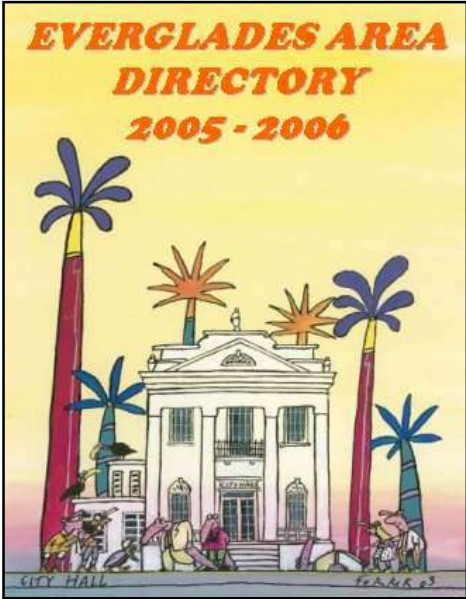


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CITY COUNCIL REPORT

by Marya Repko



At a relaxed meeting on Wednesday, September 3, Mayor Sammy Hamilton said it was good to see familiar faces and a good turnout for a September gathering.

The main business was to have a public hearing for the first reading of the ordinances concerning the millage and budget. The millage is still very low at 2.0757 and the total expenditure for the City is just over \$2million. The big items are water & sewer charges (about \$1million) which are paid for by service charges.

The Mayor reported on his activities before and after Tropical Storm "Fay" on August 19. Although he hopes we will not have a major hurricane this season, some good came from the storm. He has been told by FEMA that it will help to repair the grinder pumps for the sewer after the salt water intrusion when the river overflowed its banks. He thanked the Sheriff's Office for being on the spot and Lt. Mark Milligan responded by saying that there was great community spirit here.

The Mayor had more good news when he announced that the Collier County MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) had decided to award the City with \$40,000 for more street lighting.

During the discussion about writing off bad debts for the 2007-2008 Fiscal Year, it was revealed that about \$1,700 in water & sewer charges were in question. This is a huge improvement on the \$15,000 of a few years ago. A large part of the amount this year is due on a commercial property. Councilor Tammy Smallwood said that if a defaulter wanted to be reconnected, the debt would have to be paid first.

The next meeting will be mainly a public hearing on the millage and budget on Wednesday, September 10, at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall.

SEE THE BUDGET SUMMARY ON PAGE 7

SEPTEMBER 2008

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
31 Clyde Butcher Muck-About	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 Backcountry Cafe 8 am City Council City Hall, 5:30 pm	4 Lions Club Depot, 7 pm	5	6 Museum Reception 1 - 3 pm see p. 9
7	8 Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm	9	10 Ladies Coffee Triad Seafood 8 am City Council City Hall, 5:30 pm	11 School Open House 6:30 - 7:30 pm	12	13
14	full moon ● 15 Hour of Prayer Copeland Baptist Church 7 pm	16 Reach Out Comm Church 8:30 am	17 Ladies Coffee Rod & Gun Lodge 8 am	18 Lions Club Bd Mtg Depot, 5 pm Copeland Civic Association 7 pm	19 Poor Boy Tournament see p.10	20 Poor Boy Tournament see p.10
21	22 Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm	23 SAC School, 3 pm BigC ORV Mtg Comm Center 3:30 pm	24 Ladies Coffee Backcountry Cafe 8 am	25	26	27 Mobile PetVet, see p.3
28 Mobile PetVet, see p.3	new moon ○ 29 Hour of Prayer Holy Family Catholic Church 7 pm	30	OCT 1 Ladies Coffee Triad Seafood 8 am FME Bd Mtg Museum, 9 am	2 Lions Club Depot, 7 pm	3	4

Oct 6: last day for voter registration

Oct 13: OFCD Advisory Board

Nov 2: clocks change ("fall back" 1 hour)

Nov 4: general election

Nov 17: Big Cypress ORV Mtg

Dec 1: Snook season closes until March 1

Dec 8: FME Annual Members' Luncheon

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

SKATING RINK: Fri & Sat, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

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: Fri, 9/5 (9-11 am)

Tues, 9/9 (noon - 2 pm)

Fri, 9/12 (9-11 am)

Mon, 9/15 (noon - 2 pm)

Tues, 9/16 (11 am - noon)

Wed, 9/17 (9-11 am) Thurs, 9/18 (4-5 pm)

CITY COUNCIL

There will be a special meeting to approve the budget on **Wednesday, September 10**, at 5:30 p.m.



Flags on 9/11

People are encouraged to fly the flag on **Thursday, September 11**, to mark the seventh anniversary of the tragic events on that day.

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

There will be an Open House at the School on **Thursday, September 11**, from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Visitors will be able to meet teachers of all grades and the Culinary Arts Class will hold a bake sale. Everyone is welcome.

ANY OLD IRON?

Lt Mark Milligan told the *Rapper* that outsiders have been collecting metal to cart away for sale as scrap. Several incidents have been reported to the Sheriff's Department in which the material was not "scrap" and the owners wanted to keep it.

If you see a strange truck or trailer loaded with pieces of metal, please phone the Sheriff at 695-2007.

And, if you do want to get rid of scrap metal or an appliance, put it at the side of the road for the City to pick up or phone the County at 252-2380.



The new fire truck that replaces "Big Bertha" will be used for making minor calls (as well as putting out brush fires) because it is small and does not consume as much fuel as the full-sized trucks. It has been in service since the beginning of the summer but it still does not have a nick-name ... please make suggestions!



A truck full of clothing left on Tuesday from the Thrift Shop for Our Lady of Guadalupe in Immokalee. The items were some that had not sold and were boxed or bagged up by volunteers into different sizes. It is hoped that the migrant farm workers there can make use of them.

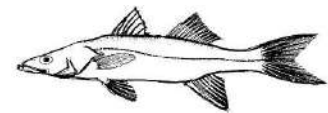
OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

- 08/18/08: Vehicle Accident, 70m I-75
- 08/20/08: Breathing Problem, Chokoloskee Island
- 08/22/08: Unconscious Male, 75m I-75
- 08/22/08: Vehicle Accident, 76m I-75
- 08/22/08: Vehicle Accident, 80m I-75
- 08/23/08: Chest Pains, Chokoloskee Island
- 08/24/08: Vehicle Accident, 76m I-75
- 08/28/08: Vehicle Accident, 61m I-75
- 08/26/08: Vehicle Accident, 64m I-75
- 08/26/08: Vehicle Accident, 80m I-75
- 08/26/08: Vehicle Accident, 64m I-75
- 08/27/08: Vehicle Accident, SR 29 and I-75
- 08/27/08: Emergency Medical, 68m I-75
- 08/27/08: Vehicle Accident, 67m I-75
- 08/27/08: Fire Alarm, Everglades City
- 08/30/08: Medical Call, 61m I-75
- 08/30/08: Vehicle Accident, 58m I-75
- 08/31/08: Assault, Everglades City
- 09/01/08: Vehicle Accident, 63m I-75
- 09/01/08: Vehicle Accident, 62m I-75
- 09/01/08: Stomach Pain, Everglades City
- 09/01/08: Vehicle Accident, Turner River Rd

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.



SNOOK RULES

1. slot limit 28 to 33 inches
2. one fish per person per day
3. valid fishing license with current Snook stamp

TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER

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

09/05/2008	Fri	01:08AM	0.8	L	05:48AM	2.8	H	02:16PM	0.3	L	07:41PM	2.3	H
09/06/2008	Sat	01:11AM	0.9	L	06:27AM	2.7	H	03:22PM	0.4	L	08:57PM	2.1	H
09/07/2008	Sun	12:44AM	1.0	L	07:32AM	2.6	H	04:39PM	0.4	L			
09/08/2008	Mon	09:14AM	2.6	H	05:52PM	0.4	L						
09/09/2008	Tue	02:30AM	2.2	H	05:57AM	1.1	L	10:41AM	2.6	H	06:53PM	0.3	L
09/10/2008	Wed	01:59AM	2.3	H	06:58AM	1.0	L	11:48AM	2.8	H	07:42PM	0.2	L
09/11/2008	Thu	01:40AM	2.4	H	07:44AM	0.9	L	12:41PM	3.0	H	08:24PM	0.2	L
09/12/2008	Fri	01:58AM	2.5	H	08:23AM	0.8	L	01:24PM	3.1	H	09:01PM	0.2	L
09/13/2008	Sat	02:20AM	2.6	H	09:00AM	0.6	L	02:03PM	3.2	H	09:36PM	0.2	L
09/14/2008	Sun	02:43AM	2.8	H	09:38AM	0.5	L	02:41PM	3.3	H	10:09PM	0.2	L
09/15/2008	Mon	03:06AM	2.9	H	10:16AM	0.3	L	03:19PM	3.3	H	10:42PM	0.3	L
09/16/2008	Tue	03:27AM	3.0	H	10:56AM	0.2	L	04:00PM	3.2	H	11:14PM	0.4	L
09/17/2008	Wed	03:47AM	3.1	H	11:38AM	0.0	L	04:47PM	3.0	H	11:46PM	0.6	L
09/18/2008	Thu	04:09AM	3.2	H	12:24PM	-0.1	L	05:43PM	2.8	H			
09/19/2008	Fri	12:18AM	0.7	L	04:37AM	3.3	H	01:16PM	-0.1	L	06:51PM	2.5	H

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SCHOOL NEWS

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IMPORTANT DATES

Thurs, Sept 11: Open House, 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.
 Thurs, Sept 18: Volleyball Home, 5:00 JV
 Thurs, Sept 18: Volleyball Home, 6:00 Varsity
 Tues, Sept 23: SAC, 3:00 p.m.



From Savannah's Eyes

I had a lot of fun during the first week of school. I got to see all of my friends and meet new ones. I also got to see my old teachers and the new ones, and they are very nice. I am in middle school now so that means that I get to change classes. I even get a locker! Everyone in my class gets a locker, and usually you have to be in seventh grade to have lockers. We also get to walk to the high school all by ourselves; well, as a group but sometimes we get escorted by a teacher.

What is really exciting is that we get to play sports in 6th grade. My friends and I are playing volleyball; oh, how I love that game!! It is so exciting to hit the ball and serve it, then cheer for your team. I only do it for fun and to be active. It is so much fun and I also get to spend time with friends. The best thing that I like about volleyball is to dive for the ball and slide on the floor. (Of course, I have knee pads so I won't get hurt.) Our first game was Tuesday, September 2. It was a home game (see the home-game volleyball dates above). I would like to thank the two coaches, Diana Potter and Coach Welch for volunteering their time after school every day to make it possible for us to play volleyball. Thank you so much!

Volleyball player, Savannah Oglesby

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



The Volleyball season began on Tuesday, September 2, with home games against Immokalee. Seen here is the Varsity team in action.

NEW TEACHERS



Alicia Joy Dalto teaches 3rd & 4th grade. She comes from Bellaire, OH. She attended Ohio State and has a degree in Human Development specializing in Early Childhood. She lives in Naples where she enjoys the beach, reading, and fishing.



Liza Wells is in charge of Pre-K and lives in Chokoloskee. Her husband is a commercial fisherman from a fifth-generation local family and she has an 18-month-old baby, Zoe. She originally came from Angola, NY, near Buffalo and this is her first year teaching.



Dr. Vincent Doria, the new Guidance Counselor, says: "I am married to a wonderful woman named Bunnie and have three children and four grandchildren. We lived in New Jersey all of our married life. As an educator, I have taught English and social studies for forty years – the last three years of which I served as a guidance counselor. I am very happy to be here in Everglades City as part of the staff and look forward to working with our students and parents of the community."



Dana Snider has been appointed to the position of Dean. She has been at ECity School since 2004 when she was hired the Program Specialist. She lives in Naples.

Stacia Ferguson's Culinary Class was busy making turkey tacos this week. Some of the ingredients and utensils in the kitchen were donated by the community and more are needed (see the "wish list" on the back page).



Left: Emily White prepares the mixer.



Right: LJ Carter cooks the turkey.



Left: Jeanne Lopez and Ashley Wooten prepare the topping.






Right: Karisa Brown fries tortilla chips.

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BUDGET SUMMARY, Fiscal Year 2008-2009
City of Everglades City, Florida

THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF EVERGLADES CITY
ARE 37.5% LESS THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES.

Millage per \$1,000

General Fund 2.0757

	<u>GENERAL</u> <u>FUND</u>	<u>DEBT</u> <u>SERVICE</u> <u>FUND</u>	<u>TOTAL</u> <u>BUDGET</u>
CASH BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	\$ 840,825.00		\$ 840,825.00
<u>ESTIMATED REVENUES:</u>			
Taxes: Millage 2.0756			
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 308,737.00		\$ 308,737.00
Gas Tax	\$ 31,649.00		\$ 31,649.00
Franchise Fees	\$ 28,300.00		\$ 28,300.00
State Communication Taxes	\$ 28,000.00		\$ 28,000.00
Utility Service Taxes	\$ 76,800.00		\$ 76,800.00
License and Permits	\$ 59,209.00		\$ 59,209.00
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 101,710.00		\$ 101,710.00
Charges for Services	\$ 1,028,290.00	\$ 138,365.00	\$ 889,925.00
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 172,379.00		\$ 172,379.00
	<u>\$ 2,675,899.00</u>	<u>\$ 138,365.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,537,534.00</u>
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES			
General Government Services (F&A)	\$ 577,572.24		\$ 577,572.24
Legal Council	\$ 26,200.00		\$ 26,200.00
Public Safety (Plan,Zon, Code Enfor, Prof Inspections)	\$ 87,603.00		\$ 87,603.00
Physical Environment (Mosquito Control)	\$ 45,321.00		\$ 45,321.00
Transportation (Road & Streets)	\$ 180,543.00		\$ 180,543.00
Culture and Recreation (Parks & Rec)	\$ 135,616.00		\$ 135,616.00
Water Service Charges	\$ 593,673.00	\$ 39,950.00	\$ 553,723.00
Sewer Service Charges	\$ 510,713.00	\$ 98,415.00	\$ 412,298.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	\$ 2,157,241.24	\$ 138,365.00	\$ 2,018,876.24
Contingency	\$ 518,657.76		\$ 518,657.76
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES AND RESERVES	<u>\$ 2,675,899.00</u>	<u>\$ 138,365.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,537,534.00</u>

THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE
 ABOVE MENTIONED TAXING AUTHORITY AS PUBLIC RECORD



COUNTRY ROADS

by Adela Padron-Butler

Ahh, country roads. Kentucky country roads that is. They intertwine and curve like left over spaghetti noodles on a plate, rendering the driver totally lost without a map. Lore will have you believe that they eventually crisscross and you end up where you started. Actually, some do. Kind of like the waters of the 10,000 Islands. All the waterways and mangroves look the same to the novice eye; a map or GPS is essential.

We never tire of the vistas while on a country road. The meadows, valleys, fields and knobs are seemingly freshly mowed and dotted with cattle, horses, mules, goats, chickens and an occasional llama farm. The biggest thrill of course are the wild animals we spot mostly at sunrise and dusk: deer and wild turkeys are most prevalent. We marvel at the miles of greenery and wonder about the pristine, kept fields. How do they do it, the owners of these fields? Do they mow or bush hog everyday starting in the wee hours of dawn? A mystery like the Lotto billboards; somehow everyday they bear the most recent numbers.

These roads also display fields with rows of perfectly planted crops. In the not too distant past, Kentucky's principal crop yields were tobacco plants. Today, with the decline of tobacco use, the primary crop is corn. All crop fields have one thing in common: barns. Old barns are dwarfed by more modern, large ones. Red and black barn roofs checker the countryside.

No country road trip would be complete without being startled by a wild turkey flying in your path or a doe and her fawns crossing the road. Then, there are the Amish horse and buggies that share the roads with cars and have become more numerous in recent years. While these encounters may sound romantic, they pose hazards. Country roads are narrow and oftentimes not clearly marked. The locals drive them with confident abandon; being alert is crucial and night driving is best avoided.

The trips we have made on country roads over the years have been awe inspiring. The little abandoned towns, gas stations, old houses and farm equipment speak of past generations and hardships. Quaint, beautiful, small churches, primarily of Protestant affiliations are abundant and well attended. And, yes, we have been 'lost' on more than one occasion. Did I mention that I now know the different breeds of cows? Just ask me next time we meet.

Country roads, Tamiami Trail and State Road 29 are a few of the last vestiges of travel that actually afford communion with nature. How fortunate to be able to partake of these experiences.

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Adela Padron-Butler lives most of the year on Plantation Island and is a regular contributor to the *Rapper*.

RESTAURANT NEWS



Triad Seafood Café re-opened on Labor Day Weekend with a new menu for breakfast and lunch. Pam and Orlo have expanded the eating area to include additional seating along the deck overlooking the Barron River. They have also increased the size of their kitchen and restroom. Breakfast sandwiches, omelets, and sausage gravy are served in addition to eggs with bacon, pork chop, ham or country fried steak. Lunch includes appetizers, chowders, salads, kids' meals, sandwiches and baskets. Beer and wine are also available. And, there's lots of seafood so stop by any day of the week between 7 am and 3 pm and relax on the river while you enjoy your meal.



Joanie's Blue Crab Café along the Tamiami Trail in Ochopee has been open for the past few months and live music is a highlight on the weekends. Joanie is back with her signature lunch food including gator nuggets with Indian fry bread and salsa. She also fixes fresh garlic crabs, fresh fruit shakes and soft shell crabs. Stop by or take out at this historic site, just a few miles east of Everglades City (1/4 mile east of the Ochopee Post Office). Joanie's is open from 10:00 am to 5:00 every day but Tuesday's. You'll enjoy meeting Joanie and tasting her special dishes.



MUSEUM NEWS

A new exhibition in the Pauline Reeves Gallery at the front of the Museum is full of fish, shoes, and birds meticulously carved by Bob Crider and intricately constructed lighthouses by Linda Chinn.

They grew up in Fort Pierce and were at high school together but went their separate ways. They met again 40 years later and now live on Plantation Island as full-time residents.

There will be a reception hosted by the Friends of the Museum to "Meet the Artists" on **Saturday, September 6**, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

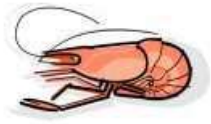
The display continues during the month and can be seen at the Museum on Tuesday through Saturday, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

At the FME Board Meeting on Wednesday, September 3, President Carol Moseman announced artists for October, November, and December. She also said that the Annual Members' Luncheon would be held on Monday, December 8. The Friends' website www.evergladesmuseum.org will be updated with this information.

Recipe for Good Eating

Late Summer Shrimp Cocktail

by Patricia Huff



1 lb Large Shrimp (fresh or frozen)	¼ cup Honey
1 can Artichoke Hearts, drained and halved	1 tsp Hot Sauce
¾ cup White Vinegar	½ tsp Salt and ½ tsp Pepper
½ cup Lemon Juice	1 Red Onion, thinly sliced
½ cup Olive Oil	1 Lemon, sliced
	Fresh Basil, chopped

Boil Shrimp for 3 to 5 minutes; drain and rinse with cold water. Peel shrimp and set aside. Combine vinegar, lemon juice, olive oil, honey, hot sauce, salt, and pepper in a glass bowl. Add shrimp, artichoke hearts, onion and sliced lemon. Cover and chill for several hours. Garnish with chopped fresh basil and serve. Delicious as an appetizer before your fresh fish (hopefully Snook) dinner. Enjoy!



Off the Shelf – Book Review

The Last Lecture by Randy Pausch

Reviewed by Patricia Huff

Many of you may look at this title and think "I've already read that book" or "I've seen the Last Lecture on YouTube." So this review is for those readers who have not yet heard of Randy Pausch or just haven't had a chance to pick up his book. I know I live in a swamp, far away from civilization, but why did it take me almost a year longer than most people to ever hear of Randy Pausch?

My introduction to Randy came a few weeks ago while driving to Naples. Almost always I listen to NPR and really enjoy the interviews with authors. This time the author was Jeffrey Zaslow, a columnist with the Wall Street Journal, who had attended *The Last Lecture* at Carnegie Mellon when Randy Pausch was speaking. He was so impressed that he wrote a column about it and then collaborated with Randy in completing this book. For the few of you who are not familiar with the book or video, Randy Pausch was a professor of Computer Science at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, PA. He was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer at the age of 46 in August 2007 and died on July 25 of this year at the age of 47. He was married to his wife Jai for only eight years before his death. Randy left three small children, ages 6, 3 and 18 months.

The book, as was his lecture, is a legacy to his children who will grow up without their Dad. It is full of life lessons that he learned from his parents, mentors, colleagues and students. He was an optimist, even when he was told he had three to six months to live. The book is heart wrenching (I cried all through the last four chapters), but it is full of wisdom, humor and most importantly something for everyone to relate to and learn from. It makes you want to go and hug your spouse, your children, grandchildren or the next person you meet on the street.

Life is precious and it's sad when young people die but Randy felt fortunate that he was given the time to speak, and write, about his life, his experiences and his love for those he was leaving behind. *The Last Lecture: Really Achieving Your Childhood Dreams* will be shown for the first time in its entirety this **Sunday, September 7, at 1:00 pm**, on PBS TV Station WGCU (Re-airs on Tuesday, Sept. 9 at midnight). For more information about Randy Pausch, see website www.cs.cmu.edu/~pausch



Fishing Report

by Capt Bill Lindsay

Snook season opened again on September 1, marking the end of the spawning period. Water temperatures remain warm so fish early and late, and in areas with lots of current. Sight casters will find plenty of action once the sun gets up. So far, Snook fishing has been very good. Captain Becky Campbell caught 22 Snook on a ½ day charter. Most were small but several fish were over 30". That morning she also released 7 small Tarpon. Tarpon have moved into the passes and large bays in the backcountry. On calm days try to spot them and sneak up to them with a fly rod. If the water is calm, Permit fishing is still good on the outside Gulf wrecks. Redfish feed well all day long at this time of year. A shrimp under a popping cork is hard to beat. It's a great time of year to fish because boat traffic is light so you often have the whole place to yourself.

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.

"Poor-Boy" Tournament

Glades Haven is holding its third annual fishing tournament on **Friday/Saturday, September 19/20**. Entry fee is only \$50 per angler and includes a T-shirt and BBQ. The prize money is for the combined weight of snook, redfish, and trout. For info, phone 695-2746.

Plan Ahead for More Tournaments

Anglers' Cup: (Sept 26/27):

Deadline for entry is Friday, September 5.

Fee per boat is \$250.

phone (863) 634-7315 or (863) 634-7145

RedSnook (Oct 3-5):

phone 572-2691 or see www.theredsnook.com

Dolphin Encounters

Rookery Bay will hold a lecture on Thursday, September 18, at their headquarters in Naples at 6:00 p.m. focusing on dolphins. This is part of the series about ecotourism. It is free but registration is required. See www.rookerybay.org or phone Alberto at 417-6310.



BOATING & FISHING ETIQUETTE

by Patty Huff



At this time of year, the beginning of Snook season, there will be more boats cruising our waters and more fishermen out there all trying to find the perfect spot to catch Snook, Redfish, and Tarpon, as well as many other species of fish. Being out there in the Everglades is a wonderful experience, but the day can be ruined by either inexperienced or insensitive people who race their boats right next to a boat trying to fish a favorite spot. Do they not realize that the wake from their boat will scare the fish away from the area?

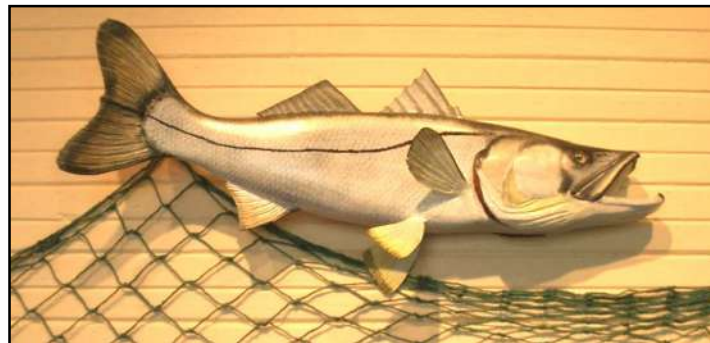
This is just one example of a lack of boat etiquette. There are unwritten rules among fishing guides and most of them adhere to these rules. If a guide (or even a single fisherman) is staked out in an area with an angler fishing a bank or a cove, it is unethical to position your boat in front of (or even nearby) them and fish in that area. The Everglades is expansive and full of places to catch a fish; there is no need to pull up and start fishing in the same place as someone else.

The experience of enjoying a day out in the glades is worth trying to find a new spot or wait for a while until that fisherman leaves. This does happen, and it is only polite to think about the other boats around you:

Some tips:

- do not drive your boat so fast or so close to another boat as to throw a wake on the shore or boat
- do not pull up next to another boat engaged in fishing and fish the same place. The Ten Thousand Islands is a big place; it would be more considerate to find your own spot.

Be courteous and everyone will enjoy the day.



This is just one of the fish carved by Bob Crider of Plantation Island which is on display at the Museum (see page 9). There will be a reception to "Meet the Artists" on **Saturday, September 6**, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Everyone is welcome ... the event is informal ... and, if you're still out fishing, you can always visit the Museum to see the exhibit during the week.



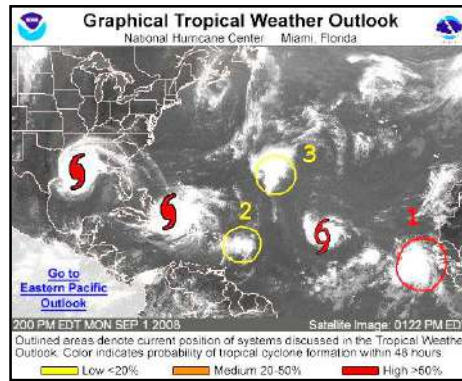
These little 6-toed kittens were rescued from the wild by our local charity. Does anyone else have "Hemingway" cats?



Are the corn additives in gas attracting wild hogs to the station at Carnestown?

Thanks to Helen Bryan, who spotted them, and to Judy Caseley who took their photos.

We understand that the Sheriff's Office have relocated the piggies after children at the Welcome Center tried to pet them.



Helen Bryan emailed the *Rapper* to say that her birthday cruise on the ship "Norwegian Sky" was diverted from the Bahamas to Cozumel, Mexico, and then to Key West.

SAVING ELECTRICITY

LCEC warns in its newsletter about "phantom loads", the power used by equipment on stand-by. Anything that operates with a remote control will be consuming a small bit of electricity, waiting to be told to turn on again. Although the cost may only be a few dollars a month for the average household, LCEC asks us to imagine the national saving if we all unplugged equipment when it is not being used.

KIDS WANT HELP

The yearbook class at the school needs a digital camera, an SD memory card, and rechargeable AA batteries. Phone Stacia at 695-2561.



Mrs Andler needs 10 spiral-bound sketch books for her first grade class.



New Business ...

Just In Time

It's that time of year, as we are constantly reminded, when the hurricanes are lining up in the Atlantic, threatening to visit our shores.

An installer of storm shutters has started servicing the area and is seen here in an Everglades City condo just a few weeks ago. Al Carter, who operates under the name "Storm Protection of South Florida", is based in Naples but says he is glad to visit our area whenever he is called.

For a free estimate, contact Al on his cell phone (239) 207-1328.

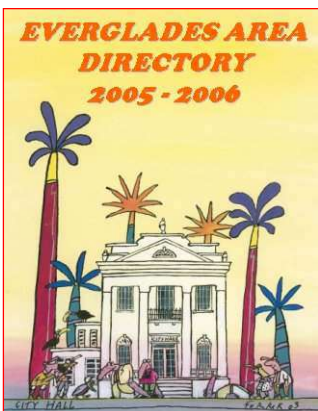
See his ad on page 6.

Election Tip

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City Seafood:
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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

Joanie's Blue Crab Cafe, Ochopee:
10:00 am - 5:00 pm; Wed - Mon

Leebo's:
4:00 pm; Mon - Sat
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:
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Triad Seafood:
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for the Cullinary Arts Class:

FOODS: powdered milk, pecans, almonds, walnuts, Bisquik, butter, ground beef, turkey, sausage, graham cracker crumbs, rice (not instant), gallons jug of vinegar, shredded cheese (mozzarella, cheddar), parmesan cheese, pepperoni.

KITCHENWARE (new or used): cake decorating utensils, pots, crock pots, griddle, baking dishes, pie pans/plates, cake pans, pizza pans, cutting boards.

SUPPLIES: bib aprons (preferably white), tablecloths, disposable gloves, hair nets, dishwashing soap.

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