

The MULLET RAPPER

What's Happening in the Everglades City Area

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Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart had everyone smiling with his opening remarks at the Tamiami Trail 80th Anniversary celebration on Saturday, April 26. He acknowledged the area's love of history and particularly praised Mayor Sammy Hamilton for saving the City Hall building.



Some of the original settlers in this area were the Hamilton, Smith, and Smallwood families. Their descendents enjoyed ice cream during the celebrations in this picture sent by Tammy Smith Smallwood.

For more photos, see pages 10-11.

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SPECIAL EVENING FOR EMERGENCY WORKERS

Our firefighters, EMS, and Sheriff's deputies will be honored by Mayor Sammy Hamilton during a community-wide fish-fry on **Saturday, May 10**, at 5:00 p.m. in McLeod Park. The food and drink are free to all members of the community. But, if you want to bring a home-baked dessert as a tribute to these brave and dedicated men & women, it will be welcomed. For info, phone Dottie at City Hall, 695-3781.



DIAMONDS' TEA

The Diamonds of the Everglades Tea, which honors ladies in the community who have achieved their 70th birthday, will be held at 1:30 p.m. on **Saturday, May 3**, at the Seafood Depot. For more about our tradition, see page 9.



INDEPENDENCE DAY

Our celebration this year will take place on **Sunday, July 6**. The theme of the parade will be decided soon so entrants can start designing their floats. Watch the *Rapper* for more news.



Chokoloskee Church of God welcomed Dr. J. Martin Taylor, the Florida State Administrative Bishop, as a special speaker during their 95th anniversary celebrations on Sunday, April 27.



Senior Mothers Margaret Webb and Bea Rogers were presented with bouquets. They also feature in the commemorative historical cookbook which is still available for sale.



A covered-dish lunch followed the service which was attended by 200 people of all ages.

Thanks to Martha Dantin and Helen Bryan for photos.

APRIL/MAY 2008

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
27 Tamiami 80 th Celebration Church of God 95 th Anniversary Pet Vet	28 Hour of Prayer Copeland Baptist Church, 7 pm Oil Spills course Manatee Zones comments	29	30 Ladies Coffee Everglades Scoop 8 am	MAY 1 Great Gators School, 9:30 ESHP mtg City Hall, 10 am Day of Prayer City Hall, noon Lions Club Depot, 7 pm	2	3 Diamonds of the Everglades Tea Seafood Depot 1:30 pm, see p.9
4	new moon ○ 5 Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm FME mtg Museum, 10 am	6 Aide to Congressman Mario Diaz- Balart City Hall, 3 pm	7 Ladies Coffee Everglades Scoop 8 am	8 High School Awards, 7 pm	9 School Prom Marco, 6:30 pm	10 Firefighters BBQ McLeod Park 5 pm, see p.1
11 <u>Happy Mothers' Day</u>	12 Hour of Prayer Holy Family Catholic Church 7 pm Big Cypress ORV mtg, see p.3 OFCD Board Fire Sta, 6 pm	13	14 Ladies Coffee Everglades Scoop 8 am	15 Sports Awards School, 6 pm Lions Club Bd Mtg, 5:30 pm Copeland Civic Association 7 pm	16 <u>Crab Season Closed</u>	17
18	19 Hour of Prayer Everglades First Baptist Church 7 pm	full moon ● 20 Reach Out Comm. Church 8:30 am	21 Ladies Coffee Everglades Scoop 8 am	22	23 Graduation School, 7 pm	24 Pet Vet see p.3
25 Pet Vet see p.3	26 <u>Memorial Day</u> Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm	27	28 Ladies Coffee Everglades Scoop 8 am	29 Great Gators School, 9:30 Last Day of School, early release	30	31

July 6: Independence Day Celebration

Sept 5-7: Butcher "Muck About", phone 695-2428

THRIFT SHOP: Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm (*new hours*) 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 ADDICTION RECOVERY PROGRAM, Chokoloskee Church of God, phone 695-4626 for schedule
 SHERIFF AT CITY HALL: see the schedule outside the office or call Lisa at City Hall, 695-3781 after May 5

Holy Family Catholic Church is closed until December. Mass is held at St. Finbar's (on US-41 just south of CR-951) at 4:30 p.m. on Saturday and 10:00 a.m. on Sunday

TRAIL COMMENTS DUE

Friday, May 9 is the deadline for comments on the Tamiami Trail rebuilding which includes a 1-mile bridge west of Krome Avenue as part of the Everglades Restoration. For info see www.saj.usace.army.mil.

SAVE POSTAGE NOW!

The price of a first class letter stamp goes up on **Monday, May 12** to \$0.42. However, if you buy the "Forever Stamps" now, they can still be used then.



BIG CYPRESS ORV MEETING

The next in the series of meetings about ORVs (Off-Road Vehicles) in Big Cypress National Preserve will be held on **Monday, May 12**, at 3:30 p.m. in the Everglades City Community Center at 105 N. Buckner Avenue (behind the Fire Station). For info, call 695-1201.

OLD INK CARTRIDGES WANTED

Don't throw away your used printer and fax cartridges! Drop them off at City Hall or the Thrift Shop to benefit Reach Out's subsidiary Everglades Planned Pethood that helps stray cats (and dogs). For info, phone Barb at 695-3167 or see www.recycle4charity.com.



A service for National Day of Prayer was held on Thursday, May 1, at noon.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

To Jade Freeman (May 14) and Kaylee Henry (May 15) who both turn 1 year old. Love & Kisses from your families.



RESTAURANT NEWS



Everglades Scoop hours are 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (closed Sunday) and they now serve Cuban sandwiches. City Seafood is open from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The upstairs restaurant is closed for the summer. The Ivey House has a cold buffet breakfast, 6 to 10:30 am, all week. The Rod & Gun Lodge and Restaurant serves breakfast, 6 to 10 am, daily. Triad Seafood is closing for the summer on May 3. The Oyster House is closing on May 27 for the summer.

Cocoplum will be closing for the summer on May 18. Until then there is a huge sale with 40% off all items (except those on consignment). Hours are Friday, 11 am to 3 pm, Saturday, 11 am to 4 pm, and Sunday, 12 noon to 3 pm.

OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

- 04/16/08: Possible Vehicle Fire, West of 80m I-75
- 04/16/08: Brush Fire, West of SR-29 on US-41
- 04/17/08: Vehicle Accident, 52m I-75
- 04/18/08: Down Power Line, Ochopee
- 04/19/08: Vehicle Fire, Bass Rd & US-41
- 04/20/08: Vehicle Accident, 62m I-75
- 04/20/08: Possible Shooting, Chokoloskee Island
- 04/21/08: Vehicle Accident, 52m I-75
- 04/21/08: Power Pole on Fire, US-41 and SR-29
- 04/21/08: Brush Fire, South Blocks
- 04/22/08: Brush Fire, South Blocks
- 04/22/08: Brush Fire, 75m I-75
- 04/23/08: Brush Fire, South Blocks
- 04/23/08: Vehicle Accident, 63m I-75
- 04/23/08: Vehicle Accident, 63m I-75
- 04/23/08: Breathing Problems, Everglades City
- 04/24/08: Overturned Boat, 2 Miles South of Chokoloskee Island
- 04/24/08: Brush Fire, South Blocks
- 04/25/08: Vehicle Accident, 75m I-75
- 04/25/08: Breathing Problem, Everglades City
- 04/25/08: Vehicle Accident, Turner River Road
- 04/25/08: Possible Stroke, Chokoloskee Island
- 04/27/08: Vehicle Fire, 50m I-75
- 04/29/08: Vehicle Accident, 68m I-75
- 04/29/08: Possible Hernia, Janes Scenic Drive

MOBILE PET VET



Dr Baker will be at McLeod Park in Everglades City on **Saturday, May 24, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**, and in Copeland from 2:00 to 4:00 pm. She will also visit on **Sunday, May 25** from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for surgery by appointment only. Phone 777-PETS.

CHURCH SCHEDULE

Adult Sunday School at Everglades Community Church will not be held during the summer months, from now until probably around the first part of October.

TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER

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

05/02/2008	Fri	12:53AM	2.5	H	07:52AM	0.3	L	01:00PM	2.7	H	08:28PM	0.1	L
05/03/2008	Sat	01:47AM	2.5	H	08:35AM	0.4	L	01:27PM	2.9	H	09:14PM	-0.2	L
05/04/2008	Sun	02:38AM	2.6	H	09:16AM	0.5	L	01:54PM	3.2	H	10:01PM	-0.4	L
05/05/2008	Mon	03:30AM	2.6	H	09:58AM	0.6	L	02:24PM	3.3	H	10:49PM	-0.5	L
05/06/2008	Tue	04:25AM	2.5	H	10:40AM	0.7	L	02:59PM	3.4	H	11:38PM	-0.6	L
05/07/2008	Wed	05:25AM	2.4	H	11:22AM	0.7	L	03:39PM	3.4	H			
05/08/2008	Thu	12:29AM	-0.6	L	06:30AM	2.3	H	12:06PM	0.8	L	04:26PM	3.3	H
05/09/2008	Fri	01:23AM	-0.4	L	07:36AM	2.2	H	12:58PM	0.8	L	05:26PM	3.1	H
05/10/2008	Sat	02:21AM	-0.3	L	08:40AM	2.1	H	02:06PM	0.9	L	06:50PM	2.8	H
05/11/2008	Sun	03:24AM	-0.1	L	09:41AM	2.2	H	03:34PM	0.8	L	08:24PM	2.5	H
05/12/2008	Mon	04:29AM	0.1	L	10:34AM	2.2	H	05:01PM	0.7	L	09:51PM	2.4	H
05/13/2008	Tue	05:30AM	0.2	L	11:18AM	2.4	H	06:13PM	0.5	L	11:15PM	2.3	H
05/14/2008	Wed	06:24AM	0.3	L	11:53AM	2.5	H	07:11PM	0.4	L			
05/15/2008	Thu	12:30AM	2.3	H	07:12AM	0.4	L	12:23PM	2.5	H	07:59PM	0.2	L
05/16/2008	Fri	01:29AM	2.3	H	07:56AM	0.6	L	12:52PM	2.7	H	08:42PM	0.1	L

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IMPORTANT DATES

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

Thurs, 5/8: Awards Night, 7:00 p.m.

Fri, 5/9: Jr/Sr Prom, Marco 6:30 p.m.

Thurs, 5/15: Sports Awards, 6:00 p.m.

Fri, 5/23: Graduation; 7:00 p.m.

Mon, 5/26: Memorial Day (no school)

Thurs, 5/29: Great Gators, 9:30 a.m.

Thurs, 5/29: Last Day, Dismiss at 11:15 a.m.



From Savannah's Eyes

There are many ways to help others but at my school we are doing a program for 3rd through 8th grades, and the program is called "Pennies for Peace." All you have to do is

put in pennies at the school, and you will give the people who don't have an education a chance to have one and to build a school there. They buy the kids books and pencils; they are kids just like us; they just don't have enough education but the program is trying to let girls go to school, too, because when they grow up and have kids of their own they need to teach their kids. This is a very good program, I think, because we are so lucky to have the education like we have, and in their countries they have to get a twig and write in the sand or on a stone. I am helping with the "Pennies for Peace" and when an amazing woman named "Patty Huff" came to my school today to talk about this program (photo below), it inspired me to follow my heart and help people. I gave a whole bag of pennies to her and another girl at my school named "Angelica" who is in my class also gave four quarters. You can put in pennies, nickels, dimes and quarters, and you can help too.

Love and Peace, Savannah



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



Ms. Ryan's Kindergarten class had a field trip to the Everglades City Phase III Wastewater Treatment Plant, a visit to the playground in McLeod Park, and a treat at Everglades Scoop. Pre-K and K classes also celebrated Earth Day (Tuesday, April 22, 2008) by planting bushes and picking up trash.




Thanks to Ms Ryan, Ms Mimi, and Trina Mitchell for photos

Great Teachers Make Great Public Schools

Thousands of communities will take time out to honor their local educators and acknowledge the contributions they make to our lives on National Teacher Day, which is celebrated on **Tuesday, May 6**. Our Teacher Day annual theme has a standing tagline "*Great Teachers Make Great Public Schools*" and draws attention to the crucial role teachers play in making sure every child receives a quality public education and conveys the hard work they do each day to make public schools great for every child. For more info, see <http://www.nea.org/teacherday/index.html>

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In Loving Memory

It's a sad thing when someone leaves this world.

The last smile

The last laugh

The last noise made

It all comes back to you in memories of them

At first you cry

But then you smile because the time spent with them was awesome

Sometimes you wonder why they had to leave

But realized it was for the best

They're in a better place

Taken by shining stars and colorful rainbows

No more suffering

You take all this in and its overwhelming Tears are shed

But this time not of sorrow, but joy

You look forward to the day that you'll meet again

When you fly in the clouds and sit on the stars

Smiling

Laughing

Singing

For the first time in years

~For Rachel Rene Beckley~

~1987-2008~

This poem was written by Peyton Beebe to commemorate her young aunt who died recently. Peyton is a multi-talented 10th grade student at Everglades City School and will be contributing regularly to the Rapper.

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PRESERVATION MONTH

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May is also Naples History Month with many events planned. For info, see www.naplesbackyardhistory.org.

VIP Report

by Shirley Leonard



"Goodbye, so long, auf wiedersehen"

"Au Revoir, farewell, until we meet again."

Remember that song in *Sound of Music*? There are so, so many ways to say goodbye. I wish I didn't have to come up with one.

This is my last *Mullet Rapper* column. My stint as an Everglades National Park volunteer is over. I'm writing this on the road, somewhere in Florida, on my way home. I really don't want to leave here, but responsibilities to my family and friends require I do. I will, however, linger as long as I possibly can. I love this place.

The past four months as an Everglades National Park volunteer has been one of the richest experiences ever for Bill and me.

Why? It was, after all, only a job. Right?

Wrong.

Bill and I each volunteered 32 hours, four days a week. We often worked extra hours, especially these past few weeks to finish projects. Yes, it was work, but we *always* found it rewarding. At times it was exhausting, but we would do it again in a heartbeat.

Everglades City residents, park staff and visitors/tourists all share the credit for such a wonderful experience.

National parks, (about 390 altogether) have become increasingly dependent on the Volunteers-in-Parks program to fill gaps uncovered by the federal budget. As the budget for parks gets leaner, the going gets tougher for staff to provide the same services as in the past. Bill and I helped fill some of those gaps.

One example: My work at the center brought together my past teaching experience with my lifelong love of the outdoors. I helped developed exhibits. The center's goal is to educate people about the Everglades. I helped and learned a lot. The center's director, Susan Reece, works constantly to develop new interesting exhibits. You could visit the center today and find different exhibits from yesterday's. The exhibits may seem to change overnight, but months of many people's efforts go into them. Carpenters, artists, biologists, teachers, naturalists, rangers and, oh, yes, volunteers -- all contribute.

Our efforts saved the park time and money. One example: the park's salaried boat mechanics work at Flamingo. EC personnel bring boats needing repair there. EC staff then makes the return trip when repairs are completed. The boats need frequent repairs to stay safe. Those trips consume large chunks of time, money and energy. Bill, however, is a boat mechanic. His expertise helped quite a bit. He also helped make repairs and keep the grounds clean and attractive, indoors and out. He helped visitors every way he possibly could, sometimes keeping their pets while they visited the center, sometimes helping elderly use the elevator. I can't remember, let alone include here, everything he did. The park's maintenance staff appreciated his efforts. Bill's reward? He loved feeling he had contributed to the center and made visitors' trips memorable.

While tourism declined this past year throughout the country, visitation to the ENP's visitor center increased this season. EC's friendly, small town atmosphere and word of mouth bring people here. Everglades National Park is a major attraction to people from around the world. EC's lodging, fishing, boating, restaurants, souvenir shops and almost every other business benefit.

What worked for Bill and me worked for Uncle Sam and EC as well. We can and do help each other in many ways. It is without question a win-win undertaking and one I hope to share again.

This column has become the longest I've written. I don't want to say goodbye. So, I won't.

See ya next year.

Editors' Note: It has been a pleasure to have Shirley contribute to the Rapper during her stay as a "Volunteer in Parks" (VIP) in Everglades City. Her professionalism really shines through (she was a journalist in Quincy, Massachusetts, on *The Patriot Ledger* for over 20 years). We look forward to hearing from her next year.



Fishing Report

by Capt. Bill Lindsay

Snook season comes to an end and winter residents have left town. High winds and cold fronts should be behind us and tarpon fishing improves. Large spawning snook can be caught and released. Early in the morning and late in the day top-water plugs can be very effective for snook and even redfish in shallow water. In the deep passes and rivers, jigs work well on a falling tide. During the last week I found plenty of snook and redfish but no large tarpon. The week before I was having a slow day until I stumbled into a school of snook, redfish and permit, all on a sandy bank on the edge of the Gulf. We threw flies into all this for an hour without a strike. Finally we broke out spinning tackle with jigs and caught three slot-size snook and four large redfish. While all this was going on, several schools of tarpon came by. Talk about going from a zero to a hero! In all, May is one of the top months to fish the Ten Thousand Islands.

Capt. Bill Lindsay lives in Chokoloskee and has been fishing in the Everglades National Park for 27 years. In 1992 he was Master Angler of the MET Tournament.

FREE BOATING VIDEO

Everglades National Park has produced a free, 12-minute educational DVD for Florida Bay boaters. The video, produced with funding from the South Florida National Parks Trust, provides boating rules and advice from fishing guides and park rangers who have navigated the tricky maze of shallow Bay waters for decades. Essential concepts covered include reading the water, boat handling techniques, and navigation. The video is based on information in the Florida Bay Map & Guide.

Businesses are encouraged to show the Florida Bay Map & Guide DVD to their customers boating in the backcountry. Any business wishing to provide free copies of the DVD to their customers can call (305) 852-0324 x0338 or x0316. The public can request a free DVD or the paper brochure by calling the same number.

PARKS GET MONEY

The National Park Service announced today that south Florida's National Parks and Preserve will receive \$6 million in additional funding for four projects in 2008! Half of this will support a significant restoration project in Everglades National Park and the rest will provide Big Cypress National Preserve, Dry Tortugas National Park, Biscayne National Park, and Everglades National Park the ability to increase environmental education, recruit and train volunteers, and to support resource protection and restoration efforts. For more info, see www.nps.gov/2016.

MEMORIES

“Another Cat Tale ... but What Kind?”

by Barbara Hoffman Daniels

Late morning, late September, still a few showers throughout the day. Dry in the pine-head out back, a place all the animals seem to enjoy. It was carpeted with pine needles beneath huge, towering Australian Pines. Deer at times rested there.

This particular day I happened to look out back and there in the needle beds under the pines was the most awesome sight. I couldn't determine for sure what kind of large cat it was lounging there in the pine needles. In general his back and body colors were tawny like our Florida panthers but this one had thick white fur around the jowls and his blacks and whites were so extreme. The ears went from tawny to white to black tip. The underbelly was extremely white.

He lay and rolled for two and a half hours. I watched him. I called my husband's home nurse to the window and we watched together through the binoculars. He was the size of our panthers but the colors were much more extreme. I even called my neighbor on the phone to slip quietly over here and through the kitchen to watch him from there. We all agreed he didn't look exactly like our panthers. More like a tiger of some kind except for the continuation of the tawny color on his body. A small shower blew up and it started dripping on him enough that he got up and finally ambled away.

I never saw that one again, but what exactly was he? Maybe a displaced animal from the zoo that had been ravaged by Hurricane Andrew down in South Miami?

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.

Help Needed to Share Memories

Big Cypress National Preserve has an extensive library of audio and video interviews with various people that have an in-depth connection and history to this special land.



The National Park Service is seeking volunteer assistance to edit this media, preparing it to post on our website, so that all may have access to it and benefit from it.

This task will require extensive knowledge of computer based media editing software, and other computer programs. Knowledge of the Greater Everglades Ecosystem, or the ability to learn the information quickly, will be useful.

For info, phone Bob DeGross at 695-1107 or see <http://www.nps.gov/bicy/supportyourpark/volunteer.htm>

Monument Lake and Burns Lake Campgrounds in Big Cypress National Preserve are closed and will re-open on September 1, 2008.



DIAMONDS' TEA

The first Diamonds of the Everglades Tea was held in 2001 by Helen Bryan and Margaret Mannon for about 45 women. Helen told the *Rapper* "My heart has always been with visiting Senior Mothers and elderly people shut in ... so with Mother's Day coming up, I wanted to honor and respect them ... so I started a Tea for them. A Diamond should be 75 years old but I lowered the age to 70 to include some other friends."

Helen and Margaret had been to the Ladies' Teas in Marco Island which were started nine years ago by Cathy Gallus for the women from New Life Community Church but expanded to include neighbors, friends, and friends of friends. The popularity of these teas during the winter season has seen them grow to huge "themed" events attended by hundreds of ladies from Marco, Naples, Everglades City, and Chokoloskee.

Cathy told Helen and Margaret they could borrow some fine bone china cups and teapot sets for their Diamonds' Tea if they took them home and washed them. They made tea sandwiches, desserts, and favors for about 45 Diamonds, some who came in wheelchairs and some over 90 years old.

After that, they visited antique shops and malls until they each had about 50 cups and saucers. Helen said "It almost became an addiction to buy one more beautiful cup". Several local residents also donated cups.

She regrets that in the last seven years some Diamonds have passed away or moved but looks forward to hosting the tea again this month.

TAMIAMI TRAIL DEDICATION

Barron Gift Collier, III, read the speech his grandfather gave at the original Tamiami Trail opening ceremony on April 26, 1928.

Today the eyes of the world are focused on Florida.

And the world sees the completion of the greatest highway that this splendid peninsula has ever possessed; not only its value to the millions of visitors who will use it, but to the entire population of Southeast Florida. A wholesome feeling of gratitude predominates in the minds of those who know, and these have a feeling of admiration and thankfulness for the Governor of this great Commonwealth, the Chairman of the State Road Department and our corps of Masterful Engineers. They performed what first seemed a nebulous dream but which is now a vital accomplishment linking the Atlantic to the Gulf and stretching a belt of granite highway for the 273 miles between the Wonder City of Miami and the busy metropolis of Tampa.

These men, I know, gladly join me, here and now, in paying homage to that vast army of workers who, with pick, shovel and dynamite, literally blasted this magnificent road through to completion.

From every bend of their weary backs; from every heave of their mighty shoulders, sprang some new segment of this beautiful trail.

That which we look upon today is but a great mosaic made up of these segments.

To those workers, and their number was legion, we pay sincere tribute.

And to that tireless, efficient, persevering Chief Engineer, D. Graham Copeland, under whose personal direction these men labored, all Florida owes a lasting debt of gratitude.

The Tamiami Trail is Finished. The impossible has been accomplished.

It couldn't be done - but Florida did it.



The Museum held talks in the New Theater about Monroe Station and the Bay City Walking Dredge on Saturday and Story-Telling on Sunday. Greeters at the front desk counted over 400 people on the first day and about 200 on the second. Outside, under the FME tent, people admired the spectacular cakes which were served each afternoon.

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A model of the Bay City Walking Dredge, made by Jerry Enders of Naples, and a display of Collier County News articles from 1928 can still be seen in the Pauline Reeves Gallery at the front of the Museum.

MUSEUM NEWS

The Tamiami-80 weekend culminated in the drawing for the raffle prize, a photograph entitled "Moonrise" donated by Clyde Butcher who picked the lucky winner, Ron Echols of Naples Preserve. Friends of the Museum President Carol Moseman is delighted that the picture went to a descendent of the original laundry building family. Musicians Valerie Wisecracker and Cindy Hackney are in the background getting ready to perform.





TAMIAMI-80 REPORT

Saturday, April 26, 2008



Betsy Perdichizzi dressed as Tommie Barfield (“The Queen of Marco”) followed by Bill Perdichizzi portraying Barron Gift Collier, both in antique cars from the Naples-Marco Island Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America

Collier County Commissioner Jim Coletta in the “rumble seat” in the parade.



Everglades City Mayor Sammy Hamilton waving a Tamiami Trail flag to the crowd.

Students from Everglades City School sang the National Anthem during the Opening Ceremonies on the steps of Everglades City Hall (the old Collier County Courthouse). They were led by Betty Oglesby (not in picture).





TAMIAMI-80 REPORT

Sunday, April 27, 2008



Carol Moseman, Tamiami-80 organizer and FME President, introduces the Opening Ceremonies. From left to right, Mayor Sammy Hamilton, Rev. Jane Wallace, Bonnie Dearborn from the Department of State Division of Historical Resources, Jack Geist from St Stephen's Church in Coconut Grove, Collier County Museum Director Ron Jamro, and Snooker Joe Stem in front of Terri Rementeria who sang the National Anthem.

Visitors enjoyed the festivities at picnic tables in front of the stage where musicians performed throughout the day.



About 35 vendors and exhibitors offered food, arts & crafts, or information to the hundreds of attendees. Red Tamiami-80 mugs were for sale on the Boy Scouts' drinks booth (and are still available at the Museum).

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