

The MULLET RAPPER

What's Happening in the Everglades City Area

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HURRICANE HELP

Pastor Morris & Martha Daniels left on Wednesday, September 17, in a truck packed with relief supplies for the twice-struck hurricane victims in Louisiana where their family lives.

The food and baby items were donated by Publix to the Police Activities League (PAL). Other items, (shampoo, lotions, water) were purchased by Sue Gentry (in photo) and Connie Ledbetter, both Crime Prevention Officers for the CCSO.

Even after the Dantins' trip, more help will be needed. You can make checks payable to "Chokoloskee Church of God" with a memo line "Gustav Hurricane Victims" and send it to the Church at P.O. Box 368, Chokoloskee, FL, 34138. The Church also supports missions in Haiti who were struck just as badly. *See page 11.*

Congressman Meets & Greets

"It's back to the real world when I come here." Although he spends most weeks at the House in Washington, Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart said that he is proud to represent us and was pleased with the team he and Mayor Sammy had created to help the area.



About 100 local people had a chance to chat with the Congressman at the casual "Meet & Greet" on Saturday, September 13, at the Seafood Depot. He said in a brief speech that he promised "straight talk and hard work". He praised the Mayor, saying that two words explained why City Hall was saved after Hurricane Wilma – Sammy Hamilton.

The Mayor said in his opening remarks, after Pastor Dantin had given the invocation, that he was glad to see people from Everglades City, Chokoloskee, Plantation Island, and Ochopee ... from locals to long-time transplants to new residents ... and that he tried to serve the whole area.

The Mayor reminded us that the Congressman had been here at 9:00 a.m. after Tropical Storm Fay offering help and that FEMA made contact with the City about the storm drains before the day was out. It's not often that a small-town Mayor and U.S. Congressman have each others' private cell phone numbers. He complimented the Congressman by saying that he doesn't proclaim "This is what I'm going to do for you" but asks "How can I help you?".

MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sammy Hamilton told the *Rapper* that he made a mistake at the Council meeting on September 3. It isn't \$40k the City is getting for street lights but \$232k! The money will be spent to brighten up the roads so that pedestrians and bicycles can be seen clearly at night.

On a similar topic, he wants to remind everyone that all vehicles should have lights at night, including bikes and golf carts. As the days get shorter, it is more likely that people will be out after dark.

He reported that the bank which intends to open a branch in City Hall has received its Federal approval and now only awaits the OK from the State.

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

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2008

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
14	full moon ● 15 Hour of Prayer Copeland Baptist Church 7 pm	16 Reach Out Comm Church 8:30 am	17 Ladies Coffee Backcountry Cafe 8 am	18 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 Rod & Gun Lodge 8 am	25 School Early Release	26	27 Mobile PetVet, see p.3 Estuary Day 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 Great Gators School, 9:30 am	3	4
5	6 Hour of Prayer Everglades First Baptist Church 7 pm Voter Reg. see p. 3	7 Aide to Congressman City Hall, 3 pm City Council City Hall, 5:30 pm	8 Ladies Coffee Backcountry Cafe 8 am	9	10	11 Museum Reception 1 - 3 pm see p. 9
12	13 Columbus Day Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm OFCD Bd Fire Sta, 6 pm	full moon ● 14	15 Ladies Coffee Rod & Gun Lodge 8 am	16	17	18

Oct 20 - Nov 1: Early Voting, City Hall, 10:30 am to 6:30 pm, Mon-Sat

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 15: 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: Thurs, 9/18 (4-5 pm) Tues, 9/23 (noon - 2 pm) Fri, 9/26 (9-11 am) Tues, 9/30 (10-11 am)

See October dates on notice posted outside office.

VOTER REGISTRATION

Monday, October 6, is the last day to register to vote in the November 4 general election. Early voting will be from October 20 to November 1. You can get forms at City Hall from Dottie Joiner, City Clerk. You can also get applications for absentee ballots from her. *See the Election Tip on page 11.*

ESTUARY DAY

Rookery Bay is celebrating the day on **Saturday, September 27** with activities for all the family such as boat tours, guided walks, kayaking, kids' crafts, films, and food. The festivities are from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. at the Environmental Learning Center at 300 Tower Road off CR-951 just south of US-41 in East Naples.

CITY COUNCIL

At the very brief meeting on Wednesday, September 10, the budget and millage were approved. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 7**, at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall.

Don't forget to fill in the form on page 11 for the new Reach Out area directory.



No, it's not a baby gator but a Nile monitor lizard caught in the Homestead area. FWC biologist Dennis Giardina (pictured with the beastie) warns that these African lizards have now become established there and in Cape Coral. They have the potential to do great damage to our native fauna. *Photo by Florida FWCC.*

History on TV

WGPU-TV, our public broadcasting channel will have a feature about *"The Unconquered Seminoles"* as part of its "Untold Stories" historical series. The program will be shown on **Friday, September 26**, at 8:30 p.m. with repeats on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and Sunday at 10:30 p.m.

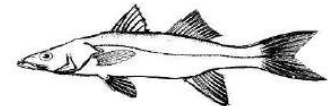
OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

- 09/05/08: Insect Bites, Port of the Islands
- 09/06/08: Vehicle Accident, 64m I-75
- 09/08/08: Vehicle Accident, 71m I-75
- 09/10/08: Chest Pains, Ochopee
- 09/13/08: Vehicle Accident, US 41 & Union Road
- 09/13/08: Child Birth, Chokoloskee Island
- 09/13/08: Power Line, Everglades City
- 09/13/08: Vehicle Accident, 67m I-75
- 09/13/08: Assault, Lee Cypress
- 09/14/08: Call Box, 73m I-75
- 09/16/08: Vehicle Accident, 68m I-75
- 09/16/08: Unconscious Person, Plantation Island

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

The **MEDICAL CLOSET** at the Thrift Shop has canes, crutches, wheelchairs, walkers, to loan out. Stop by if you need something or phone Fran at 695-2660.

TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER

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

09/19/2008	Fri	12:18AM	0.7	L	04:37AM	3.3	H	01:16PM	-0.1	L	06:51PM	2.5	H
09/20/2008	Sat	12:51AM	0.9	L	05:14AM	3.2	H	02:16PM	0.0	L	08:13PM	2.4	H
09/21/2008	Sun	01:25AM	1.0	L	06:03AM	3.1	H	03:29PM	0.1	L	09:51PM	2.3	H
09/22/2008	Mon	02:28AM	1.1	L	07:21AM	3.0	H	04:48PM	0.1	L			
09/23/2008	Tue	12:22AM	2.3	H	04:42AM	1.1	L	09:30AM	2.9	H	06:01PM	0.1	L
09/24/2008	Wed	01:03AM	2.4	H	06:08AM	1.0	L	11:08AM	3.0	H	07:03PM	0.1	L
09/25/2008	Thu	01:23AM	2.5	H	07:12AM	0.8	L	12:21PM	3.1	H	07:56PM	0.2	L
09/26/2008	Fri	01:42AM	2.6	H	08:05AM	0.6	L	01:18PM	3.2	H	08:41PM	0.2	L
09/27/2008	Sat	02:01AM	2.7	H	08:52AM	0.4	L	02:06PM	3.2	H	09:22PM	0.3	L
09/28/2008	Sun	02:21AM	2.8	H	09:35AM	0.3	L	02:48PM	3.2	H	10:00PM	0.4	L
09/29/2008	Mon	02:42AM	3.0	H	10:16AM	0.2	L	03:27PM	3.1	H	10:35PM	0.5	L
09/30/2008	Tue	03:05AM	3.1	H	10:55AM	0.1	L	04:05PM	2.9	H	11:08PM	0.6	L
10/01/2008	Wed	03:28AM	3.1	H	11:33AM	0.1	L	04:45PM	2.8	H	11:37PM	0.7	L
10/02/2008	Thu	03:51AM	3.1	H	12:12PM	0.1	L	05:28PM	2.6	H			
10/03/2008	Fri	12:04AM	0.8	L	04:16AM	3.1	H	12:53PM	0.2	L	06:20PM	2.5	H

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SCHOOL NEWS

Everglades City School

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

IMPORTANT DATES

- Thurs, Sept 18: Volleyball Home, 5:00, JV
- Thurs, Sept 18: Volleyball Home, 6:00, Varsity
- Tues, Sept 23: SAC, 3:00 p.m.
- Thurs, Sept 25: Early Release
- Mon, Sept 29: Volleyball Home, 4:00, JV
- Mon, Sept 29: Volleyball Home, 5:00, Varsity
- Thurs, Oct 2: Great Gators, 9:30 a.m.



From Savannah's Eyes

Volleyball season is going great. I am having so much fun doing it. All my friends on the team work together as a team and we cheer each other on, so it makes it so much fun to play and our coach is awesome. We have a home game this Thursday at 5 o'clock. We have been having a lot of people at the games to support us. I just love volleyball; of course, you can probably tell by my writing. I love it?

Oh, I almost forgot to tell you it is Snook season, and we have been fishing, catching Snook. The mangroves are so beautiful and you can feel a cool breeze if you get under them on your boat. I love to take pictures of the mangroves; it makes a beautiful background if you want an Everglades fishing picture.

Until next time, on my adventures. Savannah O

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



Stacia Ferguson sent these photos of Lee Kidder and Rosa Medina with this email:

The fire department came and spoke to my Culinary Classes today about fire safety in the kitchen and gave everyone an opportunity to learn how to properly use a fire extinguisher.

Volunteers are always needed at the school to help students with reading or other subjects. Phone 695-2561 if you want to make a difference to a child's education.

Great Gators for August



Pre-K: Lindsey Lamphere
Faith Brown



K: Alexis Rain
Gracie Emma Brown



1ST: Austin Easterly
Savannah Weeks



2ND: Dustin Young
Seth Hooks



3 & 4: Ashlyn Goff
Travis Daniels (absent)



5 & 6: Savannah Humphreys
Savannah Oglesby

with thanks to Trina Mitchell for photos



Mrs Andler's first grade class practiced their math skills by following a recipe to make cookies.




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Marco Outdoor Artists



A group of enthusiastic painters meets once a week during the fall and winter to visit different picturesque places with their easels. Anyone, of any level of talent, is welcome.

The schedule for October is:

- 10/1: SWEET ANNIES: Ice Cream Shoppe, 692 Bald Eagle Drive
- 10/8: JACKS' LOOKOUT & MARCO MARINA, Bald Eagle Drive
- 10/15: VETERANS PARK: corner of Collier & Barfield
- 10/22: THE ESPLANADE, North Collier Blvd, meet at Center Bar
- 10/29: JUDGE JOLLY BRIDGE, northwest side; critique

The sessions are organized by artist Phyllis Pransky who says "We learn from one another; we inspire one another". Phone her at (239) 642-7649 for info.

HOUSEHOLD TIP

by Marya Repko

I've just been looking at my LCEC bill and noticed that in July the invoicing changed to a sliding scale. The second 500 kWh cost more than the first 500 kWh and the third 500 kWh were even more expensive than the second.

On the September invoice I was charged at the rates of:

- \$0.076/kWh for the first 500
- \$0.0864/kWh for the second 500
- \$0.0971/kWh for the third 500

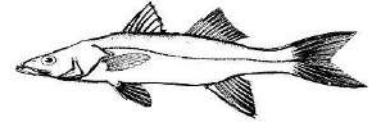
I didn't use a full 1500 kWh so the third rate was only for what I actually used in excess of 1000 kWh.

The new billing strategy is certainly an incentive to cut down on wasted electricity!

Recipe for Good Eating

Sautéed Snook Almondine

by Patricia Huff



- 2 Fish Fillets
- 2 TBS Butter
- 2 TBS Olive Oil
- Chef Paul Prudhomme's Seafood Magic
- ½ Cup Sliced Almonds
- 2 TBS Chopped Parsley
- 1 Lemon

Snook season is here and we can now enjoy a good fish dinner (this recipe is also good for Redfish or any other white fish). If there are only two for dinner, I use only the tail ends of the two fillets since it is best to use a thin slice of the fish. If you have more for dinner and want to use the whole fillet, you may need to slice the thick ends in half lengthwise to get the desired thickness.

Toast almonds in a heavy skillet on top of stove or in the oven, just until golden brown. Take out of skillet and set aside. Use the same skillet to melt the butter and olive oil; then add the fillets. Sprinkle with Seafood Magic to your taste. Cook approximately 5 minutes and turn over. Sprinkle and cook another 5 minutes or until done (be careful not to overcook; test by inserting a fork into the thicker section; it's done when fork goes through easily). Place on warm dish and cover with foil. Squeeze juice of one lemon into pan drippings and whisk. Top fish with toasted almonds and cover with pan juice. Garnish with chopped parsley. Very moist and delicious!!

Angels of the Swamp

Lt. Mark Milligan with his team of 20 police officers and a secretary are continually helping and supporting our community 24/7. They care about our neighborhoods and our school and work with the Mayor and the citizens to make our homes and businesses safe.



Lt. Mark comes from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, where he was a professional paramedic, and eventually graduated from the County Police Academy before applying and accepting a position with the East Naples Road Patrol. He was there for four months, then became a sergeant with the North Naples Sheriff's Department, keeping that position for 17 years. Lt. Mark has now been a district lieutenant for the Everglades area since 2004. Many may not realize that his district includes not only Everglades City, Copeland, Chokoloskee, and Plantation but extends from SR 92 to the Dade County line at MM51 and north to I-75; this includes 898 square miles, the largest district in Collier County.

Sue Gentry, born and raised in Naples, a graduate of Naples High School, has been an important part of our community. Lt. Mark calls her "the saint of the agency" since she is always working for our betterment and has a hand in all the major community and Reach-Out programs, Neighborhood Watch, and Seniors Program. With help from Officer Connie Ledbetter, she coordinates donations from the Police Activities Leagues (PAL) of Naples for school supplies, Christmas gifts, and the Thrift Store. She is constantly taking care of others and we're so fortunate to have Sue's interest and dedication.

Other programs the Sheriff's office supports are the Summer Camp, the annual bicycle rodeo for kids, and help with troubled children when transitioning back into the community. Chris Ammerman, former President of Reach Out, says "Lt. Mark Milligan's interest in helping this community has been tremendous and opened up a lot of doors for us." Mayor Sammy Hamilton at the September 3 City Council meeting told Lt. Mark "You're one of us now" after the lieutenant and his officers had been here throughout Tropical Storm Fay. On behalf of the entire community, we would like to thank Lt. Milligan and all his officers for everything they do. They are definitely our Angels of the Swamp and we appreciate their interest and involvement here.

“Georgia on My Mind”

by Sue Evans



The invasion of the Russian troops into the small country of Georgia once again made the news of foreign action a personal experience for me. Here's Lamara's and my story.

I saw a woman walking down the hill. She was short, heavy-set, and had very black hair. She was wearing a white blouse, a long black skirt and black work shoes. She gave the appearance of having lived a hard life. There was no softness about her appearance or demeanor, no hint of a smile or pleasantness on her face.

I asked someone, “Who is this woman I just saw?” I went on to describe her and was told she was Lamara Dogowadzne from Tbilisi, Georgia. She was there at the International Baptist Theological Seminary in Prague, Czech Republic to volunteer her time and abilities to the seminary, just as Jasper and I were. Lamara was a Christian woman who had come to serve others and to fulfill the Lord's call on her life to help spread His word. She also had a desire to learn English while there.

In the weeks to come Lamara and I had many opportunities to work together; mostly in the kitchen! We helped serve the seminary students, teaching staff and the many volunteers who came to repair the decaying buildings that housed the seminary. We cleared tables and washed pots and pans together; all the time teaching and learning

English. In the afternoons, when we was free of other duties, Lamara and I met in a quiet place and continued her English lessons; often using the Bible as our textbook.

Her life in Georgia was very hard with few of the comforts we take for granted...like heat in the winter and a variety and bountiful supply of the many foods we enjoy. It seemed most of her meals at home consisted of bread, cheese and soup. I listened and learned of her harsh, rough life and how this short time at the seminary was like a Garden of Eden for her.

As her time with us at the seminary drew to a close, many were taking delight in Lamara's growing command of the English language. One day in the dining room, someone asked her, “Where are you from?”. (This was a very common question at the seminary where students and staff came from many different countries.) Lamara drew herself up straight, stood tall and replied in a crisp British accent, “I am from LONDON!” Lamara's response and the surprised look on the questioner's face caused those of us “in the know” to collapse in laughter. We quickly declared her a successful graduate of her English language classes.

The day before her departure, Lamara came to me with a gift. I knew she had very little in material possessions and could not imagine what I would find in that small box. I opened it and discovered a necklace of plastic pearls. These “pearls” have no value in our marketplace but I hold them to be as valuable as any piece of jewelry I own. I don't know her history with the necklace and what it meant to her to give it up. But I know what it means to hold that necklace in my hand and remember Lamara.

Now, you know why when I hear of the invasion of the troops into Georgia, the conflict and the deaths there, it gets real personal for me. I have a name, a face, a co-worker, a friend, and a sister in Christ there and I wonder.....

Sue Evans has a home in Everglades City and contributes to the *Rapper* occasionally about her trips abroad.

ANIMALS IN THE STORM by Marya Repko

Hurricane Ike was the talking point for a week as we watched it vacillate between Force 3 and 4.

Almost everyone in the town was up all night on Tuesday, September 9/10, listening to the thunder and lashing rain caused by its outer fringes. When dawn came, we noticed flooded roads but no damage. Whatever branches were ready to come down had already done so and the City looked fairly neat, despite the gusty winds.

A small survey of pet owners said "the dog crawled up on the pillow when it started to thunder". My little fluff-ball panted and panicked and didn't know if he wanted to go out in the downpour

or stay inside. We did manage to get a quick sniff at the grass during a lull in the deluge.

Eventually, I got up at the unseemly hour of 1:30 a.m. and turned on the coffee ... no more sleep that night. The electricity stayed on with only a brief flicker so I had done almost a full day's work on the computer before normal breakfast time.

The cats had more sense – they crawled under the bed and stayed there until all the chaos stopped.

If you are interested in adopting a kitten or mature cat, phone Barbara at 695-3167.



LOCAL HISTORY

This fuzzy photo of a "juke" in Copeland is thanks to Janet Treadway who forwarded it from Clayton Swain, son of the superintendent of Lee Cypress Tidewater Lumber Company. There are wonderful stories about life in the area. Trains took workers out into the Fakahatchee on what are now the hiking paths and there are some audio tapes of the laughing and singing as the loggers traveled to the frontier.

Phone or email us if you remember those days.

IMPORTANT VISITOR

Fred Gaske, State Historic Preservation Officer (and director of the Division of Historic Resources in Tallahassee) came to Everglades City on Wednesday, September 17, for a brief tour of the area including City Hall, the Museum, and the Smallwood Store, all of which he had read about but never seen before.

NAPLES HISTORY TALK

On **Friday, October 3**, Sam Colding, former Property Appraiser, will speak on: *The History of Property Values in Naples*. at Naples Preserve, 3:30 pm, as part of the Naples Backyard History program. For reservations and info, phone 213-7120.

MARCO ROOTS

On **Tuesday, October 7**, old timers will be sharing their memories about living on Marco Island and Goodland before the 1960s. The event takes place at 7:00 p.m. in Mackle Park. For info, phone 304-7280.



MUSEUM NEWS

Linda Chinn and Bob Crider are seen here at the reception held on Saturday, September 6, to launch their exhibition of carved fish and constructions.

The display continues through the month of September and can be seen at the Museum on Tuesday through Friday, 9 am to 5 pm and Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm.

The next exhibit will be photographs by Bruce Hitchcock who took the dramatic pictures three years ago of Hurricane Wilma in Chokoloskee. The reception to meet him is on **Saturday, October 11**, from 1 to 3 pm See www.evergladesmuseum.org for details of this and other events.

FLORIDA FLORA

Mangroves

by Patty Huff

While cruising through a creek with my husband the other day, I found myself focusing on the diverse vegetation, primarily the mangroves. When boating in the Everglades, you're surrounded by these fascinating trees; but a lot of people, I for one, often don't know the difference between the black, red or white mangroves along the shorelines.

The most robust that you'll see are the black mangroves (*Avicennia germinans*) often living for as long as 400 years and growing up to 40-50 feet in height. Usually the mature specimen has developed a dark-colored (almost black) trunk. They are distinguished by small vertical roots growing out of the mud at the base of the tree. Black mangrove trees have dark green, oval leaves with lima bean-shaped seeds and small, white flowers at the end of the branches.

Although this tree (pictured above) is in my back yard, the white mangrove (*Laguncularia racemosa*) usually grows on the mud flats in front of the black mangroves and has a lighter brown trunk with vertical ridges in the bark. Growing between 30 and 40 feet, its massive root system helps protect waterfront property from erosion. The green leaves have a prominent mid-vein and are rounded on both ends. They also have small, fragrant white flowers that bloom most of the year.

The most prolific is the red mangrove (*Rhizophora mangle*) and is the most picturesque of the three with its prop roots and beautiful dense foliage. Its prop roots grow down to the mud and expand, building up the land. Their leaves are dark green, thick and glossy. The red mangrove grows up to 30 feet and prefers brackish, shallow bays. You'll see them forming islands of their own. Because of its importance to the environment (serving as a nursery for small fish and protection against storms), there are laws protecting these trees from destruction and removal.

There are dozens of species of mangroves growing on the tropical and subtropical shorelines world wide and these are just the three that are indigenous to south Florida.



“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 Fishing Tournaments

Anglers' Cup: (Sept 26/27):

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



This picture, taken at the end of August along the Loop Road by photographer Angie Chestnut (www.pixartbyangie.com), illustrates the following press notice from Big Cypress.

WARNING FROM BIG CYPRESS

OCHOPEE, SEPT 11, 2008: Recent rains from Tropical Storm Fay and Hurricane Ike have inundated portions of the scenic Loop Road within Big Cypress National Preserve with water. Due to the current conditions the National Park Service (NPS) is posting a travelers' advisory, strongly discouraging travel along the roadway for all but local residents. If travel along the road is necessary, the use of high-clearance vehicles is strongly suggested. This travelers' advisory will only pertain to that twelve-mile portion of the road maintained by the NPS, the portion of the road within Monroe County. Currently there is approximately seven to eight miles of the NPS roadway with four or more inches of water covering the road. The NPS is closely monitoring the situation and will lift the advisory when conditions warrant.

A Linc Letter

Hi Folks;



Communication in this day & age is a wonderful tool. For those who have computers, and most of us do, or those pesky, wonderful, slippery hard to hold “gadgets” that are perpetually getting lost – cell phones, we call ‘em, communicating with one another is an easy and enjoyable way of binding us together. When we found or learned how to speak and later how to write we opened up a whole vista of linking us and binding us together. We could share our every day experiences, our thoughts. The written word or now the recorded word gives us a point from which we can understand each other or at least affords that opportunity. As families or ‘bands’ of our ancestor dispersed over the earth they perfected their own speech (phonetics) and writing (script) and now with globalization we are trying (& have the opportunity) to put it all back together again. One language! It will take a LONG time!! It is said that “The pen is mightier than the sword” – that diplomacy is better than war. We are not there yet!

As sovereign or political boundaries developed, languages evolved within these boundaries of what became nations. Communication became difficult because of language barriers (phonetic & script). A few people, very few, became bilingual or even multilingual! They became diplomats, traders or clergy and thus afforded a bridge between the political boundaries. Thus hampered, because of too few bridges, some degree of isolation took place, some nations surged ahead of others, due in part by commerce & trade or military conquest! Competition and lust for power drove the politically inclined to expand their borders and overwhelm the subjugated ones with ‘their’ language and ‘their’ culture. Some of these ‘subdued’ ethnic groups have vigorously opposed this aggression.

Having a life spanning nearly a century I look around me now and wonder (in amazement) why we (nations & ethnic groups) can't get along – why we can't strive for a common goal for the better? Then I come to the realization that our communication is inadequate, the very difference in language definition is a barrier. And so I ask, “What is in the heart, what the motive?” Then too as we reach out, to be successful, there must be a hand reaching out to meet ours – and so there must be at least a spark of trust - we have communicated but are we understood? It will take a long time ‘to be understood’. And so communication is the only way we have to span that distance, one from the other.

Have you reached out to communicate with your family today – to those you love – friends – would you enjoy a few minutes of conversation with them? Well you can - there are wonderful means of doing so! Would you like to improve your skills in communication – well you can – it's only a cell phone away – only a computer away – why with Skype & a camera you can even see each other! If you don't communicate with these, your loved ones or friends how do you expect to communicate with business associates or on a far grander scale how do you expect heads of state and nations to communicate? It has to start with somebody – let it start with us!!

Love ya, Linc & Bea

Lincoln Frost has been a resident of Plantation Island since 1980 and a staunch supporter of the surrounding communities



We're the Lucky Ones ...

Everglades City was spared, once again, from the tropical storms and hurricanes that have hit the Caribbean, Cuba, and parts of the United States. We have been so fortunate that we feel we should be helping those who have lost so much during this disastrous hurricane season.

Pastor Dantin and his wife, Martha, from the Chokoloskee Church of God have taken supplies to Louisiana (*see report on front page*).

The Church of God also supports 4 ministries in Haiti which has had tremendous loss from Hurricanes Hanna and Ike. Visit the website www.loveachild.com and click on "Sherry's Journal" to view the pictures and stories about the damage and loss of life. If you would like to help, click on "Donate Now".

Among the items requested are old camping tents. You can send them or money to:

Love-A-Child, Inc.,
9304 Camden Field Parkway
Riverview, FL, 33578.

Election Tip

It is the voter's responsibility to understand the six Florida Constitutional Amendments that will be on the ballot for the General Election before you arrive at the Poll. Local periodicals are available in our library and other information can be researched on the Internet.

A short synopsis of amendments 1-4, 6, and 8 can be found in the *Naples Daily News*, 8/24/08, pages 4D-5D. Amendments 5, 7, and 9 have been removed from the ballot. The NDN discusses one or two slates, amendments, and endorsements every day during Early Voting, and the Sunday preceding Election Day. They are in our library.

Other resources are:

The St. Petersburg Times
(Independent)

The Miami Herald (Independent)

The Sarasota Herald Tribune
(New York Times)

The League of Women Voters of Collier County (Non-Partisan)

www.lwvcolliercounty.org

Bring your marked, mailed Sample Ballot to the poll as a guide.

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.

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



RESTAURANT NEWS

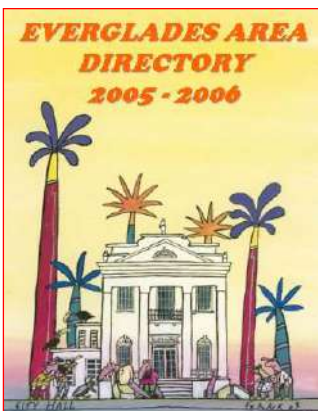
Camellia St. Grill is known for its fresh salads (Terri and Naiara grow their own herbs and flowers which are the special added ingredients in their salads). They are also famous for their fresh fish dinners, depending on what's in season. Their frog legs and crab dishes are delicious.

Terri and Naiara have been working hard all summer long and have prepared several new things: they will have live music on the weekends; they have a new dance floor and will have different theme nights next to their new bar; and, last but not least, they will have a couple of additions to the lunch and dinner menu.

Camellia St. Grill is located at 202 Camellia Street on the river, just down the road from the post office in Everglades City. For more information call 239-695-2003. Terri and Naira look forward to sharing their paradise with all of you.

The Grill opens on October 1. Be sure to have a look at the colorful new *al fresco* bar, pictured above.

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To place your Classified Ad, contact us at:

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- Everglades Scoop:**
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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 jugs 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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