

The MULLET RAPPER

What's Happening in the Everglades City Area

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Katie at Festival

At age 17 country music artist Katie Armiger has a lot going for her. This summer she's moving to Nashville permanently to pursue her singing career. We were fortunate here in Everglades City to hear Katie perform during the Seafood Festival. She has a powerful voice and electrified the audience with her beauty and command of the stage.

Katie told the *Rapper* that she has been singing since a very young age and knew that it was what she always wanted to do. Although she has accomplished a lot in her short career, when you talk to her she is humble.

She said of her visit here that she enjoyed the airboat ride and thought the tour was very informative.



Gaye and Art Bengochea of Ft. Lauderdale won the painting donated by Marco Island artist JoAnn Sanborn in the Museum raffle.



Richard Wahrenberger of City Seafood won the hand-colored photograph that Niki Butcher donated to the Mozie Fund. Seen here on left is Phill Lawry (Carol's widower) and Deb Evans (Carol's niece).



The black & white photograph donated by Clyde Butcher for the Mozie Fund was won by Keith Hyry, seen with Carol's sister "Gidge" Evans (right) and Friends of the Museum treasurer Virginia Kanning.

The Mozie Fund will be used by the Friends for special projects to perpetuate her memory.



MAYOR'S REPORT

Mayor Sammy Hamilton told the *Rapper* that he was pleased that the Seafood Festival went so well with huge crowds and good weather.

The Mayor (seen above with Commissioner Jim Coletta), received a check for \$10,000 for the City from Chairman Billy Cypress.



Chairman Billy Cypress and his niece Marla with Superintendents Dan Kimball (ENP), and Pedro Ramos (Big Cypress).

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Lt. Mark Milligan of Collier County Sheriff's Office said that the crowd was well-behaved and that there were no incidents to report.

More good news is that Sgt. Taylor had apprehended two people in regard to the break-ins of cars at tourist stops along US-41.

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If you have news, photos, announcements, or articles ... email mulletrapper@gmail.com or phone 695-2905.

FEBRUARY/MARCH 2009

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
15 Muck-About Blue Grass	16 <u>Presidents' Day</u> Hour of Prayer Holy Family Catholic Church 7 pm Muck-About	17 Reach Out Comm Church 8:30 am	18 Ladies Coffee Sue Turner 605 Lake Placid 8 am	19 Copeland Civic 7 pm	<u>RAPPER 20</u>	21 Mobile Pet Vet see p.3 Yard Sale First Baptist see p.3 Copeland Cleanup see p.3 Wild Hog BBQ see p.3
22 Mobile Pet Vet see p.3	23 Hour of Prayer Everglades First Baptist Church 7 pm MSD Festival see p.9	24 MSD Festival see p.9	new moon ○ 25 <u>Ash Wednesday</u> Ladies Coffee Robin Tomes' home 8 am MSD Festival see p.9	26 SAC School, 3 pm Music Fest School, see p.3 MSD Festival see p.9, 12	27	28 Pancake Fly-In Airport, see p.7, 11 ORA Bazaar see p.11 Paddle-In see p. 11
MAR 1	2 Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm	3 Coletta Visit City Hall, 3 pm City Council City Hall, 5:30 pm ESHP Talk/mtg Depot, 6:30 pm see p. 9	4 Ladies Coffee Jane & Elaine McLeod Park 8 am FME mtg 9 am, Museum	5 Great Gators School, 9:30 am	<u>RAPPER 6</u> School Early Release	7 Deaconess at Museum see p.9 Walking Tour see p.9
8	9 Hour of Prayer Copeland Baptist Church, 7 pm School Teacher Planning OFCD Bd Fire Sta, 6 pm	10	full moon ● 11 Ladies Coffee Ruth Hefflefinger's home 8 am	12	13	14 Kids' Clinic see p.11 Art in the Glades see p. 11 SCV Depot, 6 pm
15	16 Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm	17 <u>St Patricks' Day</u> Reach Out City Hall, 8:30 am Kids' Clinic see p.11	18 Ladies Coffee Backcountry Cafe 8 am	19	<u>RAPPER 20</u>	21

Mar 24: BigC ORV Mar 28: Kids' Clinic Mar 28/29: Pet Vet Mar 31: Kids' Clinic
 April 12: Easter April 25: Museum Birthday May 2/3: Mobile Pet Vet May 19: BigC ORV

THRIFT SHOP: Daily except Sunday, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm SKATING RINK: Fri & Sat, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m. (closed Feb 6/7)
 MUSEUM: Tues-Fri, 9 am to 5 pm; Sat, 9 am to 4 pm SMALLWOOD STORE: Daily, 10 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: Fri, 2/20 (10-11 am) Mon, 2/23 (9-10 am) Wed, 2/25 (1-2 pm) Thurs, 2/26 (10-11 am)
 see March hours outside office



COPELAND CLEANUP

Dumpsters will be available at no charge in Copeland from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on **Saturday, February 21**, for anything from household trash to appliances and yard cuttings. For info, phone 252-2975.

YARD SALE

First Baptist Church, across from the school, is having a grand sale on **Saturday, February 21**, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. There will also be hot dogs for lunch and baked goods. For info, phone 695-3871.

Glades Traditional BBQ

The Annual Wild Hog Barbeque is on **Saturday, February 21**, at Monroe Station from 11:00 a.m. onwards. Tickets \$20. Phone (239) 784-1328 or see www.wildhogbbq.org.

"ECity, Our First County Seat"

Local author Marya Repko will give an illustrated talk about our history on **Saturday, February 21**, at the Naples Backyard History mini-museum at 2:30 p.m. The event takes place in Unit E at 1300 Third Street South, Naples. For info, phone 695-2905.

MOBILE PET VET



Dr Baker will be here on **Saturday, February 21**, 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, February 22**, by previous appointment only. Phone her at 777-PETS (7387).

Special Dinner

Havana Cafe will be serving Paella and Italian dishes for dinner on **Saturday, February 21**, at 6:30 p.m.

ASH WEDNESDAY February 25

Holy Family Catholic Church will hold a prayer service with ashes at 10:30 a.m.

Everglades Community Church will hold a service at noon. See the article on page 11 for news about ECC plans for the Lenten season.

MUSIC FEST

There will be a free concert at the school with local musicians on **Thursday, February 26**, at 7:00 p.m. in the cafetorium. Donations will benefit the ECity Children's Music & Arts Fund but non-perishable food items can also be brought for the Community Food Bank. For info, phone 695-0202.

OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

- 02/05/09: Possible Assault, Everglades City
- 02/05/09: Stomach Pain, Port of the Islands
- 02/06/09: Smoke Investigation, Lee Cypress
- 02/07/09: Vehicle Accident, Everglades City
- 02/07/09: Brush Fire, Ochopee
- 02/07/09: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 02/07/09: Possible Assault, Everglades City
- 02/07/09: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 02/07/09: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 02/07/09: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 02/07/09: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 02/08/09: Vehicle Accident, MM 53 on US-41
- 02/08/09: Unknown Medical Problem, Ochopee
- 02/08/09: Unknown Medical Problem, Plantation Island
- 02/08/09: Person Fainted, Everglades City
- 02/08/09: Brush Fire, 71 MM on I-75
- 02/08/09: Chest Pains, Everglades City
- 02/08/09: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 02/09/09: Emergency Medical, 63 MM I-75
- 02/10/09: Laceration, SR-29 and US-41
- 02/11/09: Median Fire, 73 MM I-75
- 02/11/09: Emergency Medical, Lee Cypress
- 02/12/09: Vehicle Accident, Port of the Islands
- 02/13/09: Person Fell, Everglades City
- 02/13/09: Seizure, Everglades City
- 02/13/09: Vehicle Fire, Ochopee
- 02/13/09: Vehicle Accident, 73 MM I-75
- 02/14/09: Possible Suicide, Lee Cypress
- 02/14/09: Brush Fire, Turner River Rd
- 02/14/09: Vehicle Accident, 70 MM I-75
- 02/15/09: Unknown Medical Problem, Copeland
- 02/15/09: Vehicle Accident, Lee Cypress
- 02/16/09: Vehicle Accident, 70 MM I-75
- 02/16/09: Vehicle Accident, 64 MM I-75
- 02/17/09: Pregnancy, Lee Cypress
- 02/18/09: Fire at Residence, Everglades City

THANKS to our emergency services for coping so quietly with emergencies during Seafood Festival.

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TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER

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

02/20/2009	Fri	07:01AM	-0.1	L	02:05PM	1.9	H	07:01PM	0.7	L	11:46PM	2.5	H
02/21/2009	Sat	07:43AM	-0.2	L	01:43PM	1.9	H	07:43PM	0.6	L			
02/22/2009	Sun	12:30AM	2.5	H	08:20AM	-0.2	L	01:53PM	2.1	H	08:20PM	0.5	L
02/23/2009	Mon	01:08AM	2.6	H	08:53AM	-0.2	L	02:13PM	2.2	H	08:55PM	0.4	L
02/24/2009	Tue	01:44AM	2.6	H	09:25AM	-0.2	L	02:37PM	2.4	H	09:29PM	0.3	L
02/25/2009	Wed	02:18AM	2.6	H	09:55AM	-0.2	L	03:00PM	2.5	H	10:05PM	0.1	L
02/26/2009	Thu	02:53AM	2.5	H	10:23AM	-0.1	L	03:21PM	2.5	H	10:42PM	0.0	L
02/27/2009	Fri	03:32AM	2.5	H	10:51AM	0.1	L	03:40PM	2.5	H	11:23PM	-0.1	L
02/28/2009	Sat	04:16AM	2.3	H	11:18AM	0.2	L	03:59PM	2.6	H			
03/01/2009	Sun	12:08AM	-0.1	L	05:12AM	2.1	H	11:44AM	0.4	L	04:24PM	2.7	H
03/02/2009	Mon	01:02AM	-0.2	L	06:25AM	1.8	H	12:06PM	0.6	L	04:59PM	2.7	H
03/03/2009	Tue	02:08AM	-0.2	L	07:58AM	1.6	H	12:24PM	0.7	L	05:46PM	2.6	H
03/04/2009	Wed	03:25AM	-0.2	L	06:56PM	2.5	H						
03/05/2009	Thu	04:41AM	-0.2	L	12:54PM	1.8	H	04:21PM	0.9	L	08:58PM	2.5	H
03/06/2009	Fri	05:48AM	-0.3	L	12:51PM	2.0	H	05:46PM	0.8	L	10:38PM	2.6	H

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IMPORTANT DATES

Thurs, Feb 26: SAC, Media Center, 3:00 pm.
 Thurs, Feb 26 Music Fest, Cafetorium, 7:00 p.m.
 Tues, Mar 3: Baseball HOME, 5:00 p.m.
 Fri, Mar 6: Early Release
 Mon, Mar 9: Teacher Planning Day
 Mar 10-23: FCAT (Reading, Science, Math)
 Thurs, Mar 12: Baseball HOME, 5:00 p.m.
 Fri, Mar 13: Report Cards
 Tues, Mar 17: Baseball HOME, 4:30 p.m.



From Savannah's Eyes

Whoop hoo! Riding on the boat when the waves are really high is fun! My friend Ana and I went with my parents to an island called "Sand Fly Key". And, oh boy, was it fun! Ana and I pretended we were explorers and searched for cool things. What we found was: beach glass, a split tree, bear claw scratches on a tree, and a den. When Ana and I came back to the boat, we put our feet in the water and it was warm! At Sand Fly Key we saw some of our friends, Pete and Pat Rinkevich, riding past us. We talked for a while then started home. On the way we saw another good friend of ours also on their boat. Barry and Trevor Daniels are their names. We stopped and talked to them, too. Trevor is another one of my friends and Ana's. She goes to our school so we see her a lot. While the grown-ups talked, us girls sat on my boat and stuck our feet in the water. We made up a game! Who could catch the most seaweed is the winner. There was a lot of seaweed in the water so it was easy, unless it dropped off your foot before you could put it in your pile. And the winner was Trevor! Because we saw a big one coming and she was the first to grab it with her foot. Then we went back home. At home we had a big cook-out with my family and friends. It was really fun!

My mom grew up in Olustee, FL, and my cousin Kylie Tomos was in a pageant and won "Little Miss Olustee". I was so proud of her and everyone is too. She got to be in a parade in Lake City, FL. You can look at her picture at www.olusteebattlefield.com and click on Pageants. I am very proud of my little cousin!

Love, Savannah

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

GREAT GATORS, January 2009



PreK: Candice Ayres, Addy Martinez, Morgan Herrin, Lindsey Lamphere



K: Daniel Gibson, Alexis Rain, Solomon Thatcher, Jesse Goff



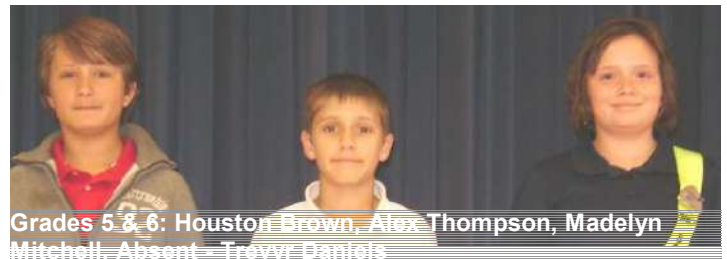
Grade 1: Michael Rain, Kyle McMillin, Absent - Brandy Bowen, Austin Easterly



Grade 2: Samantha Bruscini, Cameron Foss, Tyler Richardson, Absent - Jaita Chirino



Grade 3 & 4: Haylee Ellison, Jonathan Chirino, Scout Morris, Bailey Richards



Grades 5 & 6: Houston Brown, Alex Thompson, Madelyn Mitchell, Absent - Trevyr Daniels

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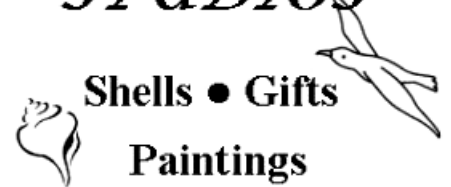
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Short Field Landings

By Mike Klein

Seafood Festival weekend was a busy time at the Everglades Airport. More than sixty aircraft flew in over the two day weekend. Some light sport, a few home-builts, and a couple of very rare antiques including a 1943 Howard (*in photo above, thanks to Nathan Goff*) powered by a 450 horsepower 9 cylinder Pratt & Whitney radial engine.

We had the honor of hosting the landing of Chairman Billy in his executive Eurocopter on his visit to present Mayor Sammy with a \$10,000 check for the city.

As things progress through the bureaucracy we can report that the airport improvement projects are moving forward. In order to complete the south taxiway DEP requires wetlands mitigation of a small portion; presently the plan is waiting for approval. Shop drawings have been completed for the hangars foundation and the construction bid award was posted on the County web site on February 9 with expectation that the contract award will be announced by March.

Finally, replacement of the Sheriff's dwelling is now in the hands of the County design contractors and a recommendation is expected by the end of the month. Funding for these projects is provided by the FAA and, for the hangars and dwelling, insurance receipts (finally) for Hurricane Wilma damage.

If you have the time, please come by and visit our airport; the next pancake fly-in is scheduled for **Saturday, February 28**, starting at 10:00 a.m. For further information, call Mike Klein at 695-0595.

Recipe for Good Eating

Carrot Bread by Amelia Mingos



2 cups sugar 1 cup Wesson Oil 4 eggs
2 cups flour 3 tsp cinnamon 2 tsp soda
1 tsp salt 2 tsp vanilla
3 cups grated raw carrots (drain before using if very fresh)

Beat sugar, oil, and eggs together. Mix dry ingredients together separately. Combine all ingredients, adding carrots last after beating. Bake at 350° for 30-40 mins (3 small tins), 1 hr (2 medium tins) or 1½ hr (large tin).

Icing:

6 oz cream cheese (room temperature) ½ stick butter or marg
2 tsp vanilla 2 cups powdered sugar

Combine all ingredients and beat until fluffy. Spread over carrot bread

Recently our friends Marilyn and "Chico" Fernandez came for a visit and were kind enough to bring us some wonderfully-delicious "carrot bread." This recipe is from Marilyn's mother Amelia Mingos. We wish to thank her for sharing it. Patty Huff.



Off the Shelf – "CD" Review

by Patricia Huff

With so many "books on tape," it is not surprising that we would eventually start reviewing CD's as well as books. I was driving to the Keys this past week and thought it would be interesting listening to some local history along the way. I was not disappointed! The two I chose from our local library in City Hall were "Settlers by the Sea" and "Cracker Country," both produced by the Florida Humanities Council. They included songs, stories and interviews with Florida "old timers," those who had spent many years on the water and out in central Florida's pastures.

"Settlers by the Sea" covered many stories about commercial fishermen, primarily in the Gulf Coast area of Cortez and Tarpon Springs, and in Fernandina Beach in the northeast corner of the State known for its shrimping.

"Cracker Country" interviews the novelist Patrick Smith who became famous with his book "A Land Remembered" which is now a part of the Florida school curriculum. There's music, food, and storytelling in this CD. Both are only about 45 minutes long but full of interesting history. Check them out next time you're driving to Naples!

PARK PODCASTS

If you'd like to journey through the Everglades but can't get away from home or wish you could have your own park ranger to show you around, then have a look at Everglades National Park's new podcasting program on their website at www.nps.gov/ever/photosmultimedia/podcasts.htm.





Breakfast for "Babe"

by Kathy Kronk

Gertie Bales of New Market, Tennessee, owns a home on Plantation Island and has been coming to Florida for over

45 years. Since the death of her husband Carl, she has been accompanied by her son Ronnie and his wife Myra for their winter trips.

Gertie has a local resident that patiently awaits her return each year. The morning after Gertie's arrival, she steps out onto her screened porch and calls, "Here Babe, come here Babe". At the sound of her voice, a yellow-crowned night-heron flies from the mangrove forest along the canal behind the house, and lands on the chain-link fence surrounding the back yard. Babe then cautiously walks the fence until she reaches her "plate" which is attached atop one of the fence posts. Gertie has breakfast already prepared. – either fresh shrimp (already peeled!) or scraps of raw fish left over from someone's fish cleaning operation. Babe then enjoys her breakfast from Gertie's hand while keeping a watchful eye out for crows, barking dogs or strangers. When Babe has coaxed all she can from Gertie, she exits into the mangroves to wait for dinner, which is served around 6:00 p.m.

Babe has been showing up for meals twice a day for over eighteen years. Now, whether this is the original Babe, or one of her progeny, we are not sure. But either way, no matter how many months have past since Gertie, Ronnie and Myra have been serving, Babe is always waiting to hear the sound of her friend's voice the very first morning she calls, "Here Babe, come here Babe". Breakfast is served!

"Connect Now" Program

The Collier County Education Foundation started 19 years ago with its mission to "enhance learning for Collier county children and their teachers by engaging community support."

To accomplish this, the Foundation has provided "Educator" Support with recognition and retention initiatives; a "Student" Support Program which provides mentoring and scholarship possibilities; and a "Community" Support Program whereby businesses and individual citizens become actively involved in the public schools. Within this third program is the "Connect Now" initiative, through which 50 conversations have been held since last fall throughout Collier County to identify our collective aspirations for education.

To learn more about this program, visit their website: www.connectnowcollier.org.

NEWS FROM OUTWARD BOUND

by Chavo Krenek



As you leave the Barron River and enter Chokoloskee Bay, you see an island on the right with white buildings, palm trees, lots of canoes, and a sign saying "North Carolina Outward Bound School". This is Sunset Island and there seems to be a variety of theories about what happens out "on the island". Here are some answers to some of the questions you might have:

What is Outward Bound?

Outward Bound is a not for profit school that uses the wilderness as a classroom. Our programs focus on developing compassion for oneself and others, and expanding perceived limits to what one person or a group can accomplish. Our mission statement is: "To inspire people to discover and develop their potential to care for themselves, others, and the world around them through challenging experiences in unfamiliar settings." Here in the Everglades, we also teach about local history and ecology.

Why is "North Carolina" in the name if you are based in Florida?

There are seven Outward Bound (OB) schools in the US and over 50 schools in 35 countries worldwide. Each OB school has several programs – kind of like a university can have multiple campuses. This program in the Everglades is part of North Carolina Outward Bound School, which is based in Asheville, NC. We have run programs in this area since 1986.

So, you work with rough kids, right?

No. There are many great programs in Florida and elsewhere that work with kids who are in trouble or are heading that way. Some other OB schools do this work, but here in Everglades City, we work with adults, college students, and high school students. Many of our courses are contracts with schools, but we also run courses that are open to the public.

Is Outward Bound a wilderness survival program?

We do not consider ourselves to be a survival program. However, we do ask our students to simplify their lives while they are on course. We carry abundant food, water, shelter, clothing, and equipment to care for ourselves. We challenge our students to learn camping skills and how to take care of themselves while away from the comforts of town. Most teenagers return with a newfound appreciation for their home and parents!

What do your groups actually do?

We pack up and go on canoe and sea kayak expeditions in the Everglades for 5 to 14 days! The majority of our courses here are 5 day long canoeing courses, with ten students and two instructors. We teach our students how to keep themselves safe and navigate through the Ten Thousand Islands, getting them to a point of mastery where they can night paddle to our base camp, on Sunset Island, the last night (usually from one of the islands on the Gulf) with no assistance from their instructors.

Can I take an Outward Bound course? Can I arrange for my child's school to do a trip?

Yes! Call us here at (239) 695-2200, or call our office in NC at 1-888-75-NC OBS. We also have a website: www.ncobs.org.



LOCAL HISTORY

This was once someone's home across the Barron River until it became dilapidated and was knocked down on Monday, February 16. Fortunately, the other houses have been restored.

Saving Old Buildings

Renown preservationist Chris Busk will be the guest speaker on **Tuesday, March 3**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Seafood Depot. A professional landscape architect, he has been lauded for saving the famous Haldeman House by moving it from Naples to Bonita Springs where it is being restored.

Members of the public are invited to attend this event hosted by the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation. A social get-together and dinner follow the talk. For info, phone Pat at 695-4642 or Jean at 695-0202.

ESHPP MEETING

ESHPP will hold a brief Annual Members' Meeting just before the talk by Chris Busk (see above) on **Tuesday, March 3**. Results of the election to the Board of Directors will be announced. For info, phone Marya at 695-2905.

FAREWELL

Maria Stone passed away in Naples at age 86 on February 14, surrounded by love. She contributed enormously to our historical knowledge by recording the memories of local old-timers. Her many books include *The Tamiami Trail*, and the series *Dwellers of the Sawgrass and Sand*. Our sympathies to her family and many friends.

Marjory Stoneman Douglas Festival

Highlights of the Fifth Annual Festival are:

- Monday, February 23: talk by Jack Davis, luncheon, portrayal of MSD
- Tuesday, February 24: guided boat & walking tours, talks in Museum
- Wednesday, February 25: "Big Cypress" film, luncheon, Mike Owen
- Thursday, February 26: guided tours, Otter John, talks

Reservations are required for some of the events. For info, phone the Museum at (239) 695-0008 or see www.evergladesmuseum.org to download a program.

MUSEUM NEWS

The display of photos by Rick Cruz continues for the rest of February. The exhibit in March is entitled "Women of the Everglades" who will be commemorated with a re-enactment of Deaconess Bedell by Marion Nicolay on **Saturday, March 7**, at 1:00 p.m. This is followed by a guided Walking Tour of Historic Buildings.

Update on ROGG

by Patricia Huff



The River of Grass Greenway (ROGG) project has received another letter of support: from the Collier County Health Department, again emphasizing the importance for more citizens to exercise. Biking and walking are two of the most available and spontaneous of all forms of exercise. The River of Grass Greenway is a safe, non-motorized transportation and recreation corridor across the Everglades between Naples and Miami, that provides opportunities for education, stewardship, and preservation of the environmental, historic, and cultural assets of this unique area.

This time of year more and more bicyclists are traveling along the Tamiami Trail and it is dangerous. Visitors from all over the world are biking and stopping along this road to view the wildlife. Automobile drivers are now having to slow down to go around these tourists. ROGG will be a separate pathway, allowing people to get off the main road to bike or walk. Drivers will be able to continue traveling at the designated speed. Because it will be located alongside the Trail, there is no environmental impact on the wetlands. Culverts and other restoration projects will continue. For more information about ROGG, visit website: www.evergladesrogg.org.





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RESTAURANT NEWS



Backcountry Cafe:

6:00 am - 9:00 pm.; Mon - Sat
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Camellia Street Grill:

Noon - 8:00 pm; Mon - Thurs
Noon - 10:00 pm; Fri, Sat
Noon - 6:00 pm; Sunday

City Seafood:

11:00 am - 6:00 pm; daily
4:00 - 9:00 pm; Thurs - Sun

Everglades Scoop:

11:00 am - 5:00 pm; daily

Gator Express:

6:30 am - 9:00 pm; Sun - Thurs
6:30 am - 10:00 pm; Fri, Sat

Glades Haven Deli:

6:00 am - 9:00 pm; daily

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 - 5 pm; daily

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 - Mon

Rod & Gun:

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

Seafood Depot:

Breakfast: 7:00 - 10:30 am; Fri - Sun
11:00 am - 9:00 pm; daily
Cabana Bash: 4 - 7 pm, Sat

Susie's Station:

11:00 am - 5:00 pm; daily

Triad Seafood:

10:30 am - 5:00 pm; Mon - Thurs
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NEW GROCERY HOURS

Right Choice Supermarket is now open
from 8:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. daily except
Sunday when hours are from 10:30 a.m.
to 6:30 a.m.

Vision/Hearing Fair

A special event is coming for those with vision or hearing problems, or for their families. The 8th Annual Vision and Hearing Fair will take place on **Friday, February 27**, at the Golden Gate Community Center, 4701 Golden Gate Parkway. Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For info, call Sean Critcher at 239-465-5104.

NEW CHURCH HOURS

Everglades Community Church will have two Sunday services from March 1 until April 5. The schedule is now:

8:30 - 9:15 a.m. Worship Service

9:45 - 10:30 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 - noon Worship Service

Lunch in the Fellowship Hall follows at noon.

COLETTA VISIT

Collier County Commissioner Jim Coletta will be in Everglades City on **Tuesday, March 3**, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., to meet with constituents at City Hall and attend the Everglades City Council Meeting. For info, phone 252-8097.

CITY COUNCIL

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 3**, at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall. Everyone is welcome. If you want to speak, sign up before the meeting.

LENTEN LECTURES

Pastor Bob Wallace will lead a 6-week study "Gospel Portraits of Jesus" at noon each Wednesday from **March 4** through April 8 at Everglades Community Church. You are invited to bring your lunch.

TORTUGAS DIG

In celebration of Florida Archaeology Month, Dry Tortugas National Park will feature a public archaeology excavation in the parade ground at historic Fort Jefferson on **March 13-16**. For information on visiting Dry Tortugas National Park, go to www.nps.gov/drto or call 305-242-7700.



Artist and historian Alan Pape, a winter visitor from Wisconsin, was again painting at the Festival. He is seen here in the preliminary stages of a colorful picture which he has donated for a Silent Auction to be held during Art-in-the-Glades on March 14.

ART IN THE GLADES

Join us as a vendor or just a visitor on **Saturday, March 14**, for a family fun day. Besides arts & crafts items on sale, there will be live music and luncheon food for sale. For info, phone Marya at 695-2905.

Little Gator Clinic

The free walk-in clinic for youngsters 18 and under is located next to the Thrift Shop (behind the fire station). It will next be open on **Saturday, March 14**, in the morning and on **Tuesday, March 17**, in the evening. See other hours on the board in the window. There are no drugs at the clinic but Dr. Barnard can prescribe if necessary.



NEW STORE IN TOWN

Everything from kitchen items to beach wear is available at the new Green Gator Variety Store behind Backcountry Cafe which opened over Festival weekend. Hours are 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The phone is 695-0327.

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.

The MEDICAL CLOSET at the Thrift Shop has canes, crutches, wheelchairs, walkers, to loan out. Stop by if you need something.

ORA BAZAAR

There will be new and used items, baked goods, and veggies for sale at Outdoor Resorts in Chokoloskee during the Bazaar from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on **Saturday, February 28**. For more info, phone 695-0054.

PANCAKE FLY-IN



A pancake breakfast hosted by Wings 10,000 Island Tours will take place at Everglades Airpark on **Saturday, February 28**, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Everyone is welcome.

Chuck Gretske of Wings offers aerial tours around the area for a cost that is comparable to an air-boat ride. Come fly with him ... call 695-3296.

KAYAK PADDLE-IN



Capt. Charles Wright holds his Fifth Annual Fishing Kayak Paddle-In" on **Saturday, February 28**, to benefit local charities.

He described it in an email:

It will be the same informal format as in the past ... very, very casual. It is a social event to bring together paddling folks ... both kayak fishermen and touring kayakers ... for a day of family-oriented fun. It is a great opportunity to meet new friends who enjoy the paddling the area. Yep, Vickie will be serving her famous conch chowder on the beach again ... along with brats and other goodies. There is no cost for the event. However, we always try to raise money for a local charity, so watch out! Commemorative T-shirts are available at \$15.

For more info, phone 695-9107 or stop in at JT's in Chokoloskee. or see www.EvergladesKayakFishing.com.

JT's BBQ

Even if you don't go on the Paddle-In, you can enjoy a BBQ with live music at JT's on **Saturday, February 28**, organized by the Cafe & Gallery from 5:00 p.m. onwards. For info, phone Rebecca at 695-2630.

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Otter John, with the rescued Florida panther he reared from kittenhood, is just one of the attractions at the Fifth Annual Marjory Stoneman Douglas Festival at the Museum. The "Wild Animal Show" is scheduled for Thursday at 11:00 a.m. For more info, phone 695-0008.

The Thrift Shop needs more used books and kitchen items. Drop off your donations on Monday through Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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FOR SALE: 2006 Gheeno Classic with 2008 20 hp Yamaha 4-stroke and trailer. Equipped with Minn-kota electric motor, seats, tank and battery. \$4,200. Call Mike at (239) 248-0793.

FOR RENT: Seasonal or Vacation, house in Everglades City (very nice), fully furnished. Call (239) 695-1561.

FOR SALE OR LEASE: Historic *Bank of Everglades* Building. Contact Patty Richards at (239) 289-6671.

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