Day of Service Proclamation signed

By Marylou V Navarrete
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints
Public Affairs Representative - Immokalee Branch

On Tuesday, April 13, at 3301 E. Tamiami Trail Naples, Chairman of the Board of Collier County Commissioners, Fred Coyle, signed a Proclamation in support of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints for a “Day of Service” (DOS) to be held on April 24, for an Immokalee Beautification Project.

The beautification project involves power washing and freshly painting 14 houses and power washing one church building in Immokalee. Four churches and three community organizations have identified homeowners in Immokalee who will receive this service.

The Proclamation states the following: WHEREAS, the North American Southeast Region of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, consisting of 14 different states and 96 different areas, has declared April 24, 2010 as a day of service; and, WHEREAS, their goal is to provide service to those in need, unite communities, build bridges of friendship between people of all faiths, faith-based organizations, civic leaders, and community organizations; and, WHEREAS, the Fort Myers Stake of the Church of Jesus
Prosperity comes to Immokalee

By Rick Heers
Special to the Immokalee Bulletin

This week I HOPE, operating out of First Baptist Church, has been blessed by having 30 volunteers in town from Prosperity, Pa. A group of 24 teenagers and adult chaperones flew into Fort Lauderdale this past Sunday and are finishing up the project begun on Saturday. They are a volunteer group from Michigan. In the past month I HOPE has had the privilege of providing work projects for nearly 100 volunteers from Pennsylvania, Michigan, Montana and West Virginia. These valuable workers have contributed over $80,000 of in-kind services for this local faith-based Long Term Disaster Recovery Organization. This week’s group is from two Presbyterian congregations in northwestern Pennsylvania, and, while they’ve worked very hard during the day, they have enjoyed the sunny weather, sightseeing around south Florida and taking an airboat ride around Lake Trafford. Several in the group have been on previous missions trips, and they are certain that Bethel Assemblies ‘Ranch’ has provided the ultimate in housing experience for them on the former Johnson Ranch property.

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out while kids have fun in the park. The Collier County Sheriff’s Office provides supervision throughout the night.

What are the requirements? Participants must be Collier County middle school students. Kids should bring their swimsuit (no cut-offs) and quarters for lockers. Concessions stands will be open for food purchases.

We would like to invite all who are interested to go to www.dayofservice.org for additional information in volunteering their time and service to the Immokalee Beautification Project.

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try suffered millions of dollars in losses. “With the passage of this legislation, Floridians can have the peace of mind that the tomatoes they consume will be safe, and Florida’s tomato growers will be protected from undeserved public backlash should a similar outbreak occur in the future,” said Representative Crisafulli.

The House passed the Senate companion measure to Representative Crisafulli’s House Bill 69, Senate Bill 350, which is sponsored by Senator Charlie Dean (R-Inverness).

The bill now heads to the Governor’s desk for his signature.
Preparations begin for hurricane season

By Rick Heers
Special to the Immokalee Bulletin

Collier County’s Bureau of Emergency Services provided a valuable workshop this week to instruct not-for-profit and government organizations on how to prepare for reimbursement from FEMA when they are responding to a local disaster. Forty representatives from the area listed to Richard Zywoloski, Jr., Collier County’s Emergency Management Coordinator and Leonora Licitra present a detailed accounting of the intricate steps to take in order to apply for FEMA reimbursement. In light of recent disasters in south Florida and the potential for additional events—like hurricanes, floods, tornados and wildfires, this session provided beneficial information that will prepare agencies to gain federal funding if a disaster is declared. This is but one more in a series of training sessions conducted by the Collier County Department of Emergency Services to assist the community in being prepared for possible catastrophic natural disasters.

Rainbow Trails Camp for children is now accepting applications

Hope HealthCare Services is now accepting applications for Rainbow Trails, a camp for children aged 6 to 17 and their families in need of special support and counseling.

The all-day camp will take place on Saturday, June 12 at Treeline Elementary School in Fort Myers. Rainbow Trails is provided at no cost to families.

Rainbow Trails includes two programs for children and families to meet their specific needs:

― Campers and their families who have experienced the loss a loved one within the past year will gain a better understanding of the loss and grief process. They will have the opportunity to memorialize and say goodbye to their loved one.

― The camp also serves children who have a long-term illness, along with their siblings, who may have lost some of their access to Mom and Dad because of their brother or sister’s special needs. The families will learn new skills to cope with changing family dynamics.

“Hope, we know that loss, grief and illness are natural events in life that children may not fully understand,” according to Hope President and CEO Samira K. Beckwith. “Through Rainbow Trails, we can help to alleviate the tremendous emotional burdens that families may be facing. When a little six-year-old says ‘Thank you for helping me,’ we know we have made a difference.”

To enroll as a camper or apply as a counselor, visit: http://www.hopehcs.org/rainbowtrails-camp or call (800) 835-1673.

Hope Healthcare Services is a registered d/b/a of Hope Hospice and Community Services, a not-for-profit, 501 (c)(3) community-based agency, nationally recognized as a leader in providing high-quality, innovative care. Hope is accredited by the Community Health Accreditation Program (CHAP), the national leader in improving the quality of care in the home-care industry, and is a recipient of the nationally acclaimed Circle of Life Award for excellence and innovation in patient care. For more information, visit www.hopehcs.org

Obituaries

Lisa Ann Colding

CAPE CORAL — Lisa Ann Colding lost her four year battle with breast cancer on Tuesday, April 12, 2010, at Hope Hospice in Cape Coral.

She was born in Miami, on March 14, 1970. She resided in Pella at the time of her death. She enjoyed gardening, boating, bird watching and being with her beloved family and many friends. Her big smile could light up the room and her warm and sweet personality drew so many to her. She was employed for many years at the Redlands Christian Migrant Association in Lake Cottage as the Staff Coordinator. But, her greatest joy was her work with the children and their parents who she often counseled as part of her duties.

She is survived by her beloved children, Randy Smith (Lauren), Shelby Colding, Elizabeth White; and step-son, Daniel White; and her long time companion, Danny White. She also leaves behind her parents, Delmar and Jolynn Buck; sisters, Susan Campbell (Juan), Angela Cox (Mark); brothers, Samuel Buck (Lisa), Donnie Buck (Judy), Danny Buck (Stacy) and Denny Buck (Revenia); nieces, Leah Rippey; and nephews, Shaia Rippey and Blake Campbell.

A celebration of life was held on Friday, April 16, 2010. Cremation Arrangements by Akin-Davis Funeral Home - LaBelle.

Local Weather

Weather forecast for Collier County from the National Weather Service

Local Forecast

Thursday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 87. Light east northeast wind.

Thursday night: Mostly clear, with a low around 64. Light southeast wind.

Extended Forecast

Friday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 89. East southeast wind between 3 and 6 mph.

Friday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 66. East southeast wind between 3 and 7 mph.

Saturday: Mostly sunny, with a high near 88.

Saturday night: Partly cloudy, with a low around 69.

Sunday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a high near 91.

Sunday night: A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a low around 70.

Monday: A 20 percent chance of showers. Partly cloudy, with a high near 87.

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The Immokalee Foundation students really ‘clean up’

While many college students were partying at Fort Myers Beach during spring break, the students with The Immokalee Foundation chose to clean up after them.

A dozen Florida Gulf Coast University students filled up more than 12 huge trash bags with garbage collected from Fort Myers Beach and along Estero Boulevard last Saturday. A couple of the students got in a canoe to pick up fishing line and trash in the water.

“One of our students who received a scholarship through The Immokalee Foundation took the lead on this project,” said Nancy Omonte, college success coordinator for The Immokalee Foundation. “They wanted to clean up the environment and some of these areas really needed it.”

Brittany Gonzalez, 20, couldn’t believe how much trash she found along Estero Boulevard. She picked up everything from aluminum cans to baby wipes, she said. She didn’t realize what a difference she could make by picking up trash. “This makes me want to contribute.”

Venes Scilis, 24, is glad he got up early to help. “I picked up tons of cans and bottles,” he said. “It’s my responsibility to connect to the environment. It’s where we live and it’s a part of our lives.”

The Immokalee Foundation offers a road map toward a brighter future by providing the children of Immokalee educational opportunities from early childhood through the start of their professional careers. For more information, call 239-430-9122 or visit www.immokaleefoundation.org.

No partying for this group of busy college students. They spent their Spring Break working on clean up efforts along Estero Boulevard and also on Ft. Myers Beach. About a dozen such students sacrificed their time for the clean up effort.

Students First

Highlights from Social Media forum

By Joe Landon
Collier County District Schools

Monday evening’s Community Forum on Social Media can be viewed from the comfort of your living room this weekend on The Education Channel. Panelists included Sheriff Kevin Rambosk, Naples High School Principal Nancy Graham, a high school student, two parents and others. It was put on by the School District of Collier County and the Naples Daily News. The good sides and the risky sides of using social media were explored in great depth. This is must-see TV for you if you are the parent of a middle or high school student, or even mom or dad to a 5th or 6th grader who is into texting, Facebook, MySpace, YouTube, or any social media sites. Watch the Community Forum on Social Media at 2 p.m. Saturday, April 24, and at 2 p.m. Sunday (April 25th) on The Education Channel, Comcast cable 99. Social media safety is all about awareness, and watching this forum will certainly make you aware.

Our hope is, because of our awareness, we can stop the next social media tragedy from taking place.

The month that’s just wrapping up is School Library Media Month across the State of Florida. If you get the chance to visit one of our 59 Collier County public schools, you’ll notice that our school media centers seem to be the hub of each school. And the media center of today is in no way your “father’s school library.” Sure, there are still plenty of books in use, and the media center, just like the old school library, is there to help promote literacy and the love of reading. But the media center hooks students up with the multitude of digital resources that are out there today, all of the wonderful technology that really enhances instruction. The media center helps students become effective users of information which helps them in school today and gets them ready for the real world they’ll face when they graduate from school.

In officially declaring the month of April “School Library Media Month,” the Governor credits media centers with being a “very important asset in the education of our young people.” The proclamation states that the school library media program contributes significantly to student achievement by providing instructional support, resources, and services. In my many visits to our schools, I have found that the media specialist, the person in the school that we used to call a librarian, is really an instructional partner and consultant in the teaching and learning process taking place each and every day in our schools.

So we salute our media specialists for the work they do to help our teachers and students become even more successful.

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Sports Shorts

Soccer Camp to open
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Sports registration sign ups set
Little League registrations will be held on the April 24, at Bank of America from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. for football. For the months of May, 17-28 and June 1-18, registration will be at the sports complex everyday from 5:30 to 7 p.m. On May 15 and June 19, they will be at the Bank of America. June 19, is the last day of registrations! Fee for football is $100 and for cheer it’s $160. They must bring with them: wallet size picture (NO hats or sunglasses); birth certificate; payment. Other forms for parents to fill out and sign will be available. First come first serve, spots do fill up so come early! Any questions call Mary at 239-707-0206.

Annual Golf Tourney helps local kids
The 11th Annual Golf Tournament helps kids On April 24, at The Lely Golf Resort a benefit to help Redlands Christian Migrant Association, nonprofit operator of child-care centers for the rural poor in 21 Florida counties will begin at 8:30 a.m. with a shotgun start. Entry fee of $225 per person includes breakfast and lunch, goodie bag, eligibility for extensive prize list. For more information, please contact Judy Brill at 239-658-3560 or judy@rcma.org

The Fire!
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Career and job fairs scheduled
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The fairs are usually held from noon to 2 p.m., with times varying at some of the schools, according to the following schedule: Thursday, May 6 – Immokalee High School (701 Immokalee Drive)
To learn more, please call Maureen Brennan, the district’s Career Education Specialist, at 239-377-9043.

Education News

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Proof of income (tax return, W-2) · Certified birth certificate from vital statistics · Current blue shot record with Varicella (chicken pox) · Current physical exam with hemoglobin results · Parent’s picture identification · Medicaid/insurance card · Two proofs of residency (rental agreement, electricity/water bill). Transportation must be provided by parents. Families most in need may apply for limited spots. To learn more, please contact the Head Start Office at 239-377-0590, or visit their Web site at http://www.collierschools.

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Community encouraged to ‘Transit Try-It’ on Friday

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During the event, which will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., participants can learn about the CAT bus system and try out public transit to various destinations in the county. To help encourage ridership, 50 all public transit to various destinations in the county. To help encourage ridership, 50 all day passes will be given away, starting at 11 a.m. For those that have a limited schedule on this day, a shortened “Try-It” route is available to partake in lunch at the restaurant along Airport-Pulling Road. Riders may be present during this event.

For more information on the “Transit Try-It” Day event or the Commuter Services program, call Commuter Services Outreach Coordinator Lauren Lane at 1-866-585-RIDE (7433) or visit: www.CommuterServicesFL.com. For more information about Collier Area Transit (CAT), call Alternative Transportation Modes Department Director Michelle Arnold at 239-252-8192. Collier Area Transit (CAT) encourages community to take part in Transit Try-It Day on Friday, April 23.

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Biologists with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) will stock 150,000 Florida largemouth bass fingerlings in Lake Trafford, the largest lake south of Lake Okeechobee. The 1,500-acre freshwater lake is an important resource for boating, fishing and wildlife-viewing.

Over the past few years, the lake has been the focus of a multimillion-dollar, multi-agency restoration project. So far, participants have dredged the lake of 8 million cubic yards of muck that, in the past, triggered algal blooms and fish kills. To date, the FWC has contributed over $3 million for dredging and re-vegetation of Lake Trafford. Dredging could be complete by 2011.

As part of the restoration, the FWC will restock the lake with native largemouth bass on Thursday, April 22. The agency will stock an additional 50,000 advanced fingerlings on Thursday, April 22. The agency will stock an additional 50,000 advanced fingerlings about four weeks from now. These fingerlings are from the Florida Bass Conservation Center in Richloam.

“We are working to re-establish a self-sustaining, healthy fish population in the lake,” said FWC freshwater fisheries administrator Barron Moody. “We anticipate that this stocking, and a similar effort planned for next year, will bring about the return of largemouth bass fishing to the lake.”

An 18-inch-minimum-length regulation for largemouth bass specific to Lake Trafford is in effect in anticipation of these stockings and to protect the fish from premature harvest. For complete freshwater fishing regulations, go to MyFWC.com/Fishing.

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Project Earth

Thanks to Key Club President, Maria Bustamonte, two brand new oak trees were planted on Wednesday, April 14, on the north side of Immokalee High School. The trees, which stand 8’ and 10’ respectively, were planted as a part of the Key Club’s Earth Day project. The idea to plant the trees began when Bustamonte contacted Davenport Nursery to ask for trees to be donated to the school for the Key Club’s Earth Day project. The nursery was happy to assist with the request, and donating two healthy oak trees.