

# The MULLET RAPPER

## What's Happening in the Everglades City Area

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### HAPPY 95<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY! Chokoloskee Church of God Celebration on April 27

It's not only the Trail that is celebrating this weekend. The Chokoloskee Church of God is 95 years old and is marking the occasion on **Sunday, April 27**.

The service will begin at 11:00 a.m. (sharp!) with Dr. J. Martin Taylor, the Florida State Administrative Bishop, as speaker. A covered dish meal will follow. All are welcome and invited.

The Church will be selling their Commemorative Cookbooks during the Tamiami80 celebrations under the pavilion in McLeod Park on Saturday, April 26. The neat little books, which cost \$10, include some Church history and witty recipes.

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## TAMIAMI-80



Exactly 80 years after the official opening of the Tamiami Trail by Barron Collier, a local committee has been planning for over a year to re-create that event. Here is the latest news of what's happening and what to expect on the weekend of **April 26/27**.

We are honored to have Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart here for the Opening Ceremonies on Saturday. He will be joined on the steps of City Hall by Stanley Cann from the Florida Department of Transportation and Collier County Commissioner Jim Coletta. Barron Collier, III, will also be on hand to honor his great-grandfather's achievement. The ceremonies end with the unveiling of the monument on the circle.

The invocation on Saturday will be given by Pastor Morris Dantin of Chokoloskee who has reason to celebrate (see column left) and on Sunday by Rev. Jane Wallace, one of the first women to be ordained in the Episcopal Church.

On Sunday the Opening Ceremonies will be attended by Bonnie Dearborn from the Florida Division of Historical Resources and Collier County Museum Director Ron Jamro. The theme that day is the 10<sup>th</sup> birthday of our Museum, founded through the grass-roots efforts of the Women's Club and the late Pauline Reeves. Our special guest is Jack Geist, a member of St Stephens Episcopal Church in Coconut Grove which is spearheading the effort to have Deaconess Bedell made a saint. The plaque naming the Deaconess as a Great Floridian is on the porch of the Museum and a display devoted to her works can be seen inside.

But, it's not all serious stuff. The fun begins with gator wrestling and an impressive array of musicians on stage. The parade on Saturday includes entries from the Sheriff's Department Honor Guard, Horse Guard, the Fire Department, antique cars from the Naples-Marco Island Automobile Assn. Club of America, bicycles from the Naples Pathway Coalition, the ABATE motorcycles and the Boys and Girls Scouts. Otter John is on schedule for the festivities on Sunday.

And, use your imagination to get into appropriate clothes; 1920s flapper costumes are the order of the day. This photo from the Florida State Archives might give you some inspiration to get out the fringe, beads, and cloche hats.



**SEE THE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ON PAGE 8**

# APRIL/MAY 2008

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
<b>13</b> Friends of Fakahatchee Annual Meeting Copeland, 10:30 am	<b>14</b> Hour of Prayer Everglades First Baptist Church 7 pm  OFCD Board Fire Sta, 6 pm	<b>15</b> Reach Out Comm. Church 8:30 am	<b>16</b> Ladies Coffee Everglades Scoop 8 am	<b>17</b> Lions Club Bd Mtg, 5:30 pm  Copeland Civic Association 7 pm	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Earth Day Festival see p.3
full moon ● <b>20</b> Earth Day Festival see p.3	<b>21</b> Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm  New grocery store hours see p.12	<b>22</b> SAC School, 3 pm	<b>23</b> Ladies Coffee Everglades Scoop 8 am  School early release	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Pancake Fly-In see p.3 Tamiami 80 <sup>th</sup> Celebration see p.8 Big Cypress Mtg. see p. 10 Pet Vet, see p.3
<b>27</b> Tamiami 80 <sup>th</sup> Celebration see p.8 Church of God 95 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary see p.1 Pet Vet, see p.3	<b>28</b> Hour of Prayer Copeland Baptist Church, 7 pm  Oil Spills course, see p.3 Manatee Zones comments, see p.3	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> Ladies Coffee Everglades Scoop 8 am	<b>MAY 1</b> Great Gators School, 9:30 ESHP mtg City Hall, 10 am Day of Prayer City Hall, noon Lions Club Depot, 7 pm	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> Diamonds of the Everglades Tea Seafood Depot 1:30 pm
<b>4</b>	new moon ○ <b>5</b> Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm FME mtg Museum, 10 am	<b>6</b> Representative for Congressman Mario Diaz- Balart City Hall, 3 pm	<b>7</b> Ladies Coffee Everglades Scoop 8 am	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Firefighters BBQ
<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Hour of Prayer Holy Family Catholic Church 7 pm Big Cypress ORV mtg OFCD Board Fire Sta, 6 pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Ladies Coffee Everglades Scoop 8 am	<b>15</b> Lions Club Bd Mtg, 5:30 pm  Copeland Civic Association 7 pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>

May 23: School Graduation    May 24-25: Pet Vet    Sept 5-7: Butcher "Muck About", see page 3

THRIFT SHOP: Mon, Wed, Thurs, 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 10 am to 5 pm

FOOD PANTRY: Sat, 8:30 to 10:30 am, Community Church

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Wed, 5 pm, Community Church

CHRIST-CENTERED ADDICTION RECOVERY PROGRAM, Chokoloskee Church of God, phone 695-4626 for schedule

SHERIFF AT CITY HALL: 4/18 (9-11 am) 4/21 (noon - 2 pm) 4/23 (noon - 2 pm) 4/25 (9-11 pm) 4/29 (9-11 am) 4/30 (noon - 2 pm)

Holy Family Catholic Church is closed for the summer. Mass is held at St. Finbar's (on US-41 just south of CR-951).

**EARTH DAY WEEKEND**

Celebrate Earth Day on **April 19/20** with a weekend filled with earth-friendly family fun. Held by the Conservancy (14<sup>th</sup> Ave N at Goodlette-Frank Road in Naples), hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, noon to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. Free admission.

**AIRPORT BREAKFAST**

This time it's for real! There will be a Pancake Fly-In on **Saturday, April 26**, from 10:00 a.m. to noon at Everglades Airpark. The breakfast is free, a friendly gesture from host Chuck Gretze of Wings 10,000 Island Tours to welcome everyone to the facility here.

**MOBILE PET VET**

Dr Baker will be here on **Saturday, April 26**, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm, at the Roadkill Café parking lot and in Copeland from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. She will also visit on **Sunday, April 27** from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for surgery by appointment only. Phone 777-PETS.



**MANATEE ZONES**

Submit your opinion in writing before **April 28** by posting comments to: Everglades National Park  
Attn: Bonnie Foist, Chokoloskee AIP  
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or emailing:  
[EVER\\_Ranger\\_Activities@nps.gov](mailto:EVER_Ranger_Activities@nps.gov)

**OIL SPILL AWARENESS**

The Ostego Bay Foundation Oil Spill Co-Op is offering an Eight (8) hour Oil Spill Awareness course for Local Commercial Fishermen who have diesel fuel tanks. It will take place on **Monday, April 28**, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Hamilton Stone Crab. Cost is \$100. To register call: Joanne Semmer at (239) 470-4993 or email her at: [info@ostegobay.org](mailto:info@ostegobay.org).

**LABOR DAY MUCK-ABOUT**

It's only April but Clyde Butcher's swamp walks get booked up so quickly that if you want to join one on **September 5-7** now is the time to sign up. Phone 695-2428 or see website [www.clydebutter.com](http://www.clydebutter.com).

**RESTAURANT NEWS**



Everglades Scoop closed on Sundays.

Havana Café has closed but will open again on **June 1**. Good luck to new owner Jason Mayberry.

Ivey House Breakfast closed to public.

JTs is temporarily closed. Reopening date to be announced.

**For the Summer:**

Oyster House will be closing on **May 1**.  
City Seafood upstairs evening meals stopping on **May 1**.  
Triad Seafood will be closing **May 15**.

**OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT**

- 04/02/08: Emergency Medical, Port of the Islands
- 04/02/08: Suicidal Person, Everglades City
- 04/03/08: Unknown Medical Problem, Port of the Islands
- 04/04/08: Boat Capsized, Chokoloskee Bay
- 04/04/08: Eye Injury, Everglades Fire Station
- 04/04/08: Foot Laceration, Everglades Fire Station
- 04/04/08: Emergency Medical, 51m I-75
- 04/05/08: Emergency Medical, Port of the Islands
- 04/05/08: Vehicle Accident, 80m I-75
- 04/06/08: Power Line Down, Chokoloskee Causeway
- 04/06/08: Vehicle Accident, 61m I-75
- 04/06/08: Vehicle Accident, 61m I-75
- 04/07/08: Unconscious Person, Everglades City
- 04/07/08: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 04/08/08: Vehicle Accident, 58m I-75
- 04/09/08: Vehicle Accident, 67m I-75
- 04/10/08: Possible Assault, 56m I-75
- 04/10/08: Allergic Reaction, Monument Lake Campground
- 04/11/08: Problem Breathing, 2 Miles West of SR-29 on US-41
- 04/11/08: Possible Deceased Person, Everglades City
- 04/11/08: Vehicle Accident, 73m I-75
- 04/11/08: Vehicle Accident, 71m I-75
- 04/11/08: Vehicle Accident, 71m I-75 (canceled)
- 04/12/08: Vehicle Accident, 65m I-75
- 04/13/08: Vehicle Accident, 70m I-75
- 04/13/08: Diabetic Distress, Port of the Islands
- 04/14/08: Vehicle Accident, 54m I-75
- 04/14/08: Sick Person, Everglades City
- 04/15/08: Vehicle Accident, 68m I-75

**OLD FIRE ENGINES ...**

*What do you remember about fire-fighting before the OFCD was formed???*  
Phone **Marya at 695-2905**.



**TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER**

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

04/18/2008	Fri	02:17AM	2.5	H	09:12AM	0.3	L	02:03PM	2.6	H	09:42PM	0.0	L
04/19/2008	Sat	02:55AM	2.5	H	09:47AM	0.4	L	02:25PM	2.8	H	10:19PM	-0.1	L
04/20/2008	Sun	03:30AM	2.4	H	10:19AM	0.5	L	02:48PM	2.8	H	10:55PM	-0.2	L
04/21/2008	Mon	04:06AM	2.4	H	10:48AM	0.6	L	03:11PM	2.9	H	11:31PM	-0.2	L
04/22/2008	Tue	04:46AM	2.3	H	11:14AM	0.7	L	03:34PM	2.9	H			
04/23/2008	Wed	12:08AM	-0.2	L	05:32AM	2.2	H	11:33AM	0.7	L	03:58PM	2.8	H
04/24/2008	Thu	12:49AM	-0.1	L	06:26AM	2.1	H	11:47AM	0.8	L	04:25PM	2.7	H
04/25/2008	Fri	01:34AM	-0.1	L	07:28AM	2.0	H	12:04PM	0.8	L	04:59PM	2.6	H
04/26/2008	Sat	02:26AM	0.0	L	08:34AM	1.9	H	12:35PM	0.9	L	05:45PM	2.5	H
04/27/2008	Sun	03:27AM	0.1	L	09:41AM	2.0	H	01:36PM	0.9	L	06:58PM	2.4	H
04/28/2008	Mon	04:32AM	0.1	L	10:41AM	2.1	H	04:43PM	0.9	L	09:08PM	2.3	H
04/29/2008	Tue	05:30AM	0.2	L	11:27AM	2.2	H	05:59PM	0.7	L	10:40PM	2.3	H
04/30/2008	Wed	06:22AM	0.2	L	12:02PM	2.4	H	06:53PM	0.5	L	11:52PM	2.4	H
05/01/2008	Thu	07:08AM	0.2	L	12:32PM	2.5	H	07:41PM	0.3	L			
05/02/2008	Fri	12:53AM	2.5	H	07:52AM	0.3	L	01:00PM	2.7	H	08:28PM	0.1	L

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## IMPORTANT DATES

**Tues, 4/22:** SAC, Media Center, 3 p.m.

**Wed, 4/23:** Early Release

**Thurs, 5/1:** Great Gators, 9:30 a.m.



### From Savannah's Eyes

I can't believe that it is almost summer!! It is going to be so much fun; only 35 more days. Now let's get down to business. My class went on a field trip today for ARCHEOLOGY at the Collier County Museum in Naples. And it was a blast! We learned about the Indians and about the wars; also, I mostly wanted to look at the artifacts and my grandpa's train. He also donated his hat and lantern. I was amazed; they had his name on a board that told about him and his train; how he and his family moved to Naples and other places. We also got to see old tags for the cars way back then. When I saw my grandpa's train at the Museum, it makes me feel so proud to be Cecil Oglesby's (Sr.) granddaughter. Everyone was looking and I felt proud and squished! (It was very crowded). Also, there was a reward at my school called "The Good Citizenship Award." There was a winner from 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade. From 5<sup>th</sup> grade it was me, Savannah Oglesby, from 6<sup>th</sup> grade Paige Robinson-Hilton. I am so proud of myself and Paige. P.S. I want to thank everyone who reads my articles; it makes me feel so good and I hope it makes you feel good too.

With love, Savannah O

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

## April Great Gator Assembly

### Pre-K & K

Alyssa Story,  
Daniel Gibson,  
Kyle McMillin,  
Michael Rain



## April Great Gator Assembly (continued)

Thanks to Trina Mitchel for photos



### Grade 1

Jerry Pablo-Ramirez,  
Natalie Thompson,  
Ashton Smallwood,  
Alanna Humphreys

### Grade 2

Joanna Satz,  
Damian Strickland,  
Rachel McMillin,  
Emily Brown



### Grade 3 & 4

Enrique Roldan,  
Rebecca Simmons,  
Alex Thompson,  
Marissa Hart

### Grade 5 & 6

Colman Strickland,  
Wayde Strickland,  
Stephanie Barker  
NOT  
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*Recipe for Good Eating***What is Goat Cheese?**

by Marya Repko



Imagine squeezing a bit of lemon juice into cream cheese to make it tangy – that's a simple approximation of goat cheese.

Called “Chèvre” in French (the word for goat), it is sold in the specialty cheese sections of local supermarkets. It usually comes in a log. Small individual cylinders are available but traditionally it is sliced off a larger cheese that is about 3 inches across.

You can cook with it. Melt it into slightly sautéed spinach or spread on a warm steak or stir gently into the frying pan juices after cooking pork chops.

Chèvre has a wonderful “bite” which goes well with a gentle red wine as a snack on crackers or after dinner spread on celery as a pallet cleanser.

For more information about chèvre and other goat cheeses, see website [www.cheese-france.com](http://www.cheese-france.com).

*Off the Shelf - Florida Fiction*

reviewed by Marya Repko

**“The Mango Republic” by E. M. Bassy Lane**

The Naples Press Club Book Fair on April 5/6 was revealing because I discovered three new authors of Southwest Florida fiction that are recently published. I can't review all of them yet (I haven't read all the books I bought!) but here's a sample.

*The Mango Republic* is a funny/sad book. Funny because of the humor in the names and crazy happenings (shades of vaudeville, farcical). Sad because the destruction our environment is going on now; the last bits of primitive Florida not within the parks and preserves are under threat. Do we need more golf courses and gated communities?

“E. M. Bassy Lane” says you might bump into him anywhere in the Naples area. When I met him at the NPC Book Fair, I droned on about the Fakahatchee which he knew (probably better than I do).

Back to the book. *The Mango Republic* is fiction, very readable, nicely composed, moves along in multiple but intersecting sub-plots. The “good guys” are winning in the end but the struggles along the way are gripping – can the Calusa with the unanswerable name of Powis X Fixico beat them all? will the airboat sink? what will the boss/owner of the posh Naples gallery do when our once-respectable hero (dubbed “Monkeyboy” by the Citizens) calls in sick to forward the cause of saving The Hammock? why are the thugs from the “family” up north so woefully and zany inadequate during their Florida experience? did the super golf ball really land in Naples after being shot from space?

Take this book to read by the pool but then think about its serious message in the dark hours of the night. You can get a copy by logging into [www.themangorepublic.com](http://www.themangorepublic.com) or visiting the Arts & Crafts sale at Tamimai80.

Also on my reading stack is *The Vanishing A-List* by Diane Ketcham and *The Fireproof Motel* by Arthur Barry (another vendor at Tamiami80).



# TAMIAMI-80 SCHEDULE



## CEREMONIES and ACTIVITIES

### SATURDAY, APRIL 26, 2008



- 9:00 Antique cars leave Naples  
Port of the Islands way station free continental breakfast for antique cars and NPC/ROGG bicyclists
- 10:00 - noon Pancake Fly-In, Airport
- 10:00 Exhibition & Food Booths open
- 10:30 History of Monroe Station (Museum)
- 11:30 **GRAND PARADE**
- 12:30 **OPENING CEREMONIES (City Hall)**  
Dedication of McLeod Monument
- 1:30 Marco Historic Players (on stage)
- 2:00 History of Walking Dredge (Museum)
- 3:00 Birthday Cake

### SUNDAY, APRIL 27, 2008

- 10:00 Exhibition & Foods Booths open  
Activities Begin
- 10:30 Otter John and His Wild Animals
- 11:00 Walking Tour of Historic Buildings
- 12:30 **OPENING CEREMONIES (Museum)**  
Tribute to Deaconess Bedell
- 1:30 Story Tellers (Museum)
- 3:00 Drawing for Butcher Raffle Prize
- 3:00 Birthday Cake

#### ACTIVITIES DURING EACH DAY:

- Live Music ON STAGE
- Alligator Wrestling
- Antique Cars on Display
- Boy Scout Demonstrations
- Historic Re-Enactors
- Arts & Crafts Sale
- Exhibition Booths
- Local Food Vendors

- website: [www.tamiami80.com](http://www.tamiami80.com) ●

## ON STAGE (music, enactments)

### SATURDAY, April 26, 2008

- 9:30 - 10:30 Monroe Station Band
- 10:30 - 11:30 Snooker Joe Stem
- 11:30 - 12:30 **PARADE (Dixie Land Band)**
- 12:30 - 1:00 **OPENING (City Hall Porch)**
- 1:30 - 2:00 Marco Historic Players
- 2:00 - 3:00 Sounds of Yesteryear (Dixie)
- 3:00 - 4:00 Snooker Joe Stem

### SUNDAY, April 27, 2008

- 10:00 - 11:30 Caribbean Stars
- 11:30 - 12:30 Snooker Joe Stem
- 12:30 - 1:00 **OPENING (Museum Porch)**
- 1:00 - 2:00 Caribbean Stars
- 2:00 - 3:00 Cindy & Val
- 3:00 - 4:00 Jack Shealy

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Picture shows Broadway on April 26, 1928. Note the line of cars in upper right corner and the bunting on all the buildings. Photo courtesy Collier County Museum.





## LOCAL HISTORY

### McLeod Honored

A new monument, like the ones in front of City Hall, has been built on the Circle in front of the playground to commemorate the lives of Daniel and Lucy McLeod, after whom the park is named. The effort has been spearheaded by ESHP (Everglades Society for Historic Preservation) after a suggestion by the McLeods' grandson James D. Brown, Jr, of Coral Gables who remembers happy times spent in Everglades City. The unveiling of the monument will take place during the Tamiami80 celebrations on **Saturday, April 26**.

Daniel & Lucy arrived here from the Florida panhandle after being recruited by Collier to be the County tax assessor. According to their grandson, McLeod *was somewhat of a land expert at the time, which Mr. Collier needed for the development of Collier County. Lucy became an expert by on-the-job training. Needless to say, they were both very intelligent. My Grandmother used to tutor me in algebra when I was in Jr. High School.*

They also operated the first title registration firm in the new county and their grandson has graciously donated an early title document, complete with newspaper clippings as evidence, to ESHP for the Historical Library.

The Park was first mentioned in the City Council minutes of 10/1/1968 when the Lions proposed that they help with playground equipment on the land owned by the City next to City Hall. Several months later, it was named after McLeod who had been Mayor for almost 35 years.

The new monument will be a lasting reminder of our festivities.

## TAMIAMI TRAIL DRAMA

by Marya Repko

Why do we have Forty-Mile Bend and Fifty-Mile Bend as we drive along the Trail towards Miami?

All because two land developers were fighting about where the road should go and whose property would be favored by its route. Barron Collier (right) and J. F. Jaudon were almost exact contemporaries, both born in 1873 and dying within a year of each other in 1939 and 1938. We know about Collier because we live in the County he founded – but who is Jaudon?



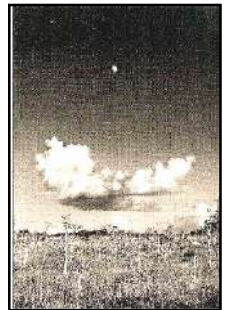
Jaudon moved in 1895 from Orlando to Miami where he soon got involved as Tax Assessor and businessman (conflict of interest did not feature in those days of the frontier wilderness). He and “the old Frenchman” Jean Chevalier (a botanist and naturalist who lived around the islands) formed a company to develop what they called Pinecrest. The company also had a plan for a town called Poinciana on Lostman’s River. Both investments hinged on the building of the Trail which would open up access to the area in that part of Dade County. They even built the paved portion from Miami to Pinecrest in the expectation that it would continue through their new village and onwards to Ft Myers.

Along came Collier with his millions to complete the road from Marco to the Dade County Line. And, since his new County was cut out of Lee, the most cost-effective route was to continue within Collier County as far as possible. According to records at the time, a branch of the Trail going to Pinecrest was called “the Southern Loop” (what we now call the Loop Road).

*With thanks for background material to Big Cypress National Preserve in their report about Monroe Station and the Tamiami Trail, reference HABS No. FL-544. Photo courtesy of Florida State Archives ([www.floridamemory.com](http://www.floridamemory.com)).*

## MUSEUM NEWS

The 10<sup>th</sup> Birthday of the Museum of the Everglades is being celebrated on **Sunday, April 27**. The industrious Friends of the Museum have traditionally provided cake every year since the official opening in 1998 and are the organizing force for this huge event which also encompasses the Tamiami Trail 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. The diligent brains behind the scene is Carol Moseman, President of FME.



One of the highlights on Sunday, April 27, will be the raffle prize drawing for Clyde Butcher’s “Moonrise” photo (above). Tickets are only \$5 (or 5 for \$20) and can be bought in advance at the Museum or during the festival weekend. The lucky winner will be selected at 3:00 p.m. before the Birthday Cake. The photograph can be viewed at the Museum of the Everglades.

The Pauline Reeves Gallery in the front of the Museum is now featuring articles from the Collier County News about the Tamiami Trail opening in 1928. Stop by for a visit at 105 West Broadway, open Tuesday through Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Other highlights on Sunday are the Guided Walking Tour of Historic Buildings and the Story-Tellers, a traditional nostalgia feast of tales about life in the area during times gone-by. The session is very informal and members of the audience are welcome to participate with their memories.

● ● ● **RAPPER BULLETIN BOARD** ● ● ●**Missing**

Handwritten journal with mottled brown cover, black spine, and handwritten words of several countries on the front. Pages are white graph-style paper and the entire book is hand-written. I wrote this journal while traveling around the world last summer - through Norway, Sweden, Finland, Estonia, Russia, Mongolia, China, Canada, and the Pacific Northwest. This was stolen along with several other items from a parked car (Grey Honda Civic) on the causeway beside Chokoloskee Bay during the first week of January, 2008. Two other cars were also broken into along with ours. I care nothing for the other items stolen but would love to get this priceless piece of myself back. I would gladly pay the shipping and handling for its safe return. My contact information is as follows:

Michael Schumacher, phone: 443-804-4633

email: mjschumacher@uwalumni.com

If you have any information or have either seen or heard of an item like this please don't hesitate to contact me.

**FOUND**

Sheets of music in an envelope on Plantation Parkway.

Call to claim: 695-4849

**THANKS TO SHERIFF!!!**

Crime Prevention Officer Sue Gentry brought a trailer loaded with goodies to ECity last week. It's not the first time the Sheriff's Office has played Santa to the area. She told the *Rapper* that on this trip she had lots of baby food and other infant products which will be left in the Food Pantry at the Community Church. She also had art supplies for the school and Kids' Activity Club (after-school program).

**Osprey without Nest**

The beautiful tall nest along the causeway to Chokoloskee fell to the ground after the telephone pole snapped while workmen were pulling the wire of a nearby pole, according to witnesses. These are two of the

small chicks resting on the pole next to where their home was. Another dish is across the highway and hopefully they will be able to rebuild soon.

**Airport Property Buildings**

One down; one to go. The demolition of the unfinished buildings on the property next to the airport has begun.

**Big Cypress Press Release**Preserve to Hold Information Meeting for Landowners

In a continuing effort to improve communication with landowners, Big Cypress National Preserve staff will hold a meeting specifically for landowners at the Preserve Headquarters (located on US-41 four miles east of SR-29) on **Saturday, April 26** beginning at 1:00 p.m.

There are over 300 privately-held parcels within the Preserve. We hope to offer presentations on several topics of interest specifically to those who own property here at Big Cypress. Topics to be covered include the Land Protection Plan and the new "Questions and Answers for Landowners" brochure; qualifying for exemptions in the Preserve Addition; the 2007 Fire Season and camp protection; Ranger Activities; and Resource Management. Light refreshments will be served.

If you plan on attending, RSVP to (239) 695-1105 with your name, camp number, phone number, and how many people you will bring to the meeting. If you have any questions related to this announcement please contact Christine Clark at (239) 695-1153.

**Public Meetings for CERP Master Recreation Plan**

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Jacksonville District, and South Florida Water Management District will host a series of nine public meetings throughout south Florida in April and May to present and receive feedback on regionally based recreation plans for the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) Master Recreation Plan.

Comment forms, fact sheets and other materials about the Master Recreation Plan are available at:

[www.evergladesplan.org/pm/progr\\_master\\_rec\\_plan.cfm](http://www.evergladesplan.org/pm/progr_master_rec_plan.cfm)

**COMMENTS ARE REQUESTED BETWEEN APRIL 14 AND MAY 23, 2008.**

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MRPComments@evergladesplan.org

MAIL COMMENTS TO:

Rebecca S. Griffith, Planning Division Chief

Attn: Paul Stevenson

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Jacksonville District

P.O. Box 4970

Jacksonville FL 32232-0019

**NOTE: The meetings closest to us are:**

**April 29, 6:30 p.m.**

**SFWMD, 2301 McGregor Ave, Fort Myers**

**May 6, 6:30 p.m.**

**3200 East Palm Beach Rd, Belle Glade**

## OBITUARY

### Martin John Bowen, Jr.

One of the family who own a local icon in Everglades City, the Rod & Gun, died suddenly on April 7. Martin ("Marty") Bowen was born in Muskegon, Michigan, on April 26, 1944, and moved to Everglades City in the 1960s when his father, also named Martin, owned and operated the Tropical Bar near the Everglades Inn. The family lived in a house behind the Inn and Marty worked in the family business after graduating from Naples High School.

In 1972 the Bowen family purchased the Rod & Gun Club and lived in the grandiose environment of this famous local hostelry. Martin, Sr., is said to have stumbled upon Everglades City in 1960 after Hurricane Donna when he was he was driving from Naples to Miami and came across a fallen log. On the other side was a man going the other way so they swapped cars. When they reunited later in the town, Martin decided to stay.

The site of the Rod & Gun was originally the home of William Smith Allen, the first permanent settler in the 1870s, and then expanded into a guest lodge, farm, and trading post by George Storter, Jr. In 1923, Barron Collier bought it (and the rest of the town) and renamed it. The Rod & Gun has been host to numerous dignitaries and celebrities, as can be seen by the newspaper clippings on the walls.

Marty's two sisters Patty Bowen and Barbara Foss still own and operate the historic lodge and restaurant. Marty is survived by his wife Hortensia, their son Brandon, and two grandchildren Brady and Brandy.



## Students Honored during Busy Month

Representatives from Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) were at Everglades City School recently to give out awards.



Good Citizenship Awards went to Paige Robinson-Hilton (left) and Savannah Oglesby (right).



Students competed in a Molly Pitcher poster contest. Houston Brown (right) was the Collier County winner. Paige (left) was the runner-up in Mrs. Mitchell's 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade class.

"Molly Pitcher" is thought to be a woman who fought in the American Revolution.



**A County Water Conservation contest was held and Trevyr Daniels won from our school and his name goes forward to the County. Jessica Thomas was the 6th grade winner.**



"Read Across America" Day celebrated Dr. Seuss' birthday for grades Pre-K through 6. Parents volunteered to come in and read; the administration and other staff all read to classrooms as well. Students came in pajamas equipped with pillows and blankets. The whole day was lined up with guest readers, games, the Cat-in-the-Hat, and ended with an outside cook-out with hot dogs and cupcakes. The kids had a blast!



**1<sup>st</sup> graders received the "Goldie Accelerated Reading Prize" for the month of April. Shown here are Brandon Beaty and Dustin Young.**



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