week, the Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida (AAASWFL) filed articles of incorporation to serve older adults in our region. The regional nonprofit agency became official on September 12, 1978. Coincidentally, AAASWFL will reach more than one milestone this week. It will also accept its 500,000th call to the Southwest Florida Elder Helpline.

The Elder Helpline is a toll-free service that helps connect seniors and adults with disabilities to needed resources in our community. The Area Agency on Aging has operated the Southwest Florida Elder Helpline since 2003. Last year, the agency received nearly 64,000 calls to the toll-free service. This year, that number is expected to climb to more than 70,000.

"It's amazing to think that our team has handled half a million calls since we started operating the Helpline," says AAASWFL President and CEO Marianne Lorini. "To have it happen the same week as our 40th anniversary is really something special. Our Helpline specialists are the first contact that most folks have with us, so they're really the unsung heroes of our organization."

The Elder Helpline accepts calls Mondays through Fridays from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., excluding holidays. The state's network of 11 Area Agencies on Aging

share a database of service providers to assist seniors, people with disabilities, caregivers, and other individuals with locating resources in their communities. Assistance is available in 200 languages.

In 2017, the most frequent request to the Helpline was for assessments for government-funded elder care and long-term care services, followed by assistance with utility payments and health insurance counseling. Other frequently requested needs include meals and nutrition services, affordable housing, and transportation.

"The average caller to the Helpline isn't just looking for just one thing. They're usually calling us for help with two or three needs," explains Lorini. "Our goal is to be able to connect our callers with at least three resources. Those resources might be government-funded, nonprofit, or even private-pay. If there's an available resource in our community, we want to make sure our callers know about it."

While the Helpline may be the best-known of AAASWFL's services, the Agency is also responsible for screening older adults for eligibility for government-funded home and community based services and for monitoring local service providers.

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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Phong Ho behind the counter at Tropical Smoothie in Ave Maria.

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