

The MULLET RAPPER

What's Happening in the Everglades City Area

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We've been watching it being remodeled but we'll finally get a chance to eat there again when the Backcountry Cafe opens on Saturday, August 30. Formerly operating as The Last Frontier (built and opened in 1989), the Oar House, and the Roadkill Cafe, the new restaurant is on Route-29 (Collier Avenue) next to the motel.

Hours will be 6:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. daily but the plan is to extend them to include dinner in October.

The breakfast hours will appeal to the early-morning angler. The decor is also aimed at fishing folk – there are NOAA charts of the Ten Thousand islands on the table tops and the walls sport pictures and mounts of local fish.

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TROPICAL STORM "FAY"

We woke up early on Tuesday, August 19, to howling winds and lashing rain – if we weren't already up most of the night – and watched the water rising, flooding the streets. It began to recede around 7:30 a.m. and the wind eased off enough to allow us to go outside.



Fortunately, there was very little major structural damage in the area. Although the power was out on Chokoloskee due to a downed cable, it was soon fixed thanks to the prompt response of LCEC who had a staging area for their trucks in Carnestown. Electricity and phones were working in the City but the cable TV was not.

Mayor Sammy Hamilton had prepared by having the City Council proclaim a State of Emergency the day before and had been in touch with County officials. City workers cleaned up the streets to eliminate the chances of flying debris.



On Tuesday afternoon, the Mayor went to Naples to meet with Governor Charlie Crist and County Manager Jim Mudd. Early on Wednesday morning, he talked with Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart who had come to City Hall.

The Mayor told the *Rapper* that the flood waters were a problem and he was waiting for a report from City workers about the sewer plant. He is concerned about the grinder pumps.

Lt Mark Milligan of the Sheriff's Office told the *Rapper* that extra deputies were assigned to patrol before and after the storm but there were no incidents. He said that the community had stuck together and handled the situation well.

Bob DeGross at Big Cypress National Preserve and Renee Rau, Manager of Fakahatchee Strand Preserve, both reported no serious damage.

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AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2008

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
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 <u>Early Voting</u> see p.3	23 <u>Early Voting</u> see p.3
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Monday, October 6: last day for voter registration
 Sunday, November 2: clocks change ("fall back" 1 hour)
 Monday, December 1: Snook season closes until March 1

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, 8/21 (3-5 pm) Mon, 8/25 (9:30-11:30 am) Wed, 8/27 (noon - 2pm) Fri, 8/29 (9-11 am)
 see notice outside office for September hours

PRIMARY ELECTION

The polling station in the Community Center (behind the fire station) will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, August 26.**

Early voting will take place on **Thursday/Friday/Saturday, August 21/22/23,** at City Hall from 10:30 a.m. until 6:30 p.m.

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

SKATING RINK OPENS

The Skating Rink at the Community Center will open again during regular hours, starting on **Friday, August 22.**

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.

CITY COUNCIL

The next meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 3.** The *Rapper* will have a summary of the budget in the next issue (9/5/08) in preparation for the special meeting on **Wednesday, September 10.**



The Mayor, seen here on his own dock, agreed with the DEP that all Fish Cleaning Stations and other attachments over the water on the City Docks be removed. Ocean engineer Todd Terrell documented the "before" and "after" situation for the DEP who accepted the result. The next step is to show that there are some safety issues and ask for permission to make repairs.



The fire department was ready for Tropical Storm "Fay" with their rescue boat at the ready in front of the station. Fortunately, there were no emergency call-outs due to the storm. Our thanks to them for their vigilance.

OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

- 08/06/08: Power Pole Fire, 2m East of Miller Extension on US-41
- 08/06/08: Vehicle Accident, 2m East of Port of the Islands
- 08/08/08: Vehicle Accident, 61mm I-75
- 08/08/08: Illegal Burn, Lee Cypress
- 08/09/08: Call Box Activation, 71mm I-75
- 08/10/08: Vehicle Accident, 3m East of SR-92
- 08/10/08: Heat Exposure, Everglades City
- 08/11/08: Vehicle Accident, 56mm I-75
- 08/11/08: Vehicle Accident, SR-29 5m South of US-41
- 08/12/08: Possible Assault, SR-29 South of US-41
- 08/14/08: Possible Brush Fire, Jerome
- 08/14/08: Vehicle Accident, 66mm I-75
- 08/15/08: Vehicle Accident, 54mm I-75
- 08/16/08: Vehicle Accident, US-41 Ochopee
- 08/16/08: Difficulty Breathing, 52mm I-75
- 08/18/08: Vehicle Accident, 70mm I-75

MOBILE PET VET

Dr Baker will be here on **Saturday, September 27,** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in McLeod Park, Everglades City, and from 2 to 4 p.m. in Copeland. On **Sunday, September 28,** she will be doing surgery by appointment only during the morning. Phone her at 777-PETS.



FDOT Alley Meeting

There will be a public meeting on **Monday, August 25,** at the Naples Hilton at 1:00 p.m. where the proposals for the possible leasing of Alligator Alley will be evaluated and discussed. For more info, see website www.alligator-alley.com or phone Dick Kane at (850) 414-4595.

TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER

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

08/22/2008	Fri	01:20AM	0.6	L	06:03AM	3.0	H	02:33PM	0.2	L	07:58PM	2.3	H
08/23/2008	Sat	01:51AM	0.8	L	06:43AM	3.0	H	03:46PM	0.2	L	09:35PM	2.1	H
08/24/2008	Sun	02:24AM	1.0	L	07:41AM	3.0	H	05:05PM	0.1	L	11:57PM	2.1	H
08/25/2008	Mon	04:24AM	1.0	L	09:14AM	3.0	H	06:18PM	0.0	L			
08/26/2008	Tue	01:50AM	2.3	H	06:04AM	1.0	L	10:59AM	3.1	H	07:22PM	-0.1	L
08/27/2008	Wed	02:11AM	2.4	H	07:14AM	0.9	L	12:16PM	3.2	H	08:18PM	-0.1	L
08/28/2008	Thu	02:29AM	2.5	H	08:12AM	0.8	L	01:15PM	3.4	H	09:07PM	-0.1	L
08/29/2008	Fri	02:49AM	2.5	H	09:02AM	0.6	L	02:06PM	3.5	H	09:51PM	-0.1	L
08/30/2008	Sat	03:09AM	2.6	H	09:49AM	0.5	L	02:51PM	3.5	H	10:30PM	0.0	L
08/31/2008	Sun	03:32AM	2.7	H	10:33AM	0.3	L	03:34PM	3.3	H	11:07PM	0.2	L
09/01/2008	Mon	03:56AM	2.8	H	11:16AM	0.2	L	04:16PM	3.1	H	11:42PM	0.3	L
09/02/2008	Tue	04:21AM	2.9	H	11:57AM	0.2	L	05:00PM	2.9	H			
09/03/2008	Wed	12:14AM	0.5	L	04:48AM	2.9	H	12:39PM	0.2	L	05:46PM	2.6	H
09/04/2008	Thu	12:44AM	0.6	L	05:17AM	2.9	H	01:24PM	0.2	L	06:39PM	2.5	H
09/05/2008	Fri	01:08AM	0.8	L	05:48AM	2.8	H	02:16PM	0.3	L	07:41PM	2.3	H

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IMPORTANT DATES

Thurs, Aug 28:	Early Release
Mon, Sept 1:	Labor Day
Tues, Sept 23:	SAC, 3:00 p.m.



From Savannah's Eyes

What a wonderful day I had this past weekend. My family and my friend's family took a short drive to Miami and went to Monkey Jungle. It was a nice sunny day to go there. When we got in to see the monkeys, there were monkeys everywhere! Big monkeys, little monkeys, good monkeys and some who fought with each other. There were also a lot of monkeys that had babies that were just born two days ago. They were the size of a small child's hand or even my hand. Some monkeys were pregnant and were going to have the baby anytime. You could also feed the monkeys. You just put a little bit of raisins in the dish that was hanging down and they pulled the chain up and grabbed the raisins and started to eat. It is so cute to watch them. After that we saw a huge gorilla named King (that my Mom had seen on Ellen DeGeneres' show on TV) weighing 450 pounds! That is huge! He would dance and do tricks; it was really exciting seeing all the monkeys and the adventure that I had. Also, were birds and turtles but mostly monkeys, and it is really close. So, if you want to monkey around for a day, you should go to Monkey Jungle! Also, Wednesday, August 20, was my eleventh Birthday. I am so excited!!

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



Media Center Gets New Look



Media Specialist, Trina Mitchell, has set up "reading areas" in the Media Center which will allow students comfortable chairs and space to spend time reading in the library.

She has included a "Listening Center" and organized the books-on-tape so students have a special section to listen to the many books available.

She hopes the teachers will take advantage of the new facilities by offering a 15-minute special free time in the Media Center as a reward to their students.

NEW SCHOOL UNIFORMS

There was a fashion parade as students came back to school on Wednesday, August 20, in their regulation clothing.






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TROPICAL STORM "FAY", August 19, 2008

Photos by Helen Bryan, Maggie George, Patty Huff, Carol Moseman, Marya Repko, Martha Schramm



We don't have an "Angel" in this issue but we agree with forecasters at the National Hurricane Center who said in Discussion #3, 8/16/08 (www.nhc.noaa.gov):

THE AIR FORCE PLANE CIRCUMNAVIGATED THE ENTIRE ISLAND OF HISPANIOLA DURING THE PAST FEW HOURS...ENDURING SOME RATHER TURBULENT CONDITIONS...ESPECIALLY WITHIN THE STRONGEST THUNDERSTORMS NEAR THE SOUTHERN COAST...AND WE APPRECIATE THE HARD WORK OF THE CREW.



CLOUDS

by Patricia Huff

*“Rows and flows of angel hair,
And ice cream castles in the air,
And feather canyons everywhere,
I've looked at clouds that way.”*

This is the first verse of Joni Mitchell's song “Both Sides Now” and it describes her interpretation of cloud formations.

My childhood memories of driving every August from Nashville to the Florida Keys include gazing up at the clouds through the back window of our family's station wagon. We didn't have video games or movies to entertain ourselves on road trips; we only had our siblings and a deck of cards. The drive was long (about 20 hours) and my father did not like to stop (even with six kids in the back seat that would fold down and allow us to move around; no seat belts in those days!).

I was always fascinated with the clouds as we entered the Sunshine State; lots of sizes and shapes. I would imagine the white puffs to be wild bears, mountains, or people talking to each other. In this techy world, I wonder if kids today even see the clouds. For me it's nice to recall the miles and miles of driving on the newly built Florida Turnpike and dream about the world surrounded by clouds.

I moved to Florida in 1984 and still like to stare at the beautiful skies and changing cloud formations. Our mild mid-August weather this year has been a great time to hang out in the hammock, watch the clouds go by and enjoy the river breeze on these lazy-hazy days of late summer. In south Florida's totally flat topography, clouds give us our mountains.

Please note that we have a new email address:
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Swamp Tales

by Bob N. Wallace



Judy Caseley emailed me two aerial pictures of the church on the circle in Everglades City where I am Pastor. I have never seen it from that perspective. The Community Church sits opposite what is now City Hall that was once the County seat. It is amazing how things look from up in the air.

I have driven past the entrance to Everglades Airpark right next to Everglades National Park Boat Tours and have driven into the airport once. Little did I realize what a little jewel we have in our airport?

It sits on 29 acres of land surrounded on three sides by the waters of Everglades National Park, The Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve and Collier Seminole State Park. Way back in 1947 when the Collier brothers business was flourishing in Everglades City, they were based in Palm Beach and had contracted to have an airport built so they might fly in daily from their home on the East coast. They constructed a 1,000 foot paved strip with 500 feet of grass on either end, which was later taken to extend the runway to 2400 feet. However, on the Gulf side the runway had, and still has, water all along it. The newly built airport was used by the Civil Air Patrol, and often frequented by the Air Force in addition to private pilots. President Harry Truman dedicated the National Park at the airport in December of 1947. In 1960, Hurricane Donna destroyed the airport's buildings and the county seat was moved to Naples. Recently a storm destroyed an Alaskan Floatplane that provided sightseeing tours over the 10,000 Islands, the Everglades, the Keys, and the Dry Tortugas.

Collier County purchased Everglades Airpark in 1968 and maintained the property until Collier County created the Airport Authority to operate Immokalee Regional Airport, Marco Island Executive Airport and the Everglades Airpark here in Everglades City in 1993. It now is considered Collier County's "Eco-tourism Airport".

If you are a pilot and want to fly in, call the airport on Unicom 122.9. Set your altimeter at 5 ft. above sea level. Look at you chart and you will see Runway 15/33, 50 x 2400, Asph, Med. and Lat/Long: 25-50-55.362N/081-23-24.286W. Even if you don't want to land, this area is something to see from the air.

I don't think we will ever be confused for Miami International, but I think it would be neat to change our name to Everglades International Airport. How does that sound?

Rev. Dr. Bob N. Wallace is pastor of Everglades Community Church which has recently been renovated back to its 1940s appearance.

FOOTNOTE: The old Sheriff's house on stilts at the side of the parking lot and the hangers at the airport, which were damaged during Hurricane Wilma in October 2005, were finally torn down several weeks ago. If you notice that they are missing, it was not because of the recent storm.



LOCAL HISTORY

Among the debris on the Chokoloskee causeway after the storm was this sign, photographed by Helen Bryan. We wonder where it has been all these years since the grocery was renamed Right Choice Supermarket!

History on TV

Marco Island (from Calusa to condos) is the feature on "Untold Stories", the public television series about local history. You can see it on WGPU-TV on **Friday, August 29**, at 8:30 p.m.

Hurricane Talk

"Inside View of Hurricane Donna" is the subject of a talk by Walter Donovan, formerly with Civil Defense, on **Friday, September 5**, at 3:30 p.m. at the Naples Preserve. For reservations, phone 213-7120.



MUSEUM NEWS

A new exhibition in the Pauline Reeves Gallery at the front of the Museum opens in September with a reception hosted by the Friends to "Meet the Artists" on **Saturday, September 6**, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

The new artworks will be carved fish by Bob Crider and sculptures by Linda Chinn, both Plantation Island residents who have been seen at Art-in-the-Glades and Seafood Festival.

Recipe for Good Eating

Southern Peach Cobbler

by Patricia Huff

This time of year the peaches are so fresh and ripe that I can't stop by the fruit section of the grocery store without buying a bag full. The peaches are so sweet that they are a treat by themselves, but if you feel like cooking here's a recipe for a good peach cobbler.



2 cups of sliced and peeled fresh peaches
1 ½ cups of sugar
½ cup of butter

¾ cup flour
2 tsp baking powder
¼ tsp salt
¾ cup milk

Combine the peaches and ½ cup of sugar; set aside. Heat the oven to 325°. Melt butter in casserole dish in oven. In a separate bowl, combine remaining 1 cup sugar with flour, baking powder, salt and milk. Pour mixture over melted butter and spoon peaches on top. Do not stir. Bake for one hour. Add a little vanilla ice cream if you wish. Enjoy! It's simple and delicious!



Off the Shelf – Summer Reading

by Marya Repko

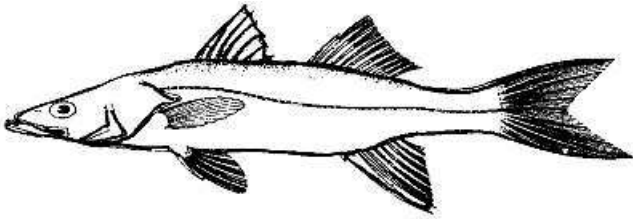
I've just been on vacation to a land of make-believe with Jimmy Buffett and his crazy characters. He took me all over the Caribbean, to the South Pacific, Central America, and up the Amazon. And, I learned that his passions are fly-fishing and flying, especially sea planes, but perhaps humor and zaniness keep him going.

We think of Buffett as a singer and song-writer but he ventured into print in 1989 with "Tales from Margaritaville" where he introduced Tully Mars, the cowboy from Wyoming with his horse Mr. Twain, who turn up later (2004) in "A Salty Piece of Land" helping a 101-year-old woman find a Fresnel lens for her remote lighthouse. In between those two dates, Buffett wrote a full-length novel (1992) "Where is Joe Merchant?" and some autobiographical notes (1998) "A Pirate Looks at Fifty". His latest book "Swine Not?" takes a pet pig to a swank New York hotel.

I admit to being confused about the real adventures and the fictional ones. Buffett spends his time between Key West and Long Island. He does musical tours each summer and takes flying forays (with fishing gear and surf board) to the islands when he can.

One phrase that rings true is the comment made by one of the natives on his fictional travels about a local newspaper "All dat papuh be good far is wrappin' mullet".

By the way, Buffett wrote the accompanying music for the old film "Tarpon" (reviewed in the last issue of the *Rapper*, 8/8/08) and has it for sale, among lots of other goodies, on his website www.margaritaville.com.



SNOOK SEASON OPENS SEPTEMBER 1

by Captain Steve Huff

Since May 1, it has been illegal to possess a Snook on the west coast of Florida, which includes the Everglades. In addition to being in our neck of the woods, the Everglades is probably the number one destination for serious Snook anglers all over Florida (in fact, all over the entire world) seeking these wonderful game fish.

The game fish protection laws are meant to ensure a viable reproducing Snook population for the future. The other laws with regard to Snook include a slot limit of 28 to 33 inches on the west coast; also, only one Snook per person per day is allowed. In addition to these rules, every angler must have a valid fishing license with a current Snook stamp.

We are privileged to live in an area that has such a healthy supply of these incredible game fish. In fact, it greatly affects the economy in this community. It is probably the single most biggest draw to the Everglades, next to tourism, than any other entity. Tight lines!

RED/SNOOK TOURNAMENT

Registration is now open for the Catch & Release Charity Tournament on **October 3-5**. There are new categories for youngsters and fly-fishermen. The fee for individuals is \$395. Star attraction will be Roland Martin and the Conservancy benefits from the event. For more info, see www.conservancy.org and www.theredsnook.com or phone Andy Hill at 572-2691.



Missing Boat – \$7,500 Reward

We had an email from Charter Lakes Marine Insurance about this 2003 36 Yellow Fin boat which was stolen from Belleair Beach (near Clearwater) on August 12. The name on the stern is "Old Habits" and it has three (3) Yamaha 250hp engines. There is a \$7,500 reward for its return. For info, phone Doug Nowak at (616) 975-3500 or see www.SeaAlertNetwork.com.

Labor Day Weekend "Muck-About"

by Patricia Huff

About ten years ago I took my daughter on our first swamp walk into the Everglades. It was an experience we still talk about. There was only a small group of us wading into the swamp behind Clyde Butcher's studio on the Tamiami Trail in Ochopee.

We started out with the water just covering our ankles, then gradually we probed gently with our walking sticks until we had walked just $\frac{3}{4}$ of a mile into chest-deep water surrounded by cypress trees. We didn't see any dangerous wildlife on this trip; just unbelievable beauty all around; one with nature. As we walked slowly and deeper into the swamp, all I could think of was the movie "Honey, I Shrank the Kids." With cypress stumps and trees looming above us and getting larger with every step, we continued to "shrink" in the woods.

This year Clyde Butcher's Muck-About will include four different types of walks: The **Eco/Biological Walk** that will be full of information with many stops; the **Family Fun Echo Walk** for all ages to learn about the ecosystem in a fun, educational way; the **Photographers/Quiet Walk** (adults only) for those wanting to enjoy the peaceful environment, making several stops for photographs; and the **Eco Short Swamp Walk** for those just wanting to get their feet wet and water only up to your knees. Whichever swamp outing you chose, I know you will enjoy it. The walks are \$25 per person and reservations are required. Visit website www.clydebutcher.com or phone 695-2428. Clyde Butcher's Big Cypress Gallery is located at mile-marker 54.1, so please remember to slow down while driving during this busy holiday weekend.

For those who want to stay dry, there will be lots of activities with music by Valerie Wisecracker and Cindy Hackney, food catered by Everglades City's Camilla Street Grill, lectures and demonstrations, and lots of booths. Clyde will also be available in the Gallery for signing his books and calendars.

A special treat this year will be Niki Butcher's Opening Reception for her Art Exhibit in the Big Cypress Gallery. Niki has a unique style of hand painting her black and white photographs of historical sites and scenes of South Florida.

Don't miss this special weekend of art, lectures, music, food and a walk in the woods. A treat you won't soon forget!!



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Clyde and Niki invite you to attend their annual

Muck - About



Reach Out Website Live

Reach Out is now online with a new website that describes what our neighborhood charity does for us and how you can help. There are pages (with lots of photos) describing the Thrift Shop, Summer Camp, Food Pantry, neuter/spay program and other activities like the popular annual "Diamonds of the Everglades" Tea.

The organizers are looking for sponsors for the website. You can have a link to your own site for only \$50 per year. But, if you don't have a website, there can be a copy of your menu or brochure.

See www.reachouteverglades.org and click on CONTACTS. To find out more, phone Marya at 695-2905.

Reach Out Changes

Chris Ammerman has resigned her position as co-president of Reach Out. In her email, she says:

I believe this has been one of the best years we have had with Reach Out. So many wonderful things are happening! Our thrift shop is thriving, our summer camp was the best ever, and we have helped many people this year.

But as Reach Out evolves, my own life is evolving and my focus will be on my family, church, and work. The Postal Service is also evolving and evermore time consuming and demanding.

Reach Out has been in my heart from the beginning and always will be. I again thank each and everyone for your countless hours of love and support.

We wish Chris well after all the love and hard work she has contributed.



KIDS VISIT AMAZON!

by Rev. Lessie Raffield

The week of Monday, July 28, through Friday, August 1, was an exciting one for the neighborhood kids who attended the 2008 Amazon Adventure at the Chokoloskee Church of God.

The sanctuary was transformed to look like the Amazon Rainforest with hundreds of yards of fern-print material, silk vines hanging from the ceiling, and colorful rainforest flowers blooming throughout. A jungle hut built just for the occasion completed the scene.

The workers and children took an imaginary trek through time back to the days of creation and learned the 7 C's of history from the only genuine history book, the Bible. The evening's fun and adventure was concluded with a nightly DVD presentation which was acted, produced, and directed by Youth Director Shannon Mitchell and the drama team. The week concluded with a celebration in the annex building.

The Church of God offers fun and exciting classes for kids each Wednesday night as well as a worship service catered just for kids by Children's Pastors, Bo & Candy Dungan. Call 695-3735 for more information or a free ride to any service.



Breakfast Daily at Rod & Gun

According to Patty Bowen, the Rod & Gun Club is open 7 days a week for breakfast from 7:00 to 10:00 a.m. (the *Rapper* had reported that breakfast was only served on weekends and apologize for the error).

Specials include an Anglers Breakfast of eggs and Delmonico steak. Also on the menu are eggs with sausage, bacon, ham, or corned-beef hash. For a Southern taste, servings of biscuits smothered in homemade sausage gravy are available. Side dishes include assorted Danish, a fresh fruit bowl, and bagel with cream cheese. The Bowen family has owned this historic landmark since 1971.

Daily lunches and dinners are also served. For info, phone 695-2101.

SHERIFF'S WARNING

CCSO has issued an alert about motorcycle thefts. They advise that bikes be stored in a secure building or locked to a fixed object because thieves use pick-up trucks to haul away motorcycles. And, of course, never leave the keys in the ignition.

For more info, phone 775-8477 or see www.colliersheriff.org. If you have knowledge about a theft, phone CRIME STOPPERS (anonymously) at 1-800-780-TIPS (8477).

MPO Advisory Council

The MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) is looking for people to join its Citizens' Advisory Council. The MPO makes decisions about transportation for the County and meets once a month. For more info, see www.colliermppo.net or phone 252-8192.

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RESTAURANT NEWS



Backcountry Cafe (opening 8/29):
 6:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.; daily

City Seafood:
 11:00 am - 6:00 pm; daily

Everglades Scoop:
 11:00 am - 5:00 pm; Mon- Sat

Glades Haven Deli:
 6:00 am - 6:00 pm; Sun - Thurs
 6:00 am - 9:00 pm; Fri - Sat

Ivey House:
 7:00 - 9:30 am; daily

Leebo's:
 4:00 pm; Mon - Sat and noon; Sunday

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

Rod & Gun:
 7:00 - 10 am Breakfast; daily
 11:30 am - 9:00 pm; daily

Seafood Depot:
 11:00 am - 9:00 pm; daily

Subway:
 10:00 am - 8:00 pm; daily

Susie's Station:
 11:00 am - 5:00 pm; daily

OLD EYE GLASSES
 Drop them off at City Hall to benefit the Lions Club who specialize in helping people with vision problems.

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FOODS: flour (all types) sugar, butter, eggs, powdered milk, powdered buttermilk (instant buttermilk), vanilla extract, brown sugar, Bisquick, graham cracker crumbs, soup (cream of chicken or mushroom), canned tomatoes, sour cream, cream cheese, rice (all varieties), pure virgin olive oil, crisco, vegetable oil, walnuts, pecans, almonds, unsweetened cocoa

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For info, phone her at 695-2561.

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