

The MULLET RAPPER

What's Happening in the Everglades City Area

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Church Tiles Missing!

After the Everglades Community Church put down a new floor in their fellowship hall, the extra ceramic tiles were piled up in open cardboard boxes outside the side door — and, they all “took a walk”.

The beige (“Tetra Sand”) tiles are large (18x18 inches) and the stack of 77 of them was about 3 feet high so someone with plenty of muscle and a truck must have helped them escape.

Maybe the tiles will magically return home again to the side porch?

Or, if you have any idea where they might be, please call the Church at 695-4787.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT

by Marya Repko

Mayor Sammy Hamilton welcomed everyone on Tuesday, August 5, to the first council meeting after the summer recess. He said that the City has a new water-billing system and that the barge at Pleasure Island has finally been moved. He then read out a letter praising Savannah Oglesby for saving a loggerhead turtle suffering from Red Tide; she held the turtle’s head up out of the water until Park rangers could take it to Mote Marine Labs. It has since been released into the wild, not be to one of the 109 protected loggerheads that died this year.



Lt. Mark Milligan said that community policing was very good in this area and introduced Sue Gentry, Crime Prevention Officer, who asked for more volunteers in Neighborhood Watch. She warned about email scams, especially the “scary” ones which demanded money with death threats, and told us to never (!!!) give out personal information or send money and to report them to her at prevention@colliersheriff.org. The Mayor had previously thanked Sue for all the goodies (eg, bike helmets, sports equipment) she brought from the Police Activity League for the area.



The Mayor said that he has been working with ocean engineer Todd Terrell and the DEP on the City Docks. He has turned over the documentation to Terry Smallwood who welcomes visitors to City Hall to talk about their docks. Until the situation is resolved, no work may be carried out on the City Docks.

John Wilson was reassured by the Mayor that “what belongs to ECity will come back to the City” when he asked about the airport. New attorneys will consult with the County Manager about the matter. He was further told that the short-term rental problem at Club Everglades was being looked into.

Councilor Parker Oglesby praised the mosquito spray truck and said that even when driver Ed Smith walked around, the swamp angels fled in fear.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, September 3, for the preliminary millage & budget hearing with another meeting on September 10. The Mayor said that there is “no more free money” so he would be tightening up on excessive and unnecessary expense.

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If you have news, photos, announcements, or articles ... email mulletrapper@gmail.com or phone 695-2397.

AUGUST 2008

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
3	4 Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm	5 Aide to Congressman City Hall, 3 pm City Council City Hall, 5:30 pm	6 Ladies Coffee Ivey House 8 am	7 Lions Club Depot, 7 pm	8	9 Hunting Course see p.3
10 Hunting Course see p.3	11 Hour of Prayer Copeland Baptist Church, 7 pm Early Voting starts	12	13 Ladies Coffee Ivey House 8 am	14 Pre-K & K enrollment see p.5	15 Pre-K & K enrollment see p.5	full moon ● 16 Mobile PetVet, see p.3
17 Mobile PetVet, see p.3	18 Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm	19 BACK TO SCHOOL Reach Out Comm Church 8:30 am	20 Ladies Coffee Ivey House 8 am	21 Lions Club Bd Mtg Depot, 5 pm Copeland Civic Association 7 pm	22	23 Last Day for Early Voting
24	25 Hour of Prayer Holy Family Catholic Church 7 pm	26 <u>Primary Election</u>	27 Ladies Coffee Ivey House 8 am	28	29	new moon ○ 30 Clyde Butcher Muck-About, call 695-2428
31 Clyde Butcher Muck-About, call 695-2428	SEPT 1 <u>Labor Day</u> <u>Snook Season</u> Hour of Prayer Everglades First Baptist Church 7 pm	2 Aide to Congressman City Hall, 3 pm	3 Ladies Coffee Ivey House 8 am City Council City Hall, 5:30 pm	4	5	6

Wednesday, September 10: City Council

Monday, October 6: last day for voter registration

Sunday, November 2: clocks change ("fall back" 1 hour)

Monday, October 13: OFCD Advisory Board

Tuesday, November 4: general election

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

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

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

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

SHERIFF AT CITY HALL: Thurs, 8/7 (noon-2 pm) Mon, 8/11 (10 am - noon) Wed, 8/13 (noon-2 pm) Fri, 8/15 (9-11 am)

Tues, 8/19 (10-11:45 am) Thurs, 8/21 (3-5 pm) Mon, 8/25 (9:30-11:30 am)

SKATING RINK: **CLOSED FOR IMPROVEMENTS**

SMALLWOOD STORE: Fri, Sat, Sun, Mon; 11 am to 5 pm

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Wed, 5 pm, Community Church

OBITUARY

Beverly Hartman, 80, a seasonal resident in Chokoloskee, passed away on Wednesday, July 23, in hospital near her home in Mio, Michigan. She grew up during the Depression in a cabin with no electricity while her parents developed a small lake-side resort. After graduating first in her high school class, she worked in an insurance office until she married George and raised a family. She and her husband travelled all over the USA and first visited this area with friends in 1978. They returned in 1987 and bought a plot at ORA in 1992. She was an active volunteer at the Museum of the Everglades. She leaves her husband of almost 60 years, 4 children, 8 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren. You can send a message to them at www.lashleyfuneralhome.com.

BARTON VISIT

George Barton, aide to Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart, will be at City Hall on **Tuesday, September 2**, at 3:00 p.m. to talk with constituents.

MOBILE PET VET

Dr Baker will be here on **Saturday, August 16**, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in McLeod Park, Everglades City, and from 2 to 4 p.m. in Copeland. On **Sunday, August 17**, she will be doing surgery by appointment only during the morning. Phone her at 777-PETS.



HUNTING COURSE

FWC will hold a free 16-hour Hunters' Safety Class on **Saturday and Sunday, August 9-10**, at the Everglades Conservation and Sportsmen's Club on Loop Road. from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day.

You must have passed a Hunters' Safety Course to get a Florida hunting license, unless you were born before 6/1/1975.

Students are not allowed to bring their own firearms but will get a chance to use a variety of guns and a bow. To register, phone Lynne or Susan at (561) 625-5122 or see www.myfwc.org.

Early Voting

The polling station in City Hall will be open from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. on **Monday, August 11, through Saturday, August 23**.

You can get absentee ballots for the August 26 Primary by filling in a from which is available from Dottie Joiner at City Hall.

The position of Collier County Sheriff will be decided at this primary election because only one party is running candidates and anyone, regardless of affiliation, can vote.

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• MORE EVENTS ON PAGE 10 •

OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

- 07/25/08: Trouble Breathing, 63m I-75
- 07/26/08: Vehicle Fire, 55m I-75
- 07/27/08: Vehicle Accident, 74m I-75
- 07/27/08: Possible Stroke, Lee Cypress
- 07/28/08: Unknown Medical Problem 70m I-75
- 07/31/08: Ant Bite, SR-29 and US-41
- 07/31/08: Vehicle Fire, 67m I-75
- 07/31/08: Vehicle Fire, 67m I-75
- 08/01/08: Vehicle Accident, 68m I-75
- 08/01/08: Trouble Breathing, 67m I-75
- 08/01/08: Trouble Breathing, Ochopee
- 08/01/08: Neck Pain, 64m I-75
- 08/01/08: Assault Victim, Lee Cypress
- 08/02/08: Vehicle Accident, 69m I-75
- 08/03/08: Vehicle Fire, 66m I-75
- 08/04/08: Vehicle Accident, 75m I-75
- 08/04/08: Vehicle Accident, 52m I-75
- 08/04/08: Power Line Down, Everglades City
- 08/04/08: Vehicle Accident, 73m I-75

OFCD Board Holiday

The OFCD Advisory Board is on summer recess until October 13. It normally meets on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:00 p.m. at the Fire Station. Members of the public are always welcome to attend.

Big Cypress News

Big Cypress National Preserve is open again to ORVs after the annual 60-day rest period. Air boats are also allowed now in Zone 4. However, Burns Lake and Monument Lake campgrounds remain closed until September 1. The former "Yellow Trail" in Bear Island is closed until further notice while it is worked on.

TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER

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

08/08/2008	Fri	02:35AM	0.8	L	07:50AM	2.6	H	04:11PM	0.4	L	09:28PM	2.0	H
08/09/2008	Sat	03:10AM	0.9	L	08:45AM	2.6	H	05:24PM	0.3	L			
08/10/2008	Sun	09:55AM	2.6	H	06:31PM	0.3	L						
08/11/2008	Mon	02:58AM	2.1	H	06:17AM	1.0	L	11:08AM	2.6	H	07:29PM	0.2	L
08/12/2008	Tue	03:11AM	2.2	H	07:18AM	1.0	L	12:10PM	2.8	H	08:17PM	0.1	L
08/13/2008	Wed	02:48AM	2.2	H	08:06AM	0.9	L	12:59PM	3.0	H	08:59PM	0.0	L
08/14/2008	Thu	02:48AM	2.3	H	08:46AM	0.9	L	01:41PM	3.1	H	09:37PM	-0.1	L
08/15/2008	Fri	03:08AM	2.4	H	09:24AM	0.8	L	02:18PM	3.2	H	10:11PM	-0.1	L
08/16/2008	Sat	03:32AM	2.5	H	10:00AM	0.7	L	02:52PM	3.3	H	10:44PM	-0.1	L
08/17/2008	Sun	03:58AM	2.6	H	10:37AM	0.5	L	03:27PM	3.2	H	11:16PM	0.0	L
08/18/2008	Mon	04:24AM	2.7	H	11:16AM	0.4	L	04:04PM	3.1	H	11:47PM	0.1	L
08/19/2008	Tue	04:47AM	2.8	H	11:57AM	0.3	L	04:46PM	3.0	H			
08/20/2008	Wed	12:18AM	0.3	L	05:10AM	2.8	H	12:41PM	0.2	L	05:36PM	2.8	H
08/21/2008	Thu	12:49AM	0.4	L	05:33AM	2.9	H	01:32PM	0.2	L	06:39PM	2.5	H
08/22/2008	Fri	01:20AM	0.6	L	06:03AM	3.0	H	02:33PM	0.2	L	07:58PM	2.3	H

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SCHOOL NEWS

Everglades City School

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website: www.collier.k12.fl.us/evg

IMPORTANT DATES

Tues, Aug 19:	School Starts
Thurs, Aug 28:	Early Release
Mon, Sept 1:	Labor Day
Thurs, Sept 11:	Open House, 6:30 p.m.



From Savannah's Eyes

We only have two more weeks until school, and I can't wait! My Mom and I went school shopping so we can be prepared for school. We went to the mall and bought some shirts with some jeans; this year we have to wear collared shirts with pants that have no rhinestones and things on the back and no rips. Then we went and got my supplies like some folders, erasers and other things. We went to school to get my supply list, then took off and bought the supplies. Also, I can't wait for school to start because I am in the 6th grade and I can play sports like volleyball which I am going to play. My favorite sport is volleyball so I am going to have a blast playing. I am so excited to go back to school to play volleyball and see all of my friends.

Savannah Oglesby will be in the 6th grade at Everglades City School and is a regular contributor to this paper.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Each class has a different list of requirements for supplies that students should bring to class.

Obviously it depends on the students' age but some of the common items are pencils & erasers, crayons, scissors, spiral notebooks, and folders. Also required are tissues and zip-lock baggies.

You can get a copy of the list for your grade by visiting Candi at the school from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.



See page 7 for School Bus times.

More Summer Camp Photos

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



Campers had a chance to ride in a special fire truck during the trip to Wannado City this summer.

Clothing Guidelines

- 1- Polo style shirt, any solid color, short or long sleeve.
- 2- Pants, knee-length shorts, and knee-length skirts must be solid color (khaki, navy, or black). No embellishments, embroidery, or sequins, etc.
- 3- No altered Jeans or holes will be permitted. NO baggy pants or hip huggers, NO athletic/sport shorts, sweats/warm-up style pants outside Physical Ed class.
- 4- Shoes with closed toe and heel for both male and female with no more than 1" heel.
- 5- Socks in solid colors: white, khaki, navy, or black.

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS ONLY: can wear jumpers in khaki, navy or black (no embellishments such as embroidery, sequins, etc).

Pre-K and K Enrollment

You can enroll any day from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

You will need the following documentation to prove you live here and that your child was 4 years old before September 1.

- Proof of Residency, 2 of the following:
Florida driver's license
electricity bill
purchase or rental agreement for home
- Immunization Certificate: DOH 680
- Proof of Age (birth certificate, baptism certificate)

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EVERGLADES CITY SCHOOL BUS SCHEDULE
2008-2009



SCHOOL STARTS AT 8:15 AM

SCHOOL ENDS AT 2:45 PM

BUS #668 RUN ID:EVG.001

BUS #668 RUN ID:EVG.101

7:20 AM: PLANTATION PKY & PLANTATION DR
7:21 AM: 41 FLAMINGO DR E
7:21 AM: FLAMINGO DR E & EGRET LN
7:22 AM: PLANTATION PKY & EGRET LN
7:25 AM: LOT #2 & PLANTATION PKY
7:33 AM: DEMERE LN & LOPEZ LN
7:34 AM: MAMIE ST & HAMILTON
7:34 AM: MAMIE ST & CHOKOLOSKEE DR
7:35 AM: CHOKOLOSKEE DR & SMALLWOOD DR
7:50 AM: SCHOOL: EVERGLADES

2:45 PM: SCHOOL: EVERGLADES
3:00 PM: CHOKOLOSKEE POST OFFICE
3:04 PM: DEMERE LN & LOPEZ LN
3:05 PM: MAMIE ST & HAMILTON
3:05 PM: MAMIE ST & CHOKOLOSKEE DR
3:06 PM: CHOKOLOSKEE DR & SMALLWOOD DR
3:16 PM: PLANTATION PKY & PLANTATION DR
3:17 PM: 41 FLAMINGO DR E
3:17 PM: FLAMINGO DR E & EGRET LN
3:18 PM: PLANTATION PKY & EGRET LN
3:21 PM: LOT #2 & PLANTATION PKY

BUS #680 RUN ID:EVG.002

BUS #680 RUN ID:EVG.102

6:18 AM: 57229 TAMIAMI TRL S
6:34 AM: TAMIAMI TRL S & BURNS LAKE RD
6:45 AM: TAMIAMI TRL E & BIRDON RD
6:59 AM: TAMIAMI TRL S & MAHOGANY DR
7:14 AM: 32350 TAMIAMI TRL S
7:27 AM: JANES SCENI DR & LAKE GLORIA RD
7:30 AM: 15959 JANES SCENIC DR
7:34 AM: 53896 JANES SCENIC DR
7:42 AM: JANES SCENIC DR & LEE CYPRESS
8:00 AM: SCHOOL: EVERGLADES

2:45 PM: SCHOOL: EVERGLADES
3:07 PM: JANES SCENI DR & LAKE GLORIA RD
3:10 PM: 15959 JANES SCENIC DR
3:14 PM: 53896 JANES SCENIC DR
3:22 PM: JANES SCENIC DR & LEE CYPRESS
3:28 PM: 32350 TAMIAMI TRL S
3:30 PM: TAMIAMI TRL S & MAHOGANY DR
4:00 PM: 57229 TAMIAMI TRL S
4:21 PM: TAMIAMI TRL S & BURNS LAKE RD
4:33 PM: TAMIAMI TRL E & BIRDON RD

BUS #681 RUN ID:EVG.003

BUS #681 RUN ID:EVG.103

6:34 AM: NEWPORT DR & NEW PORT CAY
6:34 AM: MORNING STAR CAY & NEWPORT DR
6:41 AM: 255 CAYS DR
6:42 AM: WINDWARD CAY & CAY DR
7:05 AM: SR 29 & WAGON WHEEL RD (CR 837)
7:17 AM: 22770 SR 29 (KIDDER RES)
7:17 AM: FR 124 SR 29 (BROWNS RES)
7:23 AM: 22929 SR 29 (WOOTEN RES)
7:32 AM: CHURCH ST & OLD TRAIN LN
7:33 AM: JANES SCENIC DR & SEABOARD VLAS
7:50 AM: SCHOOL: EVERGLADES

2:45 PM: SCHOOL: EVERGLADES
3:08 PM: CHURCH ST & OLD TRAIN LN
3:09 PM: JANES SCENIC DR & SEABOARD VLAS
3:20 PM: 22929 SR 29 (WOOTEN RES)
3:20 PM: FR 124 SR 29 (BROWNS RES)
3:20 PM: 22770 SR 29 (KIDDER RES)
3:30 PM: SR 29 & WAGON WHEEL RD (CR 837)
3:56 PM: NEWPORT DR & NEW PORT CAY
3:56 PM: MORNING STAR CAY & NEWPORT DR
4:03 PM: 255 CAYS DR
4:04 PM: WINDWARD CAY & CAY DR



GLADES DAZE

A Good Day of Fishing

by Patty Huff

Last day of July, temperature in the 90's with lots of clouds forming in the sky. The fishing was great with my husband as my guide. My first catch was a nice size Black Drum but it was the Redfish that we wanted for dinner. Redfish or Red Drum (*Sciaenops ocellatus*) is a fun fish to catch since it puts up a good fight and is especially good eating. Later in the day I caught three Snook (all over 14 pounds) but the season for Snook is closed until September 1 so the Redfish was a nice catch. The beer bottles, of course, were used for chilling the fish, not for human consumption! Enjoy your summer here in the Everglades ...

New Release of Old "Tarpon" Film

"This long-lost gem of a film has acquired cult status in the fly fishing world," says author Carl Hiasen, *"and with good reason. It has the most breathtaking footage of the tarpon-stalking experience that you'll ever see. Like the fish itself, this is a work of art."*

He is talking about the 1974 film "Tarpon" which was shot in Key West in 1973. It has recently been restored by UYA Films after the filmmaker's daughter saved it from a dripping barn in the Normandy countryside where it lay untouched for the last 35 years. French filmmaker Christian Odasso co-directed the film with Guy de la Valdéne, an avid fly-fishing angler, after he visited the Florida Keys in 1972 and was enraptured by the aesthetics and ethics of the catch-and-release fishing.

While the footage focuses on the magnificence of tarpon, the directors chose to interview many of the top guides and conservationists of the era and include their observations and concerns about the future of the fish they pursued.

"Tarpon" (53 minutes, \$34.95) is available on DVD from The Book Mailer at website www.thebookmailer.com or by phone on 1-800-874-4171.

Flamingo Plan Gets Go-Ahead



The National Park Service (NPS) has issued a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the Flamingo Commercial Services Plan (CSP) project.

Strong public involvement played an important role in developing the Flamingo CSP. The approved FONSI is based on Alternative D, identified as the Preferred Alternative, when it was released for public review and comment between April 14, and May 15, 2008.

Superintendent Kimball is pleased with the outcome of the planning process and the cooperative spirit in which it was developed. *"I'm eager to now focus on bringing the plan to reality since I have heard frequently from so many of you what a special place Flamingo is, how much you care about it, and how important it is to the community and those that care about Everglades National Park. I'm committed to the challenge of reestablishing Flamingo, once again, as a premier destination and 'gateway' to Florida Bay, the park's backcountry and the Wilderness Waterway"*.

The Final Plan provides for an enhanced mix of commercial services for land- and water-based accommodations, education and recreation activities. The Plan emphasizes eco-friendly development concepts and sustainable design features that take into account Flamingo's location in a high hazard flood zone. The mix of overnight lodging and facilities described in Alternative D reflects these critical issues and the unique market conditions at Flamingo.

The Plan calls for a single, elevated lodge/restaurant; elevated cottages; houseboats; eco-tents; additional services in the marina area; two backcountry chickees in Florida Bay; a new amphitheater; and new park and concessioner housing and maintenance facilities to efficiently support the operations. The Plan also includes the RV campground remaining at T Loop with electrical hookups added; a new boat transfer service at the Buttonwood Canal plug; a wider array of guided tours, programs and livery services; provides for a modest environmentally-friendly pool at the lodge; and continues access to Eco Pond. During peak season a Flamingo circulator shuttle would transport visitors to key destinations and a "Yellow Bike" system would provide overnight guests with enhanced access to the marina, lodging and other visitor services, while reducing the frequency of private vehicle use.

With redevelopment focused on a reduced building footprint, approximately 50 acres would be restored to natural conditions. In addition to enhancing long-popular recreational activities (boating, fishing, paddling, hiking, backcountry exploration, wildlife viewing and photography), Flamingo will become a more prominent educational venue for telling the important stories of Flamingo and the Everglades: Flamingo's colorful natural and cultural history, the long-term goals and challenges for Everglades restoration, and offering learning opportunities regarding issues like climate change, sea level rise and sustainable development.

For more information about the plan or to obtain a copy of the FONSI, visit the Everglades National Park website: www.nps.gov/ever and under "Quicklinks" go to the Flamingo Commercial Service Plan, or contact Fred Herling, Project Manager at 305-242-7704 or fred_herling@nps.gov.



LOCAL HISTORY

Before the ACL train first roared into the Depot 80 years ago, there was already a rail link to Everglades. The little carts usually carried grapefruit from the farm in Deep Lake to the river where the produce then went by boat to Key West.

The farm was owned by Walter Langford of Ft Myers and his partner John Roach, a streetcar operator in Chicago. Thus, the connection with Barron Collier who bought Deep Lake in 1922 as his first investment in this area.

Soon after the trees were planted in 1900, the famous protected wild turkeys were brought in to eat the grasshoppers that were destroying the crop.

The description of this photo from the Florida State Archives is *People sitting on railroad handcars: Photographed in the Spring of 1917 on a stretch of railroad line that connected Everglades City and Deep Lake.*

Thanks to the "history detectives" who identified Leafy Thompson as one of the women in the picture of Deaconess Bedell in our last issue (7/25/08). However, everyone said "I recognize the other woman but can't remember her name" so if you know it, please phone us!

FRIENDS OF THE MUSEUM NEWS

Carol Moseman is starting on the much-awaited quilt that features Tshirts from Seafood Festival. She will keep us up-to-date on her progress in a special "blog" which will be linked to the Friends' website www.evergladesmuseum.org.

However, she still needs Festival shirts from 1987 and 1994. And, she would like a Hurricane Wilma shirt.

If you can help, phone her at 695-2159 or drop off the shirts at the Museum.

Recipe for Good Eating

CLAM FRITTERS

by Cyril Santini



1 1/2 doz clams	3/4 cup clam liquid
1 1/2 cups flour	1 tsp. salt & pepper
1/2 cup milk	3 eggs, beaten
1 Tbsp. melted butter or cooking fat	

Separate clams from liquid. (save both). Split the clams, remove dark stomach contents. Rinse in cold water. Mince clams as fine as possible.

Sift flour, salt, and pepper. Add clam liquor, milk and eggs. Stir until smooth. Add butter and minced clams.

Sauté in cast iron skillet in thin cakes or drop spoonfuls in hot fat (380 degrees). Cook until golden brown.

Cyril Santini was born and raised on Chokoloskee Island, the 2nd son of "Tino" and Mary Frances (Daniels) Santini. This recipe was contributed by Cyril's granddaughter, Marci Townley Hallock, of Tillamook, Oregon, and appears in the Chokoloskee Church of God Commemorative Cookbook.

Knitting Lessons



Knitting is one of those relaxing ways to keep your hands busy while you watch TV or the sunset. It also can give you a great sense of achievement to create something attractive and useful.

Nancy Camposano, whose store "Knitting with Nancy" is on the Trail opposite Towne Center, offers a variety of lessons for different skill levels.

The schedule for August is:

Help Class: Every Monday at 2:00-4:00
 Finishing: Tues 8/12 at 10:30-12:30
 Cotton Jacket: Tues 8/5, 8/12, 8/19, 8/26 at 10:30-12:30
 Felted Slippers: Wed 8/6, 8/13, 8/20, 8/27 at 10:30-12:30
 Crochet for Knitters: Wed 8/27 at 1:30-3:30
 Kids Jacket: Thurs 8/7, 8/14, 8/21 at 10:30-12:30
 Beginners: Fri 8/15, 8/22, 8/29 at 10:30-12:30

Charges vary and materials are included for some of the projects. Nancy also gives private lessons by appointment. For more info and registration, phone her at (239) 793-8141.

Household Tips

Kim Perraud found this idea in the magazine "Real Simple":

Plant marigolds in your garden or in pots on your porch to keep away mosquitoes.

The website www.realsimple.com also suggests that "no-see-ums" don't like geraniums.

Let us know if either tip works!



Florida Flora

by Patricia Huff

One of our most attractive native palms is the Buccaneer Palm (*Pseudophoenix sargentii*). Although this unusual palm is sometimes costly to purchase and slow growing, it is capable of tolerating the extremes of our Everglades climate from torrential rains to long periods of drought.

The Buccaneer is found in the Caribbean and in the Florida Keys but also grows well in our Everglades area. This palm has beautiful gray-green pinnate leaves that grow up to 10 feet. The average height is also between 10 and 15 feet.

It would be a very attractive palm for your garden if you are willing to pay a little extra for its beauty.

"Bugging Out"

Dennis Giardina, former manager of Fakahatchee Strand Preserve, will give a lecture about his search in Central America for a parasite of the Mexican bromeliad weevil on **Monday, August 11**, at 12 noon as part of the Brown Bag Series at Rookery Bay. For info, contact Susan Cone at (239) 417-6310, ext. 413.

Coping with Sight Problems

The Lely Palms Retirement Center in Naples is sponsoring an outreach event on **Tuesday, August 19**, at 12:30 p.m. Staff of the VIP Center (Visually Impaired Persons) of Southwest Florida will present aspects of training for those with vision problems and for those who wish to learn how to be effective in assisting them.

The event is open to the public. There will also be current models of low-vision products on display and for demonstration. For info, call Sandy Martin at (239) 265-5355.

Eco-Tourism Lecture



Rookery Bay will host a presentation "Creatures of the Intertidal" on **Thursday, August 21**, from 6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at the Environmental Learning Center in Naples (just west on CR-951 where it crosses US-41).

The program, which is geared to eco-tour leaders, is free but registration is required. Phone Alberto Chavez at (239) 417-6310 ext. 231. For more info, see www.rookerybay.com.

Don't Feed Gators!



According to an FWC press release, airboat captains in Broward County were charged with illegally feeding gators after undercover FWC officers took boat rides as tourists.

The penalty for illegally feeding gators is up to 60 days in jail and/or a \$500 fine.

If you see someone feeding a gator or any other wildlife abuse, phone FWC at 1-800-404-3922. You could be eligible for a reward.

The Everglades by Barbara Hoffman Daniels

An unspoiled moon
Blessed the virgin glades
Through the cabbage palm fronts
In the olden days.

A bullfrog choir
Carried on the wind
A haunting refrain
Through a magical glen.

Wild orchid blooms
Like ghostly specters
Lured wild honey bees
To drink of the nectar.

Great white herons
Preened Snowy white wings
Atop the tall slash pines
As the katydids sang.

Above the green forest floor
Where predators stalked,
The whip-poor-wills cry
Joined the limpkins call.

Lush water lillies bloomed
Dressing fresh water ponds
Where the cries of the loon
Could be heard from beyond.

A red fox barked
From a thicket of pines
As a cat squirrel scampered
Up a fig tree vine.

The long legged deer
Pranced proud and free
Their lithe and grace
Like a Fantasy.

Beside muddy creeks
The crawdads crawled
While the raccoons played
And a black bear bawled.

The cattails rustled
In the summer nights breeze
Casting their spells
To the tops of the trees,

Where the wise old owl
With his solemn stare
Blinked now and then
And cried "Who Goes There".

Barbara Hoffman Daniels grew up in Everglades City. She lived for over thirty years in the Big Cypress.



**Class of 1968 Reunion
June 28, 2008**

Our thanks to Denise Fussell for these photos of the reunion at the Seafood Depot which was organized by Lynn and Gary McMillin.



Denise reports that Buddy & Beth Todd came down from Alabama and went swimming in the river, for old-times' sake. Among those attending were Glenna (Butler) & Johnny Potter, Crystal (Hamilton) & Billy Potter, Lynn (Hancock) & Gary McMillin, Gene Wooten, Hazel Mitchell, Bob Wells, JimBob Singletary, David Fussell, Cecelia (Drake) & Eddie Martin, Brenda McDowell, Irene & Iris & Theresa Todd, Lonnie Jensen, and Larry Harmon. Family members and grads from other classes also came along for a great time.

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6 am - 6 pm; Sun - Thurs
6 am - 9 pm; Fri - Sat

Ivey House:
7 - 9:30 am; daily

Leebo's:
4 pm; Mon - Sat and noon; Sunday

Right Choice Pizzeria:
pizza: 5 - 9 pm; Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun

Rod & Gun:
6:30 - 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

JOBS VACANT

We had this email from Big Cypress Gallery after their Job Ad last week:

We have hired a local gal for the position. Thank you for your help with the ad in the Mullet Rapper.

**PUT YOUR JOB ADS
 IN THE RAPPER
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