

# The MULLET RAPPER

## What's Happening in the Everglades City Area

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### Farewell to Bob Carter

Only a week before he passed away on Easter Sunday, Bob Carter was feted by the community at a dinner on April 4 hosted by Everglades First Baptist Church.

Bob was much loved and a staunch supporter of First Baptist; a humble man who *“never said a bad word about anyone or anything”*. He was reliable and diligent; one of those invaluable people who get things done in the background without fuss. *“If somebody needed something, he would be the first guy there”*, said a neighbor. Other residents said that *“he was very friendly with a great sense of humor”* and *“he was always the ‘ready’ person to do things”*.

At the dinner, Mayor Sammy Hamilton presented Bob with a framed certificate proclaiming April 4 as “Bob Carter Day”. Among the reasons for this honor were that “it would have been Bob Carter who went up that mountain, who built the Ark”. Bob also received a plaque from First Baptist for his many years of faith and for his devotion and service.

Robert Carter, Jr., was born in Paducah, Kentucky, on August 15, 1928, and worked as a tool & die maker for the Ford Motor Company near Detroit. After retirement in 1991, he and wife Jo headed south and discovered ECity on Christmas Eve. They made their home at the VR Corp near the bridge on Collier Avenue and became stalwart members of the park. Jo told the *Rapper* that Bob enjoyed fishing and *“doing something for someone”*.

Bob leaves his wife Josephine M. Carter of 45 years and children Marilyn Barton (a seasonal resident in ECity), Evelyn Cabell of West Virginia, Nina Krupkin and Charles Riffle (both of Michigan) plus 8 grandchildren and 3 great-granddaughters.

Services are private but condolences may be sent to the Carter family at P.O. Box 480, Everglades City, FL, 34139 or you can sign the online guest book at [legacy.com/naplesnews/Obituaries.asp](http://legacy.com/naplesnews/Obituaries.asp).

### CITY COUNCIL REPORT

by Marya Repko

At the meeting on April 7, Sheriff Kevin Rambosk presented Mayor Sammy Hamilton and other leaders (Arita Parker, Chris Ammerman, and Larry Weber) with plaques to acknowledge their contribution to our safety. The Sheriff said that his motto was “Service to Others before Self” and he was glad to see how well the CCSO strategy of “Partnership with the Public” was working here.

The Mayor introduced Clarence Tears of the Southwest Florida Water Management District (who praised our little City for its advanced recycling system) before proclaiming April as “Water Conservation Month”.

In his report, the Mayor thanked local residents for cleaning up their yards and recognized Jean Schultz and Pat Rinkevich for volunteering to head up the Beautification Committee.

The council is in recess for the next three months and the next meeting will be on **Tuesday, August 4**. The Mayor thanked everyone for attending and looks forward to seeing seasonal residents again in the fall.

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# APRIL/MAY 2009

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
12 <b>Easter</b> Sunrise Service Natl Park, 7 am	13 Hour of Prayer Copeland Baptist Church, 7 pm  OFCD Bd Fire Sta, 6 pm	14	15 Ladies Coffee Backcountry Cafe 8 am	16 Copeland Civic 7 pm	<b>RAPPER 17</b>	18 Photo Safari Butcher Gallery 695-2428 Earth Day Festival see p.3
19	20 Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm	21 Reach Out City Hall, 8:30 am	22 <b>Earth Day</b> Ladies Coffee Havana Cafe 8 am  School Early Release	23 SAC School, 3pm	24 School Cancer Drive "Pennies for Pasta" last day, see p.3	new moon ☉ 25 Pancake Fly-In Airport, 10 am see p. 3  Museum Birthday 10:30 am, see p.9 Diamonds' Tea Depot, 2 pm
26	27 Hour of Prayer Holy Family Catholic Church 7 pm	28	29 Ladies Coffee Backcountry Cafe 8 am	30	<b>MAY 1</b> <b>RAPPER</b>  <b>Snook Season</b> <b>Closed</b>	2 Mobile Pet Vet see p.3
3 Mobile Pet Vet see p.3	4 Hour of Prayer Everglades First Baptist Church 7 pm	5 ESHP mtg City Hall, 9 am  Coletta Visit 3-5 pm, see p.3	6 Ladies Coffee TBA 8 am  FME mtg Museum, 9 am	7 Great Gators School, 9:30 am  National Day of Prayer City Hall, noon	8	full moon ● 9 Firefighters' BBQ McLeod Park 5:30 pm  SCV Depot, 6 pm
10	11 Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm  OFCD Bd Fire Sta, 6 pm	12	13 Ladies Coffee Backcountry Cafe 8 am	14	15 Nat'l Park Comments Due	16

May 19: BigC ORV      May 22: Museum Reception for School Art Show      May 25: Memorial Day      May 29: Graduation  
 June 6/7: Pet Vet      June 12: TV goes digital      July 5: Independence Day Celebration  
 Aug 4: City Council, CCSO National Night Out      Sept 5-7: Butcher Labor Day "Muck About"

THRIFT SHOP: Daily except Sunday, 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: Daily, 10 am to 5 pm  
 FOOD PANTRY: Sat, 8:30 to 10:30 am, Community Church      ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Wed, 5 pm, Community Church  
 SHAMROCK BANK: Tues, Thurs, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.      LITTLE GATOR CLINIC: closed for the summer  
 SHERIFF AT CITY HALL: Mon, 4/20 (10-11 am)      Tues, 4/21 (noon – 1 pm)      Thurs, 4/23 (10-11 am)  
                                          Mon, 4/27 (9-10 am)      Wed, 4/29 (1-2 pm)

**EARTH DAY WEEKEND**

The Conservancy in Naples is hosting its annual Earth Day Festival on the weekend of **April 18/19**. There will be an organic Farmers' Market, special exhibits, children's carnival, and live entertainers. Times are 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday and noon to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday. For info, phone (239) 262-0304 or see their website [www.conservancy.org](http://www.conservancy.org).

**PANCAKE FLY-IN**



The last pancake breakfast of the season, hosted by Wings 10,000 Island Tours, will take place at Everglades Airpark on **Saturday, April 25**, 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.

**COLETTA VISIT**

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

**CITY COUNCIL**

City Council is enjoying a summer break until **Tuesday, August 4**.



Thanks to Bill Roth for this photo of a Bald Eagle with a fish.

*Protecting Paradise:  
Collier County Conservation*

The history of the environmental movement to protect the Glades and Big Cypress is the latest episode of the "Untold Stories" series on WGCU public television on **Friday, April 24**, at 8:30 p.m. It repeats on **Saturday, April 25**, at 6:30 p.m. and on **Sunday, April 26**, at 11:00 p.m.

*"Pennies For Pasta"*

ECity School elementary students are raising money for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. The class that collects the most will have a Pasta Party at the Olive Garden. The campaign runs until **Friday, April 24**, so hand in a donation to your favorite elementary teacher or send a check payable to "Everglades City School" with "fight cancer" on the memo line. For info, phone 695-2561.

**OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT**

- 04/01/09: Vehicle Accident, 65mm on I-75
- 04/01/09: Emergency Medical, Lee Cypress
- 04/01/09: Emergency Medical, Chokoloskee Island
- 04/02/09: Emergency Medical, 71mm on I-75
- 04/03/09: Vehicle Accident, 62mm on I-75
- 04/04/09: Snake Bite, Gopher Creek
- 04/04/09: Brush Fire, 60mm on I-75
- 04/05/09: Burn Victim, 22020 Tamiami Trail East
- 04/05/09: Vehicle Accident, 72mm on I-75
- 04/05/09: Person Fell, Everglades City
- 04/07/09: Public Assist, Everglades City Bridge
- 04/07/09: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 04/09/09: Emergency Medical, Ochopee
- 04/10/09: Brush Fire, 80mm on I-75
- 04/10/09: Vehicle Fire, 57mm on I-75
- 04/12/09: Vehicle Accident, 66mm on I-75
- 04/12/09: Emergency Medical, Chokoloskee Island
- 04/12/09: Emergency Medical, Everglades City Fire Station
- 04/14/09: Emergency Medical, Plantation Island

**MOBILE PET VET**



Dr Baker will be here on **Saturday, May 2**, 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 by previous appointment only on **Sunday, May 3**. 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.

**MORE News & Events on p.11 ...**

**TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER**

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

04/17/2009	Fri	04:35AM	0.2	L	10:37AM	1.9	H	04:47PM	0.9	L	09:23PM	2.3	H
04/18/2009	Sat	05:37AM	0.2	L	11:33AM	2.0	H	06:05PM	0.8	L	10:43PM	2.3	H
04/19/2009	Sun	06:30AM	0.2	L	12:10PM	2.2	H	06:58PM	0.6	L	11:49PM	2.3	H
04/20/2009	Mon	07:14AM	0.2	L	12:41PM	2.4	H	07:42PM	0.5	L			
04/21/2009	Tue	12:45AM	2.4	H	07:54AM	0.3	L	01:09PM	2.5	H	08:22PM	0.3	L
04/22/2009	Wed	01:33AM	2.5	H	08:32AM	0.3	L	01:35PM	2.6	H	09:02PM	0.1	L
04/23/2009	Thu	02:17AM	2.5	H	09:08AM	0.4	L	01:59PM	2.8	H	09:42PM	-0.2	L
04/24/2009	Fri	03:01AM	2.5	H	09:43AM	0.5	L	02:21PM	3.0	H	10:24PM	-0.3	L
04/25/2009	Sat	03:46AM	2.5	H	10:19AM	0.6	L	02:45PM	3.1	H	11:08PM	-0.4	L
04/26/2009	Sun	04:36AM	2.5	H	10:55AM	0.6	L	03:13PM	3.2	H	11:53PM	-0.5	L
04/27/2009	Mon	05:33AM	2.4	H	11:32AM	0.7	L	03:47PM	3.3	H			
04/28/2009	Tue	12:43AM	-0.5	L	06:38AM	2.2	H	12:12PM	0.8	L	04:29PM	3.2	H
04/29/2009	Wed	01:37AM	-0.4	L	07:46AM	2.1	H	01:00PM	0.8	L	05:23PM	3.0	H
04/30/2009	Thu	02:37AM	-0.3	L	08:54AM	2.1	H	02:12PM	0.9	L	06:42PM	2.7	H
05/01/2009	Fri	03:43AM	-0.2	L	09:59AM	2.1	H	03:50PM	0.8	L	08:32PM	2.5	H

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## IMPORTANT DATES

April 15-24: "Pennies for Pasta" (see page 3)

Fri, April 17: Baseball HOME, 5:00 p.m.

Wed, April 22: Early Release

Thurs, April 23: SAC, 3:00 p.m.

Tues, April 28: Baseball HOME, 5:00 p.m.

Fri, May 22: Museum Reception, 4:00 p.m.

Mon, May 25: Memorial Day

Fri, May 29: Graduation



## From Savannah's Eyes

Goodness! Spring break is already over! I had a lot of fun while Spring break was here. And, now it is time to go back to school and see all of our friends and teachers.

While I was on Spring break, I went to my cousin's house up in North Florida. My cousin, Becky, had a big Easter party and invited us. It was a wonderful party. We also did an Easter egg hunt! My little cousin, Kylie, found the golden egg! We were all so proud of her because this year was the first year that she has ever found a golden egg!

Then, we came back home! My Aunt Earlene came down and my Uncle Merl to visit us from White Springs, FL. Since it was their first time coming down here, we showed them around. We went out to Wooten's and took an airboat ride. My Aunt was scared and excited because this was her first time on an airboat; and when it slid sideways, she was soooo freaked out! She thought it was going to tip over, but then she found out later that it wouldn't. She loved it! After that, in the late afternoon my sister LaShaun came down; she wanted to surprise us and she did! I missed her so much that when I saw her I almost started crying! She stayed the night with us. The next day we all went on the boat and had a great time! We stayed there for awhile, then left to go home. When we got home, we went up to Naples to go shopping. LaShaun and I had a blast shopping! It was so fun! We shopped a lot! Then, the next day was Easter lunch at our house. All of the family came down for an egg hunt and we ate a lot. It was a blast! I played with my cousin, Cody, and LaShaun; also Makenzie. Well that was all what happened on my Spring break! Hope yours was good, too!

With love, Savannah

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

## GREAT GATORS, March 2009



PreK: Ivan Kibodeaux, Addy Martinez, Case Vanleeuwen, Charlie Rain



K: Daniel Gibson, Solomon Thatcher, Billi Wells, and Mrs. Jo Drudi who has faithfully volunteered the last 5 years



1<sup>st</sup>: Destany Vanleeuwen, Evan Richards, Caroline Teague, Savannah Weeks



2<sup>nd</sup>: Edin Lopez, Stephanie Pablo-Ramirez, Natalie Thompson, Kalen Kibodeaux



3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>: Travis Daniels, Ashlyn Goff, Triston Kibodeaux, Morgan Lemay



5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup>: Alicia Martinez, Ana Roldan, Andrew Bruscini  
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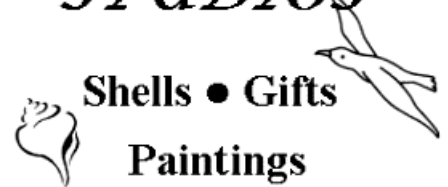
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## FLORIDA FLORA

by Patricia Huff

Spring is here in Everglades City. The trees are starting to bloom and soon the city will be alive with color from the Royal Poinciana trees and other vibrant flora. Right now the Lignum Vitae (Tree of Life) is full of life with its bright blue, star-shaped flowers. Their leaves are evergreen but in April the flowers start to bloom and may continue through the summer months.



Kathy and Tim Brock at 405 North Copeland Avenue (corner of Evergreen Street) invite people to drive by and take a look at their new back porch which they built with installation of their railings and screen enclosures by D D Aluminum (see ad page 10).

## HOUSEHOLD TIP

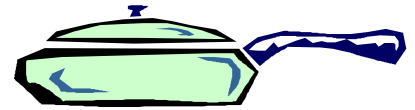
A full refrigerator or freezer will consume less power than an empty one. Use jugs of tap water to fill the unit while you're away.

Thanks to the LCEC newsletter for this easy way to save electricity. Or, is it an excuse not to throw out all those old jars of pickles lurking in the back of the fridge?

## Recipe for Good Eating

### Spanish Omlette

by Phill Lawry



2 small or medium potatoes (whatever you got)  
 1 Red Pepper cut in chunks  
 Half an onion (your favorite sliced thin)  
 4 or 6 eggs (whatever you feel is good for you)  
 1 Tablespoon Butter  
 1 Tablespoon Olive Oil  
 Hand full grated cheese (I went lowbrow and used Velveeta)

In non-stick pan: heat butter and olive oil on medium. Cut spuds into wedges, fry 'taters in oil/butter until golden brown. Remove from pan. Fry red pepper and onions until soft (or how you like). Maybe add a little oil if you think it needs it. Return potatoes to pan. Beat eggs in bowl and season to your taste. Add eggs to spuds, pepper onion mixture. Cook until kinda half set

Add grated cheese on top. Stick under broiler until cheese melted/golden brown (what you think you like).

Season to taste. EAT!

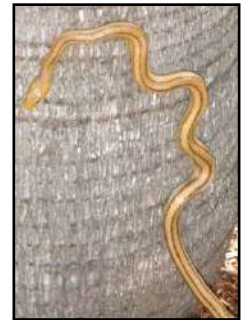
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## SNAKE SEASON

by Patricia Huff

This weekend while working in our yard, my husband and I saw this beautiful Yellow Rat Snake (*Elaphe obsoleta quadrivittata*) which is normally found in northern Florida. Like its name, these snakes feed off of rats, lizards, frogs, birds and their eggs. They are extremely good climbers so keep your bird houses safe. For more information about snakes in Florida, visit the University of Florida's website which will help you identify any friendly, or unfriendly, snake in your neighborhood:

<http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/herpetology/FL-GUIDE/onlineguide.htm>



## NEW FORMAT "MUCK-ABOUT"

We had this email from Clyde & Niki Butcher:

Our first spring walk [in February] was wonderful! It was small and peaceful so we decided to down-size our Labor Day Swamp walks. Just come and enjoy the sound of nature and bring your own picnic lunch. Your guides will be leading you into the wilds of Florida located behind our Big Cypress Gallery. The walks last about 1-1/2 hours. There will be 10 people per walk with two guides. Space is very limited so make your reservations now.

For info and reservations, see [www.clydebutcher.com](http://www.clydebutcher.com) or phone 695-2428.

## Passport, Please ... New Security Rules

From June 1, everyone re-entering into the USA will need a passport or passport card. This includes the borders with Canada and Mexico and return from the Caribbean. You can get an application form at the County Clerk's office in the Library at City Hall or download one from [www.travel.state.gov](http://www.travel.state.gov).



## EVERGLADES SCENIC BIKE RIDE

Riders (with or without canine companions) who participated in Everglades Scenic Ride, put on by the Naples Pathways Coalition in support of the River of Grass Greenway (ROGG), had a great time. On Saturday, April 4, about 135 riders put on their helmets and hit the road, choosing from 16, 30, 62 and 100 mile routes. They enjoyed exceptional weather, beautiful scenery, delicious local treats along the way, and of course, fun with friends! We would like to thank the following individuals for their help and support:



Lt. Mark Milligan and the Sheriff's Department for their courteous assistance with the ride: putting up the caution sign, meeting with the leaders, and making the ride safe with their time and effort.

Ervin and Lynne Stokes (and Jack) for use of the restroom facilities at the corner gas station.

A special thanks to the bike shops that gave the riders SAG support: Big Momma's, Naples Cyclery, Trek, and also Jim Pelton

Volunteers at the rest stops: Sue Evans, Jane Rackley, Linda Williams, Rebecca Sensor, Barbara Lewinski, Maureen Bonness, and Michelle Avola.

Leaders / Sweepers of the Ride: H C Rackley, Patty Huff, Pat Neale, Kathy Cliff, Alan Ryker

We would also like to thank Mayor Sammy Hamilton and the communities of Everglades City, Copeland, and Chokoloskee who were all very supportive. We appreciate your friendliness in making our ride successful.

The River of Grass Greenway now has a "Friends" support organization to help raise funds to see the pathway from Naples to Miami become a reality.

If you would like to be a "FROGG" – a Friend of the River of Grass Greenway – contact 695-2397 or see [www.evergladesROGG.org](http://www.evergladesROGG.org) for more information.

The first year membership dues are free if the membership application is received by **Thursday, April 30.**

## MEMORIES

### "Greek Sponge Boats in Everglades City" by Barbara Hoffman Daniels

One year around 1938, the Greek Sponge Boats had made their annual visit to our docks uptown on the Barron River and they docked at the west end of Broadway, which was their assigned location rather than the Guide Boat docks in front of the Rod & Gun Club.

When these big, clumsy-looking boats arrived in town you could smell them because of the sponges that were newly harvested and hung from the lines strung up and down from the tall masts. Definitely not a pleasant smell.

This time it seems that my father, who was a diesel engineer, was asked to work on one of the boat's engines which he agreed to do. I remember at the supper table that night him telling my mother about having been invited to have lunch with the crew where everyone was given a spoon and offered whatever was in one big pot which was set in the middle of all and all ate from it. It seems that my father graciously turned down the offer but thanked them just the same.

We had a good laugh about this event.

When these boats were in at the docks, my brother and a friend would climb the cocoanut trees and trade the cocoanuts to the Greek fishermen for a loaf of "hard tack" which was their home-made bread that would break your teeth, but it was tasty.

They would sometimes give us kids a sponge to take home to our parents but they were not highly appreciated because of the smell. We had to hang them on the clothes line for a month before they could be brought into the house.

Our jail always saw a little action during those times because those "foreigners", as we called them, just could not seem to comply with our City laws and invariably would fight among themselves when they had had a few alcoholic beverages to celebrate being ashore.

As unpleasant as the odor from the boats and sponges was, we never-the-less always looked forward to their coming as it offered a little excitement in our small town.

*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.*

## HELP KEEP SR-29 TIDY

Have you noticed how clean the roadside is as you come into ECity? It is kept tidy by the Wednesday Ladies' Coffee group and the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation who have jointly adopted a section near the bridge.

If you would like to help, just come along on Thursday morning at 8:00 a.m. Wear gloves, sturdy shoes, and long pants & shirt. For info, phone Patty at 695-2397.



## LOCAL HISTORY

A new museum is being built on Marco Island, thanks to the Marco Island Historical Society. Members were motivated to construct a first-class facility in the hope that they could show the rare Calusa "Key Marco Cat" statue which is now in storage at the Smithsonian.



The Society has already raised over \$4 million but are continuing their campaign. The deadline to join the Founders' Circle is **Friday, May 15**. For a pledge of \$1,000 (payable in installments of \$250 over four years) your name or that of a loved one will be listed permanently on a wall in the Museum.

For info (and to download a donation form), see [www.themihs.org](http://www.themihs.org) or phone Betsy at (239) 394-6917.



Many friends and visitors attended the April 4th Museum reception for artist Shirley Hansen (right) seen here with Carolyn Fischer.

Shirley's exhibit continues until the end of April. Stop by the Museum to see these wonderful watercolors by the youthful 80-year-old from Bonita Springs. The Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There is no admission charge but donations are welcome.



## Happy Birthday to the Museum!

The Friends of the Museum will celebrate the Museum's 11<sup>th</sup> birthday on **Saturday, April 25**, with their traditional free hot dogs and cake for the community.

The celebration honors the diligent volunteers, spearheaded by the late Pauline Reeves, who were determined to preserve our heritage and converted the old Laundry building into a Museum.

The schedule is:

10:30 a.m. – Antique Cars arrive

11:00 a.m. – Opening Ceremony

“Characters of the Everglades: Stories from the Past”

12 noon – Music by Snooker Joe Stem & Terri Rementeria

Free Hot Dogs, Drinks, and Birthday Cake

1:00 p.m. – Guided Walking Tour of Historic Buildings around Town

*Everyone is invited! Bring your friends, family, and neighbors.*

## PLANTATION ISLAND NEWS

by Larry Weber

The Plantation Island Homeowners Association had an active season this year.

In February we had a well-attended fish fry at the City park. Jim and Sue Reid treated us to delicious Alaskan halibut. Everyone brought their favorite covered dishes and an abundance of fantastic deserts. In March we had an excellent covered-dish dinner with ham and chicken and, again, the side dishes and deserts were delicious.

Our program on law enforcement and crime prevention was very informative and of much interest. Lt. Mark Milligan of the CCSO Everglades Substation gave us an overview of how the Sheriff operates and covers law enforcement in our neighborhood. Sue Gentry, CCSO Crime Prevention Officer, presented a very informative program on how we can make our homes, cars, and boats more secure. We all appreciate the efforts of Lt. Milligan and his deputies and Sue Gentry in making our island a safer place to live.

We elected officers and directors to lead us for the next two years. They are:

President – Larry Weber

Vice-President – Frank Garrett

Secretary – Sue Reid

Treasurer – Paul Beck

other Directors – Elva Evers, Sunny Burke, Butch Sellars

During our meeting, we discussed ways that we can help the community. It was unanimously agreed to donate \$500 to the ECity School athletic department for much-needed uniforms and equipment. On April 2, Robin Barnes, Jimmy Brewer, and Larry Weber presented the check to Principal Bobby Jones.



Anyone interested in joining the Plantation Island Homeowners Association or needing more information should contact Larry at 695-8475.



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Noon - 8:00 pm; Mon - Thurs  
Noon - 10:00 pm; Fri, Sat  
Noon - 6:00 pm; Sunday
- City Seafood (695-4700):**  
11:00 am - 6:00 pm; daily  
5:00-9:00 pm; Thurs - Sun (upstairs)
- Everglades Scoop (695-0375):**  
11:00 am - 5:00 pm; daily
- Gator Express (695-3937):**  
7:00 am - 9:00 pm; Sun - Thurs  
7:00 am - 10:00 pm; Fri, Sat
- Glades Haven Deli (695-2746):**  
6:00 am - 9:00 pm; daily
- Grimm's Stone Crab (695-3222):**  
8 am - 6 pm; Mon - Sat (takeout)
- Havana Cafe (695-2214):**  
8:00 am - 3:00 pm; daily  
6:00 - 8:00 pm dinner; Saturday
- Ivey House (695-3299):**  
7:00 - 9:30 am; daily
- Joanie's Blue Crab Cafe (695-2682):**  
10:00 am - 5:00 pm; Wed - Mon  
Live Music on weekends
- JT's Cafe & Gallery (695-2630):**  
9 am - 5 pm; daily
- Leebo's Rock-Bottom Bar:**  
4:00 pm; Mon - Sat  
noon; Sunday
- Oyster House Restaurant (695-2073):**  
11:00 am - 9:00 pm; Sun - Thurs  
11:00 am - 10:00 pm; Fri, Sat
- Right Choice Pizzeria (695-3663):**  
5:00 - 9:00 pm; Thurs-Mon (takeout)
- Right Choice Supermarket (695-4535):**  
4:00 - 7:30 pm; Fri (cooked chicken)
- Rod & Gun (695-2101):**  
7:00 - 10 am Breakfast; daily  
11:30 am - 9:00 pm; daily
- Seafood Depot (695-0075):**  
10:30 am - 9:00 pm; daily  
Cabana Bash: 4 - 7 pm, Sat
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**FRESH VEGGIES**

Produce from Immokalee is being sold by the son of Loco (the "vegetable man" who passed away recently) on Saturday and Sunday from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the ECity Post Office parking lot (next to Circle K).

**HOLY FAMILY**

Mass will be celebrated on **Sunday, April 19, and Sunday, April 26.**

After that, parishioners can attend St. Finbarr's on Tamiami Trail East in Naples (Mass at 4:30 p.m. Saturday and 10:00 a.m. Sunday) or San Marco in Marco Island (Mass at 5:30 p.m. Saturday, 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday).

**No Fires Allowed in BigC**

April 10, 2009: Effective immediately, and until further notice, the lighting or maintaining of a fire, including campfires, in the Big Cypress National Preserve backcountry is prohibited. Campfires are restricted to developed campgrounds in established fire grates or fire rings and only while attended.

If you see an unauthorized burning on NPS lands within the Preserve boundary, report it to 800-342-5869 or #NPS on a your cellular phone.

For more info, phone 695-1107.

**EARTH DAY AT THE PARK**

The Gulf Coast Visitor Center is offering free events to celebrate Earth Day during the week of **April 19-25:**

Canoe Explorations, 10:00 a.m. on Sunday, April 19 only - half day paddle through the Ten Thousand Islands. Reservations required.

Eyes on the Everglades, 2:00 p.m. - Learn about ecology, history, and environmental issues.

Nature Walk, 4:15 p.m. - An easy stroll to learn some of the natural history of the Gulf Coast.

For info, phone 695-3311.

**FLAMINGO CAMPING**

The NPS is planning to provide electrical hook-ups for 40 of the 65 RV sites in Flamingo and to increase the fee from \$16 to \$30 per night, half price with a Senior Pass. Comments on this proposal are due on **Thursday, April 30.** For info, phone (305) 242-7714.

**Discounts at Parks**

If you are planning to visit any National Parks and are 62 years old or over, you can get reduced fees if you apply for a Senior Pass which lasts your lifetime. There are also annual passes for families. You can get the passes at the Gulf Coast Ranger Station (or any NPS park).

**Have you been "TWIC'ed"?**

By now, most of our fishing captains in this area are familiar with TWIC (Transportation Worker Identification Credential).

If not, you may need to apply for a TWIC card. This program is the result of Congress directing the federal government to issue security credentials to individuals who hold Coast Guard licenses and/or those who have unescorted access to secure areas.

Captains of fishing vessels in the National Park will be required to present their cards to authorized personnel. The fee for the card is \$132.50 and is valid for 5 years. You will need to first make an appointment and bring documentation with you. The closest offices are located in Miami and Port Everglades.

To enroll in the program and for info, see [www.tsa.gov/twic](http://www.tsa.gov/twic) or phone 1-866-DHS-TWIC.



Residents and visitors celebrated Easter morning at the National Park grounds with area Churches coming together. Our talented, local performers sang and played spiritual music.

Ministers from the Chokoloskee Church of God, Everglades First Baptist Church, and the Community Church and a representative from Holy Family Catholic Church prayed with the crowd of approximately 200 people.

It was a beautiful, foggy morning with white pelicans flying overhead as the sun rose to greet this Holy day.

Thanks to Helen Bryan for these photos of the moon setting and our "three tenors".

**OBITUARY**

Charles "Charley" Lawrence Fogle, age 32, passed away on April 2, 2009. He is survived by his wife, Amy; children, Kayla, Haley, David and Bradley; mother, Linda (Bill) Tost; father, David Fogle; sister, Tina Fogle; brothers, Billy, Tommy and Aaron Tost; and many relatives.

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**“Grinder Art” has come to Everglades City!** Many of us have the grinder pumps in our yards, but only a few have enhanced the covers as an expression of creativity. Kathy and Tim Brock of 405 North Copeland Avenue painted theirs to look like a ladybug. (See note on page 7 about their new porch).

Wouldn't it be fun to see how creative other residents can be by painting their pumps with “insects of the Everglades” (mosquitoes?) or other figments of the imagination?

Please let the *Rapper* know what you've done so we can take a photo. We don't have to give your address.



There have been several recent diesel fuel spills in the Barron River. Caution should be taken to protect the fish and wildlife in our waterways.

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