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NEW CHURCH WINDOWS

The Community Church installed four stained glass windows at the corners on Wednesday, November 12.

The windows represent the four rocks on which the church stands: Love, Prayer, Missions, and Faith.

They were sponsored by members of the congregation.



CITY COUNCIL REPORT

by Marya Repko

Mayor Sammy Hamilton said at the meeting on November 4 that he's "working 8 days a week" with FEMA, including taking late night phone calls. Eventually, we should have new sewer grinder pumps which will not be damaged by flooding. FEMA can help with preventative measures as well as with repairs after a disaster.



He also said that the County will collect appliances on a limited number of days per month and that we should contact City Hall before putting them out. On a similar note, garden refuse should be cut up small to make it easier to handle.

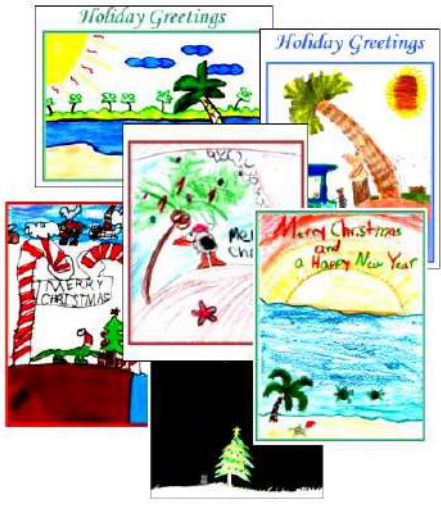
Lt. Mark Milligan reported on the Sheriff's Office activities. Since the last meeting, there had been a vehicle burglary at Jungle Erv's. People playing soccer in the School baseball field were warned that they would be arrested if they continue. Deputies are looking at street signs to see if they are hard to read and need to be replaced.

During Public Comment, John M. Wilson welcomed the new grinder pumps. Gene Davidson said it was "good to be back home" and that he wanted to compliment the City workers for keeping the place looking so tidy ("The City looks great!"). He reminisced that he had been on the Council in the 1960s when Dr. Snyder, the Mayor, got the streets paved.

The next meeting is on Tuesday, December 2.

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HOLIDAY CARDS ARE READY!



Reach Out have new greeting cards for this holiday season. They were designed by ECity School students under the supervision of Mr. Tribble and will first be available for sale at the school Fall Festival on **November 15** (see page 3).

The cards will also be on sale in packs of 6 for \$5.00 at the School office, at the Thrift Shop, and by mail order. All the profits benefit Reach Out, our neighborhood charity. For info and special orders, phone 695-2905.

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2008

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
9	10 Hour of Prayer Everglades First Baptist Church 7 pm OFCD Bd Fire Sta, 6 pm	11 <u>Veterans' Day</u>	12 Ladies Coffee Triad Seafood 8 am	full moon ● 13	14	15 Fall Festival School, see p.3 Old Florida Festival , see p.9
16 Old Florida Festival see p.9	17 Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm BigCypress ORV Mtg , 3:30 pm Community Center	18 Reach Out Comm Church 8:30 am	19 Ladies Coffee Backcountry Cafe 8 am	20 Copeland Civic Association 7 pm SAC School Media Center, 3 pm	21	22 Chok Church of God Fall Festival see p.3
23	24 Hour of Prayer Copeland Baptist Church, 7 pm	25	26 Ladies Coffee Havana Cafe 8 am	new moon ○ 27 <u>Happy Thanksgiving</u>	28 Butcher Book Signing see p.9	29 Hanging of the Greens Community Church, 11 am
30 ORV Permits Deadline see p.10 School Yearbook Deadline see p.12	DEC 1 <u>SNOOK SEASON CLOSES</u> Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm	2 ESHP mtg City Hall, 10 am Aide to Congressman City Hall, 3 pm City Council City Hall, 5:30 pm	3 Ladies Coffee Triad Seafood 8 am	4 Great Gators School, 9:30 am	5	6 Art-in-the-Glades see p.3 Museum Reception see p.9 Mobile Pet Vet see p.3
7 Mobile Pet Vet see p.3	8 Hour of Prayer Holy Family Catholic Church 7 pm Chamber of Commerce 6:30 pm, see p.3	9	10 Ladies Coffee JT's Cafe 8 am	11	full moon ● 12	13 Sons of Confederate Veterans see p.3

Dec 15: FME Members' Annual Luncheon

Dec 18: SAC

Jan 10/11: Pet Vet

Jan 17: Art-in-the-Glades

Jan 20: Big Cypress ORV Meeting

Feb 7/8: Seafood Festival

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

SHERIFF AT CITY HALL: Thurs, 11/13 (noon-1:30 am)

Tues, 11/18 (10-11:30 am)

Wed, 11/19 (noon-1:30 pm)

Fri, 11/21 (9-10:30 am)

Mon, 11/24 (noon-1:30 pm)

Wed, 11/26 (9-10:30 am)

ORV COMMITTEE

The Big Cypress ORV Advisory Committee will meet on **Monday, November 17**, at 3:30 p.m. at the Everglades Community Center. It is open to the public. For info, phone 695-1103. *See page 10 for permits.*

CONGRESSIONAL VISIT

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

CITY COUNCIL

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, December 2**, at 5:30 p.m.

ARTS & CRAFT SALE

The first Art-in-the-Glades of this winter season will be held just in time for holiday shopping on **Saturday, December 6**. If you would like to participate, phone Marya at 695-2905.

CHAMBER TALK

The Chamber of Commerce will hear James Hammond of Naples Back Yard History during their meeting on **Monday, December 8**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Seafood Depot. Election results for directors will be announced after the presentation about local history.

SCHOOL FESTIVAL



Everglades City School is holding a Fall Festival on **Saturday, November 15**, from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. There will be live entertainment, face painting, games, and food (hot dogs, chips, drinks). Admission is canned food for their drive. There will also be a "cake walk". For info, phone Candi at 695-2561.

CHURCH FESTIVAL

Chokoloskee Church of God is holding its annual Fall Festival on **Saturday, November 22**. The event is from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Chokoloskee. There will be a fish fry from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and the auction starts at 1:30 a.m. Everyone is welcome!

ALLEY "RFP" MEETING

The deadline for Requests For Proposals on the privatizing of I-75 has been extended until January 9. There will be a public meeting on **Tuesday, December 2**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Hilton Hotel in Naples. For more info, phone FDOT at (850) 414-4595 or see www.alligator-alley.com.

OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

- 10/30/08: Diabetic Person, 78m I-75
- 10/30/08: Unknown Medical Problem, Everglades City
- 10/31/08: Median Fire, 57m I-75
- 11/01/08: Vehicle Accident, 68m I-75
- 11/01/08: Unknown Medical Problem, 49m I-75
- 11/03/08: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 11/03/08: Chest Pains, Everglades City
- 11/03/08: Vehicle Accident, 68m I-75
- 11/05/08: Vehicle Accident, 1.5 Miles West of SR-29
- 11/07/08: Illegal Burn, Plantation Island
- 11/08/08: Emergency Medical, Picnic Key
- 11/09/08: Emergency Medical, Tiger Key
- 11/09/08: Emergency Medical, 63m I-75
- 11/09/08: Vehicle Accident, Port of the Islands
- 11/09/08: Vehicle Accident, 1 Mile West of SR-29 on US-41
- 11/09/08: Stroke, Everglades City
- 11/09/08: Vehicle Accident, US 41 and Turner River Rd
- 11/09/08: Smell of Smoke, Chokoloskee Island
- 11/09/08: Vehicle Accident, 79m I-75
- 11/10/08: Vehicle Accident, 61m I-75
- 11/10/08: Vehicle Accident, 62m I-75
- 11/11/08: Vehicle Accident, 57m I-75

MOBILE PET VET



Dr Baker will be here on **Saturday, December 6**, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in McLeod Park, Everglades City, and from 2 to 4 p.m. in Copeland. She will also be here for surgery on **Sunday, December 7**, by previous appointment only. Phone her at 777-PETS (7387).

Sons of Confederate Veterans

The Everglades Chapter of the SCV meets every second Saturday at the Seafood Depot at 6:00 p.m. For info, phone Steve Markley at 695-2186.

TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER

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

11/14/2008	Fri	01:30AM	3.6	H	10:11AM	-0.5	L	03:59PM	2.6	H	10:00PM	0.9	L
11/15/2008	Sat	02:09AM	3.6	H	11:01AM	-0.5	L	04:58PM	2.5	H	10:45PM	0.9	L
11/16/2008	Sun	02:54AM	3.5	H	11:53AM	-0.4	L	06:00PM	2.5	H	11:36PM	0.9	L
11/17/2008	Mon	03:50AM	3.3	H	12:48PM	-0.2	L	07:00PM	2.4	H			
11/18/2008	Tue	12:39AM	0.9	L	05:09AM	3.0	H	01:48PM	-0.1	L	07:55PM	2.4	H
11/19/2008	Wed	02:00AM	0.9	L	06:50AM	2.7	H	02:51PM	0.2	L	08:47PM	2.5	H
11/20/2008	Thu	03:27AM	0.7	L	08:23AM	2.5	H	03:55PM	0.3	L	09:33PM	2.5	H
11/21/2008	Fri	04:42AM	0.6	L	09:52AM	2.5	H	04:53PM	0.5	L	10:14PM	2.6	H
11/22/2008	Sat	05:43AM	0.4	L	11:16AM	2.4	H	05:46PM	0.6	L	10:51PM	2.7	H
11/23/2008	Sun	06:35AM	0.2	L	12:25PM	2.4	H	06:34PM	0.7	L	11:24PM	2.8	H
11/24/2008	Mon	07:20AM	0.0	L	01:17PM	2.5	H	07:18PM	0.8	L	11:56PM	2.9	H
11/25/2008	Tue	08:02AM	-0.1	L	01:56PM	2.5	H	07:59PM	0.8	L			
11/26/2008	Wed	12:26AM	3.0	H	08:42AM	-0.2	L	02:28PM	2.4	H	08:37PM	0.9	L
11/27/2008	Thu	12:56AM	3.0	H	09:20AM	-0.2	L	02:59PM	2.4	H	09:13PM	0.9	L
11/28/2008	Fri	01:25AM	3.0	H	09:57AM	-0.2	L	03:33PM	2.4	H	09:46PM	0.9	L

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SCHOOL NEWS

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IMPORTANT DATES

Thurs, Nov 20: SAC, 3:00 p.m.

Tues, Nov 25: Report Cards

Wed, Nov 26 - Fri, Nov 28: Thanksgiving Break



From Savannah's Eyes

I had a great Halloween! With lots of candy and fun! But, of course, the best part of Halloween is the candy!

This week I am spending time with my sister LaShaun who has come down to Everglades City to visit her family and friends. She is a wonderful girl and is my big brother's daughter. She is 13 years old and I am only 11. She came down here last Friday and we went to Naples to take her shopping. We went to the mall and she got a blue shirt and a pair of Converse shoes, and I got cute lip gloss and a cute bag! We also went to Target and LaShaun got a pair of pants while I got a sparkly pair of Converse shoes. We love shopping together; it is so much fun! The next day we again went to Naples, and LaShaun and I saw the new movie "High School Musical 3 Senior Year." It was awesome; we went to see it in the theater. Then, after that, her dad came and picked her up at the theater to eat with my other brother and sister, and to go to see drag racing. She said it was really loud but awesome! Then on Monday she came back and we actually stayed home this time! But, anyway, I love her soooo much and she loves me, too. We always tell each other secrets, and we don't laugh alone; we laugh together. Then it is funnier! But the best thing I like about her is her personality which is a brilliant personality; it is a mixture of loving, caring, generous, thoughtful, brave, funny and of course a friendship that will last forever. You can tell her personality not by the way she acts but her eyes tell all. She is just like a sister to me and always will be. I would rather spend time with her on the weekends than anything else, if I had a choice.

Love to all and looking forward to Thanksgiving. Savannah

P.S. I really want Thanksgiving to come early because I am in the mood for a big juicy "turkey leg"!

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

Apologies to DARE poster winner Savannah Humphreys for spelling her last name incorrectly in the October 31 issue.

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: See the Honor Roll list on page 11. :
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Thanks to Trina Mitchell for Great Gator photos.

GREAT GATORS, OCTOBER



Pre-K: Reyvan Cifuentes, Alycia Kibodeaux-Aranda, Paris Humphreys, Candice Ayres, Case Vanleeuwen



K: Alexis Rain, Gracie Emma Brown, Daniel Gibson, Solomon Thatcher, Not Pictured: Billi Wells



Grade 1: Caroline Teague, Michael Rain, Gage Shryock, Brandy Bowen, Savannah Weeks



Grade 2: Cameron Foss, Tyus Fails, Samantha Bruscini, Kalen Kibodeaux, McBeth Collins




Grades 3 & 4: Haleigh Ellington, Brandon Steffen, Hailey Mitchell, Bryce Kish, Jillian Campbell-Salorino





Grades 5 & 6: Alicia Martinez, Andrew Bruscini, Houston Brown, Not Pictured: Marissa Hart, Kevin Maley

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- Camellia Street Grill:**
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Noon - 10:00 pm; Fri, Sat
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- City Seafood:**
11:00 am - 6:00 pm; daily
- Everglades Scoop:**
11:00 am - 5:00 pm; Mon- Sat
- Glades Haven Deli:**
6:00 am - 6:00 pm; Sun - Thurs
6:00 am - 9:00 pm; Fri - Sat
- Grimm's Stone Crab (takeout):**
8 am - 6 pm; Mon - Sat
- Havana Cafe:**
8:00 am - 3:00 pm; daily
- 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
- JT's Cafe & Gallery, Chokoloskee:**
9 am - 3 pm; Sun, Mon, Wed, Thurs
9 am - 5 pm; Fri, Sat
- Leebo's Rock-Bottom Bar:**
4:00 pm; Mon - Sat
noon; Sunday
- Oyster House Restaurant:**
11:00 am - 9:00 pm; Sun - Thurs
11:00 am - 10:00 pm; Fri, Sat
- Right Choice Pizzeria (takeout):**
5:00 - 9:00 pm; Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun
- Rod & Gun:**
7:00 - 10 am Breakfast; daily
11:30 am - 9:00 pm; daily
- Seafood Depot:**
Breakfast: 5:30 - 10:30 am; Fri - Sun
11:00 am - 9:00 pm; daily
Cabana Bash: 4 - 7 pm, Sat
- Subway:**
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- Susie's Station:**
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- Triad Seafood:**
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6:00 am - 5:00 pm; Fri, Sat, Sun

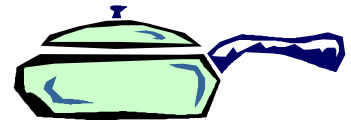
Right Choice Supermarket is now open until 7:30 p.m. on Monday through Saturday evenings. The Sunday closing remains the same at 6:30 p.m.



Recipe for Good Eating

Sweet Potato Hash

(from Tsunami Restaurant in Memphis)
submitted by Denise Rousseau



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|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1 large sweet potato or yams | 4 scallions (or 1 shallot) |
| 3 large cloves garlic | Salt and pepper to taste |
| 1 c. fresh parsley | 2 T. olive oil for skillet |

Cut potato into small cubes and place them in cold water. Mince garlic, finely chop parsley, thinly slice scallion or mince shallot. Combine garlic, parsley, scallions, salt and pepper. Strain potatoes and dry with towel. Put enough olive oil in skillet to thoroughly coat bottom of pan and place skillet on high heat. When oil is hot, put potatoes into skillet and let them sit (do not stir) for 3 or 4 minutes. Once they have browned, reduce heat to medium high, shake pan (or stir with wooden spoon), let them sit for another 3 minutes until nicely browned. Just before removing from heat, add the herb mixture and stir to blend. Heat just until garlic is soft, about 1 minute. Serve hot. Serves 4 people.

Great side dish for upcoming Thanksgiving Holiday dinner.

This recipe is from the Reach Out & COPS cookbook "What's Cookin' in the Everglades". For more recipes for Thanksgiving, buy this Reach Out Cookbook and help our community. Cookbooks available for sale at City Hall, the Thrift Shop, JT's, and Right Choice Supermarket.

Beach Parking Permits for Full and Part Time Residents

If you would like to obtain a Beach Parking Permit for all public beaches in Collier County, you will need to bring proof of residency to one of the following locations (partial list):

- East Naples Community Park, 3500 Thomasson Dr, 793-4414
(Mon-Sat 9 am to 4 pm)
- Collier County Government Center, Bldg F, Public Information Desk
3301 Tamimai Trail, 774-8999 (Mon - Fri 8 am - 5 pm)
- Frank Mackle Park, 1361 Andalusia Terrace, Marco Island, 642-0575
(Mon-Sat 9 am to 4 pm)
- Naples City Hall, 735 8th Street S, 213-7120 (call for times open)

Full Time Residents: Original Collier County Vehicle Registration (no copies) and Original Driver's License.

Part Time Resident Property Owners: Same as above plus Current Collier County Tax Statement or Deed or Current Closing Papers (current within 12 months); all names and addresses must match.

Mobile Home Owners: Must own the land the home is on. Tax paid on an attachment is not "real property" per the county ordinance and is not acceptable for permit.

RECYCLING

The Carnestown Recycling Center will be open on Saturday between 9:00 a.m. and noon, except for County holidays. It will no longer be open on Monday because of low turnout on that day. Among the items you can bring are: metal, cardboard, plastic, paper, and glass as well as household hazardous waste, oil and antifreeze, electronics, batteries, and construction materials. For more info, phone (239) 252-2508.



FLORIDA FLORA

by Patty Huff

Usually, this section highlights native Florida species; but there is one beautiful and unusual palm in my yard that I want to share with our readers. It is called *Veitchia spiralis* which is native to the Vanuatu Islands in the South Pacific. The *Veitchia* genus is among the tallest and most beautiful palms in the world. It is named after James Veitch, a 19th century nurseryman from Devon in southwest England. He was a third generation horticulturist and under his guidance the Royal Exotic Nursery became the largest of its kind in Europe. Pictured here is the *Veitchia spiralis* (common name Kajewskia Palm). The trunks of the *Veitchia spiralis* are gray, their crown shaft deep green and the inflorescences (the cluster of flowers, or flower buds on the stems) light greenish white. The display of these inflorescences is what makes these palms so outstanding. Bees swarm around the buds, even before flowering, to capture the nectar of the flower. The genus is intolerant of cold. The *spiralis* species is from the lowland rain forest but will grow in south Florida where it is frost-free, warm and moist. In the Vanuatu islands, it is considered near extinction but can be seen at Fairchild Gardens in Miami and other south Florida areas.

Please contact us if you have an interesting plant in your garden or have seen something unusual on a walk. You can send a digital photo to our email address or we can take one for you if the plant is accessible.

MEMORIES

“Sweet Sixteen in Everglades City” by Barbara Hoffman Daniels

Just after my sixteenth birthday, there was a Coast Guard Base established in Everglades City. World War II had called for military bases to be established at the head of all navigable waterways in our Nation, and the Barron River was one as such having been dredged deep for supply boats that brought goods into the city before the Tamiami Trail was finished.

The base was established on and around the grounds of the Rod and Gun Club on the River. The whole perimeter was fenced in and off limits to civilians, as were the docks immediately in front.

Civilians even had to have photo I.D.'s taken in order to be able to board a boat to go out among the islands. That was an exciting fact that made the little town seem so important to our homeland security. It also brought some new families to town. Some of the Coast Guard seniors of higher rank were housed with their families in some cottages that used to be directly behind the Community Church.

During that time we had U.S.O. dances on Saturday nights at the Community Center which was then down on Riverside Drive on the waterfront. We were always well chaperoned by senior citizens or teachers.

The small town library was equipped to be a recreation hall and we could go there any night until 9:00 p.m. and play card games, table tennis, book reading, record playing or just visit. The little town was jumping during that short time. Some of the teenagers even joined the C.A.P. (Civilian Air Patrol) which entailed taking watches all night from the balcony of the Court House. We were required to learn to tell the differences in the military planes of our Nation versus Germany's should it ever occur that one should infiltrate our night skies. Oh, we felt so important!

When it was all over in just a short few years and the base pulled out of the city, I think that we had lost around five of our young ladies to marriage and only a couple that I knew of to unexpected pregnancies. I guess that's not a bad average for a small town this size, having been used as a military base.

Did I find the love of my life during those times? Oh sure, only he disappeared along with the base. Oh, woe is me! Such is young love.

Barbara Hoffman Daniels grew up in Everglades City. She lived for over thirty years in the Big Cypress where she had the experience of seeing what our animals are really like.

WANTED! Barbara tells us that she would like an electric typewriter because her old manual machine is too stiff to use with arthritic fingers. If you can help, please contact the *Rapper* at 695-2397.



BUY A BRICK!

You can still buy engraved bricks for the walk in front of City Hall if you want to commemorate an event or just give someone an unusual, permanent gift. Application forms are available in City Hall or by phoning 695-2905.

Old Florida Festival

The annual event with re-enactors portraying Indians, Soldiers, and Pioneers will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on **Saturday/Sunday, November 15/16**, at the Collier County Museum in Naples (in the Government Complex on the corner US-41 and Airport-Pulling). For info, phone 252-8476.

BOOK SIGNING

Clyde Butcher will hold his traditional Holiday Book Signing at the Big Cypress Gallery on the weekend of **November 28-30**. He will be available from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

MUSEUM NEWS

Over 150 friends and neighbors attended a service at the Seafood Depot for Carol Moseman, FME president, who passed away from cancer recently. Her memory will be honored at the Annual Members' Luncheon on **December 15** when FME election results will also be announced. Secretary Patty Huff is organizing the event and can be contacted at 695-2397.

The next "Meet the Artist" reception will be held on **December 6** when Eloise Barrows will be featured.



COUNTRY WATERWAYS

by Adela Padron-Butler

On this beautiful fall day, we are embarking on yet another leg of the Green River. When we first started exploring this waterway, we had studied a map and thought we were ready to go on long excursions. We were surprised to find that a system of locks and dams used for riverboat traffic during the previous century, would impede our plans to travel across Kentucky via water. Undaunted, each trip bore a new adventure with promise of the unknown.

One would think that a river is just a waterway but paying close attention unveils nature at its best. Today, shortly after launching the johnboat, we start winding around the river's bends and I notice its uneven banks. High banks have deeper water at its edge and low banks we try to avoid because the water is shallow there. Many of the banks are natural seawalls of stone carved over the years by flooding and ebbing waters. On this leg we detour onto Bear Creek and encounter a bend with a huge boulder in the middle of it the size of a shed. It is decorated on top with the remains of two large fallen trees strategically crisscrossed as if placed there by giant hands.

Returning to the river, the scenery changes again. Some particularly high banks are adorned by curtains of ivy hanging over the water's edge from tall trees. The river is dense with fallen and dangerously leaning trees making the going an obstacle course. The changing fall weather has caused leaves to shed and blanket the river. I have been instructed to sit at the bow and watch closely for debris below the water so as to navigate safely.

This challenging portion behind us, we come to a clearing as if on a different river. Long tree shadows shade the way. A ripple of water cascades across descending stones in a faint waterfall on one of the banks. Further along, we find an area that allows us to dock and stretch our legs. Only this is no ordinary stop. We discover a cave with a natural spring. We envision this area being used as a dwelling by our nomadic ancestors. So beautiful and peaceful with the main essentials: protection from the elements and plenty of water. This being the highlight of our day, it is time to turn around and head back.

To be continued ...

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PAINTING IN "PLEIN AIR"

The schedule for the Marco Outdoor Artists until the end of the year is:

- 11/19 OLD MARCO: Shops of Old Marco, Bald Eagle Drive
- 11/26 SHELL ISLAND ROAD: off 951 between Naples and Marco, go to end of dusty coral road; critique
- 12/3 THE ESPLANADE: N. Collier Blvd
- 12/10 GOLF COURSE: Jamaica Rd to Bayport Rd to end of Society
- 12/17 HILTON HOTEL: 560 S Collier Blvd
- 12/24 SHELL ISLAND ROAD: off 951 between Naples and Marco, go to end of dusty coral road.
- 12/31 LEIGH PLUMMER PARK, CALUSA LAKE: on Barfield and Rookery Ct; critique.

Anyone is welcome to join them. For info, call Phyllis at (239) 642-7649

ORV PERMIT LOTTERY

Big Cypress National Preserve have announced that applications for ORV permits should be sent in or faxed this month and must be postmarked by **November 30**.

A total of 2,000 permits is available at \$50 each for the 13-month period January 1, 2009, to January 31, 2010. If more than 2,000 applications are received, they will be drawn randomly. Last year only 1911 permits were sold. Each applicant is allowed a maximum of 5 permits. Vehicles must be inspected before they are permitted; this can be done at Oasis Visitors' Center on Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m.

Application forms are available by phoning 695-1205 or online: <http://www.nps.gov/bicy/parknews/off-road-vehicle-orv-permit-lottery.htm>.

The postal address is:

Big Cypress National Preserve
Attention ORV Permit Office
33100 Tamiami Trail East
Ochopee, FL 34141
and the fax number is 695-2850.

MARINE ANIMAL TALKS

Naples Preserve is hosting a series of talks about "Marine Animals of Southwest Florida" on Tuesdays at 11:00 a.m. The speaker is Dr Gary Pettit, marine biologist and environmental interpreter. The schedule is:

- November 18 - Mollusks: Bivalves and Cephalopods
- November 25 - TBA - Thanksgiving week
- December 2 - Invertebrate chordates
- December 9 - Bottom fish
- December 16 - Pelagic fish

Naples Preserve is just south of Coastland Mall on Fleischmann Blvd and Tamiami Trail North. Described as a "unique green space", it features the Hedges Family Eco-Center and a .4-mile boardwalk. For info, phone 261-4290 or see their website at <http://cs.naplesgov.com/>.

KIDS AT ROOKERY BAY

Rookery Bay is holding a special program, "Tree Art for Kids", on **Saturday, November 22** from 2:00–3:30 p.m. Work under our chickee with a Rookery Bay naturalist to create Thanksgiving table decorations using natural treasures found on our grounds. Families welcome, program is best suited to ages 5 and older. The cost to participate in the Tree Art for Kids program is just \$2 per person to cover materials, in addition to regular admission to the Center, which is \$5 for adults, \$3 for kids 6-12, and free for members and kids under 6. For info, phone 417-6310 or see their website www.rookerybay.org.

PARK WANTS COMMENTS

Everglades National Park is pleased to announce the release of the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Pilot Spreader Swales Project. The EA analyzes four alternatives for a proposed pilot project to determine if spreader swales would increase water flow into Northeast Shark River Slough in the park. The proposed pilot project is part of the Modified Water Deliveries Project (Mod Waters) intended to restore flows in Northeast Shark Slough as well as ecological balance in the park.



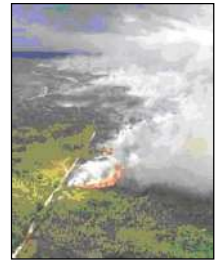
The project is a pilot because no conclusive study has been conducted that substantiates the benefits of swales. Therefore, the National Park Service, with the cooperation of the US Army Corp of Engineers has prepared an EA evaluating this project.

The public is encouraged to view the EA and submit comments. The comment period ends **December 9**.

For more info, contact Dave Sikkema, Project Manager, at (305) 224-4214 or see website <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>.

HURRICANES & FIRE

On **Thursday, November 20**, Park Ranger Jocelyn Alton will engage audience members in an interactive presentation on the effects of hurricanes and fire in the Big Cypress swamp ecosystem. Special focus will be given to the prescribed burn program within Big Cypress National Preserve.



The event takes place at the new Big Cypress Market Place on US-41, south of CR-941.

SICK GATOR IN THE FAK



Friends of Fakahatchee member and swamp walk leader John Elting reports that on Saturday, November 8, he stepped on or very near an 8-foot alligator submerged in 2½ to 3 feet of water. In all his experience, he would have expected it to react – thrash around and move away. However, this gator did nothing.

John contacted Kent Vliet at the University of Florida and was told that the gator was possibly suffering from a micro-plasma bacterial infection (breakdown of the cell walls) and was in severe pain in the joints with added cerebral fluid pressure. Apparently this disease is uncommon in the wild and is contagious.

If you come across an alligator acting lethargically, please contact the *Rapper* so we can pass on the information.

**EVERGLADES CITY SCHOOL
HONOR ROLL, 10-17-08**

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

"A" HONOR ROLL

Jillian Campbell-Salorino, Grade 3, Ms. Dalto
Sindy Cifuentes, Grade 4, Ms. Dalto
Travis Daniels, Grade 4, Ms. Dalto
Haylee Ellison, Grade 4, Ms. Dalto
Logan Foss, Grade 4, Ms. Dalto
Ashlyn Goff, Grade 3, Ms. Dalto
Hailey Mitchell, Grade 3, Ms. Dalto
Madelyn Mitchell, Grade 5, Mrs. H. Mitchell

"AB" HONOR ROLL

Haleigh Ellington, Grade 3, Ms. Dalto
Bryce Kish, Grade 3, Ms. Dalto
Victoria (Tori) Wells, Grade 3, Ms. Dalto
Jonathan Chirino, Grade 4, Ms. Dalto
Triston Kibodeaux, Grade 4, Ms. Dalto
Billy (Cody) Potter, Grade 4, Ms. Dalto
Enrique Roldan, Grade 4, Ms. Dalto
Sierra Dungan, Grade 5, Mrs. H. Mitchell
Marissa Hart, Grade 5, Mrs. H. Mitchell
Savannah Humphreys, Grade 5, Mrs. H. Mitchell

MIDDLE SCHOOL

"A" HONOR ROLL

Jessica Thomas, Grade 7

"AB" HONOR ROLL

Mark (Houston) Brown, Grade 6
Morgan Daffin, Grade 7
Angelica Martinez, Grade 7
Savannah Oglesby, Grade 6
Paige Robinson-Hilton, Grade 7
Hector Roldan, Grade 8
Colton Stokes, Grade 8

HIGH SCHOOL

"A" HONOR ROLL

Karisa Brown, Grade 12
Brianna Daniels, Grade 9
Meggan Harrington, Grade 9
Renee Medina-Gonzalez, Grade 12
Leah Minton, Grade 11

"AB" HONOR ROLL

Trisha Demere, Grade 9
Marcus Dungan, Grade 9
Armando Gonzalez, Grade 9
Jeanne Lopez, Grade 12
Courtney Noble, Grade 9
Paris (Emily) White, Grade 10
Dwight Wood, Grade 11



City Seafood, open seven days a week from 9 am to 6 pm, plans to have the Ice Cream Shoppe open by next week. They also plan to have the upstairs dining area open around Thanksgiving. City Seafood offers seafood, shrimp and stone crabs as well as other luncheon items. Seating is on picnic tables overlooking the Barron River. Stop by for the view and good food. City Seafood is located at 702 Begonia Street in Everglades City.



Everglades Scoop at 203 South Copeland Avenue is open Monday through Saturday from 11 am to 5 pm. As many locals know, this cozy little luncheon spot offers not only delicious ice cream but a wide selection of freshly made sandwiches and Key lime pie. Daily specials are also served. Drop on in for a great lunch or a cool ice cream cone.

Beginning Karate Classes

Tuesdays at 7 pm

Location to be announced.

Ages 5 and up for \$10/lesson/child

(family discounts available)

Self defense and kick boxing

Donations of supplies and equipment welcome

Contact Charlie or Amy at 695-2618 for more information and to sign up



**JT's CAFE & GALLERY
OPENS**

On November 15, Rebecca Sensor opens her new business at JT's in Chokoloskee. She has moved her Cocoplum Gift Shop and has renamed her business JT's Island Café and Gallery. You'll find many of the same fair-trade and unusual items that were displayed at Cocoplum plus some additional arts and crafts. Dick Jay has three wonderful new oil paintings of our Everglades area that are truly unique. Rebecca will also be serving hot & cold espresso drinks, coffee, iced teas, Key Lime ade and some home-baked goodies including Key Lime pie. The café and gallery are open six days a week with Tuesday as the day off. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday and 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

"Cantina"

Havana Cafe has started a new dinner menu for pick-up or delivery. The Cantina Menu will include a different dinner meal each day of the week; the cost of the weekly meal plan is \$35 for Monday through Friday and \$40 for Monday through Saturday.

The current menu features main courses such as Chicken with Salsa, Roast Pork, and Fish. They are served with rice, various beans, and veggies. Phone 695-2214 to set up your dinner delivery or for more information.

Havana is also now open daily for breakfast at 8:00 a.m.

JOBS VACANT

HELP NEEDED, Everglades Scoop, Call Sandy at 695-0375.

PUT YOUR JOB ADS IN THE *RAPPER* ... there is no charge! Phone 695-2397 or email us.

SNOOK CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE: House on 1.02 Acres. Sale price \$225,000 or for rent at \$900/mon. For info, call 321-439-7635

FOR SALE, Condo: 1 bed, 1 bath, large living room, wrap-around balcony, pool privileges, sheltered parking, rental potential at managed site. Only \$169,000. Phone 289-7477.

FOR SALE, 2005 Gheenoe, 15-ft 6-in, 25 hp Johnson 4-stroke. Like New, Low Hours, Includes Trailer, Trolling Motor, \$3995. Call 775-7206.

FOR RENT in E-City: 2 or 3 bed, 1 bath duplex \$1,000/month. Dock available for extra fee. Contact 239-961-3986.

FOR RENT: Furnished Apartment, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, \$800 per month, Call 719-0020.

Classified Ads cost \$15/month. Phone us at 695-2397 or email mulletrapper@gmail.com



There were "NO VACANCY" signs around town over the weekend of November 8/9 when two tour groups visited the area. This bus brought Leadership Monroe from the Keys.

YEARBOOK DEADLINE
November 30, 2008

Ads cost from \$25 to \$150 depending on size.

Make sure you're seen supporting the school!

Phone Stacia at 695-2561.

REVISED SCHOOL WISH LIST

FOODS: pecans, walnuts, graham cracker crumbs, sugar, unsweetened cocoa, ground beef or turkey or sausage, shredded cheese (mozzarella, cheddar), parmesan cheese, eggs, butter or margarine.

KITCHENWARE (new or used): 1-quart jars for upcoming fund-raiser.

SUPPLIES: bib aprons (preferably white), dishwashing soap.

Thanks to everyone who has brought supplies to us already! For info phone Stacia Ferguson at 695-2561.

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