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What's Happening in the Everglades City Area

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Dantins' Rescue Mission

Pastor Morris & Martha Dantin sent us this report about their trip to help victims of Hurricanes Gustav & Ike in Louisiana: "We are still down here in Louisiana; it was worse than we thought before we arrived. Today is Sunday (9/21) and the water has gone down alot. There is a north wind today and some sunshine, which they need... Thank you, the Community Church, Officer Sue Gentry and Marya for everything...love and blessings"

Funds are needed to buy building supplies. Home Depot or Lowe's gift certificates are appreciated or 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.



Big Cypress Market Place will open to the public on **Friday, October 10**. Located four miles east of CR-951 on the Tamiami Trail, the Market Place will include a 205-space flea market with more than 150 merchants and a children's game arcade. There is also a dining arena with an entertainment stage and a second floor mezzanine featuring gaming machines and a sports lounge.



The Big Cypress Winery will allow visitors to sample made-on-premise wines. An Everglades mural (pictured below with Artist Jaime Quintero) is behind the entertainment stage. The outdoor market will carry fresh vegetables, fruit and flowers. Big Cypress Market Place is open only three days a week: Friday through Sunday, from 9:00 am to 4 p.m.

Visit website www.BigCypressMarketPlace.com.



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OCTOBER 2008

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
28 Mobile PetVet,	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 Fishing Clinic Port of the Islands Marina see p. 10
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 Caf�e 8 am	9	10	11 Museum Reception 1 - 3 pm, see p.9 Refuge Day see p.10
12	13 Columbus Day Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm OFCD Bd Fire Sta, 6 pm	full moon ● 14	15 Ladies Coffee Triad Seafood 8 am	16 Copeland Civic Association 7 pm	17	18 Bring Back the Butterflies Volunteer Day see p.10 Naples Orchid Show see p.3
19 African Missions Comm. Church 11 am see p.3	20 Hour of Prayer Copeland Baptist Church, 7 pm Early Voting starts, see p.11	21 Reach Out Comm Church 8:30 am	22 Ladies Coffee Backcountry Caf�e 8 am	23 SAC School Media Center, 3 pm	24	25
26	27 Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm	new moon ○ 28 ESHP mtg City Hall, 10 am	29 Ladies Coffee Triad Seafood 8 am School Early Release	30	31 Halloween Party McLeod Park	NOV 1 Early Voting Last Day

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 6: Art in the Glades

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: Tues, Oct 7 (3:30-4:30 pm)
Mon, Oct 13 (10-11 am)

Wed, Oct 8 (10-11 am)
Wed, Oct 15 (Noon -2 pm)

Fri, Oct 10 (9-11 am)
Fri, Oct 17 (1-3 pm)

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.*

CONGRESSIONAL VISIT

George Barton, aid to Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart, will be at City Hall on **Tuesday, October 7**, at 3:00 p.m. to talk with constituents.

CITY COUNCIL

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 7**, at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall.

HOLIDAY CARDS

It might seem early but Reach Out wants everyone to know that they will again be selling greeting cards for the festive season. The cards, designed by ECity School students, will be available in mid-November.

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



A Very Special First Birthday to Morgan Forbes

African Missions

Everglades Community Church will host dedicated and inspiring missionaries Ruth & Barry Johnson from the Lighthouse of Hope Ministries on **Sunday, October 19**. Besides speaking during the morning worship which starts at 11:00 a.m., they will present a slide show in the Fellowship Hall after the service. See their website <http://lighthouse-of-hope.org>

NAPLES ORCHID SOCIETY'S ANNUAL PLANT SALE SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18

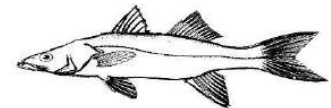
The Conservancy of SW Florida from noon until 3:00 p.m. For more info, call 239-403-7155 or check online at www.naplesorchidsociety.org

OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

- 09/18/08: Arching Wire, Everglades City
- 09/20/08: Vehicle Accident, 74m I-75
- 09/20/08: Vehicle Accident, 68m I-75
- 09/20/08: Vehicle Accident, 73m I-75
- 09/22/08: Vehicle Accident, 2 mi E of SR-92
- 09/23/08: Over Dose, Everglades City
- 09/25/08: Vehicle Accident, 59m I-75
- 09/28/08: Brush Fire, SR-29 and US-41
- 09/25/08: Emergency Medical, Ochopee
- 09/25/08: Abdominal Pain, Everglades City Fire Station
- 09/25/08: Diabetic, Everglades City
- 09/26/08: Vehicle Fire, 56m I-75
- 09/26/08: Person Fell, Port of the Islands
- 09/26/08: Vehicle Accident, 54m I-75
- 09/26/08: Vehicle Accident, 74m I-75
- 09/26/08: Vehicle Fire, 70m I-75
- 09/29/08: Vehicle Fire, 56m I-75
- 09/30/08: Emergency Medical, Everglades City Fire Station

MOBILE PET VET

Dr Baker will be here on **Saturday, November 8**, from **9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in McLeod Park, Everglades City**, and from **2 to 4 p.m. in Copeland**. There is no surgery on Sunday. For emergencies, 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>

10/03/2008	Fri	12:04AM	0.8	L	04:16AM	3.1	H	12:53PM	0.2	L	06:20PM	2.5	H
10/04/2008	Sat	12:21AM	0.9	L	04:43AM	3.0	H	01:41PM	0.2	L	07:22PM	2.4	H
10/05/2008	Sun	12:23AM	1.0	L	05:16AM	2.8	H	02:39PM	0.3	L	08:34PM	2.3	H
10/06/2008	Mon	12:28AM	1.1	L	06:06AM	2.7	H	03:51PM	0.4	L			
10/07/2008	Tue	08:24AM	2.5	H	05:04PM	0.4	L	11:17PM	2.3	H			
10/08/2008	Wed	05:26AM	1.1	L	10:03AM	2.5	H	06:06PM	0.4	L			
10/09/2008	Thu	12:04AM	2.4	H	06:29AM	1.0	L	11:16AM	2.7	H	06:56PM	0.4	L
10/10/2008	Fri	12:35AM	2.5	H	07:14AM	0.8	L	12:14PM	2.8	H	07:39PM	0.4	L
10/11/2008	Sat	01:03AM	2.7	H	07:55AM	0.6	L	01:03PM	2.9	H	08:18PM	0.4	L
10/12/2008	Sun	01:28AM	2.8	H	08:34AM	0.4	L	01:47PM	3.1	H	08:55PM	0.4	L
10/13/2008	Mon	01:52AM	3.0	H	09:14AM	0.2	L	02:30PM	3.1	H	09:31PM	0.5	L
10/14/2008	Tue	02:14AM	3.2	H	09:55AM	0.0	L	03:13PM	3.1	H	10:07PM	0.6	L
10/15/2008	Wed	02:36AM	3.3	H	10:38AM	-0.2	L	04:00PM	3.0	H	10:43PM	0.7	L
10/16/2008	Thu	03:00AM	3.5	H	11:23AM	-0.3	L	04:52PM	2.9	H	11:19PM	0.8	L
10/17/2008	Fri	03:29AM	3.5	H	12:11PM	-0.3	L	05:53PM	2.7	H	11:56PM	0.9	L

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SCHOOL NEWS

Everglades City School

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

IMPORTANT DATES

Thurs, Oct 2: Great Gators, 9:30 a.m.
Tues, Oct 7: Volleyball, JV, 4:00 p.m.
Tues, Oct 7: Volleyball, Varsity, 5:00 p.m.
Thurs, Oct 9: Volleyball, JV, 4:30 p.m.
Thurs, Oct 9: Volleyball, Varsity, 5:30 p.m.
Fri, Oct 10: Volleyball, JV, 4:30 p.m.
Fri, Oct 10: Volleyball, Varsity, 5:30 p.m.
Mon, Oct 13: Columbus Day
Mon, Oct 20: Volleyball, JV, 4:30 p.m.
Mon, Oct 20: Volleyball, Varsity, 5:30 p.m.
Thurs, Oct 23: SAC, 3:00 p.m.
Fri, Oct 24: Report Cards (all grades)
Wed, Oct 29: Early Release



From Savannah's Eyes

Finally, it's Fall and it is time to get outdoors without feeling all that heat and humidity. We are learning about weather in my Science class and, boy, there is a lot to learn about weather. But, I am glad it is finally Fall because I can bike, play and have a lot of fun outdoors.

Yesterday my class went on a field trip to the Philharmonic to see the orchestra. They played very good music. After they all took their bow, we were off to McDonalds for lunch. We had a great time on the bus ride home.

Also at school we got our progress reports, and I did very well on mine. We are still playing volleyball every day after school. We practice and our team is getting really good; we are having lots of fun.

Until next time, ♥ Savannah

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Help is needed for students learning to read.

Contact Dana Snider
Phone 695-2561

DONATIONS NEEDED

Toys, books, games, stuffed animals for prizes to students in Accelerated Reading (AR) contest.

Phone Trina Mitchell at 695-2561



There was a good turn-out at the Open House during the evening of Thursday, September 11. Stacia Ferguson, who teaches the Culinary Classes, offered baked goods and deserts with help from Jeanne Lopez.



Ms. Ryan's K class made a U.S. flag (finger-painting & with brushes) to celebrate Constitution Day, Sept. 17.

with thanks to Trina Mitchell for photos


SAC (School Advisory Council) monthly meetings have been changed to the 4TH Thursday at 3:00 pm in the Media Center. New Elections will be held at the next meeting on October 23. All parents are encouraged to attend, as well as community members.

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Niki at Butcher Gallery

The photos of local subjects that Niki Butcher hand colors are on show at the Big Cypress Gallery in Ochopee which is open seven days a week from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

She says *"Hand painting black and white photographs is a way for me to express myself more specifically, to make my work more personal. I like to take an image and then add color that might not be entirely true to the original scene, but it helps me elicit an ambiance, or a fleeting feeling that I want to capture. I also delight in the idea that I've revived a photographic technique that once was popular, but now is nearly forgotten."*

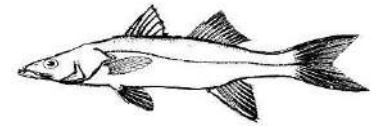
Early in the century, before the advent of color photography, painting black and white photographs was a popular technique. In Florida, wealthy vacationers, wanting to capture the vivid colors experienced during their exotic vacation, often had souvenir photographs hand-painted.

When Niki began hand-painting her photographs many years ago, she used oil paints to color her images. She joined the computer revolution in 2006 and uses a Wacom tablet and Photoshop software. The computer has given her a deeper creative adventure with photography, allowing her to combine imagery and create colors that were impossible to achieve with oils on a black and white photograph.

Some of the images in this collection are scans of her oil-painted black and white photographs. The more current photographs are hand-painted using the computer.

Recipe for Good Eating Snook Ceviche

by Patricia Huff



This is a recipe from my father. He loved to fish and prepared his ceviche primarily with Snapper or Grouper. I use either Snook or Redfish. Many people from different countries have their own way of preparing this popular citrus-marinated dish. After catching fresh fish and cooking enough for dinner, I prepare any left over pieces of the fillet and cut them into small bite-size sections. Combine the following ingredients according to your taste and then add the fish pieces:

Key Lime or Lemon Juice (usually need about ½ cup)

Chopped Red and/or Green Peppers

Chopped Onions (yellow or red)

1 tsp Sugar

Dash of Chef Paul Pruhomme's Seafood Magic

Salt and Pepper to taste

Optional: Chopped Parsley or Cilantro

Chill in refrigerator for at least one hour (3 hours is better). Serve with crackers or tortilla chips.

HOUSEHOLD TIP

According to the LCEC website:

TV energy use is fast on its way to become the fourth biggest energy use in the American home, eclipsing the refrigerator. Heating, cooling and water heating still hold the premier ranks even with all the improvements in efficiency over the years, but the TV energy use is rising so quickly with the advent of the big screen TVs and their recent decline in price.

For more tips about other electricity subjects, see <http://www.lcec.net/tips>.



Off the Shelf - Summer Reading

by Marya Repko

I've been re-reading some of the Archy McNally books for a giggle. The Palm Beach milieu is far from ECity but one can escape there to the social surroundings and crazy predicaments in which Archy finds himself, trying to solve mysteries for his father's respectable law firm. Our hero doesn't have the erudition of Sayer's Lord Peter Whimsey or the silliness of Woodhouse's Bertie Wooster but is just as amusing in a far-fetched way.

Archy's side-kick is Sergeant Al Rogoff of the PBPD who sports a big cigar and murders the English language but secretly worships opera and ballet. They swop (or keep) facts about cases from each other until the dénouement and the boys in blue often have to rescue Archy from his daring escapades (and arrest the criminals) at the final moment.

Author Lawrence Sanders had written dozens of books before he died in 1998 and the Archy series was a popular diversion. The character has been handed over by Sanders' executors to Vincent Lardo who continues to produce the McNally titles but, in my opinion, with not quite the same panache.

However, a good poolside read and often with some realistic comments about living in Florida during the quiet summer rainy season.

Letter from Avery

My brother Loren recently wrote me noting it had been a while with no word. Two months had lapsed since I'd left for France, so I figured I should send a little note. The reasons for my temporary disappearance all basically boil down to culture shock and the wild ride that came along with settling in a foreign land. I'll spare you that part of the *histoire* and share the *belle* part. Following is an excerpt from my letter home.

Salut Friends and Family,

I signed myself up with WWOOF (willing workers of organic farms) and emailed a gentleman farmer on the carless island of Brehat off the coast of Brittany. One week later I found myself here, volunteering in the farm's organic café, living in my tent behind the farm manor in a sweet apple orchard filled with fat little birds and the sound of rocky ocean breezes. Alain visits on the weekends and constantly asks when I will venture home. Though I miss him terribly I have to admit it is so hard to consider leaving this chilly Eden.

I don't have the digital camera with me, so I can't send pictures. But I guess that's better, forcing me to call on words and be the scribe I sometimes claim to be. So, here goes. The café is really disorganized and chaotic, but we serve vegetables that we pick ourselves and ice cream we make each morning. It's a lovely place, though quite different from the well planned system I operated with in my own restaurant. The other workers are wonderful, though, and that makes my daily work enjoyable. I've also enjoyed sharing American tastes like fried green tomatoes and American apple pie (made from apples I picked up outside my tent, mind you). I was going to attempt zucchini bread because we are swimming in *courgettes* (zucchini) here. But cups and grams don't match and leavening powders are different. It's a shame because we have a contest going with the winner being the one who can disguise *les courgettes* the best. I do think my zucchini bread would have won.

Today, I am *conges*, which means it was my day off. I walked the island paths down to the town center in a cloudy drizzly air this morning to get to the post office before it closed at noon. Then I sat and watched all the French people come to market and pick out their veggies, fish, and bread for the day. After that I sauntered down another path to the south island's little white chapel that sits high atop a hill with irregular stone steps winding up to the tiny front door. I sat up there for a while as the sun burned the clouds away before taking the rocky shore path toward our north island abode. I stopped on a grassy spit jutting out over the rose quartz boulders that lead down to the blue waters of the sea. There I dropped my backpack and practiced yoga in a peaceful silence like the space between worlds, between sleeping and waking, between life and death, between the tangible and the untouchable. It was breathtaking and

restoring, a time rare and gentle. Something necessary to feel alive; something I'm not sure I often get to experience – if ever before really.

While singing a mantra easily, over and over with abandon, I picked up my pack and continued along the rocks until I came to the cove just behind our property where we often swim. I changed into my swimsuit and waded into the frigid water with my toes curling around the smooth, egg-like stones that form the beaches here. With an odd courage I finally plunged in over my head and realized that something had turned over in me. I swam for a while and felt so good in the cold, salty water, so different from the warm tropics where I'd only ever imagined making a life. With that swim I think I finally claimed France as my own, without need for translation, without need for anyone else but myself. This reckoning was way overdue and I think only now will I be able to go back to the apartment we arranged in Verneuil-sur-Avre. Oh, how hard it is to find autonomy, but when you do ... nothing is sweeter.

Alain comes to retrieve me next weekend, but if any of you save up the fortune it takes to get across the ocean, I promise to bring you to this stunning piece of France and introduce you to the wild-haired farmer who employs me; a man who never returns at dinnertime without a backpack full of wild edibles he's collected on the walk home. He comes in with watercress, sea perslane, laurel leaves, oysters, sardines ... never empty-handed. I'm telling you, this place is biblical. And I promise to share it if you get the chance to visit ...

The last part isn't just for those who received the original letter; any speakers of English are welcome in my French world any time!



Avery Sumner lived on Chokoloskee Island for seven years where she owned JT's, the store begun by C.G. McKinney in 1890. McKinney also wrote weekly columns for area newspapers. In the spirit of McKinney, Sumner began a series of columns which were published in What's Happening Around Town.

She currently lives in France with her French husband Alain.



LOCAL HISTORY

Darcy Kidder told the *Rapper* that a tombstone in the old Lopez grave in Chokoloskee has fallen over and revealed this inscription on the base. The memorial is dated in the 1930s so the Everglades Marble and Granite Company must have been operational then. We wonder if it was a Collier company with local workers.

Phone or email us if you know anything about this.

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 island was developed by the Mackle brothers who bought most of the land from the Collier Corporation. Many old homes were moved from Caxambas to Goodland to make room for modern buildings.

The panel will be moderated by Craig Woodward, whose family moved there in 1967, and recorded for posterity by Bill Hughes of Hughes Video Productions.

The event takes place at 7:00 p.m. in Mackle Park (near the Library on Heathwood Ave). For more info, phone 304-7280.

MUSEUM NEWS

The new exhibit in the Pauline Reeves Gallery at the front of the Museum building is a selection of photographs by Bruce Hitchcock. Entitled "Vanishing Everglades," the exhibit focuses on scenes from nature and the Everglades, including birds and sunsets. Bruce took dramatic pictures of Hurricane Wilma in Chokoloskee three years ago when they were exhibited in the Museum in 2005.



Bruce is a native Floridian who grew up in Ft. Lauderdale. He has been coming to the area to fish for 30 years, purchased a home 20 years ago and finally settled permanently in Chokoloskee in 2003. Besides being a professional photographer, Captain Bruce is a licensed fishing guide, taking clients of all ability levels, from amateurs to professional fly fishermen.

The reception to meet Bruce is on **Saturday, October 11** from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. See www.evergladesmuseum.org for details of this and other events.

The Museum is open on Tuesday through Friday, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There is no charge for admission but donations are welcome.

FLORIDA FLORA

Buttonwood

by Patty Huff

There are two varieties of the Buttonwood (*Conocarpus erectus*): the silver buttonwood (named for its light-colored silvery green leaves) and the green buttonwood (pictured here) which has dark glossy green leaves. The silver buttonwood is smaller in height, growing just 20 to 35 feet and bushier than the taller green buttonwood which will grow up to 50 feet. They are slow growing but popular ornamental trees with interesting trunks and wide canopies. Buttonwood trees are very salt and wind tolerant so appropriate for our area.



Because of the trees' rough bark, orchids and bromeliads grow well on their branches and trunk. You'll find many examples of this out in the Everglades, especially on the buttonwood trees that have fallen due to storms or age. The density of this hardy tree is, in death, responsible for most of the wonderful gnarly and eerie skeletons that grace our beautiful backcountry shorelines. Years ago buttonwood was harvested in the Everglades to make charcoal which was sold in Key West. Several large charcoal operations existed in this area in the 1920's and prior to the Everglades being designated as a National Park.



Fishing Report

by Capt. Bill Lindsay

Cooler weather makes a big difference in the middle of the day. On my last trip I got strikes from big Snook between 11 am and 1 pm. Usually that time of day in the summer is dead. There are plenty of Snook in the backcountry. On my last trip I took some big Snook, lots of Snapper and at least five nice Trout. The Captains at JT's have been finding Redfish on the islands south of Chokoloskee on the edge of the Gulf. Captain Houston Brown fished with his family and brought in some nice Snook and Redfish. Captain Don Cochran found some nice Permit on the outside wrecks. Captain Steve Huff lost a 10 lb Snook to an alligator and to add insult to the loss of the Snook, the gator took the fish up on the bank and had a nice meal. So far, October looks like a nice month to fish.

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.

Bring Back the Butterflies Join an Everglades National Park Volunteer Work Day!!



Everglades National Park invites you to help increase butterfly species diversity in the park on Saturday, **October 18**, at 9:00 a.m. at the Gulf Coast Everglades City Visitor Center. This is a great opportunity to come out and experience the park and contribute to improving the natural resources in the Everglades City district of the park. ENP has recently established a butterfly garden at the Gulf Coast Visitor Center. Join us on Saturday, Oct. 18, and help enhance the health, beauty and productivity of the garden by planting, pruning and mulching. Be sure to revisit the site from time to time, to see how your efforts will attract butterflies seeking habitat to feed and propagate. Contact Jackie Dostourian, Volunteer Coordinator, at 305-242-7752 or Jackie.Dostourian@NPS.GOV, to learn more about this volunteer work day.

National Park Service Seeks Public Input

The National Park Service plans to prepare an environmental assessment of options for mitigating the impacts from failed dams on the East Cape and Homestead Canals at Cape Sable. The purpose of the project is to prevent saltwater intrusion into freshwater marshes that are habitat for the threatened American crocodile and various wading birds by restoring the failed dams on the two canals.

The NPS is requesting public input on the proposed action and any issues, concerns or alternatives that should be considered in the environmental assessment. To participate in this process, you may submit your comments electronically at the NPS Planning, Environment, and Public Comment website <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>. Select "Everglades NP" from the drop down box, then "Cape Sable Canals Dam Rehabilitation EA," and finally "Open For Public Comment." A detailed description of the site and some potential alternatives for the project are provided online under "Cape Sable Canals Dam Restoration Project Newsletter August 2008." If you are unable to access this website, please submit written comments by October 23 to:

National Park Service, Attention: Patrick Malone, Denver Service Center, Planning Division, P.O. Box 25287, Denver, CO 80225-0287

Finally, a public meeting on **October 8**, from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. will be held at: South Dade Regional Library, 10750 SW 211th St. in Miami.

Once the environmental assessment is completed, it will be available for public review for a 30-day period. Please provide your input on or before **October 23**.

Celebrate Ten Thousand Islands

National Wildlife Refuge Week

Saturday Oct 11

At Port of the Islands Marina

8am - 4pm



Fly fishing demonstrations, kayak trips, historic talks, and bird watching are among the events planned to celebrate Refuge Week. There is no charge for the program but you have to register in advance. Phone 239-353-8442 ext. 229 or email RefugeEvents@gmail.com.

Other Events at Ten Thousand Island Refuge:

Oct. 4 - FISHING CLINIC – 8 am to 1 pm

Oct. 12 -The Big Sit: Free Birding Event – 7 am-Noon



GLADES DAZE

by Patricia Huff

Driving along the Tamiami Trail this time of year is so relaxing. The weather has turned "somewhat" cool; early morning temperatures in the low 70's with the humidity dropping a "little." Many people do not realize that we actually have "fall" colors but we really do. You'll see it out in the Fakahatchee, Big Cypress, the Everglades National Park and the other area parks. There are several trees that change their colors, maybe not as bright as in other parts of the country but definitely a change. The Red Leaf Maple (pictured above) is just one of the trees in the Everglades that change from a medium green to bright red, purple and yellow in the fall. Another tree prevalent along the Trail is the Bald Cypress that is so beautiful all summer long with its frilly pale green needles. During this time of year, you'll see these needles turn a reddish brown, almost golden, before they start to fall in the winter. Yes, "fall is in the air" and it's wonderful in the glades.

Election Tip

Be prepared before you enter the polling place. Begin reading about candidates and the 6 proposed Florida Constitutional Amendments at least two weeks before Early Voting begins, since single comprehensive sources of information are usually not available locally. Use your mailed Sample Ballot to record your preferences as you become more informed. Bring this Sample Ballot to the voting booth to help you.

The earlier you are prepared, the earlier you will feel confident to cast your ballot and avoid lines on Election Day. Poll workers are forbidden to discuss or answer questions related to candidates or amendments, and refraining from making political comments will be appreciated.

Early Voting:

Monday, Oct 20, to Saturday, Nov 1
daily except Sunday

10:30 a.m. - 6:30 p.m.
City Hall (old Council Chamber)

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RESTAURANT NEWS

The Oyster House Restaurant, opposite the National Park, is opening for the season on **Friday, October 3**. This year they will be offering some new specials so be sure to stop by for lunch or dinner. The restaurant will be open from 11:00 am to 9:00 pm daily and until 10:00 pm on Friday and Saturday nights. The building was originally built in 1982 and operated by Billy & Crystal Potter. Current owners Bob and Patty Miller purchased the restaurant in 1992.

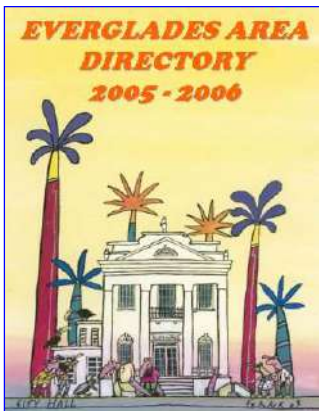
A Note from Camellia St. Grill:

A very special thank you to two very special people Nick and Mari Varallo for supporting us and dedicating their whole summer, and many hours, in constructing our beautiful new Chickee Bar and working with us on every aspect of the restaurant. We hope they will stay with our family forever! Also, a special thank you to LouAnn and all our other workers. We love you all!!

Terri and Naiara Rementeria



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Backcountry Cafe:

6:00 am - 3:00 pm; Mon – Thurs
6:00 am - 9:00 pm; Fri-Sat-Sun

Camellia St Grill:

Noon – Midnight; Mon – Sat
Noon to 6:00 pm; Sundays
Music and line dancing nightly

City Seafood:

11:00 am - 6:00 pm; daily

Everglades Scoop: (closed until Oct 13)

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
Live Music on Weekends

Leebo's:

Open 4:00 pm; Mon - Sat
Open Noon; Sunday

Oyster House Restaurant:

11:00 am - 9:00 pm; Sun – Thurs
11:00 am - 10:00 pm; Fri - Sat

Right Choice Pizzeria:

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
Cabana Bash: Sat 3 - 6 pm

Subway:

10:00 am - 8:00 pm; daily

Susie's Station:

11:00 am - 5:00 pm; daily

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