

# The MULLET RAPPER

## WHAT's Happening in the Everglades City Area

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## CITY ELECTION – TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 27

### FOR CITY COUNCIL

**Elaine Middelstaedt** grew up in New Jersey and moved to ECity in 2001 after living in Miami for 20 years. She is a qualified



attorney and consults in pension planning. She has volunteered as Treasurer for the Lions Club, Reach Out and the Chamber and has organized parades for July Fourth.

Her goals for the City include safe drinking water, preservation of the character of the area and of local fishing/crabbing & marine businesses & tourism, recycling, and support of the school.

### WHERE TO VOTE

Voting will take place from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Community Center. Bring your voting card and a photo ID.

### ABSENTEE BALLOTS

Ballots must be received before the polls close at 7:00 p.m. on November 27, in Everglades City. For info, contact Dottie Joiner, the City Clerk, at 695-3781.

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### FOR CITY COUNCIL

**Parker Oglesby** was appointed in April 2007 to fill the vacancy left by David Loving. He grew up in Perry. He was a firefighter before he moved to ECity in 1979 after visiting relatives. He now works as a general building contractor.



He would like to continue taking part in decisions that affect the City and to make suggestions to improve the welfare of all its citizens. He hopes his knowledge of the building codes will be useful. Among his goals are more facilities in the skating rink and in McLeod Park.

**Tammy Smallwood** has been on the Council since 1995 and is Mayor ProTem. She grew up in Everglades City, where her father Ed Smith was the City Manager at one time, and now works as a licensed Real Estate associate for Everglades Island Properties.



She hopes that her experience of planning and procedure will continue to be of service to the community. She is currently heads up Parks & Recs for the Council and wants to improve McLeod Park and get more equipment for the skating rink.

There are only 2 positions vacant on the City Council so you can vote for 2 of the 3 candidates. The 2 who get most votes will fill those seats.

### FOR MAYOR

**Sammy Hamilton** is the serving Mayor and has held office since 1995. He was born and grew up on Chokoloskee. He operates the Everglades National Park Boat Tour and has been a commercial fisherman.



During his years in office he is most proud of restoring City Hall, keeping the taxes down, providing a skating rink and other treats for the kids, and forming good relations with the County and DEP for the benefit of the City. Among the issues he will continue to address is City water.

**Cecil Oglesby** was a City Councilor in 2001-2003 but this is the first time he has run for Mayor. He was born in Perry but moved with his family in 1950 to Copeland where his father ran the logging train until 1957. After that, he stayed here with relatives. He has been a fishing guide for 50 years and was the manager of Fisherman's Cove.



If elected Mayor among his goals are more opportunities for youngsters and dealing with the City docks. He is worried about the impact on our water system of new buildings.

**READ ALL THE RESULTS IN THE RAPPER ON NOVEMBER 30.**

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 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.	21 <b>Ladies Coffee</b> Roadkill Cafe 8 am	 22 <b>Thanksgiving</b>	23 <b>City Hall closed</b>  Clyde Butcher Ochopee 10 am - 5 pm	full moon ● 24 <b>Clyde Butcher</b> Ochopee 10 am - 5 pm
25 <b>Clyde Butcher</b> Ochopee 10 am - 5 pm	26 <b>Hour of Prayer</b> Copeland Baptist Mission, 7 pm	27 <b>City Election</b> Community Center 7 am - 7 pm <b>SAC meeting</b> School, 3 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, see p.3	29 <b>Big Cypress ORV Meeting</b> ECity School 3:30 pm see p.3	30 <b>Big Cypress</b> deadline for comments	DEC 1 <b>Turkey Shoot</b> see p.3 <b>Pet Vet</b> see p.3
2 <b>Turkey Shoot</b> <b>Hanging of the Greens, First Baptist Church</b> 6 pm Everyone Welcome	3 <b>Hour of Prayer</b> Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm <b>Museum Lunch &amp; Reception,</b> 11:30 am, see p. 7	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	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 <b>Christmas Tree Lighting</b> City Hall 3 pm	8 <b>Art in the Glades</b> 10 am - 2 pm see p.3
new moon ○ 9	10 <b>Hour of Prayer</b> Holy Family Catholic Church 7 pm	11	12 <b>Ladies Coffee</b> Jan Brock's House 8 am <b>Author's Talk</b> Seafood Depot 5:30 pm	13	14 <b>Santa at City Hall, 5:30 pm</b>  <b>Lasagna Dinner</b> Community Church, 5-7 pm	15

**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**

**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: 11/21 (9-11 am) 11/28 (9-11am) 11/30 (9-11am) 12/4 (3-5 pm) 12/5 (9-11 am) 12/7 (9-11 am)**

**TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER**

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

11/23/2007	Fri	12:05AM	3.3	H	08:19AM	-0.4	L	02:02PM	2.7	H	08:17PM	0.8	L
11/24/2007	Sat	12:40AM	3.5	H	09:08AM	-0.5	L	02:56PM	2.7	H	09:02PM	0.8	L
11/25/2007	Sun	01:19AM	3.6	H	09:57AM	-0.6	L	03:50PM	2.5	H	09:47PM	0.9	L
11/26/2007	Mon	02:01AM	3.6	H	10:47AM	-0.5	L	04:47PM	2.5	H	10:34PM	0.9	L
11/27/2007	Tue	02:47AM	3.5	H	11:37AM	-0.4	L	05:43PM	2.4	H	11:23PM	0.9	L
11/28/2007	Wed	03:42AM	3.2	H	12:28PM	-0.3	L	06:36PM	2.3	H			
11/29/2007	Thu	12:20AM	0.9	L	04:54AM	2.9	H	01:22PM	-0.1	L	07:25PM	2.3	H
11/30/2007	Fri	01:31AM	0.8	L	06:18AM	2.6	H	02:20PM	0.2	L	08:11PM	2.4	H

**LOCAL ARRESTS**

Lt. Mark Milligan told the *Rapper* that two arrests were made for recent thefts in the area. One was for the pontoon boat which was taken from Glades Haven Marina and later found in Chokoloskee Bay. The other was for the electronic equipment that was stolen from a shed on Flicker Lane and from a boat on Riverside Drive.

He reminded owners, especially those just returning for the winter, to lock up their premises and vehicles.

**CHAMBER OPEN HOUSE**

The Oyster House Restaurant is hosting the first Everglades Area Chamber of Commerce membership meeting of the season on **Wednesday, November 28**, at 5:30 p.m. For more info, phone Winnie at 695-3172

**Big Cypress ORV Meeting**

The first meeting of the Big Cypress National Preserve ORV Advisory Committee will be held on **Thursday, November 29**, at 3:30 p.m. in Everglades City School. The topics to be discussed will be introductions, meeting logistics, parameters and ground rules for operation of the Committee. The meeting will be open to the public, and time will be reserved for public comment. For info, phone 695-1103.



**TURKEY SHOOT NEXT WEEKEND**

The Lions Club Turkey Shoot takes place on **Saturday and Sunday, December 1 & 2** in Port of the Islands from noon to 5:00 p.m. See more details in the *Rapper* next week.

**VENDORS INVITED**

There will be an Arts & Crafts slke on **Saturday, December 8**, in McLeod Park with lunch and live music. If you would like to sell at Art-in-the-Glades, there is no charge but you have to bring your own table and chairs. For info, phone 695-2905.



**Courtney and her new little puppy Prince were among the many people who enjoyed a successful Church of God Fall Festival in Chokoloskee last weekend.**



**Judy Caseley and Tracy Stokes were thanked by Reach Out for all their work on the Everglades Board Game which you can order at the Thrift Shop. See the enclosed form.**



**Caesar Ivan Lara, the new son of Jorge & Maria Teresa and brother to Melannie, was born on August 29.**



**Morgan Forbes, new daughter of Kathy & Gordon and sister to Madison, was born on October 5.**

**OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT**

- 11/14/07: Possible Deceased Person, Copeland
- 11/17/07: Unknown Medical Problem, Eleven Mile Road
- 11/17/07: Vehicle Accident, 80mm I-75
- 11/17/07: Back Pain, Chokoloskee
- 11/17/07: Abdominal Pain, Everglades City
- 11/17/07: Unknown Medical Problem, Chokoloskee
- 11/18/07: Vehicle Accident, 71mm I-75
- 11/18/07: Unknown Medical Problem, Copeland
- 11/18/07: Vehicle Fire, Port of the Islands
- 11/18/07: Vehicle Accident, Monroe Station
- 11/18/07: Vehicle Accident, 71mm I-75
- 11/20/07: Brush Fire, 80mmm I-75
- 11/20/07: Vehicle Accident, US-41 in Ochopee

**MOBILE PET VET**



Dr Baker will be here on **Saturday, December 1** in McLeod Park from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and in Copeland from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. 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**



**THANKSGIVING DAY - OPEN**

- City Seafood:** normal menu
- Rod & Gun:** traditional turkey dinner
- Seafood Depot:** buffet with roast turkey and all the trimmings.
- Right Choice Supermarket:** 8 am - 1 pm
- Glades Haven Deli/Store:** 6 am - 2 pm

**POST OFFICE DEADLINES FOR CHRISTMAS MAIL**

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- 12/20: USA
- Parcel Post**
- 12/15: USA

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## IMPORTANT DATES

- Thurs/Fri, Nov 22/23: Thanksgiving**
- Tues, Nov 27: SAC Meeting, 3:00 pm**
- Fri, Nov 30: Report Cards**
- Fri, Nov 30: Girls' Basketball, 5:00 pm**
- Fri, Nov 30: Boys' Basketball, 6:30 pm**
- Mon, Dec 3: Girls' Basketball, 4:00 pm**
- Mon, Dec 3: Boys' Basketball, 5:30 pm**
- Tues, Dec 4: Girls' Basketball, 5:00 pm**



### From Savannah's Eyes

This is a special month because we celebrate just like the pilgrims did on Thanksgiving Day. Everyone has a different way of celebrating it. Some people go away to their families; some stay home and their families go there. Thanksgiving is all about family and friends being together. I love spending time with my Mom and Dad and my two brothers Shaun and Jeremy, and Sissy, Briana and my niece LaShaun the best.

November is such a wonderful month because the air is cool and you can go outside and do lots of wonderful things with family and friends. So November is about family, friends, and eating lots of food at Thanksgiving. So Happy Thanksgiving to all and to all a good day.

P.S. Don't eat too much!

*Savannah Oglesby is a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student at Everglades City and a regular contributor to this paper.*



**The Kids' Activity, Club needs volunteers! There are over 25 youngsters and only a few adults to help them. They meet on Thursday after school. If you can spare the time between 2:45 and 4:00 p.m., phone Pam Drake on 695-1044.**

## *Totem Pole at The Smallwood Store*

Several years ago during a SAC meeting at the School, Mr. Paul Tribble ("Trib"), our art teacher for the past 30+ years, mentioned that Ashley McMillin wanted his students to refurbish the old totem pole that stood outside her great-grandfather Ted Smallwood's store. Time went by and before we knew it young Ashley tragically died in an automobile accident in the spring of 2006. The community mourned and we were all touched with memories of how Ashley loved her great-grandfather's place where she worked after graduating from high school. It was then, last fall, that it was decided to honor Ashley's wish to repaint the totem pole. With some effort it was delivered to the Art Room where Trib did the research and had his students take on the task of repairing and repainting the totem pole. This month it was returned to the Smallwood Store and is positioned now inside just as you enter the building. The School Advisory Council purchased a plaque "In Memory of Ashley McMillin" which was placed near the Totem Pole. Ashley was a special person and it is a fine tribute to honor her name and her wish.



**"Pioneers & Indians" from K and Pre-K had lunch at Roadkill Cafe on Wednesday.**







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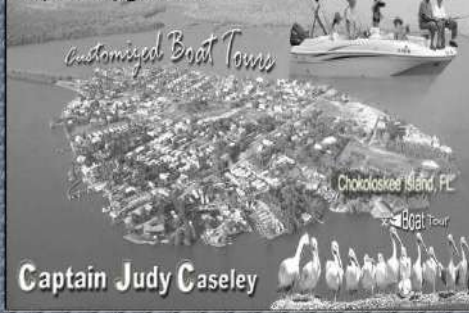


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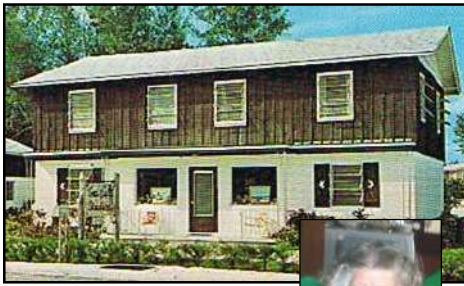
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## LOCAL HISTORY

The Sea Gull Gallery just south of the Circle has been here since 1969 and is a replica of a previous one in Sanibel, seen in an old postcard above. Virginia Klotz and her parents left the island because it was getting crowded after the causeway to Punta Rassa was built in 1963. Both her mother and father were artists and examples of their work can be seen among the many gift items in the Gallery.



## MUSEUM NEWS

There is still time to see "Photos from the Swamp" by Bill Mesce and Tom Alders. The exhibit runs for the rest of this month and then will be replaced by the oil paintings of Naples artist Jerry Vallez. He will be the Honored Guest at the Reception on **Monday, December 3**, at 1:30 p.m. It follows the Friends of the Museum annual luncheon. For info, phone 695-2397 or 695-0008.



The Starter Collection featured on the cover of *South Florida History* magazine this month. The exhibit is on loan to the Historical Museum of Southern Florida in Miami until January 20.

## Swamp Tales

by Bob N. Wallace



I remember my brother-in-law always talking about hunting for a wild turkey for the holidays. It seemed that having this valued game bird on the table with all of the fixins' was more of a holiday treat to him than if he had "bagged" one at the local supermarket.

Wild turkeys may be found throughout Florida; however, a Florida Osceola wild turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo osceola*) is found only South of a diagonal line from Cedar Key to Jacksonville, according to The National Wild Turkey Federation (NWTf). North of that line, it integrates with the eastern wild turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo silvestris*).

Named for the famous Seminole Chief, Osceola, the Florida wild turkey is distinguished by its darker wing feathers. The white bars on the primary wing feathers are narrower than the black bars and are irregular or broken. The Osceola turkey is the smallest and a mature tom turkey will only weigh sixteen to eighteen pounds.

If you prefer to hunt for your own turkey there are some things you must know. First, a Florida turkey-hunting license and Florida State turkey stamp are required. You can usually pick them up at sporting goods stores. A non-resident 10-day license costs \$26.50 while a resident 12-month license is \$12.50. A Turkey stamp is \$5.00. This option entitles a hunter to hunt immediately or later during the year.

Secondly, you need to take several things with you. Camouflage clothing to cover you all over is essential for making a turkey hunt successful. You will also need a small portable blind in which to hide, especially your hand and body movements during long hours of sitting. In addition, do not forget to take bug spray, rain gear, and turkey calls.

Where can you hunt turkeys? A Florida wild turkey prefers a mix of mature hardwood or pine forest with open areas like grasslands, pastures, or fields. In Florida, wild turkeys also nest in pine flatwoods with dense saw palmetto understory. They are both excellent swimmers and fliers. If you don't know where to go, seek out a Florida Guide or Outfitter who can set you up with your next Osceola Florida Wild Turkey hunt.

If are successful, you can apply for an *Outstanding Gobbler Certificate* from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's Wild Turkey Registry; however, your gobbler must meet certain minimum beard and spur length requirements. The program also recognizes hunters under sixteen years of age who harvest a first turkey and is called *The First Gobbler Certificate*.

After you, or your guide, field dress your turkey, there can be no better experience than to have it baked with wild rice stuffing and all of the tasty things that go with the occasion.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

## Along the Trail

by Patricia Huff



Driving back from the Keys last weekend, I couldn't get over how many of our winter nesting birds had returned to the area. The bright blue skies over the everglades were full of flocks of white ibises, egrets and wood storks. It was an amazing sight. The branches on the cypress trees along the canal were dressed in white, and all I could think of was: Welcome Back!! Year round we have our Florida birds but when the weather gets cold, we host thousands more. This week, while driving to Naples, I saw an abundance of these wading birds including roseate spoonbills. Sometimes we go along mindlessly on the Trail to and from Naples and forget to enjoy the beauty just outside our window. We live in a very special place and need to stop and enjoy the sights as we pass by. The boardwalk at Big Cypress Bend in the Fakahatchee Strand is one of my favorite places to observe our natural environment. It's great on a cool autumn day. Of course, I don't want to forget our other birds, our Snowbirds, and also say Welcome Back!!

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