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Last Day!!! FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 9 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the School

BOOK FAIR BLIZZARD

Come along and select books for your young relatives and friends.

Toys at Yard Sale Saturday There will be a Yard Sale on <u>Saturday</u>, <u>November 10</u>, from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. at 1227 Mangrove Lane in Chokoloskee.

STOP BOAT THEFT!

By land or by sea, bring your boat to Port of the Islands Marina on **Saturday, November 10**, between 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. for a Safety Awareness Rally sponsored by the Sheriff's Office. They will take photos of your boat in case it is stolen and give you a vessel info packet.

Absentee Ballots

Registered ECity voters who want absentee ballots for the election on November 27 to select the Mayor and City Councilors should contact Dottie Joiner, City Clerk, at City Hall on (239) 695-3871 or write to P.O. Box 110, Everglades City, FL, 34139. TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

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CITY COUNCIL REPORT by Marya Repko

It was a quick and quiet meeting, highlighted by the appearance of the Under-Sheriff Kevin Rambosk, on Tuesday, November 6.

The Mayor opened by saying he had no news but hoped everyone would come out and vote in the City election on November 27.

Lt. Mark Milligan gave his monthly Sheriff's Report, saying that most of the thefts in the area were from boats or premises that were not secured and invited everyone to the Safety





Awareness Rally on Saturday (see item left). However, he also reported that the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) is investigating the destruction of mangroves when a wide channel was cut west of SR-29, south of US-41. The offences for this action include both felony and misdemeanor. He urged anyone with information to phone anonymously to the Carnestown substation 695-2007 or to the DEP at 332-6975.

Lt. Milligan then introduced Under-Sheriff Rambosk, second to Sheriff Don Hunter, who thanked the community for their help in the "Adopt-a-Soldier" campaign which sends holiday goodies to troops serving overseas. In particular, he recognized the Lions Club, the Betterment Association, Everglades City School, and presented a plaque to the Mayor who accepted on behalf of all the contributors in our area.

During Public Comment, John M. Wilson said that he was concerned with speeding on our city streets, especially in the morning when kids are going to school. "The streets are drag strips!".

Councilor Parker Oglesby reported that the skating rink was doing well after its refurbishment. There is a great turnout and the kids are being careful not to destroy anything. Councilor Johnny Potter said he really enjoyed seeing the kids so happy at Halloween and gave away all the candy he had at his house.

The next meeting, in connection with the election, will be on November 27.

MEET THE CANDIDATES on Tuesday, November 13 Join them at 5:30 p.m. for coffee or tea at the Seafood Depot in an informal get-together and chat with them before you vote.

If you have news, photos, announcements, or articles ... email snookcity@hotmail.com or phone 695-2397.

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<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
4	5 Hour of Prayer Holy Family Catholic Church 7 pm	6 FME mtg Comm. Church, 9 am George Barton City Hall, 3-5pm City Council City Hall, 5:30 pm	7 Ladies Coffee Havana Cafe 8 am ESHP mtg City Hall, 10 am	8 Flu Shots 1 - 3:30 pm Chok P.O. McLeod Park Adopt-a-Soldier <u>LAST DAY</u> !	O 9	10 Safety Rally Port of the Islands see p. 1
11	12 Hour of Prayer Everglades First Baptist Church 7 pm	13 Meet the Candidates Seafood Depot 5:30 pm Betterment Association Comm. Center 6 pm	14 Ladies Coffee Everglades Scoop 8 am	15 Lions Club Business Mtg 5:30 pm Copeland Civic 7 pm	16	17 Fall Festival Chokoloskee Church of God 9 am to 3 pm see p.3
18	19 Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm OCFD Board Fire Station, 7 pm	20 Reach Out Comm. Church 8:30 a.m. SAC meeting School, 3 pm	21 Ladies Coffee Roadkill Cafe 8 am	22 <u>Thanksgiving</u>	23 Clyde Butcher all weekend 10 am - 5 pm	• 24
25	26 Hour of Prayer Copeland Baptist Mission, 7 pm	27 City Election Community Center 7 am - 7 pm City Council City Hall, 5:30 pm	28 Ladies Coffee Triad Seafood 8 am Chamber of Commerce Oyster House 5:30 pm	29	30 Big Cypress deadline see p. 3	DEC 1 Turkey Shoot Port of the Islands noon to dark
2 Turkey Shoot Port of the Islands noon to dark Hanging of the Greens, First Baptist Church	3 Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm Museum Lunch & Reception, 11:30 am	4 ESHP mtg City Hall, 10 am City Council City Hall, 5:30 pm	5 Ladies Coffee Havana Cafe 8 am	6 Great Gators School, 9:30 Lions Club Depot, 7 pm ENP 60 th City Hall, 5 pm	7	8 Art in the Glades 10 am - 2 pm

THRIFT SHOP: Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm	SKATING RINK: Friday/Saturday, 7:00 - 10:00 pm
FOOD PANTRY: Sat, 8:30 to 10:30 am, Community Church	ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Wed, 5 pm, Community Church
CHRIST-CENTERED 12-STEP PROGRAM: Tuesday, 6:30 pm	, Chokoloskee Church of God Annex Building
MUSEUM: Tues-Fri, 9 am to 5 pm; Sat, 9 am to 4 pm	SMALLWOOD STORE: daily 11 am to 5 pm
NATIONAL PARK GULF COAST VISITORS' CENTER: daily 9	am to 4 pm (boats 8:30 am to 4:00 pm)
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INFORMATION CENTER (Carnes	stown): daily, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm
HEDIEE AT CITY HALL: 11/0 (noon 2 nm) 11/12 (0 11 nm) 1	1/14 (noon-2 nm) $11/15$ (3:30-5 nm) $11/16$ (0-11 nm)

SHERIFF AT CITY HALL: 11/9 (noon-2 pm) 11/12 (9-11 am) 11/14 (noon-2 pm) 11/15 (3:30-5 pm) 11/16 (9-11 am) 11/19 (10 am - noon) 11/20 (9:30-11:30 am) 11/21 (9-11 am)

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Big Cypress Wants Comments

The NPS is developing a Commercial Services Plan (CSP) which will outline opportunities for establishing types and levels of commercial activities within the boundary of the original Big Cypress National Preserve. A newsletter describing these preliminary alternatives is at <u>http://www.nps.gov/bicy/parkmgnt/commercial-services-plan.htm</u> or you can phone 695-1103 to get a copy by post. The deadline for comments by email or post is **November 30, 2007**.

COUNTY MEETINGS ON THE WEB

County Manager Jim Mudd announced the launch of Video On Demand, a service that makes all taped county meetings and programs available to viewers on the Collier Web County government site www.colliergov.net/tv. For info. phone John Torre at the County on 252-8011.

HOLIDAY CARDS FOR SALE

Don't buy your charity greeting cards yet! Reach Out will be selling Christmas and holiday cards designed by students at



Everglades City School. They will be available for sale at the Thrift Shop next week and by mail order. Phone 695-2905 for info.



Seen during last year's Fall Festival at Chokoloskee Church of God. This year it will be on <u>Saturday, November 17</u> from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Among the many activities are a country store, garden center, dunk tank, raffle, watermelon-eating contest, and fish fry for lunch. For more info, phone Martha Dantin at 695-2725.

RESTAURANT NEWS

See also www.evergladesmulletrapper.com

<u>Joanie's Blue Crab Cafe</u> in Ochopee now has live music on weekends.

Right Choice Pizzeria will be open for take-outs 6 days a week from 4:30 to 9:00 p.m. It is closed on Wednesday.

<u>Big House Coffee</u> in Chokoloskee is currently closed and will re-open in January after renovations as JT's Grill & Gallery. Look for more information in December!

The Food Pantry at the Everglades Community Church needs donations of canned and dry foods. You can drop off at any of the churches in town or at the Pantry on Saturday, 8:30-10:30 a.m. For info, phone LouAnn on 695-1031.

OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

10/24/07: Possible Heart Attack, Port of the Islands 10/27/07: Vehicle Accident, 62m I-75 10/27/07: Unknown Medical Problem. Lee Cypress 10/27/07: Unknown Medical Problem, Plantation Island 10/28/07: Vehicle Fire, 75m I-75 10/28/07: Diabetic Problem, SR-29 2m North of Wagon Wheel Rd 10/28/07: Brush Fire/Control Burn, 75m I-75 10/28/07: Possible Stroke, 72m I-75 10/28/07: Vehicle Accident, 80m I-75 (Canceled) 10/28/07: Suicidal Person, Plantation Island 10/30/07: Possible Stroke, Lee Cypress 10/30/07: Median Fire, 74m I-75 10/30/07: Vehicle Accident. 63m I-75 11/01/07: Vehicle Accident, Ochopee Post Office on US-41 11/01/07: Chest Pains, Plantation Island 11/01/07: Abdominal Pains, Chokoloskee Island 11/02/07: Vehicle Accident, 60m I-75 11/02/07: Possible Assault, Chokoloskee Island 11/03/07: Vehicle Accident, 46m I-75 11/03/07: Vehicle Fire, 72m I-75 11/03/07: Vehicle Accident, 2m West of SR-29 on US-41 11/03/07: Emer. Med., Plantation Island 11/03/07: Possible Broken Arm, Plantation Island 11/04/07: Vehicle Accident, 75m I-75 11/04/07: Possible Vehicle Accident, 53m I-75 11/04/07: Sheriff's Office Request, Everglades Citv 11/05/07: Vehicle Accident, 67m I-75

The OFCD Advisory Board will meet on **Monday**, **November 19** (rather than Nov 13, as announced previously). A member representing Ochopee or Chokoloskee is still needed. Contact Linda Swisher at the Fire Station, 695-4114.

TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER

INFORMATION FROM http://TIDESANDCURRENTS.NOAA.GOV											
<u>11/09/2007 Fri</u>	12:58AM 3.0	H	09:07AM	-0.1	L	02:31PM	2.6	H	09:05PM	0.8	L
11/10/2007 Sat	01:21AM 3.1	H	09:42AM	-0.1	L	03:08PM	2.5	H	09:33PM	0.9	L
11/11/2007 Sun	01:42AM 3.1	H	10:18AM	-0.1	L	03:50PM	2.5	H	09:58PM	0.9	L
11/12/2007 Mon	02:04AM 3.1	H	10:56AM	-0.1	L	04:38PM	2.5	H	10:22PM	1.0	L
11/13/2007 Tue	02:29AM 3.0	H	11:37AM	-0.1	L	05:34PM	2.4	H	10:49PM	1.0	L
11/14/2007 Wed	03:01AM 3.0	H	12:21PM	0.0	L	06:33PM	2.4	H	11:26PM	1.0	L
11/15/2007 Thu	03:41AM 2.8	H	01:12PM	0.1	L	07:31PM	2.4	H			
11/16/2007 Fri	12:27AM 1.0	L	04:37AM	2.6	H	02:09PM	0.2	L	08:25PM	2.4	н
11/17/2007 Sat	02:16AM 1.0	L	06:08AM	2.5	н	03:11PM	0.2	L	09:12PM	2.5	Н
11/18/2007 Sun	03:49AM 0.9	L	08:19AM	2.5	H	04:11PM	0.3	L	09:53PM	2.5	Н
11/19/2007 Mon	04:55AM 0.6	L	09:51AM	2.5	H	05:05PM	0.4	L	10:28PM	2.7	Н
11/20/2007 Tue	05:50AM 0.4	L	11:07AM	2.5	н	05:56PM	0.5	L	11:00PM	2.9	Н
11/21/2007 Wed	06:40AM 0.1	L	12:11PM	2.6	н	06:44PM	0.6	L	11:32PM	3.1	Н
11/22/2007 Thu	07:30AM -0.2	L	01:09PM	2.7	н	07:31PM	0.7	L			
11/23/2007 Fri	12:05AM 3.3	H	08:19AM	-0.4	L	02:02PM	2.7	H	08:17PM	0.8	L

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SCHOOL NEWS

phone: 377-9800 or 695-2561 website: www.collier.k12.fl.us/evg

IMPORTANT DATESTues, Nov 13:Girls' Basketball, 5:00 pmTues, Nov 20:SAC, 3:00 pmThurs/Fri, Nov 22/23:ThanksgivingTues, Nov 30:Girls' Basketball, 5:00 pmMon, Nov 30:Boys' Basketball, 6:30 pmFri, Nov 30:Report Cards



From Savannah's Eyes

Wow! Halloween was great, but every year is great in Everglades City because the people who volunteered made it great and how they cooked was the best. I want to thank them for doing a great job. Everyone's costume was also great; there

were people who were pirates and people who were monsters, villains, and more. I was a pirate and my friend Tawny Wood was Hannah Montana. My other friend Kristen McMillin was a genie and they both looked great! We had a blast trick-or-treating and got lots of candy. I had a whole bag of candy and still was on a roll for more. That's because Everglades City may look small, but it is huge. And, I want to thank all the people who gave candy to the kids. Candy, hot dogs, costumes and having fun; what more could you ask for on Halloween!!

Savannah Oglesby is a 5th grade student at Everglades City School and a regular contributor to this paper.



5th & 6th: Nicholas Jones, Kristin McMillin, Kendell Wooten, Ana Roldan

PLEASE HELP THE KIDS! Volunteers are needed for the Kids' Activity Club after school on Thursday afternoon from 2:45 to 4:00. If you can spare the time, phone Pam Drake, 695-1044.

GREAT GATORS FOR OCTOBER



Pre-K & K: Caroline Teague, Brandy Bowen, Austin Easterly, Gracie Emma Brown



1st: Dustin Young, Stephanie Pablo-Ramirez, Seth Hooks, McBeth Collins, Natalie Thompson



2nd: Arianna Ringer, Emily Brown, Hailey Mitchell, George Brummett



3rd & 4th: Cody Potter, Lilian Pablo-Jeronimo, Kevin Maley, Sierra Dungan

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WATERFRONT VILLAS - SCREEN PORCHES - CANOES SWIMMING POOL - BOAT RAMP - DOCK - OUTDOOR BBQ

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Captain Judy Caseley

www.EvergladesKayakFishing.com



MUSEUM NEWS

Photographers Bill Mesce and Tom Andler talking at the reception on Saturday, November 3. Their pictures will be on display at the Museum of the Everglades for the rest of the month.

The Friends would like to hear from Members who will serve on the Board of Directors this year and attend meetings once a month. Phone Patty, 695-2397, if you can help.



LOCAL HISTORY This unique 1927 photo was sent to us by avid historian Alvin Lederer The

by avid historian Alvin Lederer. The Bank is seen in the background, but can you identify the building on the left? Phone Marya on 695-2905 if you know.

GET NOTICED!

Show off your business to visitors at the Welcome Center at Carnestown.

The Everglades Area Chamber of Commerce still has the following spaces left in the newly-renovated kiosk in front of the building:

8 x 10 inches for \$100 11 x 11 inches for \$125 20 x 20 inches for \$200

30 x 30 inches for \$300

The price is for the remainder of 2007 and all of 2008, a real bargain! Contact Winnie at 695-3172.

Angel of the Swamp

by Patty Huff

Sometimes we wait until people leave our area before we express our appreciation for their contributions. Avery Sumner has recently moved with her husband Alain to Ft. Pierce to enjoy the next chapter in her life; they will be spending the winter season working



on a boat that they plan sail across the Atlantic next summer. We wish them both well and much happiness in this pursuit.

I first met Avery seven years ago when she and Norman Tabulsky stopped by our house to introduce themselves (we had a mutual friend in Ft. Pierce). They mentioned that they had just purchased JT's and would be opening the restaurant after a few months of renovations and re-modeling. We were thrilled for them but also knew how much work it would involve. Norm had years of experience in the restaurant business and Avery was young, ambitious and ready to work hard to make it successful. We were also glad that our area was attracting young people with fresh ideas. Norm and Avery exceeded our expectations. They brought innovative dishes that they had developed themselves from their travels in the Caribbean and from their own garden. Several years ago when Norm decided to move to the Bahamas and Avery was on her own, she met a musician, a Frenchman. Alain enhanced her life and brought a sparkle to her eyes. He would play his accordion and sing beautiful French songs many evenings during their weekend jam sessions.

Since 2001 Avery worked tirelessly to market not only her own restaurant, gift shop and gallery but the Everglades area as a whole. She was on the Board of the Chamber of Commerce and would personally visit hotels in Naples and Marco to encourage people to visit Chokoloskee. She loved the pace of our lifestyle and wrote her articles with love and care for the average person.

Steve and I got to know Avery even better during several months in 2004 when the three of us decided to run the Miami Tropical marathon together. We had to train by running 20 to 30 miles a week for months ahead of the January 2005 race. We would talk for hours as we jogged along. It takes a lot of endurance to run a marathon and Avery illustrated that same determination in her business. I'm going to miss her; as I believe we all will. Thank you, Avery, for sharing your ideas and yourself with us. I hope you'll continue to share your words, through more articles, in *The Mullet Rapper*. We look forward to reading your stories and wish you and Alain the best. Be sure to come back and visit!!

MEMORIES

"Another Gator Tale" by Barbara Hoffman Daniels

I was busy cooking breakfast one morning during the rainy, flooding season out here in the "Glades"; late September when my son came into the kitchen telling me about a nightmare he had had about a gator chasing me up a tree. When he walked to the living room porch door and opened it, suddenly excitedly, he was saying, "A Gator, it's a gator," and I said, "Yes, I know that's what you said it was." Then a little more emphatically he said, "No! I mean there's a gator out in the front yard right now!". Well naturally I stopped what I was doing and went to look and sure enough there was a gator about eight feet long lying by a pine tree. My son grabbed the machette and out he went and we both were noticing that the gator wasn't putting up much of a resistance and, come to find out, he had been "gut shot" and was slowly dying anyhow but the coincidence was that it was the very tree that my son had just dreamed about that the gator had chased me up.

Barbara Hoffman Daniels grew up in Everglades City. She lived for over thirty years in the Big Cypress where she had the experience of seeing what our animals are really like.

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