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One injured in crash involving a Collier County school bus

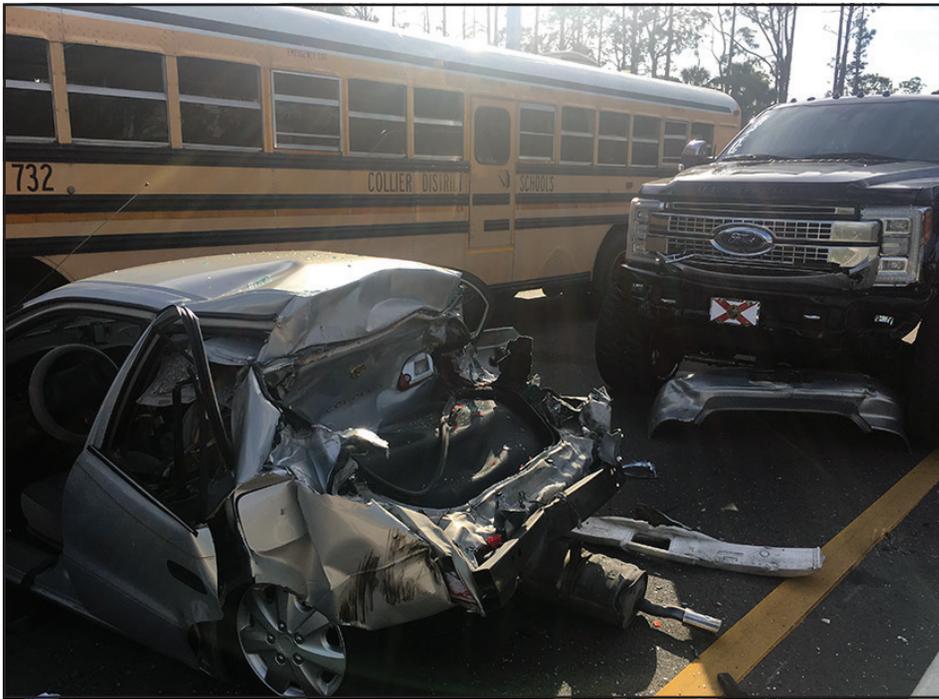
COLLIER COUNTY - One person was seriously injured after a crash in Collier County involving a school bus and two other cars.

The crash occurred at Golden Gate Boulevard and 2nd Street when 38-year-old Jack Craft of Naples, driving a Ford F-250, rear-ended a car that was stopped for a school bus dropping kids off at their stop, troopers said.

The driver who was rear-ended, 33-year-old Katia Rodriguez of Naples, was rushed to the hospital with serious injuries, according to a report.

All the students on board the bus and the bus driver, 51 year old Anthony Baldwin of Naples, are okay.

A report by the Florida Highway Patrol says that charges are pending investigation.



Courtesy photo/FHP

One driver seriously injured in crash involving a Collier County school bus.

Andrews speaks at Audubon Meeting

By Geoffrey Ionescu
Immokalee Bulletin

The speaker of the night was Lisa Andrews who worked for the National Park service for the last 25 years. She is the outreach and education coordinator of Big Cypress National Preserve for 20 of those 25 years. During her time at Big Cypress she has developed and manages the preserves curriculum-based environmental education program called SWAMP for all sixth grade Science students of the Collier County public schools, reaching nearly 3,000 sixth graders each year. She also manages the interpretive outreach program supervising staff provid-

ing special events for special interest groups of all ages.

"Big Cypress is the closest National Preserve to LaBelle," Lisa explains. "My mom used to drag me out there when I was a kid to look for orchids and birds in the swamp, and it stuck with me. Now I am the one dragging people through the swamp and making them look at the birds. Big Cypress is called a Preserve because of the different uses that are allowed. The preserve was established in 1974 and there was already a lot going on in that area at the time, things like hunting. If you legally owned your piece of

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Submitted photo/Jennifer L. Kupiec

Highlands Elementary fifth grade students learn science in an outdoor classroom.

Highlands Students visit Tigertail Beach

By Jennifer L. Kupiec
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In my Communications role here at CCPS, I have the pleasure of witnessing the diverse classroom experiences in which our students take part—and many times they have me wishing I was back in the classroom as a student! Take science for example. Just last week, fifth grade students from Highlands Elementary School took their learning outside of the classroom—and not simply to the school garden or nearby park. They were able to visit Tigertail Beach in Marco Island for an exploratory science adventure!

"The trip allows for hands-on experiences which connect classroom learning to real-life science," shares Principal Laura Mendicino. As part of the students' learning and understanding of water sheds, students test the pH, salinity, and oxygen levels of the water at Tigertail and then discuss why the levels may be high or low. Students are then

able to explore and identify the three types of mangrove trees that are located at the beach.

But according to Highlands Elementary's Science Coach, Jolie Wilkinson, the students' favorite part of the trip is dip netting and sieving, a process which allows students the ability to look at different types of shells and animals that live in the environment. Through that process, they are able to explore the structures and adaptations of both plant and animal organisms. (Much more exciting than reading through a classroom textbook!)

When the students return back to school for the day, they review the animals they found and discuss the adaptations needed for animal survival.

While this annual trip meets statewide science standards, our students are having too much fun to notice just how much they are learning and absorbing. I'd say that's a win-win situation for all involved!





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land at the time of establishment of the preserve, you were allowed to stay. Right now, there are still over 160 camps in Big Cypress. The preserve is the heart of the Florida panther's primary range. Each individual of this endangered species is a critical member of the population," Andrews says.

The Preserve is open all year and both visitor centers are open daily, December through April, rangers lead programs that give you insights into the Preserve's many stories. The Preserve offers guided swamp walks, canoe tours, talks and amphitheater programs. Whether in summer's wet season or winter's dry season, you can explore the entire preserve. Some places that you explore waist-deep in the wet season might be bone dry in the dry season!

Champions For Learning to name five scholars in 2019

The Suncoast Schools Credit Union Foundation is partnering with Champions For Learning to offer five of \$2,000 scholarship awards to high school graduates in the Class of 2019. Class of 2019 high school graduates in Suncoast Credit Union's 21-county service territory have the opportunity to apply for financial support to continue their education, thanks to a \$116,000 investment in scholarships by the Tampa-based credit union's Foundation. Applications are now open and are available at www.ChampionsForLearning.org/apply

This year's Suncoast Credit Union Scholars program represents a continued philosophy of the foundation to support education initiatives and the well-being and potential of children. Since its inception in 1990, the Foundation has contributed more than \$22 million including more than 600 student scholarships valued at nearly \$1 million.

"We believe the best way we can build better communities is by investing in education and health-related initiatives for children," said Cindy Helton, Executive Director of the Suncoast Credit Union Foundation. "Through the Suncoast Credit Union Scholars program, we have the opportunity to invest in individual human potential, which is particularly rewarding."

All applications must be received by 5 p.m. on January 11, 2019 at the Champions For Learning office, 3606 Enterprise Avenue #150, Naples, FL 34104.

Did You Know?

- In ancient Hawaii it was forbidden for men to eat with women and women were not allowed to eat certain food. The taboo was broken in 1819 when King Kamehameha II had a dinner party with women. They named this festive dinner a Luau.

Guadalupe Center's Tracy Connelly receives award for his work

NAPLES – Tracy Connelly, vice president of development at Guadalupe Center, was honored as "Fundraising Executive of the Year" by the Lee-Collier chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals (AFP).

Connelly joined Guadalupe Center two years ago to lead the nonprofit organization's philanthropic and fundraising initiatives. Since his arrival, Guadalupe Center has experienced a 50 percent increase in donations, critically important as three-fourths of the organization's budget derives from philanthropic support and grants.

In 2018, Connelly and his development team coordinated the "Welcome Aboard" Signature Event, Guadalupe Charity Golf Classic and Tutor Corps Celebration Dinner, which raised a combined \$1.4 million.

Under Connelly's leadership, Guadalupe Center established the Rosemary and Walter Blankley Scholarship Endowment through the Community Foundation of Collier County, and more than 70 donors and organizations contributed \$2 million to provide college scholarships in perpetuity to Tutor Corps graduates. Longtime supporters Bunny and Charles Salisbury established the E.G. Salisbury Tutor Corps Summer Acade-

my, which sends Immokalee High School students on college exploration trips.

"In just a short period of time, Tracy's impact at Guadalupe Center has been phenomenal," said Dawn Montecalvo, president of Guadalupe Center. "Tracy is mission-focused and raises money with one purpose in mind, and that's to fund educational programs for the children of Immokalee that ultimately will help break the cycle of poverty within the community."

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 meet or 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.

Dry Season Increases the Wildfire Potential

Along with the cool crisp air, Autumn marks the start of dry season and an increase in human caused wildfires. The Florida Forest Service, Okeechobee District, reminds residents and outdoor enthusiasts to use caution when utilizing fire for warming, cooking, or yard trash burning. Weather associated with a dry season, including low precipitation, dry air, and lower relative humidity, converts green vegetation into bone-dry, flammable fuel. As the moisture evaporates from the vegetation, the grasses turn brown and can easily ignite.

"Wildfires are usually preventable, because many originate from human error," explains Forest Area Supervisor Mike Lisiecki. "The best tip I can give a novice burner is that a fire needs your constant attention, so plan to burn on a day when you can be there the whole time. Also, limit burning on dry windy days. If the wind is blowing over 10 miles per hour, hold off on your burn. Keep your fire small and have a water source and a shovel nearby to

quickly extinguish it. Finally, when you're finished burning, douse the fire with water and spread out the ash until the entire area feels cold to the touch."

Forest Service Firefighters also recommend that you have a cell phone readily available and call 911 immediately if your fire escapes your control. In some more urbanized cities, open burning is prohibited; before you strike that match, call your local Florida Forest Service to verify restrictions, specific spacing requirements and burning hours for your area.

The Florida Forest Service, a division of the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, manages more than 1 million acres of state forests, provides management assistance on more than 17 million acres of private and community forests, while protecting homes, forestland, and natural resources from the devastating effects of wildfire on more than 26 million acres. Learn more at FloridaForestService.com.

- Vaclav Bozdech, a soldier in WWII, found a puppy while on the run and planned to kill it so its barking would not alert the Germans. Unable to bring himself to do so, he took it with him, and the dog later helped find survivors of an air raid and saved Bozdech's life during the Cold War.

- A lemon is actually a hybrid between a bitter orange and a citron, meaning life never gave us lemons, we invented it ourselves.

- In 2005, a New York Judge jailed 46 people when a cell phone rang in Court and no one took responsibility.

Wild turkey: A different twist on a Thanksgiving favorite

Thanksgiving is a favorite holiday for all who cherish its traditions involving friends, family and food. Some love preparing dishes from recipes that have been passed down through the generations. Others enjoy experimenting with new flavors. An interesting culinary trend is using organic ingredients, and serving wild turkey for Thanksgiving is a delicious, clean-eating option.

"Florida's abundant wild turkey populations can provide the ultimate locally-sourced, organic Thanksgiving feast when knowledge, skill and good fortune come together for a successful hunt," said Chef Justin Timineri, executive chef and culinary ambassador for Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services. "We've developed several mouthwatering wild turkey recipes for the big day and ways to serve leftovers using a variety of Fresh from Florida products."

Wild turkey is a tasty and versatile protein. Fresh from Florida chefs adapted several recipes to use wild turkey ranging from

Tikka Masala, an Indian dish traditionally served with chicken, to wild turkey quesadillas and wild turkey cottage pie (a take on shepherd's pie). Because wild turkey meat is low in fat, techniques for cooking them differ from domestic birds, and the Fresh from Florida chefs provide recipes and tips on how to prepare tender, juicy meals.

The Sunshine State is home to robust populations of two wild turkey subspecies: the eastern and the Osceola wild turkey. Florida is unique because the Osceola subspecies lives nowhere else in the world but on the state's peninsula.

"Turkey hunting in Florida is a chance to experience the outdoors in a very special way," said Roger Shields, wild turkey program coordinator for the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC). "However, wild turkeys are extremely wary and possess sharp eyesight and excellent hearing so hunting them is a challenge."

The FWC uses scientifically proven wildlife management strategies and professional



Courtesy photo/FWC photo by Andy Wraithmell.

expertise to meet conservation objectives and perpetuate sustainable turkey hunting opportunities. You can learn more about wild turkeys, including their behavior, habitat needs, and where they live in Florida at MyFWC.com.

Community and Human Services offers emergency assistance

At its November 13, 2018, meeting the Board of County Commissioners approved a contract with Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida, Inc., for the Emergency Home Energy Assistance Program (EHEAP). The EHEAP assists low income households, with at least one person age 60 and older, that are experiencing a home energy emergency.

A home energy emergency may result from a delinquent utility bill, lack of fuel or wood, or the receipt of a shut off notice. Payments are for home heating or cooling and other emergency energy-related costs during the heating (October-March) and

cooling (April-September) seasons. Eligible households may be provided one benefit of up to \$600.00 per season. Collier County's Community and Human Services Division (CHS) will partner with Florida Power & Light Company and Lee County Electric Cooperative and payments will be made directly to the vendor for electricity, natural gas, propane, fuel oil, kerosene, or wood. To be eligible for assistance, households must have:

- a documented heating or cooling emergency,
- at least one individual age 60 or older in the home, and

• a gross household annual income equal to or less than 150 percent of the federal poverty guidelines.

To apply for the EHEAP benefit, applicants must have a pre-scheduled appointment. Appointments are available on Thursday mornings at the CHS office, 3339 East Tamiami Trail, Health and Public Ser-

vices Building H, Room 211, Naples, Florida 34112; and Tuesday mornings at the Collier County Library, 417 North First Street, Immokalee, Florida 34142.

For more information about the EHEAP and additional services offered by CHS, please call (239) 252-2273.

Guadalupe Resale Shop launches 'Boutique Bash' social events

NAPLES – Guadalupe Resale Shop has announced a new "Boutique Bash" donation program that allows party hosts to incorporate a charity collection event into their social gatherings.

Churches, businesses, community groups and neighborhood associations can host a "Boutique Bash" at any location, requesting that each invited guest brings at least one donation for the Guadalupe Resale Shop in North Naples. After the event, the Resale Shop will send volunteers to collect all of the donations.

The Resale Shop accepts donations of like-new furniture, home décor, kitchenware, artwork, lamps, linens, DVDs and CDs, books and all types of nearly new ladies and men's clothing, including accessories such as jewelry, purses and shoes.

"Hosting a 'Boutique Bash' is a great excuse to invite friends, neighbors and colleagues over for hors d'oeuvres, drinks and to socialize," said Tracy Connelly, vice president of development at Guadalupe Center. "And when the night is over, the donations

you've collected will ultimately help a non-profit organization enhance educational programs for local children."

Guadalupe Center has a mission of breaking the cycle of poverty through education for the children of Immokalee. All proceeds from sales at the Resale Shop help fund Guadalupe Center's three education programs: Early Childhood Education, After-School Tutoring & Summer Enrichment and the college preparatory Tutor Corps.

Several churches and community organizations already have held a "Boutique Bash," netting dozens of bags and boxes filled with purses, shoes, shirts, business wear, dresses and other household items.

"All donations to the Resale Shop, located at 12980 Tamiami Trail N., Unit 10, in Naples, are tax deductible. For more information on scheduling a "Boutique Bash," please call the Resale Shop at 239-594-2696 or visit GuadalupeCenter.org.

A Day of Cherished Traditions

We hope your Thanksgiving is filled with fun, friendship, faith and all of the warmth and tradition that make it so memorable. May happiness surround you on this special day and all season!

From All of Us at the Immokalee Bulletin

Our office will be closed on Thursday and Friday, November 22 and 23. We will reopen on Monday, November 26.





Submitted photo

Buy tickets to win this quilt at the Barron Park House Gallery.

Christmas has come to the Gallery!

Everyone is invited to visit the Barron Park House Gallery and Gift Shop throughout November and December. The gift shop is filled with gifts for everyone on your Christmas list, including jewelry, note cards, paintings, and Christmas home décor. There is also a tree filled with ornaments donated by South Florida artists and crafters. When you purchase these ornaments, you are supporting the arts in your community!

This year the Gallery is offering a special opportunity! Kathy Heidenreich, a "Sewing Angel" at Carlson Memorial United Method-

ist Church, has donated one of her original hanging Christmas quilts/throw for raffle at the Gallery. Stop by the Gallery to buy a ticket for a chance to win this quilt. Buy one ticket for a dollar and 6 tickets for \$5.00. The drawing will be Saturday, December 15. Quilting is an American art! Support the Arts in Hendry County!

Barron Park House Gallery is located at 471 No. Lee Street in LaBelle, on the Caloosahatchee River across from Barron Park. We are open Thursday thru Sunday noon to 5. We are a LaBelle treasure!

Join Parks & Recreation for Snowfest

Join Collier County's Parks & Recreation Division as it hosts the 33rd Annual Snowfest – welcoming thousands of people who want to see snow in Southwest Florida.

No matter what the "real" weather is that day, snow will be in the forecast to celebrate the winter holiday season.

100 tons of snow will fall at this Winter Wonderland. The 33rd annual Snowfest, from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday, December 1, at the Golden Gate Community Center, 4701 Golden Gate Parkway, Naples, Florida 34116, promises to be the best holiday event in Southwest Florida. Admission is only \$2 per person, with children three and under admitted free.

Get ready for a flurry of winter fun! Santa Clause will sprinkle the holiday spirit with his elves as children enjoy all these SNOW-MAZING ATTRACTIONS -

- Giant Snow Piles, Double Snow Slide, Santa Selfies at Santa's South Pole, Mrs. Claus's Kitchen, Santa's Workshop, Laser Battle, Dodge Ball Arena, 360 Degree Obstacle Course, Polar Plunge, Snow Wall, Entertainment, Carnival Rides and Games

Extended Carnival Hours – 6 p.m. – 11 p.m., Friday, November 30; 2 p.m. – 11 p.m., Saturday, December 1; and, 2 p.m. – 10 p.m., Sunday, December 2.

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US 41 from Shadowlawn Drive to Commercial Drive: Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect intermittent northbound lane closures during nighttime/overnight hours from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. weekdays, while crews perform underground utility work, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

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. Drivers should use caution traveling in this area. Estimated completion is fall 2018.

The contractor is American Lighting & Signalization, Inc.

US 41 from Habitat Drive to SR 951/Collier Boulevard: Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect intermittent southbound lane closures during daytime hours weekdays, while crews perform underground utility work, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

US 41 from SR 951/Collier Boulevard to Manatee Road: Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect intermittent northbound and southbound lane closures during

daytime hours weekdays, while crews construct a turn lane, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

SR 84/Davis Boulevard at New Hope Ministries Church: Maintenance permit project: Motorists should expect intermittent westbound lane closures during daytime hours weekdays, while crews update pedestrian areas near the roadway, weather permitting. Motorists should use caution as crews work in the roadway.

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• Project Clean Immokalee on **Monday, January 21, 2019, 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** 239.841.4044 for details

• Family Camp Out Saturday — **Sunday, February 2-3, 2019**, at Pepper Ranch Camp Ground, 6315 Pepper Rd, Immokalee, FL 34142. Call to reserve a campsite 239.841.4044

For more info on these events call iCoArts is 239.841.4044.

Final Mile Run!

Tuesday, December 4, starting at 6 p.m. at the Immokalee High School Track, 701 Immokalee Dr. Immokalee. Please come and show your support for the Kids on the Go! participants from Pinecrest, Lake Trafford, Eden Park, VillageOaks, Highlands & RCMA Immokalee Community School elementary schools as they reach their 26.2 mile goal in a Celebratory Final Mile Run!

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Martes 4 de Diciembre 2018 a las 6 p.m.
Immokalee High School Track, 701 Immokalee Dr. Immokalee.

iVenga a echarle porras a los participantes de Kids on the Go! de las siguientes escuelas: Pinecrest, Lake Trafford, Eden Park, Village Oaks & RCMA Immokalee Community School al completar la última milla y alcanzar su meta de 26.2 millas (la distancia de un maratón) y celebrar esta etapa final.

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Tanpri vini pou montre sipò ou pou Kids on the Go! Patisipan ap sotì nan lekòl elemanchè

Pinecrest, Lake Trafford, Eden Park, Village Oaks, Sabal Palm & RCMA Immokalee Community School pandan yo ap atennobjektif26.2yonanyonSelebrasyonpouKous-Finallla!

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 **Dec. 8 starting at 5:30 p.m.** All the applications for the parade, Little Mr. and 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. The Christmas Parade line-up and staging area is located at 212 Jerome Drive, directly behind The Jack & Ann's Feed Store.

Christmas Tree

Lighting to be held

The Fifth Annual Christmas Tree Light-

ing will take place on **Thursday, Nov. 29 starting at 6 p.m.** at the Immokalee Zocalo Plaza, 107 First Street, Immokalee, FL. There will be Santa's Personal Mail Drop Station, live performances, photo props for pictures with Santa, refreshments from the North Pole and the Coronation of the Little Mr & Miss Snowflake. Decorations for the event donated by the Seminole Casino Hotel. For more info contact Leonor Montelongo at 239-252-4677.

CCPS plan 5K Walk-Run

The 4th Annual CCPS 5K Walk-Run is just a few weeks away! Lace up your shoes and join the fun on **Saturday, December 1**, at the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Administrative Center!

Last year, there were over 1,800 participants with 100 percent of schools participating, making it the second largest 5K event in Collier County.

Participants have three options to choose from:

- 5K Competitive Race - chipped (timed)
- 5K Fun Run/Walk - for those who do not want to compete
- 1-Mile Walk - for those who just wish to take a casual walk

This event is designed to bring the focus of health and wellness to Collier County students, families, teachers, school staff, and the community. Like past years, 100 percent of the proceeds from this event will go back to the schools to support health and wellness initiatives.

Challenge a friend to run with you and share your training on social media using #CCPS5K and tag @collierschools and @suncoastcu!

We are looking forward to seeing all of the school spirit and community support at the event. Stay ahead of the race and register today at <https://www.collierschools.com/ccps5k>.

"Celebration in the Sky"

Seminole Casino Hotel Immokalee will light up the sky with "Celebration in the Sky," **Saturday, Jan. 19, 2019 at 9 p.m.** The fireworks display will be choreographed to lights and a custom soundtrack. "Celebration in the Sky" is the largest land-based fireworks show in Southwest Florida. The show is produced by Zambelli Fireworks, one of the largest fireworks companies in the world. A traditional outdoor Zambelli Fireworks production is a complete sensory experience unlike anything else! Zambelli's productions are some of the largest in the world, and their displays include a variety of shells and high-intensity multi-shot devices that awe and inspire. All ages are welcome and admission is free. Guests are encouraged to bring their own chairs to the viewing area for the show. Food and beverage options will be available for purchase at the event.

Golden Gate Branch

Library to Close Early

For Snowfest Parking on **Saturday, December 1, at 1 p.m.** The Golden Gate Branch Library, 2432 Lucerne Road, Naples, Florida 34116, will close at 1 p.m., Saturday,

December 1, to accommodate parking for the 33rd Annual Snowfest being held at the nearby Golden Gate Community Center. Patrons are encouraged to visit the nearby Headquarters Library, 2385 Orange Blossom Drive, Naples, Florida 34109, or the South Regional Branch Library, 8065 Lely Cultural Parkway, Naples, Florida 34113. Both those locations are open 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays. For more information, please call (239) 252-4542 or visit us online at collierlibrary.org.

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| 25 Foe | 12 Shirking, as taxes |
| 27 Approved, briefly | 13 LBJ's home state |
| 29 Pop singer Diamond | 16 Salon coloring |
| 31 Henry VIII's sixth wife Catherine | 19 Speak |
| 32 Conk out | 24 Sweetie pie |
| 35 "Make up your mind!" | 26 Dennis the Menace's grumpy neighbor |
| 37 Germany's ___ Republic, 1919-'33 | 28 Hate |
| 40 Flip-flops | 30 Part of UCLA |
| 41 What we'll have of 3-Down, according to folklore, if 18-Across 62-Down sees his 50-Down on 65-Across | 32 Chinese appetizer |
| 43 Puppies | 33 "I think ..., " in texts |
| 45 Bahamas capital | 34 Make, as money |
| 46 Thick fog metaphor | 36 Mets' old stadium |
| 48 Dirt road groove | 38 Old Montreal baseballer |
| 49 Amt. on a new car window | 39 Back |
| 53 Venus de ___ | |
| 54 Mess of hair | |
| 56 Employee handing out playbills | |
| 57 Stoolie | |
| 59 Workshop grippers | |
| 63 Word after Iron or Stone | |
| 64 Corp. leader | |
| 65 February 2, every year | |
| 68 Coffee hour vessel | |
| 69 Asian language in a region famous for tigers | |
| 70 ___ vault | |
| 71 Letter before tee | |
| 72 La Brea discovery | |
| 73 Filled with wonder | |

Attention Class of 2019!

The Suncoast Schools Credit Union Foundation is partnering with Champions For Learning to offer five \$2,000 scholarship awards to Collier County high school seniors (Class of 2019).

All applications must be received by 5 p.m. on January 11, 2019 at the Champions For Learning office, 3606 Enterprise Avenue, Suite 150, Naples, FL 34104.

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| 41 Flipped aquarium attractions | 55 Outlet inserts |
| 42 Sch. with a Spokane campus | 56 GI show gp. |
| 43 Typist's stat. | 58 USSR secret service |
| 44 Some young cows | 60 Santa ___: West Coast winds |
| 47 Pennsylvania raceway | 61 1551, to Caesar |
| 50 Sundial casting | 62 Given name of the critter in today's news |
| 51 Entertain in style | 64 Billiards stick |
| 52 Victimized, with "on" | 66 NBA official |
| | 67 Dean's list no. |

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Buckle up to arrive alive this Thanksgiving

FHP enforcement will include extra troopers patrolling from November 20-25

TALLAHASSEE – The Florida Highway Patrol (FHP) is helping to ensure all motorists Arrive Alive this Thanksgiving holiday by reminding them to buckle up before they hit the road. During the 2017 Thanksgiving holiday period, law enforcement agencies statewide worked 10,659 crashes. Tragically, 105 people lost their lives, and 19 of those individuals were not wearing seatbelts.

“FHP troopers and law enforcement officers across the state are spending the holiday away from their families to keep Floridians safe,” said Terry L. Rhodes. “As you travel, the greatest thanks you can give for their service is to buckle up at all times and always drive safe.”

Millions of Floridians and visitors will travel throughout Florida over the Thanksgiving holiday, leading to higher volumes of traffic on roadways. From November 20 to 25, all available FHP troopers, along with FHP reserve and auxiliary members,

will be patrolling the roads to help ensure safe travel.

“The Florida Highway Patrol remains committed to serving the residents and visitors of Florida and ensuring traffic safety on our roads this holiday season,” said Colonel Gene S. Spaulding, Director of the Florida Highway Patrol. “Whether you are traveling locally or across the state, it is imperative to buckle all seatbelts every time to ensure you Arrive Alive to your destination.”

This Thanksgiving, motorists are also reminded to obey all speed limits and adjust speed accordingly as traffic congestion and weather conditions may require driving more slowly. Motorists should always keep their eyes on the road, hands on the wheel and mind on driving.

The public is encouraged to report impaired or aggressive drivers by dialing *FHP (*347). Also, remember to check traffic conditions before leaving for a trip and allow sufficient time to arrive at your destination safely. For real time traffic conditions and additional travel information, visit: https://www.flhsmv.gov/fhp/traffic/live_traffic_feed.html. For more information and safety tips for holiday travel, visit: <https://www.flhsmv.gov/HolidayTravel>.

Certified Pile Burners Course

The Florida Forest Service and University of Florida Cooperative Extension Service will be conducting a Certified Pile Burners Course on Wednesday, February 6, 2019. This course will show you how to burn piles legally, safely and efficiently. Most importantly, it could save a life. If you burn piles regularly, don't put off registering for this training. When the weather is dry, certified pile burners will receive priority for authorization to burn. Also, certified pile burners are allowed to burn up to two hours longer per day and get multiple day authorizations. Don't wait. The number of trainings offered and attendance at each training is LIMITED. This training will be held from 8:30 a.m. till 4:30 p.m. at the Southwest Florida Research and Education Center, Immokalee, Florida. Included are a registration form and program agenda.

Registration is required to attend and class size is limited. To attend please send the following information:

1. Your full name (as wanted on your pile burning certificate).
2. Your mailing address (where you want the certificate mailed).
3. Your Florida Forest Service Customer Number (It is the number that you are required to give the FFS when you call in for your burn permits. If you do not know it please call the local FFS office and ask them



to create one for you).

4. Your email address (if you have one) and/or contact phone number.

5. A check made out to: Hendry County 4-H for \$50.00.

The first fifty individuals to provide these five requirements will be registered; there will be a 7 day non refundable fee limit. If you do not make the training and did not contact our office at least one week before the class, you will not receive a refund. There will be a test at the end of the session. You must receive a grade of 70 percent or higher on the exam and demonstrate a proper pile burn with your local FFS office to become certified. Once you are certified it will be noted with your customer number, thus it is important for us to have the proper number. If you do not have a customer number the FFS office will set one up for you.

For Questions Contact: Dr. Mongi Zekri at maz@ufl.edu or 239-595-5494

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