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## Students from TIF learn about careers in film

NAPLES – Students from The Immokalee Foundation recently learned about career fields in the film industry during a SON Studios career day.

SON Studios is a self-described “group that’s committed to positively influencing society by creating enriching, entertaining media.” To nurture upcoming talent on- and off-camera, SON sponsored a visit at Wyndemere County Club for foundation students who may be interested in internships with the studio or pursuing a field related to movies or television production after high school or college.

Angelina Grimaldo, a rising senior at Immokalee High School, said she learned “a lot goes on backstage to put on even one scene of a TV show or movie.” Grimaldo was accepted into The Immokalee Foundation’s Career Development program during eighth grade and has known for several years that she wants to become a cosmetologist after high school. Visiting SON Studios fueled her desire to pursue this career and also piqued Grimaldo’s interest in becoming a makeup artist.

The six Immokalee Foundation students who attended the career day were encouraged to follow the studio’s work online and consider applying to be production assistants and gain experience in a range of duties behind the scenes, including production management, set operations, makeup and hair, wardrobe, electrical operations, camera operations, grip operations, and art direction.

“The students really enjoyed hearing about the possibility of starting out as a production assistant,” said Daniel Hernandez, who as a Post-Secondary and Career Success program specialist for The Immokalee Foundation served as a chaperone for the SON Studios career day. “I was impressed with the numerous speakers they had from

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Submitted photos

## Greatest day in our Soccer Pit Cobras history

We spent years talking to them, counseling, screaming, hugging, and laughing with them not really knowing how it all would end up. All of the stress and frustrations paid off in the end with the greatest day in our club’s history. Five of the former teammates were playing each other in a college game this past Tuesday, September 11 at Ave Maria University. It doesn’t get better than this.

Kensley Jn Baptiste, Cedric Georges, and Eamon McQuade at Ave Maria University and Carlos Contreras and Raymundo Cervantes at Florida College. The score of the game won by Florida College 5-2 is irrelevant to the process. Five home grown kids making it to the highest level. It doesn’t stop there, Ulises Soto is playing at St Lawrence University in New York and Elias Cuevas is playing at St John University in Minnesota.

I always dreamed about it but the reality of this not happening was always in the back of my mind.

I want to thank Coach Damas for all of his time with our club and guiding these boys as well as his work with them at Immokalee High School soccer. Also, a big thank you to my good friend and long-time coach Manuel Preciado who traveled with me all over Florida and beyond with these boys for six years.

I am proud of what we do in Immokalee even when it is not often recognized in the bigger arena. We will continue our mission to educate our youth and provide a place for them to enjoy this beautiful game. Many thanks to our supporters.

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## Letter to the Editor

### Dear Editor,

We've all heard the stories: Your parent, former coworker, or elderly neighbor has a nasty fall at home. They spend some time in the hospital and hopefully make a full recovery. But even after they return home, things just aren't the same. They may stay at home

and limit their activities because of a fear of falling again.

Each year, one in every three older adults experiences a fall. Falls are the leading cause of nonfatal injury among adults age 65 and over. More tragically, falls are also the leading cause of accidental death among seniors.

September is Falls Prevention Awareness Month, a time for caregivers, educators, health professionals and older adults to spread the word about the danger of falls and how to prevent them. Falls don't need to be an inevitable part of aging. With education and intervention, we can reduce the number of seniors injured through these accidents.

How can we help older adults? There are several easy ways to prevent falls.

First, regular exercise is vital for fall prevention. By strengthening leg muscles and improving balance, seniors can decrease their likelihood of a fall.

Older adults should also review their medications with their doctor or pharmacist. Many medicines can cause dizziness or drowsiness. Knowing the potential side effects of over-the-counter and prescription medications can help us all exercise caution.

Speaking of doctors, the eye doctor can be helpful in preventing falls. Having their vision checked annually can help our elders stay safer.

Finally, it's always good to check our homes and workplaces for potential tripping hazards. Loose rugs and slippery surfaces may be the obvious culprits, but stairs with-

out railings and poor lighting can also cause accidents. Installing grab bars in the bathroom can also prevent potential calamities.

The Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida (AAASWFL) is one of our area's fall prevention leaders. Our agency offers workshops in seven counties to help older adults to reduce their chances of falling and remain independent. These workshops, funded through the Federal Older Americans Act, focus on increasing strength and improving balance. In 2017, AAASWFL assisted nearly more than 450 seniors with fall prevention programming and other workshops to keep our older adults healthy and safe. To find out about future workshops, call the Elder Helpline at 866-413-5337 or visit [www.aaaswfl.org](http://www.aaaswfl.org).

Every 20 minutes in our country, an older adult dies from a fall-related injury. Fortunately, there are proven ways to prevent falls and the potential ramifications. We can all make a difference during Falls Prevention Awareness Month—and the rest of the year.

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different areas involved in the production process, and the students were, too."

SON is the acronym for The Spirit of Naples and Southwest Florida Inc., a nonprofit founded by Rebeca Seitz, president and CEO of SON, who has a wide range of experience as a screenwriter and producer. As the owner of her own public relations company, Seitz secured appearances for authors on national media outlets, in addition to appearing onscreen herself.

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 <https://immokaleefoundation.org>.

## Students First

### By Jennifer L. Kupiec

Specialist, Communications & Community Engagement Collier County Public Schools

Representatives from the State Board of Education recently visited our area to hold their September meeting. At the meeting, Commissioner Pam Stewart made a very special presentation to one of our very own outstanding Immokalee High School students, Raul Soliz. Soliz was recognized with the distinguished Commissioner's Leadership Award. The Commissioner's Leadership Award recognizes Florida students (enrolled in K-12, College and Career and Adult Education, as well as Blind Services and Vocational Rehabilitation) who have overcome significant hurdles to achieve their academic and personal goals.

While at Immokalee High School, Soliz has taken dual enrollment and AICE level courses. He currently holds a 3.598 weighted GPA and is an exemplary student all around.

With so much success, you would never guess the challenges that Soliz faced growing up. While in seventh grade, Soliz tragically lost his father. In turn, the family suffered hardships and Soliz's grandmother was given custody of him and his siblings. While the death of his father is something

that will be with him always, he has not let it stop him from achieving his goals and has flourished in his grandmother's care.

In addition to his academic achievements, Soliz has played lacrosse for two years and was voted a team captain his junior year. He is also an acting member of

the No Barriers Youth program which is a premier educational program challenging young people to contribute their absolute best to the world.

This young man is an inspiration to all of us and we congratulate him on his accomplishments and perseverance.



Collier County Public Schools



Submitted photo  
**Raul Soliz, an IHS student was recently recognized by the The Collier School Board.**

# Lipman Family Farms to host inspirational event for Immokalee students

IMMOKALEE – Success is the result of hard work, persistence and courage. These are three fundamental qualities Juanita Martinez, program director at the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County, hopes to instill in the minds of Immokalee high school students. Martinez will be one of the speakers at “The End Game,” a discussion hosted by Lipman Family Farms on Thursday, Sept. 20 from 9-11:30 a.m. at the Immokalee High School auditorium on 701 Immokalee Drive.

The event aims to educate Immokalee juniors and seniors on the evolving definition of success, the various paths to achieving success and the potential they have to affect the future of Immokalee. Many of the expert panelists identify first-hand with what it’s like to be an Immokalee student with the drive to find their own success.

Martinez, a daughter to migrant parents, was raised in the tight-knit rural farming community of Immokalee. While opportunities are often scarce or overlooked in Immokalee, Martinez was fortunate to have a family that motivated her to achieve her dreams of obtaining a college education.

After graduating from the University of South Florida in Tampa with both a bachelor’s degree in communications and a master’s degree in public administration, her path to success was undefined. Unsure of her next move, Martinez was inspired to visit 26 countries around the world, each reminding her of the hardships that students in Immokalee face every day.

“So much of what I experienced reminded me of Immokalee, and how the opportunities are so limited for children here,” Martinez said.

Armed with an education and a passion to help her community, Martinez made the decision to return to her hometown.

“Traveling made me realize I could make a difference in the world, and I could start by doing it here,” she said.

Now, Martinez strives to improve the lives of Immokalee students through her work at the Boys & Girls Club of Collier County and through events like the Lipman Family Farms’ “The End Game.”

“If we get people from the community to actually work in the community, they will stay because their passion is to give back to Immokalee,” Martinez said. “We’re trying to plant those seeds in the youth now, so they can grow up and realize that there are so many opportunities for them.”

“The End Game” will feature two separate panel discussions called #Findingmyway and #Bringitback.

Panelists for #Findingyourway will discuss how they define success for themselves, their personal stories of working towards achieving it, and the challenges they’ve faced throughout their journey. The panelists include:

- Sylvia Delgado, director of social services at Family Health Centers of Southwest Florida
- Jesus Abarca Jr., operations manager

at Lipman Family Farms

- Walter Salazar, owner of Walter Salazar’s Pest Control
- Kayla Garcia, assistant store manager of guest engagement at Altar’d State

The panel for #Bringitback is made up of individuals who returned to their hometown of Immokalee after finding success. These speakers will share their personal experiences and why they decided to return to the community. They’ll also discuss the many barriers Immokalee still needs to overcome as a community. The panelists include:

- Abel Jaimes, director of Title 1 for Federal, State, and Competitive Grants
- Maria Plata, career and internship coordinator for The Immokalee Foundation
- Miranda Rueda, manager of employee relations and benefits at Lipman Family Farms
- Juanita Martinez, program director of Boys and Girls Club of Collier County, Bolch Campus

For more information on “The End Game” or other events hosted by Lipman Family Farms, contact Jaime Weisinger at 239-657-4421 or [Jaime.Weisinger@lipmanfamilyfarms.com](mailto:Jaime.Weisinger@lipmanfamilyfarms.com).

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## Obituaries

### Casey DaWayne Cheney, 46

FELDA — Casey DaWayne Cheney passed away on Monday, Sept. 10, 2018. He was born June 8, 1972 in Fort Myers, to Earl LaWayne, Sr. & Billie (Rhodes) Cheney.

Casey was owner and operator of Cheney Produce.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Townsend Cheney of Felda; children, Chris Townsend, Savana Cheney, Casey Cheney, Jr. all of Felda; parents, Wayne, Sr. and Billie Cheney of Immokalee; sister, Sharon Gilbert of Felda; brother, LaWayne Cheney (Jade) of Ave Maria; and two grandchildren, CJ and Noah Townsend-Cheney of Immokalee.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Sept. 15, 2018 at 11 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of Immokalee. Rev. Timothy Pigg officiated. He was laid to rest in the Baptist Cemetery.

Arrangements entrusted to: Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, 4001 Sebring Parkway, Sebring, FL 33870. Online condolences may be left at: [www.stephensonnelsonfh.com](http://www.stephensonnelsonfh.com)

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# Taste of Immokalee unveils new line of salsas and sauces

Taste of Immokalee, a social enterprise created and operated by high school students, announces a new line of salsas and sauces inspired by the rich agriculture of Immokalee, Florida. In addition to the newly unveiled Pineapple Mango Salsa and Mandarin Tangerine BBQ sauce, the existing product line has also been enhanced with farm-fresh ingredients, including locally-sourced tomatoes by Lipman Produce, North America's biggest field tomato grower. Taste of Immokalee allocates its profits toward student education and community relief programs.

Founded in 2014 by a group of high school students with a desire to alleviate the extreme poverty in their community, Taste of Immokalee has become a model of "business for good" while equipping high school students with business and leadership skills. One of the unique aspects of the program is that students gain real-world experience and learn both the rewards and challenges

of entrepreneurship.

"Our students have been involved with every aspect of our new product launch, including product testing, package design, manufacturing, accounting, sales and marketing," said Marie Capita, Executive Director. "They learn to be innovative thinkers, diligent workers and astute problem solvers along the way."

Created in partnership with professional mentors, chefs and other food industry specialists, Taste of Immokalee products meet the highest quality standards. Most products align with common health concerns, meeting nutritional criteria such as low calorie, low or no fat, and cholesterol free. Taste of Immokalee products can be purchased locally in select Publix and Neighborhood Organics stores, or purchased online through the Taste of Immokalee website.

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Santa Barbara Boulevard at Calusa Park Elementary School – Aggressive driving  
Immokalee Rd and Twin Eagles Blvd - Speeding

**Wednesday, Sept. 26:**  
45th St SW and 23rd Ave SW – Speeding  
Pine Ridge and Goodlette-Frank roads –

Red-light running  
Orange Blossom Drive and Airport-Pulling Road – Red-light running

**Thursday, Sept. 27:**  
Learning Lane at North Naples Middle School – Aggressive driving  
Collier and Golden Gate boulevards – Red-light running  
Manatee Rd and U.S. 41 East - Speeding

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Guest Commentary

# We must get rid of excess nitrogen in our water

**By Francis Rooney**

U.S. Representative

19th Congressional District of Florida

In the 20 months I have served as your Congressman, improving our water quality has been my top priority.

We have achieved more tangible results in building the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) projects and the Herbert Hoover Dike than in all of the preceding 18 years since the CERP was enacted in 2000.

Congress and the administration have supported our requests to fund the infrastructure necessary to clean up the Okeechobee Watershed and reduce harmful discharges into the river. This includes \$247.8 million in overall funding last year, and an additional \$514.2 million this year in supplemental funding to speed up completion of the repairs to the Herbert Hoover Dike by 2022 instead of 2025. This savings of 3 years or more is the best means we have, in the short term, of alleviating harmful discharges.

In addition to receipt of full funding of our CERP-U.S. Army Corps of Engineers appropriations request, I have been working with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) to secure an additional \$115 million for Corps 2019 work plan-ready projects.

Later this year, Congress will likely approve the changes to the Everglades Agriculture Area (EAA) reservoir, also known as the "A-2" or "Negron Plan" reservoir, which will enlarge the original footprint and permit much more water to be stored there, prior to sending it south through the cleansing marshes of the Everglades and into the Florida Bay.

However, these infrastructure projects are only one piece of the puzzle. They deal primarily with phosphorous-laden water from Lake Okeechobee. High levels of nitrogen in the river present an entirely different threat and call for different remediation

strategies. This aspect of our water quality challenges is often ignored in the public debate about what to do about the watershed. Excessive nitrogen discharges into the river lower dissolved oxygen levels and can lead to hypoxic conditions which kill fish and increase algal growth.

According to both a 2016 study prepared by the City of Sanibel, titled Caloosahatchee Watershed Regional Water Management Issues, and a 2017 study by the South Florida Water Management District, Water Flow and Nutrient Loads to Lake Okeechobee and the St. Lucie and Caloosahatchee Estuaries in Water Years 2013-2017, over 60 percent of the nitrogen polluting the Caloosahatchee enters the river from sources west of Lake Okeechobee. This overabundance of nitrogen occurs from wastewater plant discharges, septic tank leaks, and other agriculture along the Caloosahatchee. In fact, there are many days in which our municipalities discharge overflow volumes of partially treated wastewater into the river. The harmful runoff from these sources must be addressed in order to solve the root causes of the algal blooms. Some remediation of these sources is underway, but there is a great deal of work left to do – and the sooner the better.

Without action to address all components of the causes of the environmental disasters plaguing our Southwest Florida community, damage will continue. The health of our people, and of our economic livelihoods, are at stake.

*Francis Rooney is the U.S. Representative for Florida's 19th Congressional district. He is the Vice-Chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee and serves on the Committee on Education and the Workforce.*

## Happenings at the Immokalee Library

**LET'S GO BANANAS!** Monday, September 24, 4-6 p.m. Bananagrams the anagram game that will drive you bananas! How good are you under pressure? Are you good at spelling? Love a challenge? Come to the Immokalee library and see just how good you are! Tables will be setup in the program room for all challengers! Ages 11-17 years. Registration is not required.

**FAMILY GAME NIGHT** Thursday, September 20, 5-6:30 p.m. Bring your favorite family game to the Immokalee library and share with other families. Enjoy an evening of family fun and see what other families

like to play. The Library will provide some games for the evening for those that don't have a favorite. You may find another favorite game to play with your family. All ages. Registration is not required.

**LEGO® MADNESS** Thursday, September 27, 5-6:30 p.m. Looking for a LEGO® challenge? Join us and see what you can create!! All ages. Registration is not required.

**BOOK BINGO** Friday, September 28, 3:30-4:30 p.m. Are you ready for Bingo? Join us for an afternoon of fun! Bring a friend and win some prizes! All ages. Registration is not required.

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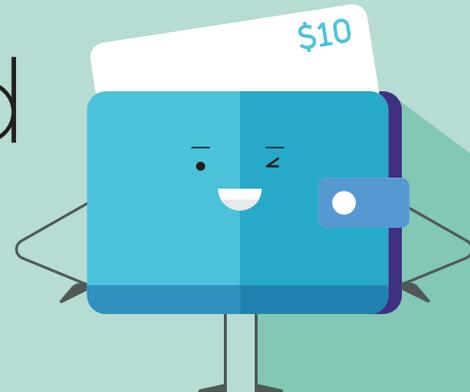


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### VPK positions available

Pathways Early Education Center of Immokalee formerly known as Immokalee Child Care Center is ex-panding for the 2018-2019 school year! A few additional VPK enrollment spaces are available for three hrs or wrap-around care. Tuition Assistance is available. Please contact Diana; our Family Enrollment & Recruitment Specialist; for information at 239-657-4130 or visit the center at 415 Colorado Avenue, Immokalee.

### 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](http://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.

### ¡Los detectores de humo pueden salvar vidas!

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### 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, Im-

kokalee, 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](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).

### 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.

### Children's Peace Fair

The Children's Peace Fair will be on **Monday, Oct. 22, from 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.** at the Immokalee Sports Complex, 505 Escambia Street, Immokalee FL 34142. There will be entertainment and games on the field. Join The Shelter's Immokalee Outreach Office for an afternoon of FREE family fun. For more information call The Shelter's Immokalee Outreach Office at 239-657-5700.

### Feria de la Paz Infantil

La Feria de la Paz de los Niños será el **lunes 22 de octubre a partir de las 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.** en el Complejo Deportivo Immokalee, 505 Escambia Street, Immokalee FL 34142. Habrá entretenimiento y juegos en el campo. Únase a la Oficina de Alcance Immokalee de The Shelter para una tarde de diversión familiar GRATIS. Para obtener más información, llame a la Oficina de Alcance Immokalee de The Shelter al 239-657-5700.

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Fwa lapè Timoun yo pral nan **Lendi 22 oktòb, ki sot nan 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.** nan Immokalee Espò Complex la, 505 Escambia Street, Immokalee FL 34142. Li pral fè amizman, ak jwèt sou jaden an. Antre nan

Immokalee Outreach biwo Abri a pou yon apremidi nan plezi fanmi GRATIS. Pou plis enfòmasyon, rele Immokalee Outreach Biwo abri pou abri a nan 239-657-5700.

### Christmas Around the World Parade and Snow Gala

The Immokalee Chamber of Commerce (ICOC) is hosting the Annual Christmas Around the World Parade and Snow Gala on **December 8 starting at 5:30 pm.** All the applications for the parade, Little Mr/Ms Snowflake, vendors for the Snow Gala at the Park and Recreation field, and the 5th Annual Lighting of the Christmas Tree at Zocalo Plaza are available NOW at the Immokalee Chamber of Commerce Office-1255 North 15th Street, Suite #3 in Immokalee. For details and applications contact Cherryle Thomas at 239-657-0080.

### Public Information Meetings on the One-Cent Sales Tax

On the November 6, General Election ballot voters will have the opportunity to vote on a County Referendum regarding a Collier County and Municipal Infrastructure One-Cent Sales Surtax. Notice is hereby given that public information meetings about the One-Cent Sales Surtax will be held on the following dates at the following locations:

#### 6 p.m., Thursday, September 27

Center Point Community Church, 6590 Golden Gate Parkway, Naples, Florida 34105

#### 6 p.m., Tuesday, October 2

North Collier Regional Park Exhibit Hall, 15000 Livingston Road, Naples, Florida 34109

Additional information about the One-Cent Sales Surtax can be found at [collieronecenttax.com](http://collieronecenttax.com).

For more information, call Geoffrey Wilig at (239) 252-8369.

### Reservations open for Fakahatchee swamp tours

Reservations are now open for three adventures in Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park. The park, east of Naples, is Florida's largest and has been called "the Amazon of North America."

The season begins Wednesday October 24 at 5:30 p.m. with a three-hour Moonlit Tram Tour of the park. The \$35 evening tour sells out rapidly and will be repeated on Saturday, December 22 at 4:30 p.m.

Ghostrider Tram Tours of the park from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. get underway Nov. 8. The tours are offered for \$25 per person most Thursdays in November and December and are named for the famous ghost orchid found in the park.

The Naturalist Led Tram Tour and Swamp Walk begins Tuesday, Nov. 6 at 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. This \$60 adventure is offered on most Tuesdays during the season.

For directions, complete details and required reservations for all Fakahatchee adventures, visit [www.orchidswamp.org](http://www.orchidswamp.org).

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# iPhones better in emergencies

The next time you dial 911 from an iPhone, dispatchers will be better able to pinpoint your location and send help sooner.

National cell phone device and service providers have teamed up with 911 call centers across the country, including the Collier County Sheriff's Office, to offer improved device-based location services for anyone dialing 911 in an emergency.

Now, anyone calling from an Apple phone in Collier County can have their current location automatically relayed to dispatchers, who will be able to better direct first responders.

Apple users must first download the latest iOS update (iOS 12) for the service to take effect. While Google has not yet enabled the service, once it is enabled, the software on the phone will have the ability to send locations automatically, and nothing is required of the user.

"If a visitor doesn't know where they're at after a crash or an emergency call requires the use of a language translation service, we can at least get help going to a location," CCSO Communications Director Bob Finney said. "Your phone knows where you're at."

Location information can be turned off for privacy concerns in the phone's settings, but the new technology turns the location information on for the duration of a 911 call. The phone then transmits the information to a third-party software company called RapidSOS, which integrates the information with the CCSO's technol-

ogy called Motorola VESTA. Dispatchers are then able to see the caller's location automatically. Location services would once again be disabled at the conclusion of a 911 call.

CCSO's Communications Center conducted a trial run of the technology in January, the only agency in Florida to do so. Google publicized the positive results of the test the following month, showing that dispatchers were better able to determine a caller's location within less than 150 feet, vs the more than 500 feet from past technologies.

"That came out of our testing - the data showing the tightened location radius," Director Finney said.

It's important to note that a dispatcher will still ask you your location during a 911 call to assure accuracy.

"We'll always ask that," Director Finney said.

A caller's cooperation is especially important when a 911 call is made from within a building where GPS technology can sometimes falter. Callers should tell dispatchers where in a building they are located including the floor and room. Providing a description of your location will help dispatchers to cross reference that information with the location provided by the cell phone.

The technology will be especially helpful if a caller cannot determine their location, or provides incorrect information to a dispatcher.

# Did you know?

- In 2012 a scientific study predicted a 39 inch rise in sea level along the North Carolina coast over the next century. In response, North Carolina lawmakers passed a law banning the use of scientific predictions of sea level rise when considering new developments along the coast.

- The word "procrastinate" comes from Latin meaning "to put off until tomorrow" and there is another word "perendinate" that means "to put off until the day after to-

morrow". For some people, procrastination is more than a bad habit; it's a sign of a serious underlying health issue. For example, ADHD, OCD, anxiety, and depression are associated with procrastination. Also, research suggests that procrastination can be a cause of serious stress and illness.

- Stephen Hawking was born on Galileo's death anniversary and died on Einstein's birth anniversary.

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# FWC awards 10 communities BearWise funding to reduce conflicts

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is awarding a total of \$500,000 to 10 communities to help them reduce human-bear conflicts.

BearWise funding will be used to share the cost of bear-resistant trash cans, dumpsters and other equipment that will keep bears out of trash in neighborhoods and parks. The FWC is distributing BearWise funding to each of the 10 communities that applied for it.

The Legislature and Gov. Rick Scott provided \$500,000 this year to the FWC to cost-share with local governments in areas with high levels of human-bear conflicts. At least 60 percent of the funding had to go to communities with BearWise ordinances that require trash be kept secure from bears in all or parts of their jurisdictions.

The FWC awarded 69 percent of this year's funding to four communities with BearWise ordinances:

- City of Apopka (Orange County) - \$85,000 to buy bear-resistant trash cans to sell to residents at a discounted price in the western portion of the county.
- Lake County - \$25,000 to buy bear-resistant trash cans to sell at a discounted price to county residents.
- Santa Rosa County - \$58,000 to modify dumpsters to make them bear-resistant at restaurants and other businesses in the southern portion of the county.
- Seminole County - \$177,000 to purchase bear-resistant trash cans to sell to residents at a discounted price in the western

portion of the county.

The remaining funding was divided among six communities:

- City of Mount Dora (Lake County) - \$18,000 to buy bear-resistant trash cans for city residents.
  - Collier County - \$45,000 to buy bear-resistant trash cans for county residents.
  - Marion County - \$5,000 to buy bear-resistant trash cans to sell at a discounted price to county residents.
  - Okaloosa County - \$18,000 to purchase hardware to modify trash cans to make them bear-resistant in the southern portion of the county.
  - Volusia County - \$50,000 to purchase bear-resistant trash cans to sell to residents at a discounted rate in the western portion of the county.
  - Walton County - \$19,000 to purchase bear-resistant trash cans for parks and to modify dumpsters to make them bear-resistant in the southern portion of the county.
- FWC staff evaluated this year's BearWise funding applications based on several factors, including:
- Does the local government have an ordinance requiring trash is kept secure from bears?
  - How many households are in an area with high human-bear conflicts?
  - How much support (match) above the minimum of 10 percent will the local government provide for the project?
  - What is the likelihood the project will result in a community-wide reduction of hu-



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**Collier County was awarded \$45,000 to buy bear-resistant trash cans for county residents.**

man-bear conflicts?

- How many households and businesses are expected to benefit from the project?
- Has the local government previously received BearWise funding from the FWC, and if so, how did the process work?
- Can the local government demonstrate demand for bear-resistant equipment in their jurisdiction?

Since 2007, a total of \$2.1 million of BearWise funding has been provided to local governments. Over \$1.4 million of this was provided with support from the Legislature and Gov. Scott and \$680,000 from the Fish

& Wildlife Foundation of Florida using proceeds of the Conserve Wildlife license plate.

Support the FWC's efforts to help bears and other wildlife by purchasing the Conserve Wildlife license plate. Learn more at BuyAPlate.com.

For more information on Florida black bears, including how to reduce conflicts with them, visit MyFWC.com/Bear and click on "Live BearWise," watch the BearWise Communities video and read the A guide to living in bear country brochure.

## AAASWFL seeks input on workshops

In Florida, nearly 2.7 million residents are part-time or full-time caregivers for aging parents, spouses and other loved ones, according to the AARP. The Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida (AAASWFL) seeks to assist family caregivers by offering Powerful Tools for Caregivers, a caregiver support workshop. The Agency seeks public feedback on its plans to provide this program through funding provided by the Older Americans Act.

AAASWFL intends to file a direct service waiver with the Florida Department of Elder Affairs to add Powerful Tools for Caregivers to its current slate of health and wellness programs. The Agency will host a public meeting to solicit community feedback on Thursday, Sept. 20 at 11:00 a.m. at the AAASWFL headquarters (15201 N. Cleveland Ave, North Fort Myers).

Powerful Tools for Caregivers is a multi-week workshop for family caregivers. This education program provides caregivers with strategies to handle their unique challenges. Workshop participants develop tools to reduce personal stress, better communicate their needs to family members and health care providers, communicate more effectively, understand their emotional challenges, deal with difficult feelings, and make tough caregiving decisions.

More information is available at [www.aaaswfl.org](http://www.aaaswfl.org) or by calling the toll-free Helpline at 866-413-5337 (866-41-ELDER).



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