

# *The MULLET RAPPER*

## What's Happening in the Everglades City Area

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### Beautiful & Endangered

Biologist Mike Owen will give a talk, illustrated with photos by Rick Cruz, about the wonders of the Fakahatchee on **Saturday, July 19**, at Clyde Butcher's Big Cypress Gallery in Ochopee as part of the Summer Lecture Series.

The Fakahatchee has many rare plant species, the most famous of which is probably the Ghost Orchid. Mike knows the swamps and prairies intimately, having been the official State Park biologist for almost 15 years. His love affair with this unique place is obvious in his enthusiastic presentations.

This lecture begins at 1:00 p.m. and the \$25 fee includes refreshments. Rick Cruz, who has donated two of his Ghost photos for a chance prize, will sign his pictures after the talk. For info and reservations, phone 695-2428 or see [www.clydebutcher.com](http://www.clydebutcher.com).

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### Independence Day Celebrations Go Off with a Bang!



The Sons of Confederate Veterans were here in force and started the Opening Ceremonies at City Hall with a blast from their cannon.



The parade was led by the Mayor and included floats from Everglades First Baptist Church and the Museum.



The kiddies lined up for the "Little Miss and Mister Firecracker" best-dressed contest but not all of them were too happy. Others did have good fun on the water slide and bouncy castles!



The raffle, with great donated prizes, helps to pay for the "best fireworks display south of Orlando".



# JULY/AUGUST 2008

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
 <b>JULY 6</b> <b>Independence Day Celebration</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Hour of Prayer</b> Copeland Baptist Church, 7 pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Ladies Coffee</b> Ivey House 8 am	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> <b>Mobile PetVet,</b> see p.3
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<b>20</b>	<b>21</b> <b>Hour of Prayer</b> Holy Family Catholic Church 7 pm	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b> <b>Ladies Coffee</b> Ivey House 8 am	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> <b>POI Fishing Tournament,</b> call 671-9347	<b>26</b> <b>POI Fishing Tournament,</b> call 671-9347
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> <b>Hour of Prayer</b> Everglades First Baptist Church 7 pm	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Ladies Coffee</b> Ivey House 8 am	<b>31</b>	<b>AUGUST 1</b> new moon ○	<b>2</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> <b>Hour of Prayer</b> Everglades Community Church 7 pm	<b>5</b> <b>Aide to Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart</b> City Hall, 3 pm	<b>6</b> <b>Ladies Coffee</b> Ivey House 8 am	<b>7</b> <b>Lions Club Depot,</b> 7 pm	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>

Aug 19: School Starts Again      August 26: Primary Election      August 30 - Sept 1: Clyde Butcher's Labor Day "Muck-About"

**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, 7/10 (1-2 pm)    Mon, 7/14 (10-11 am)    Thurs, 7/17 (1-2 pm)  
 Mon, 7/21 (10-11 am)    Thurs, 7/24 (1-2:30 pm)

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**OBITUARIES**

**Wallace Horton**, 85, a winter resident at Barron River Resort and the VR Corp, died in hospital on July 3 in Geneva, IL. He leaves his widow Marian Stoudt Horton and, among his children, Marcia Oke who also winters here. He was a cousin of the late Forrest Harmon. To read a full obituary and leave a message for the family, see [www.skfuneralhome.com](http://www.skfuneralhome.com).

**Georgia Moseman**, 92, mother of Carol Moseman, passed away unexpectedly on July 7 in St. Petersburg where she had lived since 1959. A full obituary and guest book is in the *St Petersburg Times* at [www.tampabay.com](http://www.tampabay.com) (click News, Obits).

**RESTAURANT NEWS**



**City Seafood:**

11 am - 6 pm; daily

**Everglades Scoop:**

11 am - 5 pm; Mon- Sat

**Glades Haven Deli:**

6 am - 6 pm; Sun - Thurs

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7 - 9:30 am; daily

**Leebo's:**

4 pm; Mon - Sat and noon; Sunday

**Right Choice Pizzeria:**

pizza: 5 - 9 pm; Fri, Sat, Sun

**Rod & Gun:**

6 - 10 am Breakfast; Sat, Sun

11:30 am - 9 pm; daily

**Seafood Depot:**

11 am - 9 pm; daily

**Subway:**

10 am - 8 pm; daily

**Susie's Station:**

11 am - 5:00 pm; daily



**County Commissioner Jim Coletta at the "Meet & Greet" for constituents on July 2. The evening, which had an Island Luau theme, was hosted by Mayor Sammy Hamilton at the Seafood Depot. Music was provided by the Raiford Starke band featuring Chief James Billie. In the photo below, Carol Moseman takes a turn on the other side of the serving table to enjoy the buffet.**



**MOBILE PET VET**



Dr Baker 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**

- 06/25/08: Heat Exposure, Wooten's Airboat Rides
- 06/25/08: Stroke, Janes Scenic Drive
- 06/26/08: Snake Bite, Trail Lakes Campground
- 06/28/08: Burns to Face, Wooten's Airboat Rides
- 06/28/08: Vehicle Fire, SR-29 & I-75
- 06/28/08: Median Fire, 66m I-75
- 06/28/08: Possible Heat Exhaustion, Rod & Gun Club
- 06/29/08: Power Line Down, Everglades City
- 06/29/08: Power Pole on Fire, 76m I-75
- 06/29/08: Vehicle Accident, 56m I-75
- 06/30/08: Vehicle Accident, 56m I-75
- 07/03/08: Vehicle Accident, Ochopee
- 07/03/08: Assault Victim, Lee Cypress
- 07/03/08: Vehicle Accident, 63m I-75
- 07/03/08: Emergency Medical, 63m I-75
- 07/04/08: Vehicle Accident, 64m I-75
- 07/04/08: Vehicle Accident, 68m I-75
- 07/04/08: Vehicle Accident, 55m I-75
- 07/04/08: Vehicle Accident, 63m I-75
- 07/05/08: Vehicle Accident, 79m I-75
- 07/05/08: Vehicle Accident, 79m I-75
- 07/05/08: Brush Fire, Ochopee
- 07/05/08: Vehicle Accident, 66m I-75
- 07/05/08: Vehicle Accident, US-41 at East Cove Rest Area
- 07/05/08: Leg Pain, Everglades City
- 07/06/08: Vehicle Accident, Ochopee
- 07/07/08: Vehicle Accident, 74m I-75
- 07/07/08: Vehicle Accident, 72m I-75
- 07/07/08: Vehicle Accident, 78m I-75
- 07/08/08: Chest Pains, Everglades City
- 07/09/08: Vehicle Accident, 79m I-75

**FREE ENTRY TO PARKS**

July is Recreation & Parks Month and on **Sunday, July 13**, entry is free to all Florida State Parks.

If you haven't seen the huge Bay City Walking Dredge that helped to build the Trail, stop in at Collier Seminole State Park, on US-41 just before the Iron Rhino. The park also has a monument to Barron Gift Collier.

**TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER**

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

07/11/2008	Fri	04:41AM	0.7	L	09:45AM	2.6	H	06:05PM	0.3	L
07/12/2008	Sat	12:07AM	1.9	H	05:42AM	0.9	L	10:38AM	2.6	H
07/13/2008	Sun	02:45AM	2.0	H	06:42AM	0.9	L	11:34AM	2.7	H
07/14/2008	Mon	03:24AM	2.1	H	07:36AM	0.9	L	12:26PM	2.8	H
07/15/2008	Tue	03:27AM	2.1	H	08:23AM	0.9	L	01:11PM	2.9	H
07/16/2008	Wed	03:25AM	2.2	H	09:05AM	0.9	L	01:51PM	3.0	H
07/17/2008	Thu	03:46AM	2.2	H	09:43AM	0.8	L	02:27PM	3.1	H
07/18/2008	Fri	04:14AM	2.3	H	10:19AM	0.8	L	03:00PM	3.1	H
07/19/2008	Sat	04:45AM	2.4	H	10:55AM	0.7	L	03:32PM	3.1	H
07/20/2008	Sun	05:17AM	2.5	H	11:33AM	0.7	L	04:06PM	3.1	H
07/21/2008	Mon	12:19AM	-0.1	L	05:49AM	2.5	H	12:14PM	0.6	L
07/22/2008	Tue	12:52AM	0.0	L	06:19AM	2.5	H	01:00PM	0.5	L
07/23/2008	Wed	01:25AM	0.2	L	06:48AM	2.6	H	01:53PM	0.4	L
07/24/2008	Thu	01:59AM	0.4	L	07:16AM	2.7	H	02:56PM	0.4	L
07/25/2008	Fri	02:36AM	0.6	L	07:48AM	2.7	H	04:10PM	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

The Fourth started with a bang! It was the sixth of July and all around me was like a wonderland. There was food, jewelry, and shops. Two bounce houses and a huge waterslide. It was the most beautiful day and I was ready to play. First, I went on the waterslide with my nephew Riley and my niece Kailey. I went down with Riley and when we hit the bottom he smiled so big that all of his teeth were showing. It was so cute! And I also made a lot of new friends; one of them was named Alexis and she and I had a blast on the waterslide. My cousin Cody and my Aunt Gee-Gee and my Aunt Joyce, Uncle Mike, and Cody's mom Dana were down staying with us. And my beautiful niece La'Shaun is staying the whole summer which makes me the happiest girl. When the parade was starting I ran over to the road and they were throwing cups and necklaces and, most of all, candy! I was happy. I picked up a cup and started to fill it up with stuff. After that it was time for fireworks. I went over to my friend Trevor's house while La'Shaun invited her friends Colton and Reagan over. At Trevor's house when the fireworks started we ran to the porch and we could see the fireworks perfectly. At the end of the fireworks, we could hear people screaming and whistling and so we did, too. The ending was grand. I still miss that day ... I was having so much fun.

Thank you to the people who volunteered to help for the Fourth and thank you to all the firemen for helping with the fireworks. They were wonderful!

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



Some of the Summer Campers who marched in the Independence Day parade with their new banner and T-shirts.

## Summer Camp Report

*Summer Camp is provided for local children by Reach Out Everglades & C.O.P.S. Inc, our neighborhood charity. With thanks to Helen Bryan for photos and reporting*




Summer Campers are continuing to enjoy twice-weekly special activities at Everglades City School. On Tuesday, June 24, Collier County Sheriff Department Officers, Lt. Michael Dolan and Lt. Mark Milligan were guest of Summer Campers interacting "Character Trait Games". This was a lesson explained by Lt. Dolan, not to hang out or "be unequally yoked" with those "friends" that could persuade you to do wrong things. Try to pick good honest friends.

Then, on Friday June 27, campers were treated to a day at Shark Valley by Reach Out Everglades, highlighted by a Tram ride through the National Park seeing alligators and a variety of birds, with a hike up the beautiful Park Tower.



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## Our Water

During the last week of June, residents of the Everglades City area received a notice from U.S. Water Services Corporation notifying us of the bacteria found in the monthly sampling of our drinking water. According to the report, samples collected on June 16, 2008, "indicated the presence of Fecal Coliform bacteria in the drinking water."

Operators collect water from two wells and two distribution sites on a monthly basis. If the samples "fail" (tests results are available in 48 hours), then within 24 hours three more samples have to be taken and re-checked. According to Melissa Rotteveel at U.S. Water, if these samples also fail, this indicates an "acute" health concern and notices have to be sent out immediately to all residents.

In this particular case, the re-sampling on June 19 "indicated the absence of Coliform bacteria". Because there were no bacteria in the re-samples, the State rule allows for U.S. Water to send out notices in a timely manner but does not require immediate notice since the samples were free from bacteria. A "fail" sample on the first collection could be the result of contamination of the bag or other sources, not the water, thus re-sampling is required to confirm.

If anyone has any questions, contact Ms. Rotteveel or Robin Higgins at (727) 848-8292.

### FREE PLANTS!

Chokoloskee residents are tidying their garden and have plants to give away – all sizes and species, many native. For info, phone 695-2645.



## LOCAL HISTORY

Curt & Glenda Smallwood sent this photo, via Janet Treadway, with the caption:

*Charley Goff and Midge Weeks sitting on a Ford beside the old cafeteria. If anyone has a better picture of the "log cabin" lunchroom behind the old school, phone Marya at 695-2905.*



"Deaconess Bedell" and "Tommie Barfield" from the Marco Island Historical Society were in the Independence Day parade here on Sunday, July 6.



## Florida Flora

by Patricia Huff

If you're looking for native wildflowers to fill your garden, a beautiful plant that grows like a shrub is the Sea Ox-Eye Daisy (*Borrchia arborescens*). It has pale green, grayish leaves and daisy-like yellow flowers. Native to South Florida, it is drought and salt tolerant and flowers throughout the year. It is good at stabilizing the shoreline soil in areas where erosion is an issue.

## Power Problems

There have been more than just a few power outages in Chokoloskee in recent weeks.

According to one resident, "the electricity has been going off on a regular basis, whenever the wind blows more than 20 miles per hour."

This photo shows the crew from Lee County Electric Cooperative (LCEC) repairing two of the many downed power lines on June 29.

Chokoloskee residents have been confused as to why this is happening so often, especially since LCEC had recently replaced the old poles and equipment and trimmed all the trees below the poles. Everyone gives credit to the emergency crew, the servicemen who respond quickly and work hard in the rain and lightning to restore power.

According to Kathleen Taylor, a Public Relations representative at LCEC, "an outage investigation" was submitted in late June which allowed a team to look into the cause of the continuous loss of electricity. This investigation was performed and completed early July. LCEC determined that the cause was due to lightning striking the power lines.

Ms. Turner said that since the poles are the tallest structures in the area, recent heavy lightning strikes cut through the wires. LCEC was not satisfied with the new equipment's performance so on July 2 trucks were sent to work on replacing all the insulators along the lines. It is LCEC's belief that these improved insulators should help to reinforce the lines and prevent repeated outages.

Chokoloskee residents appreciate LCEC's quick response to the problem and making the necessary repairs to keep from losing electricity in their homes. Hopefully, these new insulators will do the work.



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Judy Caseley and friends on the Coletta float during the parade on July 6. Judy was also instrumental in organizing the "Meet and Greet" on July 2 (see page 3).

## SPECIAL WEDDING

History repeats itself. Earlene Kugler and Allan Moseley were married in 1946 on the steps of the County Courthouse and then farmed tomatoes in Ochopee in 1952-53. They are seen here on a visit to Everglades City in the 1970s.



On Monday, July 14, their daughter Laura gets married on those same steps, now City Hall, to Kenneth Duke. Although they live in the Miami-Dade and Monroe county area, they have decided to "come home" for their wedding and honeymoon.

Laura told the *Rapper* "there was no other choice in locale for such a loving, memorable commitment to take place. This is where my parents began their life together and their love and dedication to each other endured the passage of time."



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