

# The MULLET RAPPER

## WHAT's Happening in the Everglades City Area

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### Meet the Candidates

An interested crowd turned out for the impromptu gathering on Tuesday, November 13, to chat with the election candidates for Mayor and City Council. Seeking re-election this year is Mayor Sammy Hamilton, who is challenged by Cecil Oglesby. Two Council seats are open. The candidates are Elaine Middelsteadt and incumbents Tammy Smallwood and Parker Oglesby.

**There will be special election issue of the *Rapper* next week.**

### ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Registered voters can apply for absentee ballots for the City election on November 27 by contacting Dottie Joiner, City Clerk, at City Hall on (239) 695-2871 or writing to P.O. Box 110, Everglades City, FL, 34139.

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### FALL FESTIVAL ON SATURDAY

The 12<sup>th</sup> annual Chokoloskee Church of God Fall Festival will be held on **Saturday, November 17**, from 9:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

The auction is at 11:30 and hourly raffle prizes will be given out. The Fish Plate Lunch includes fried fish baked beans, coldslaw and hushpuppies. Soft drinks will also be for sale. Besides activities for the kiddies, there will be watermelon and pie eating contests, a dunk tank, and garden center.

Proceeds go to the Women's Fund which supports various charities and mission projects. For more info, call Martha Dantin, 695-3735.

### Big Cypress Meeting on Saturday



Landowners within Big Cypress National Preserve are invited to hear about the Preserve's plans on **Saturday, November 17**, at 11:00 a.m. at Headquarters in Ochopee.

Topics include the 2007 Fire Season and camp protection, a new Q&A brochure, Ranger Activities, and the Land Protection Plan.

RSVP to 695-1105. If you have questions, phone Christine Clark at 695-1153.



### VETERANS' DAY

Everglades City School honored the service men and woman who have guaranteed America's freedom since the Founding Fathers. The moving ceremony on Monday, November 12, was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance and singing of the National Anthem, led by Glenna Potter.

Veteran Danny Morris said that while he had been in the Army in 1971-1973 he served in South VietNam. Jerry Hooks was also in the Army and reminded us what an important symbol the flag is. Teacher Mitchell Roberts, in uniform, is in the National Guard and is on active duty once a month. Program leader Hazel Mitchell said that Mrs Nicholson and Mr De La Rosa had also been in the services.

Principal Mr Jones said that he hoped we would never stop holding events like this one. The ceremony ended with the singing of *My Country 'Tis of Thee* with the clear message "Let Freedom Ring".

**For more photos from Veterans' Day see page 5.**

If you have news, photos, announcements, or articles ... email [snookcity@hotmail.com](mailto:snookcity@hotmail.com) or phone 695-2397.

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
NOV 11 <b><u>Veterans' Day</u></b>	12 <b>Hour of Prayer</b> Everglades First Baptist Church 7 pm  <b><u>Veterans' Day Observed</u></b>	13 <b>Meet the Candidates</b> Seafood Depot 5:30 pm <b>Betterment Association</b> Comm. Center 6 pm	14 <b>Ladies Coffee</b> Everglades Scoop 8 am	15 <b>Lions Club Business Mtg</b> 5:30 pm  <b>Copeland Civic</b> 7 pm	16	17 <b>Fall Festival</b> Chokoloskee Church of God 9 am to 3 pm see p.1 <b>Big Cypress Landowners</b> see p.1
18	19 <b>Hour of Prayer</b> Everglades Community Church 7 pm <b>OCFD Board</b> Fire Station, 7 pm	20 <b>Reach Out</b> Comm. Church 8:30 a.m. <b>SAC meeting</b> School, 3 pm	21 <b>Ladies Coffee</b> Roadkill Cafe 8 am	 22 <b><u>Thanksgiving</u></b>	23 <b>Clyde Butcher</b> all weekend 10 am - 5 pm see p.3	full moon ● 24
25	26 <b>Hour of Prayer</b> Copeland Baptist Mission, 7 pm	27 <b>City Election</b> Community Center 7 am - 7 pm <b>City Council</b> City Hall, 5:30 pm	28 <b>Ladies Coffee</b> Triad Seafood 8 am <b>Chamber of Commerce</b> Oyster House 5:30 pm	29 <b>Big Cypress ORV Meeting</b> ECity School 3:30 pm	30 <b>Big Cypress</b> deadline for comments	DEC 1 <b>Turkey Shoot</b> Port of the Islands noon to dark <b>Pet Vet</b> see p.3
2 <b>Turkey Shoot</b> Port of the Islands noon to dark <b>Hanging of the Greens, First Baptist Church</b> 6 pm	3 <b>Hour of Prayer</b> Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm <b>Museum Lunch &amp; Reception,</b> 11:30 am	4 <b>ESHP mtg</b> City Hall, 10 am <b>City Council</b> City Hall 5:30 pm	5 <b>Ladies Coffee</b> Havana Cafe 8 am <b>Santa List</b> deadline, see p.3	6 <b>Great Gators</b> School, 9:30 <b>ENP 60<sup>th</sup></b> City Hall, 5 pm <b>Lions Club</b> Depot, 7 pm	7	8 <b>Art in the Glades</b> 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

MUSEUM: Tues-Fri, 9 am to 5 pm; Sat, 9 am to 4 pm

SMALLWOOD STORE: daily 11 am to 5 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 (see page 7)

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 (Carnestown): daily, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

SHERIFF AT CITY HALL: 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)

### TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER

INFORMATION FROM <http://TIDESANDCURRENTS.NOAA.GOV>

11/16/2007	Fri	12:27AM	1.0	L	04:37AM	2.6	H	02:09PM	0.2	L	08:25PM	2.4	H
11/17/2007	Sat	02:16AM	1.0	L	06:08AM	2.5	H	03:11PM	0.2	L	09:12PM	2.5	H
11/18/2007	Sun	03:49AM	0.9	L	08:19AM	2.5	H	04:11PM	0.3	L	09:53PM	2.5	H
11/19/2007	Mon	04:55AM	0.6	L	09:51AM	2.5	H	05:05PM	0.4	L	10:28PM	2.7	H
11/20/2007	Tue	05:50AM	0.4	L	11:07AM	2.5	H	05:56PM	0.5	L	11:00PM	2.9	H
11/21/2007	Wed	06:40AM	0.1	L	12:11PM	2.6	H	06:44PM	0.6	L	11:32PM	3.1	H
11/22/2007	Thu	07:30AM	-0.2	L	01:09PM	2.7	H	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



## Santa Lists

The Mayor is collecting lists of presents for local children. Parents are asked to provide 3 gift ideas, each costing under \$50. There are wish list forms in City Hall. The deadline is **December 5**.

## Christmas Cards Benefit Reach Out



Holiday greeting cards should be available early next week and will be for sale in the Thrift Shop, behind the Fire Station. The shop is open Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m..

All profits go to Reach Out Everglades, our neighborhood charity. The designs were donated by ECity School students.

If you want large quantities or a special message inside, contact Marya at 695-2905.

## County Beach Parking Permits

Free admission to Collier County public beaches is available to residents. If you live here full-time, you need your original County vehicle registration and driver's license. Part-time resident should bring both of those plus proof of property ownership (eg, tax statement). Mobile home owners must own the land under their home.

Permits are available at Mackle Park in Marco Island, at Government Center (bldg F) in Naples, and at other County parks. Phone 774-8999 or see [www.collierparks.com](http://www.collierparks.com).



## PRIZES WELCOME FOR TURKEY SHOOT

The Lions Club are looking for prizes they can raffle at the Turkey Shoot on December 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup>. Suggestions are fishing tackle and gift certificates for airboat rides or restaurants.

If you would like to donate, contact Vivian Brown at (239) 340-4009.



**Clyde Butcher will be signing copies of his works on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday of Thanksgiving weekend. The Gallery in Ochopee is open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

**Available this year is the 2008 calendar (\$20) and his new book (\$75), both called *America the Beautiful; The Monumental Landscape*.**



## Light House Topped Off



The light is now on the top of the Club House at Everglades Isle, the motorcoach resort being built just over the SR-29 bridge into Everglades City.

The lantern is a 90-year-old solid brass buoy lamp that operated on acetylene until it was converted by the developers into electricity. LCEC are currently installing a permanent connection and the light should be shining regularly by Christmas, but not so bright or flashing to be mistaken for a navigational aid.

John Bruce told the *Rapper* that they are still waiting for final DEP permits. The Club House should be ready at the end of January. It will have a circular reading room with historical photos at the bottom of the light house and a large club room with snack & drinks bar. For info, phone 695-2600.

## OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

11/08/07: Possible Suicide, Plantation Island  
 11/08/07: Vehicle Fire, 79mm I-75  
 11/08/07: Median Fire, 71mm I-75  
 11/08/07: Vehicle Accident 73mm I-75  
 11/08/07: Vehicle Accident 58mm I-75  
 11/08/07: Unknown Medical Problem, US-41 and Bass Lake Road  
 11/09/07: Vehicle Accident, US-41 2m West of SR-29  
 11/09/07: Possible Seizures, Everglades City  
 11/10/07: Unknown Medical Problem, Chokoloskee  
 11/10/07: Person Fell, Everglades City  
 11/11/07: Call Box Activation, 53mm I-75  
 11/12/07: Chest Pain, SR-29 1½m North of I-75  
 11/13/07: Commercial Vehicle Fire, 63mm I-75  
 11/13/07: Vehicle Accident, 63mm I-75  
 11/13/07: Unknown Medical Problem, Everglades City  
 11/13/07: Vehicle Accident, SR-29 North of I-75

## MOBILE PET VET



Dr Baker will be here on **Saturday, December 1** in **McLeod Park** from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm and in **Copeland** from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. She will also be here on **Sunday, December 2** from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for surgery by appointment only. Phone 777-PETS.

## RESTAURANT NEWS



**The Ivey House** is serving continental breakfast every day, 7:00 to 9:00 a.m.

**Triad Seafood** has a new telephone number for the cafe: 695-0722.

### THANKSGIVING DAY - OPEN

**City Seafood:** normal menu

**Glades Haven Deli:** normal menu

**Roadkill Cafe:** smoked turkey & ham

**Rod & Gun:** traditional turkey dinner

**Seafood Depot:** buffet with roast turkey and all the trimmings.

### THANKSGIVING DAY - CLOSED

**Camellia Street Grill**

**Everglades Scoop**

**Havana Cafe**

**Oyster House**

**Triad Seafood**

**The Medical Closet at the Thrift Shop has canes, crutches, wheelchairs, walkers, etc, to loan out. Stop by if you need something or phone Fran at 695-2660.**

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## IMPORTANT DATES

**Tues, Nov 20: SAC, 3:00 pm**

**Thurs/Fri, Nov 22/23: Thanksgiving**

**Tues, Nov 30: Girls' Basketball, 5:00 pm**

**Mon, Nov 30: Boys' Basketball, 6:30 pm**

**Fri, Nov 30: Report Cards**

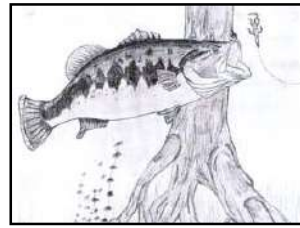


## VETERANS' DAY CELEBRATIONS

*With thanks to Trina Mitchell for photos*



Names of local people who have served in the forces.



## A Fishing Experiment

by Matthew Scully

**Problem:** Which lure is better, artificial or live?

**Research:** The Largemouth Bass weighs 1 to 3 pounds and adults are 8 to 18 inches long. A regular Largemouth Bass's diet consists of many different animal species. As a baby, a Largemouth Bass will feed on zoo-plankton and small insects. At just 2 inches long a bass is considered a predator eating small frogs and worms. As an adult, bass will eat worms, frogs, snakes, crawfish, and insects. Largemouth Bass live from the Appalachians to the Rockies. The Largemouth Bass lives at a depth of about 2.5 meters so a lot of fishermen use diving minnows or 1/8<sup>th</sup>-ounce weights.

**Hypothesis:** The hypothesis for this experiment is that more bass will be caught using live bait.

**Live bait (Night Crawler):** Live bait gives realistic motions that would attract bass; Live bait is a bass's natural food; Live bait gives realistic smells.

**Artificial bait** does not give off real smell but spray on smell can be bought Artificial bait sometimes gives off a bright glimmer which attracts bass

**Procedure:** A chart was made that was made that was divided up into thirty minute intervals. Then one person took the live bait (night crawlers) and the other person took the artificial lure (Rapala minnow). Each person fished for thirty minutes and tallied up the number of fish caught. This was repeated three times exactly the same.

**Result:** The final data was:

1<sup>st</sup> session: Artificial 5, Live 2;

2<sup>nd</sup> session: Artificial 4, Live 2;

3<sup>rd</sup> session: Artificial 6, Live 3.

After that the numbers were averaged and the results were:

Artificial = 5

Live = 2.33

**Conclusion:** More than twice as many fish were caught with artificial bait than with live. If the experiment were repeated, some of the factors that could be changed would be the weather and the time of day.

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Matthew Scully is the grandson of Pete & Pat Rinkevich. He is a student at Valley Springs Middle School in Asheville, N.C. Our thanks for letting us summarize his study.



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## Stepping into Freedom Explained

by Lessie Raffield  
Associate Pastor

Chokoloskee Church of God

Many people have asked me what the "Stepping into Freedom" ministry held at the Chokoloskee Church of God is all about and how does it differ from other 12 step programs.

I would like to answer that question by quoting Dr. Gary R. Sweeten, who developed "The Twelve Steps of Wholeness" from which our ministry is taken.

Sweeten explains: "Following a tradition of the early church and the Wesley revival, the Oxford Group systematized a series of "steps" as a process of cleansing one's inner life. These "steps" were later adapted by Alcoholics Anonymous with much of the Christian basis ignored. They are here re-adapted emphasizing this great Christian base so integral to the wholeness sought. Here the center of wholeness is recognized as the Lord Jesus Christ. The 'steps' have also been changed to conform to other principles of discipleship and Christian growth."

The purpose of "Stepping into Freedom" is to help the individual develop a foundation in Christ so he/she can master the problem they are encountering. This is accomplished through Scripture and prayer. So far, there have been two graduates of this ministry and both are still drug and alcohol free!

**"Stepping Into Freedom" meets each Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the annex building of the Church of God on Chokoloskee. There is no cost for this ministry, and anyone wishing to finally be free from any addiction is welcome to attend.**

## LOCAL HISTORY



Here is another old picture sent to us by Alvin Lederer. Does anyone know when the photo was taken? Unfortunately, we can not enlarge it enough to see the people clearly.

## RECIPE FOR GOOD EATING

### Crab and Cabbage Slaw

by Fran Tiff



1 lb blue crab meat	¼ c mayonnaise
4 c thinly sliced cabbage	¼ c cream cheese, softened
1 c grated carrots	1 tsp celery seed
¼ c diced green pepper	½ tsp white pepper
¼ c sugar	Paprika to taste

Combine crab meat, cabbage, carrots and green pepper and toss. Set aside. Combine sugar, mayonnaise, cream cheese, celery seed and pepper. Blend until smooth. Pour dressing over crab mixture and mix well. Chill. Sprinkle with paprika.



## Off the Shelf - Book Review

by Patricia Huff

### "WORDS ON THE WILDERNESS" by Larry Perez

Have you ever driven along the Tamiami Trail and wondered about all the names or who the people were behind the names such as: Birdon, H.P. Williams, Kirby Storter; and what the reasons were for names like Skillet Strand, Gannet Strand, Monument Lake? I've always wanted to research the people and places to write an article for *The Mullet Rapper*. Now all the information is available in this little book, published by our own local ECity Publishing. It's fascinating to me to finally learn about all the sites along US-41 when I drive east. There is so much history and so many people involved with the building of the Tamiami Trail, but this isn't about the Trail (just a section in Chapter 1); it is about all the named areas in Big Cypress National Preserve, Biscayne National Park, Dry Tortugas and Everglades National Park. Author Larry Perez spent years working as a naturalist for Miami-Dade County Parks and as a park ranger for Biscayne and the Everglades National Parks. He knows the area and obviously was as fascinated as I about why places were named the way they were. You can take this book with you as you explore the different parks in our area. It's a great reference guide and interesting collection of history. *Words on the Wilderness* can be purchased through various local outlets. For postal orders, phone the publisher at 695-2905 or email to [mrepko@earthlink.net](mailto:mrepko@earthlink.net).

## What is a Cracker?

extract from an article by Patrick D. Smith, author of *A Land Remembered*

"It came from the cracking sound of the rawhide whips used by pioneer cattlemen. Thus the original Crackers were men who herded cows. The sound of the whips could be heard for miles, so the whips were also used for communication purposes. One crack meant come to dinner, two cracks something else, and so on. It was pioneer Florida's first wireless telegraph system. The whips were lethal, capable of popping the head off a rattlesnake at ten paces. During hard times, when gun powder and bullets were in short supply, men used the whips to kill small animals for food.

What really makes a person a true Florida Cracker (besides being born in the state)? Several things: A love of the land and nature, growing things in soil, close family ties, and a deep sense of religion. A Cracker's word is his bond. They have no pretense, never put on airs, never try to appear to be something other than what they are, and they never "blow smoke" over you. They either like you or they don't, and it's as simple as that."

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