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FREE CONCERT

“The Next Wave” Big Band

The U. S. Naval Academy jazz ensemble will give a free concert on **Saturday, July 5**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Everglades Community Center (behind the fire station).

According to their website:

The Next Wave plays big band music from the earliest to contemporary, including originals and arrangements penned by some of the talented writers within the band. Highlighted with swinging grooves, inspired soloists, and dynamic ensemble playing, The Next Wave is a band not to be missed!

The event has been organized by Collier County Parks & Recreation Department who brought us the West Point Band last July.

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We Have Fireworks!!!

Thanks to the Committee, a dramatic display of fireworks is scheduled to go off this year on **Sunday, July 6**, around 9:00 p.m. across from the Everglades City Motel on Collier Boulevard.

Earlier that day, festivities start at 11:00 a.m. in McLeod Park and include Arts & Crafts, food, and raffle. The Parade begins at 1:30 p.m. after the Opening Ceremonies on the City Hall porch at 1:00 p.m.

The “Little Mr and Miss Firecracker” (best-dressed kiddies) Contest will take place after the parade. You can get an entry form at Everglades Island Properties, Right Choice Supermarket, or City Hall.

Contacts are:

- Parade - Elaine, 695-2695
(email: emiddel@aol.com)
- Arts & Crafts - Marya, 695-2905
- Kiddies' Contest - Carol, 695-2277

The schedule is:

- 11:00 - Arts & Crafts booths open
- 1:00 - Opening Ceremonies
- 1:30 - PARADE
- 9:00 - Fireworks !!!



Summer Camp

Kids from around the community were kept busy and learning during the first two weeks of Summer Camp. Besides the usual activities, they had a visit by McGruff, the Sheriff's doggie, and a trip to Jack Shealy's zoo in Ochopee. There is still time to enroll your child. *Read more on page 5.*



1968 REUNION

Join your classmates at an ECity School Reunion on **Saturday, July 5** at the Seafood Depot from 2:00 to 5:00 pm. The event is organized by the Class of 1968 but others on either side of the decade (1963 to 1973) are welcome. For more info, call Gary McMillin at 695-4540.

JUNE/JULY 2008

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
22	23 Hour of Prayer Everglades First Baptist Church 7 pm	24	25 Ladies Coffee Ivey House 8 am	26	27	28 BigC Lecture Clyde Butcher Gallery, 1 pm see p.3
 29 Bike Repair Day 12 - 4 pm see p.3	30 Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm	JULY 1 Aide to Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart City Hall, 3 pm see p.3	2 Ladies Coffee Ivey House 8 am Coletta Meet & Greet, 6 pm see p.3	new moon ○ 3 Lions Club Depot, 7 pm	 4 <u>Independence Day</u>	5 '68 Reunion Depot, 2 pm see p.1 CONCERT "The Next Wave" 6 pm, see p.1
 6 Independence Day Celebration see p. 1	7 Hour of Prayer Copeland Baptist Church, 7 pm	8	9 Ladies Coffee Ivey House 8 am	10	11	12 Mobile PetVet, see p.3
13 Mobile PetVet, see p.3	14 Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm OFCD Board Fire Sta, 6 pm	15 Reach Out City Hall 8:30 am	16 Ladies Coffee Ivey House 8 am	17 Lions Club Bd Mtg, 4 pm City Hall Copeland Civic Association 7 pm	full moon ● 18 End of Summer Camp	19 BigC Lecture Clyde Butcher Gallery, 1 pm see p.3
20	21 Hour of Prayer Holy Family Catholic Church 7 pm	22	23 Ladies Coffee Ivey House 8 am	24	25	26

Aug 19: School Starts Again

August 30 - Sept 1: Clyde Butcher's Labor Day "Muck-About", phone 695-2428 for reservations

THRIFT SHOP: Thurs, Fri, Sat, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

SKATING RINK: Friday/Saturday, 7:00 to 10:00 pm

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

SMALLWOOD STORE: Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon; 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: Thurs, 6/26 (noon - 2 pm) Mon, 6/30 (9-11 am) Tues, 7/1 (9-11 am)

Mon, 7/7 (10-11 am) Thurs, 7/10 (1-2 pm)

PHONE NUMBERS: City Hall ~ 695-3781 Library ~ 695-2511 Sheriff ~ 695-2007 Fire Dept ~ 695-2902

CONGRESSIONAL AIDE

George Barton, aide to Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart, will welcome constituents on **Tuesday, July 1**, in City Hall at 3:00 p.m. To talk with him before that, phone 348-1620.

COLETTA FUNCTION

There will be a "Meet and Greet" evening for Collier County Commissioner Jim Coletta, hosted by Mayor Sammy Hamilton, on **Wednesday, July 2**, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Seafood Depot Restaurant, Everglades City. The theme is "Island Luau/Pirate" and there will be a prize for the best "island" outfit. There will also be door prizes, a large assortment of food & drink, and entertainment by the Raiford Starke Band featuring Chief James Billie.

RSVP by phone to 455-7882 or by email to jim@jimcoletta.com.

For info, see the ad on the back page.

Big Cypress Gallery

Summer Lecture Series

The first talk was such a success that two more have been scheduled:

Saturday, June 28: Lisa Andrews about Big Cypress and the Florida Panther

Saturday, July 19: Mike Owen with photographer Rick Cruz about "Endangered and Beautiful Species in the Fakahatchee".

The talks begin at 1:00 p.m. at Clyde Butcher's Big Cypress Gallery in Ochopee. For info, phone 695-2428 or see www.clydebutter.com.



DEPOT CABANA BASH

Half-priced drinks and special treats are the feature on Saturday afternoons from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Seafood Depot, but only in the Cabana Bar. Come along to meet your friends for all the goodies.

Bike Repair Day

Bring the kids along with their bikes for free repairs on **Sunday, June 29**, from noon to 4:00 p.m. in the lot across from Capt Doug's Airboats. Adult bikes also welcome (donation \$10). And, there will be hotdogs & drinks courtesy of the East Naples Kiwanis.



SAVE NOW ON BOAT REG

Annual fees will go up substantially on **Tuesday, July 1**, so you can save by registering before that.

MOBILE PET VET

Dr Baker will not be here during June, but she will be here on **Saturday, July 12**, from 9 am to 1 pm in McLeod Park, Everglades City, and from 2 to 4 pm in Copeland. On **Sunday, July 13**, she will be doing surgery by appointment only during the morning. Phone her at 777-PETS.



OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

- 06/11/08: Brush Fire, Ochopee
- 06/11/08: Fire Alarm, Everglades City
- 06/12/08: Emer. Med., Everglades City
- 06/12/08: Brush Fire, 1.5 Miles West of Port of the Islands on US-41
- 06/12/08: Power Line Down, 68m I-75
- 06/12/08: Smoke Scare, Everglades City
- 06/13/08: Electric Pole Fire, 1 Mile East of SR-29 on US-41
- 06/13/08: Vehicle Accident, 54m I-75
- 06/14/08: Neck Injury, Big Cypress Wilderness Institute
- 06/14/08: Vehicle Accident, 54m I-75
- 06/14/08: Vehicle Accident, Turner River Rd
- 06/14/08: Vehicle Accident, 52m I-75
- 06/15/08: Man Down, Oasis Ranger Station
- 06/15/08: Possible Brush Fire, 75m I-75
- 06/15/08: Vehicle Accident, 55m I-75
- 06/16/08: Abdominal Pain, Monroe Station
- 06/16/08: Lighting Strike, Lee Cypress
- 06/17/08: Vehicle Accident, 63m I-75
- 06/17/08: Brush Fire, Port of the Islands
- 06/18/08: Chest Pains, 2 Miles West of Dade County Line
- 06/18/08: Vehicle Accident, 73m I-75
- 06/18/08: Vehicle Accident, Everglades City
- 06/18/08: Vehicle Accident, 65m I-75
- 06/18/08: Vehicle Accident, 72m I-75
- 06/19/08: Vehicle Accident, US-41 & SR-29
- 06/19/08: Vehicle Accident, Everglades City
- 06/20/08: Vehicle Accident, 68m I-75
- 06/20/08: Vehicle Accident, 55m I-75
- 06/21/08: Vehicle Accident, 60m I-75
- 06/21/08: Vehicle Accident, 72m I-75
- 06/21/08: Vehicle Accident, 54m I-75
- 06/22/08: Vehicle Accident, 63m I-75
- 06/22/08: Vehicle Accident, 52m I-75
- 06/22/08: Vehicle Accident, 63m I-75
- 06/22/08: Vehicle Accident, 56m I-75
- 06/22/08: Vehicle Accident, 55m I-75
- 06/22/08: Power Line Down, 76m I-75
- 06/23/08: Chest Pains, 68m I-75
- 06/23/08: Vehicle Accident, 74m I-75
- 06/23/08: Vehicle Accident, 66m I-75
- 06/23/08: Vehicle Accident, 77m I-75
- 06/24/08: Fire Alarm, Everglades City
- 06/24/08: Brush Fire, West of Port of the Islands
- 06/24/08: Emer. Med., 1 m East of the Jet Port

TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER

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

06/27/2008	Fri	04:25AM	0.5	L	09:42AM	2.7	H	05:49PM	0.2	L	11:11PM	2.1	H
06/28/2008	Sat	05:25AM	0.7	L	10:26AM	2.8	H	06:50PM	0.0	L			
06/29/2008	Sun	12:40AM	2.1	H	06:25AM	0.8	L	11:17AM	3.0	H	07:48PM	-0.2	L
06/30/2008	Mon	01:53AM	2.2	H	07:25AM	0.9	L	12:11PM	3.2	H	08:44PM	-0.4	L
07/01/2008	Tue	02:52AM	2.3	H	08:22AM	0.9	L	01:05PM	3.4	H	09:37PM	-0.5	L
07/02/2008	Wed	03:41AM	2.4	H	09:17AM	0.8	L	01:57PM	3.6	H	10:27PM	-0.6	L
07/03/2008	Thu	04:24AM	2.4	H	10:10AM	0.8	L	02:48PM	3.6	H	11:15PM	-0.5	L
07/04/2008	Fri	05:05AM	2.4	H	11:00AM	0.7	L	03:39PM	3.5	H			
07/05/2008	Sat	12:00AM	-0.4	L	05:44AM	2.4	H	11:50AM	0.6	L	04:34PM	3.3	H
07/06/2008	Sun	12:44AM	-0.3	L	06:21AM	2.4	H	12:42PM	0.6	L	05:31PM	3.0	H
07/07/2008	Mon	01:27AM	-0.1	L	06:58AM	2.5	H	01:37PM	0.5	L	06:33PM	2.7	H
07/08/2008	Tue	02:10AM	0.2	L	07:36AM	2.5	H	02:39PM	0.5	L	07:38PM	2.4	H
07/09/2008	Wed	02:55AM	0.4	L	08:15AM	2.5	H	03:48PM	0.4	L	08:47PM	2.1	H
07/10/2008	Thu	03:45AM	0.6	L	08:57AM	2.6	H	04:59PM	0.4	L	10:07PM	1.9	H
07/11/2008	Fri	04:41AM	0.7	L	09:45AM	2.6	H	06:05PM	0.3	L			

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Summer Camp

Summer Camp is sponsored Reach Out Everglades & C.O.P.S., Inc., our neighborhood charity.



From Savannah's Eyes

Summers are so awesome. You get to see family members when they come down and you get to play with friends and go swimming. This year, like always, my niece (by the way, she's older than me by two years) LaShaun always comes down in the summer. She's like a sister to me because she lived with me until she was 8 years old. We can't wait until the Fourth of July (the celebration is on the 6th this year). But, the only thing that I don't like about the Everglades in the summer is the horrible mosquitoes. They are hurtful this year. Also, I heard that the summer camp is going well at the school for the kids and they are having a great time.

Living the good life, Savannah

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

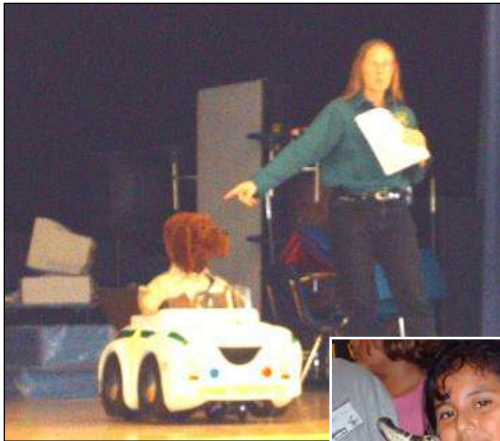


Summer Camp Report

The first week of Summer Camp at Everglades City School has been full of fun and excitement. Lt. Mark Milligan of Collier County Sheriff's Department has coordinated a two-hour program each Tuesday for the next four weeks. On Tuesday, June 17, Mr. "McGruff" along with Crime Prevention Officer Sue Gentry interacted with the children, presenting a safety-first program.

On Friday, June 20, forty campers and counselors were the guests of Mr. Jack Shealy's Skunk Ape Research Headquarters in Ochopee. Everyone stood amazed watching Mr. Rick Scholle talk while handling alligators, snakes, turtles, various types of beautiful cockatoos and macaw birds. The children were able to do touch-and-hold gator, snakes and bird activity with Mr. Rick's assistance. More adventures are planned for each week.


If your child (age 4 through 12 years old) isn't attending Summer Camp, you may still come to Everglades City School at 8:00 a.m. and fill in an application with Director Pam Drake. The School Bus will pick your children up at regular school scheduled time in the morning and return them when summer camp is over at 2:00 p.m. We hope you will encourage your child to attend summer camp which runs until July 18, 2008.



with thanks to Helen Bryan for photos and reporting




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- Glades Haven Deli:**
6 am - 6 pm; Sun - Thurs
6 am - 9 pm; Fri - Sat
- Ivey House:**
7 - 9:30 am; daily
- Leebo's:**
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- Right Choice Pizzeria:**
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- Rod & Gun:**
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11:30 am - 9 pm; daily
- Seafood Depot:**
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Recipe for Good Eating



Angel Dessert

by Jane Wallace

Everglades Community Church

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|---|-----------------------------------|
| 5 ripe bananas, mashed | ½ c. maraschino cherries, chopped |
| 1 ½ c. sugar | 1 pint sour cream |
| 2 large containers Cool Whip | 4 T. lemon juice |
| 1 (#303) can crushed pineapple, drained | 1 ½ c. pecans, chopped |

Mash bananas well and add sugar and mix all other ingredients. Place in 12" x 16" pan and put in freezer until ready to serve. (¼ of this recipe makes 20 muffin cups.)

This recipe is from "What's Cookin' in the Everglades", the Reach Out cookbook which is available for sale at the Thrift Shop, Right Choice Supermarket, and Everglades Island Properties.

Angel of the Swamp

by Patricia Huff



Like real angels, some of our Angels of the Swamp are almost invisible. Their good deeds are behind the scenes when no one is looking. They are not looking for recognition or praise. They do their work just to be helpful; work that so few really want to do. That's why they are angels. Vicky Nagle is that kind of angel. For years she has helped a number of non-profit groups with her organizational skills. When the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation needed someone to keep a record of all their activities, pictures, and news clippings, Vicky readily volunteered and produced a magnificent scrapbook. When the Friends of the Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve needed someone to organize, store, and keep track of their inventory, again Vicky agreed to handle. She now serves as Treasurer of the Friends of Fakahatchee. Vicky has been active in county programs, serving as a Collier County Poll worker and on the Neighborhood Watch team. Vicky is one of our community's "behind the scenes" angels that we would like to recognize and express our gratitude for all her hard work.

Florida Gardening in Containers

by Patricia Huff



After living here for 14 years and experiencing flooding in our yard about every three to four years, I have learned that gardening in pots or containers is worth the effort. Some people are brave enough to plant beautiful gardens, carefully putting in all their wonderful vegetables every fall and then clearing them out when the sun gets too hot in the spring and summer. I take an easier approach. I prefer to plant herbs (and tomatoes and lettuce when I get adventuresome) in containers. The best ones are the self-watering large containers that I keep above flood level on my patio. I choose a wide variety of herbs, some just for their beautiful bouquet and color (like lavender), although I prefer the ones I know I will use in several dishes. For my taste that includes basil (lots of it), oregano, dill, cilantro, parsley, rosemary, and thyme. I even planted some ginger when it started sprouting roots. It surprised me that in the containers the herbs seem to live through our summer months and just keep spreading. It's handy to have your own herbs right outside your door, the freshness tastes wonderful in a salad, and they look beautiful on your patio.



Fishing Report

by Capt. Bill Lindsay

It's time to pull out heavier gear for big snook. Release these fish gently; these are the spawners of the future. Mangrove snapper fishing has improved and I have taken some nice ones on plugs casting for snook in the backcountry. Tarpon fishing this year was slow for me but Capt. Don Cochran has been doing well both at the mouth of the river and in the backcountry. Tripletail have been showing up and permit are around the shallow gulf wrecks. Big black drum are being caught in the backcountry and outside flats. Mangrove shorelines and flats edges are still good places to hook redfish. July is a great month to fish – just try to get in before those afternoon thunder storms.

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.

FISHING TOURNAMENT



The annual Back Country Classic, the largest fishing tournament in Collier County, will be at a new site on **July 25-26** at the Port of the Islands Resort & Marina.

The event, the second leg in the popular Caloosa Tournament Series, will pit anglers against one another in a full day of catch-and-release fishing for snook, redfish and assorted mystery fish. Up to \$15,000 in cash and prizes will be awarded, with custom tournament gear provided to all anglers and trophies for the top three teams.

Anglers and guests will also enjoy two dinners at Angler's Cove Restaurant & Bar, an open bar during registration, and every team that registers a catch will be invited to November's Caloosa Grand Championship to get a shot at more than \$45,000 in prizes. Proceeds benefit athletic scholarships at Florida Gulf Coast University. Phone director Ron Riley at 671-9347 or visit www.caloosacatchandrelease.com for more info.

Don't Feed the Pelicans!



Everyone does it. These amusing birds hang out around the fish-cleaning stations, begging for handouts that are tossed to them, but the FWC has just said that feeding brown pelicans is actually harmful to them. They get lazy and stay in areas where there is free food rather than migrate to warmer climes during the winter. The following quote is taken from a press release on www.myfwc.org:

The new rule states that the intentional feeding or the placement of food that attracts pelicans and modifies the natural behavior of the pelican so as to be detrimental to the survival or health of a local population is prohibited.

Public fishing piers and beaches which attract large groups of fishermen may want to consider creating scrap chutes where folks can dump the leftovers to keep them out of the way of pelicans.

Swamp Tales

by Bob N. Wallace



You may not be aware of the fact that we have the "world's smallest post office" right here in our area. It's the little white post office located in Ochopee on the Tamiami Trail (US 41) just below SR 29 exactly 30 miles east of Naples, and 70 miles west of Miami in Big Cypress National Preserve. Not many residents pick up their mail at the post office. The Postmaster, Shannon Mitchell, delivers the bulk of it to the residents in the surrounding three counties, as well as to the Seminole and Miccosukee Native Americans who reside in the area. A little white 8 by 10 foot building, that once was a tomato farm irrigation shed, has been used as both a post office and ticket station for Trailways bus line. A big flagpole out front flies the American flag.

It is a very small place with barely enough room for Shannon and one postal patron at a time. You can buy stamps there. You can have your outgoing mail postmarked there. You can even ask Shannon to take your picture in front of the post office, if she happens to be there. She is very friendly and accommodating and has picture post cards of her office for sale. You can even buy a postcard depicting the post office and place an insect or spider stamp on it. She will even autograph one and mail it from Ochopee, if you ask. She has been known to laugh and say, "Most people don't think there's anybody in here. They think it's just a sightseeing place."

But, did you know that the world's smallest police station was also in Florida located in the Florida panhandle on the Isle of St. James, in the town of Carrabelle? It was back when the little town of Carrabelle had no real police station that the Carrabelle police parked their cruiser beside a telephone booth near the little town's main intersection. From there they could pretty much see everything that was going on and, if anyone needed the police, they just called the phone booth. It was only after better police radios and cell phones came into being that the need for the phone booth ceased. However, you can still use a more up-to-date telephone booth in the center of town, across from the Chamber of Commerce, if you want. The original phone booth is on display at City Hall just a couple short blocks away.

These two places you just gotta' see while you are visiting Florida. If you live here year 'round, they sure would make a good little trip. See ya!

Bob Wallace is pastor of Everglades Community Church and a regular contributor to the Rapper. He is also the author of a new novel The Convention which is available for sale at Right Choice Supermarket.



LOCAL HISTORY

Maria Stone has been interviewing “old-timers” for years and writing down what they’ve told her. Her many books are available in our local library and are invaluable sources of local history. She was a teacher in Immokalee but her interests spread out to Ochopee, the Everglades, and early Naples. Her book “The Tamiami Trail” is now available for sale at the Museum of the Everglades gift shop.

On June 16 Maria Stone was given the Key to the City of Naples by Mayor Bill Barnett after a moving tribute by Vice-Mayor Penny Taylor. At least thirty people came up afterwards to congratulate her, including Doris Reynolds (the official Naples City historian). The event was very emotional for all concerned and honored a icon in local historical preservation.

MARCO LECTURE

Ever wonder why Marco Island is shaped the way it is – or what's underneath it?

Now is your chance to find out. The Marco Island Historical Society will hold its monthly meeting at Mackle Park on **Tuesday, July 1**, and geologist Darrell March will take us through the centuries to show how all this happened. Social time and refreshments start at 7:00 p.m. followed by the meeting at 7:30. For more info, phone Darcie Guerin at 394-7280 or see www.themihs.org.

MUSEUM NEWS

The Friends of the Museum are finally recovering from the huge task of organizing the 2-day Tamiami-80 celebration at the end of April. One of their “back to normal” activities has been to convert their Tamiami80.com website into a new one about FME.

With the slogan “*Keeping History Alive at Our Museum*”, the site has pages about History, Events, Publications, The Starter Collection, Volunteering, the Gift Shop, and the usual contact information. You can explore the FME website at www.evergladesmuseum.org.

The Friends are finalizing the list of artists who will be exhibiting in the Pauline Reeves Gallery at the front of the Museum next season. Among the names are Bob Crider & Linda Chinn, Bruce Hitchcock, Eloise Barrows, Rick Cruz, Hannah Ineson, and Mr Tribble’s ECity School students. Dates for the “Meet the Artist” receptions will be announced on the website and in the FME Newsletter (and, of course, in the *Rapper*) when they are finalized.

The Friends also have several new items for sale in the Gift Shop at the Museum. Besides Maria Stone’s Tamiami Trail book (see column left), there are still some Tamiami-80 mugs and the neat ceramic fridge magnets and hanging decorations depicting the Museum building – a perfect little gift to send or to take home as a souvenir. Stop in at the Museum or download a mail order form on the website.



BIG CYPRESS SAYS GOOD-BYE TO KAREN GUSTIN

Former Superintendent of Big Cypress National Preserve, Karen Gustin, was bade farewell on Friday, June 13, by Acting Superintendent Pedro Ramos and Dan Kimball, Superintendent of Everglades National Park.

Don Finefrock, South Florida National Parks Trust Executive Director, presented her with a picture of a Ghost Orchid photographed by Rick Cruz.

Thanks to Bob DeGross, Chief of Interpretation at Big Cypress, for photos and the following note:

The National Park Service, Big Cypress National Preserve, would like to thank the Everglades Association Board Members, The Friends of Big Cypress, and the South Florida National Parks Trust for their recent support of former Superintendent Karen Gustin's farewell event.



A Linc Letter

Hi Folks;

Ya know we're getting' older – Bea & me – things been happenin'. As ya know we moved over here ta Vero 'cause son John and Tammy had just bought 'uh new house

here & hadda have someone live it it. We took on the job & settled in with everthing so different than Plantation Island. This wuz real civilized – not like livin' inna boonies – tha swamp at all. All in all we're doin' pretty well for old folks – but 'things' are happenin' it's called agin', getting' old & tha doctors admit that there's no cure for it!

Now in this Pointe West 'development' there is a retirement facility called The Lakes where they will take ya in (for 'uh fee) and look after ya – professional help – back up – we call it. It's 'uhbout 'uh mile from here – 5-10 minutes by car. Well we 'looked' into it & expressed some interest in it and 'they' started ta invite us ta 'parties and dinner at evenings. We tole 'em we might be interested inna couple years & they just kept on invitin' us over ta tha parties. Well one thing led to another & we figured we'd maybe move over ta tha Lakes inna year or so.

Some 'uv ya may know that there's 'uh realestate – mortgage crunch goin' on & as we talked ta guests at these parties we found that there wuzza hold up – people couldn't cum up with the money ta move in at tha Lakes until hey sold their homes, their houses. So, doin' 'uh little math & observin' tha mail boxes we cum ta tha conclusion that tha investors in Pointe West & The Lakes might be sufferin' 'uh bit or enough ta adjust their rate so's ta have some money cummin' in – bettern nothing! Well it ended up that they shifted gears 'uh bit & we shifted gears 'uh bit & we signed on ta move over there tha 1st 'uv July!!

So now Bea started ta get boxes over at Publix & WalMart & started ta pack up small stuff – gotta mover ta move us – all that stuff. So there's been 'uh lotta activity & tha place isn't just as neat & shipshape as it used to be or we'd like it to be. We're countin' tha days.

Some 'uv ya may remember that I had rt, & lf. shoulder rotor cuff surgery some years ago & later hadda 'pacemaker' put in. Otherwise I'm doin' pretty good but little by little I been havin' problems walkin' – balance – don't getta round like I used to. Then Bea's been havin' problems with an irregular heart beat – got it checked out. Doctors say 5% of people have it – don't know why – don't have 'uh cure but put you on coumadin. So Bea spent 'uh few days inna hospital - got checked out with this new medication & is now home, receivin' Home Health Care until the new medication gets balanced – settles down.

So you see – me at 96 yrs. & 'off tha charts' – Bea at 80 yrs. – we need 'back up' for that time somewhere down tha road & when we will need it on a more continuing & permaintent basis. We look forward to this new environment and again this downsizing to smaller quarters that better fits our present needs. I have made a new 'office desk' & 2 shelf cabinets to hold my 'toys' – we have permission to 'hang' Bea's office wall cabinets on the wall of our new office. This should be a 'smooth' move we will let you know just how it turned out in the next Linc Letter.

Love ya, Linc & Bea

Lincoln & Bea Frost still own a home on Plantation Island and have warm ties to our community.

My Friend David

by Carol Moseman

David Bozzard's ashes are now blowing in the wind. I have thought over the last few weeks about my friend's time on this earth. I met David when I first came here in 1996. Over the years we had become good friends.

David and Kim would sit and drink coffee late into the evening and I spent more than one night sitting with them. We would discuss everything from the name of an old rock 'n' roll song to the definition of an integer to solving all the problems of the world. I have many regrets about the things I had yet to discuss with him.

He liked to talk about his days racing cars and his work at his automobile repair shop in England. He was tickled to find that something from his racing career was available on the Internet. He also would speak with pride about his winnings at the poker table. I'm sorry I never got a chance to watch him play.

David had a passion for people. He made instant friends with stragglng dinner guests and would enthusiastically ask what they thought of various issues of the day, not to make a judgment about them because of their beliefs, but to find out what a person from that particular place or position in life felt about a subject.

David was a good listener as well. More than one poor soul with personal and emotional problems would go to him for help. David and Kim willingly and generously gave support to people struggling through bad times. Rides were given, babies watched, and money loaned. I do believe that everyone paid them back in one form or another.

My favorite memory of David happened a few years ago. The Depot was having trouble with cats getting into the ceiling and having their kittens there. One night late David and Kim and the last employees heard kittens crying. After much investigation they found that the kittens had fallen from the ceiling into the wall. Into the wee hours of the morning, David and Billy pried the baseboard off the wall. The kittens were rescued and doled out to different people who were involved in the rescue. David and Kim took one home with them and a couple of the servers took one. A server brought her kitten to work it in a cage and kept in the back hallway so she could feed it during the evening. I went to visit my locker and, as I turned the corner, there was David on his hands and knees leaning over the cage quietly talking to the kitten. That picture will forever be with me to remind me how much better this world is because David Bozzard was here.

Carol Moseman is President of the Friends of the Museum of the Everglades, Vice-President of the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation, and a popular waitress at the Seafood Depot Restaurant.



GAS TANKS UPGRADED

Our local Circle K is getting a make-over. A team from Tank Tech in Blodgett, Missouri, is putting second linings into the gas tanks to comply with a new Florida law. The work is undergoing final testing as the *Rapper* goes to press.



Old photo courtesy of Alvin Lederer

CHURCH RESTORATION

Thanks to Pastor Bob Wallace for this update on the Everglades Community Church renovations:

All of the vinyl siding has now been removed from the Narthex/Bell Tower and the sides of the Sanctuary down to the original bare wood that was put on in 1940 when the church was built. After removing two other layers of siding under the vinyl, it was found that the wood is in very good shape and will be sanded and painted to give the original look of the church as it was 68 years ago.

It was also discovered that there were decorative arches over the front windows of the Sanctuary that will be reinstalled. Where there is a square grill over the outside front door, there was originally a round window with a cross there. That will be reinstalled with a round stained glass window which will be provided by the Tankersleys. The windows are out of the Narthex/Bell Tower and the stained glass windows on either side of the Sanctuary front door are resting on the back pews. The Sanctuary door is boarded up and we are having to enter the church through the side ramp, or through doors in the breezeway between the Church and Fellowship Hall.

Impact Glass has been ordered and will soon be installed before the stained glass windows are put back. Stan Kanning informed us that the remaining twelve yellow glass windows in the Sanctuary will be removed to fix and waterproof those window sills. Impact glass will be installed in those twelve side windows. It probably will be September before the artist delivers our next four stained glass windows for the four corners of the Sanctuary. Construction will probably last another four to six weeks.

To read about our 82-year history, see our website www.evergladescommunitychurch.com and click on "Services".

EVERGLADES FIRE OUT!

We received the following press release from Everglades National Park:



The Mustang Corner Fire, which began the morning of May 14, was declared out at noon on June 14. The rain that has fallen on the area where fire was smoldering in hammocks has helped to put the remaining embers out.

Crews and personnel from around the country came to the Everglades to support the suppression efforts and were critical in keeping the fire contained to 39,465 acres. Everglades National Park is still in Fire Severity conditions.

Local personnel, Yellowstone helitack personnel, a type 2 helicopter, and a Single Engine Air Tanker (SEAT) remain ready for initial attack with the increase in lightning activity over the last few weeks.

The Price of Comfort

by Marya Repko

With gas so expensive these days, it amazes me to see vehicles running while their drivers are in the grocery or post office, sometimes for quite a few minutes chatting with friends and neighbors.

Besides the extra cost, I wonder if they aren't taking a gamble – you never know when someone is going to jump in and drive away your car/truck!

“Lunch with an Extra Guest”

The Ivey House and the Everglades area were featured in the “Green Traveler” column in *The New York Times* on Sunday, June 8. To read about the author's kayaking adventure online, see www.nytimes.com and search the archives for “Everglades Rentals”.

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