

The MULLET RAPPER

What's Happening in the Everglades City Area

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NEW STREET LIGHTS

by Patricia Huff

At the September 5, 2008, City Council Meeting the Mayor announced that the Collier County MPO (Metropolitan Planning Organization) had decided to award the City funding for more street lighting.

It looks as if the city will be getting new lights on Collier Avenue as you come into town and around the corner to City Hall. The lights will be much higher with a single post and reflect out to each side of the median. The old historic 1920s street lamps that have adorned the city streets since the days of Barron Collier will be removed and re-located to other streets in town.

**GRADUATION
SPECIAL**
see pages 9-10

PANTHER FENCE

The Florida Department of Transportation has postponed the public workshop scheduled for Tuesday, June 2. This was to have given the public an opportunity to review a proposed "panther fence" which the Defenders of Wildlife are requesting to be constructed along U.S. 41 (Tamiami Trail) from Bass Road east for a little over 2 miles.

A Transportation Enhancement grant has been received to do a feasibility study to determine the impacts and other factors regarding the installation of a fence on both the north and the south side of the Trail.

There have been a number of vehicle incidences resulting in the death of panthers along this corridor, and the Defenders of Wildlife are seeking ways to prevent more deaths to this endangered animal.

In addition to the proposed fence, an underground crossing is also being discussed.

The workshop was to engage the public and receive feedback on this proposal. The FDOT will reschedule the meeting, probably in July, so watch the *Rapper* for more news.

For more information, you may contact Debbie Tower at FDOT at 239-461-4300 or email her at debbie.tower@dot.state.fl.us.

Farewell to a Friend

E. Glenn Tucker, 64, passed away suddenly on May 24 after collapsing at his home in Marco Island. He was a partner in the law firm Rhodes, Tucker, & Garretson.

He was known and liked in Everglades City because he owned property here and was a genuinely nice person.

Mayor Sammy Hamilton said that Glenn was a longtime friend, the nicest man you could ever meet; he would help you whenever he could without any worry about money.

City Councilor Tammy Smallwood said that he would "step out of his way to help anyone" and that his passing was a great loss.

Bill Cull, president of the Captain's Table condo association said that Glenn had served with him for over 20 years and that "his friendship and advice were always available. He will be missed by all that had the pleasure to know him!"

Glenn was a Marco City Councilor and took part in a large number of other civic or professional activities there and throughout the County. He moved to Marco in 1978 and soon became involved in community affairs more than half his life ago.

He is survived by his wife Bonnie and four step-children. A service will be held on **Friday, May 29**, at Marco Presbyterian Church, 875 West Elkcarn Circle. Gifts in his memory may be sent to the Marco Island YMCA Tennis Program, 101 Sand Hill Street, Marco Island, FL, 34145.

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MAY/JUNE 2009

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
new moon ○ 24 National Hurricane Preparedness Week	25 Memorial Day Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm	26 Sports Awards School, 6:30 pm	27 Ladies Coffee Backcountry Cafe 8 am	28	RAPPER 29 Graduation School, 7 pm	30
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July 5: Independence Day Celebration

July 16: Summer School ends

July 21: BigC ORV mtg

July 31: end of BigC ORV rest period

Aug 4: City Council, CCSO National Night Out

Sept 5-7: Butcher Labor Day "Muck About"

Sept 15: BigC ORV mtg

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: 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: Tues, 6/2 (9-10 am)

Thurs, 6/4 (10-11 am) Fri, 6/5 (9-10 am)

Mon, 6/8 (10-11 am)

Wed, 6/10 (1-2 pm)

Fri, 6/12 (10-11 am)

CONGRESSIONAL VISIT

Monica Aranegui, the new District Representative in Collier County to Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart, will meet with constituents in City Hall on **Tuesday, June 2**, at 3:00 p.m.

Monica was appointed recently and joins Karen Harmon, Congressional Aide, in the Golden Gate office. This is Monica's first official visit to the area so come along to meet her.

For info, phone 348-1620.

GIRL SCOUT EVENT

There is still time to sign up for the Animal Lovers' Day on **Wednesday, June 3**, when youngsters will learn about pet care. For info and to register, phone 262-2186.

HAZARDOUS WASTE

Carnestown Recycling Center is accepting household hazardous waste on **Saturday, June 6**, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Some of the items that can be dropped off are batteries, oil and oil filters, fluorescent bulbs, and anything with "Poison", "Toxic", "Irritant", "Flammable" on the label.

This clean-up drive is just in time for the start of hurricane season when it would be disastrous for dangerous materials to be floating or blowing around. For info, call 252-2508.



Nathan Goff sent us this photo of a rain spout taken on May 13. The weather has been dramatic but the rain is certainly welcome!

THANKS to everyone who sent money for our Fireworks Fund. We have had some very generous donations but it is not too late to contribute, however large or small an amount you can afford. We will, of course, send you a formal thank-you.



Post your check payable to "Everglades Community Fireworks Fund" to P.O. Box 110, Everglades City, FL, 34139 or drop your donation off at City Hall.

CITY COUNCIL

Everglades City Council is enjoying a summer break until their next meeting on **Tuesday, August 4**.

OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

- 05/13/09: Chest Pains, Everglades Fire Station
- 05/13/09: Emergency Medical, Chokoloskee Island
- 05/13/09: Brush Fire, 55m on I-75
- 05/14/09: Emergency Medical, 5m West of Port of the Islands
- 05/14/09: Boat Fire, Outdoor Resorts
- 05/15/09: Vehicle Accident, 70m on I-75
- 05/16/09: Emergency Medical, SR-29 and Janes Scenic Drive
- 05/17/09: Chest Pains, Copeland
- 05/17/09: Seizure, 61m on I-75
- 05/17/09: Vehicle Accident, 51m on US-41
- 05/17/09: Cardiac Arrest, 60m on I-75
- 05/18/09: Vehicle Accident, US-41 and Turner River Road
- 05/19/09: Vehicle Accident, 66m on I-75
- 05/19/09: Vehicle Fire, 55m on I-75
- 05/20/09: Broken Ankle, Plantation Island
- 05/22/09: Patient Not Breathing, Ochopee
- 05/22/09: Difficulty Breathing, 54m on I-75
- 05/23/09: Panic Attack, 77m on I-75
- 05/24/09: Vehicle Accident, 63m on I-75
- 05/24/09: Vehicle Accident, 66m on I-75
- 05/24/09: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 05/24/09: Vehicle Accident, 60m on I-75
- 05/24/09: Vehicle Accident, 63m on I-75
- 05/25/09: Vehicle Accident, 58m on I-75
- 05/25/09: Vehicle Fire, 52m on I-75
- 05/26/09: Emergency Medical, 77m on I-75
- 05/26/09: Brush Fire, South Blocks

MOBILE PET VET



Dr Baker will be here on **Saturday, June 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 by previous appointment only on **Sunday, June 7**. Phone her at 777-PETS (7387). See www.naplesmobilepetvet.com for more info about this service that comes to our doorstep.

TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER

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

05/29/2009	Fri	02:17AM	-0.3	L	08:18AM	2.3	H	02:18PM	0.7	L	07:04PM	2.7	H
05/30/2009	Sat	03:14AM	-0.1	L	09:06AM	2.4	H	03:39PM	0.7	L	08:31PM	2.5	H
05/31/2009	Sun	04:13AM	0.2	L	09:52AM	2.5	H	04:58PM	0.5	L	09:58PM	2.3	H
06/01/2009	Mon	05:12AM	0.4	L	10:37AM	2.5	H	06:07PM	0.3	L	11:27PM	2.2	H
06/02/2009	Tue	06:07AM	0.5	L	11:20AM	2.7	H	07:07PM	0.2	L			
06/03/2009	Wed	12:52AM	2.2	H	06:59AM	0.6	L	12:01PM	2.8	H	07:59PM	0.0	L
06/04/2009	Thu	02:02AM	2.2	H	07:48AM	0.7	L	12:39PM	2.9	H	08:46PM	-0.1	L
06/05/2009	Fri	02:52AM	2.2	H	08:33AM	0.8	L	01:15PM	3.0	H	09:29PM	-0.2	L
06/06/2009	Sat	03:28AM	2.2	H	09:16AM	0.8	L	01:50PM	3.0	H	10:11PM	-0.2	L
06/07/2009	Sun	03:57AM	2.2	H	09:56AM	0.8	L	02:23PM	3.1	H	10:50PM	-0.2	L
06/08/2009	Mon	04:28AM	2.2	H	10:32AM	0.8	L	02:57PM	3.1	H	11:28PM	-0.2	L
06/09/2009	Tue	05:03AM	2.2	H	11:07AM	0.8	L	03:30PM	3.0	H			
06/10/2009	Wed	12:06AM	-0.2	L	05:42AM	2.2	H	11:41AM	0.8	L	04:06PM	2.9	H
06/11/2009	Thu	12:44AM	-0.2	L	06:25AM	2.2	H	12:17PM	0.8	L	04:44PM	2.8	H
06/12/2009	Fri	01:22AM	-0.1	L	07:08AM	2.3	H	01:00PM	0.8	L	05:30PM	2.6	H

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From Savannah's Eyes

There are only 3 more days of school left until summer, and next year I will be a seventh grader! Volleyball camp is on June 5, and my friends and I are talking a lot about it!

Last Wednesday my class and I went on a field trip to the Miccosukee Indian Village and Shark Valley! When we got to the Miccosukee Indian Village, first of all we went into the gift shop and bought souvenirs. Then, we went out on an airboat ride through the marshlands and we saw four pink spoonbills that were eating in the water. Also we saw an old village where a long time ago the Indians last name of Tiger lived there. Then we went to the alligator show! It was really fun! The handler did a lot of tricks with the untamed alligators. But the best part of the show was when he was trying to drag the alligator out of the water because the alligator suddenly jerked away from the man and pushed a lot of water toward the first row! My friend, Kristin Grimm and I got drenched from it! And, everyone started laughing. I was laughing, too! Then after the alligator show, we went to eat lunch under a little building and then we went in the Museum. It showed the Indian dresses and where they lived. Then, it was time to go and take a tour of the village. The man showed us the way that they lived and what their houses looked like. Also, he showed us the way to make their clothes and baskets. After the tour it was time to go to Shark Valley!

When we got to Shark Valley, we went on a tram ride. We saw a lot of alligators and birds. We also got to act out a play and go up on a big lookout tower to see the sights of the Everglades. Then it was time to go home.

Last Friday, all of the top readers from the school, grades 1-6, went on a walking trip to McLeod Park. We all got a special surprise; it was lunch from the restaurant called "Pollo Tropical" which means tropical chicken. It is really good food. I loved the chicken and mac & cheese. Then after we ate we got to play at the park!

Anyway, I had a really good week last week. The Friends of the Museum gave the art class a reception with cookies and punch. And the parents came in to look at our artwork. If you have not yet been to the Museum of the Everglades, it is still open with our artwork displayed on the walls. So go by and have a look! You'll be glad you did!

Lots of love to everyone, Savannah

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

IMPORTANT DATES

Fri, May 29:	Graduation, 7:00 p.m.
Wed, June 3:	Girl Scout Day, 9:30 a.m.
Mon, June 8:	Summer School / Camp Starts
Thurs, July 16:	Summer School ends
Fri, July 17:	Summer Camp Wannado City Trip

Summer Camp

Summer Camp is sponsored by Reach Out Everglades & C.O.P.S. Association Inc. The "COPS" stands for Community Oriented Policing Service and our local deputies present a program once a week.

Lt. Mark Milligan told the *Rapper* that this year the agenda includes:

- visit from K-9 unit
- horse demo from mounted patrol
- McGruff the safety dog
- bike rodeo
- trip to Wannado City at Sawgrass Mills

Summer Camp will take place on Monday through Thursday from June 8 through July 16. The doors open at 7:30 a.m. Afternoon pick-up is 2:00 p.m. sharp.

Summer Camp is free to youngsters from 4 to 12 years old. Older students are welcome to help as Junior Counselors. If you want to sign up, there are info packages at the school or contact Pam Drake at 695-2843.



Trina Mitchell, Media Specialist, writes: This year at all the Great Gator assemblies, I have recognized Accelerated Readers by awarding each one a certificate that contained a coupon for a free smoothie at Pollo Tropical. Each certificate represented five books read. At the end of the year, I pulled the TOP readers out of grades K through 6 that won the most certificates for the year. Pollo Tropical awarded 25 free kid meals and I supplied drinks and cookies. I picked up the food and walked the kids over to McLeod park to eat and play for their reward. Mrs. Beth White accompanied me as well as three parent volunteers: Colby, Heather, Tensy. Rudy Parker provided this photo and Savannah fills in the story in her column on the left.

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LOCAL HISTORY

We received this email and wonder if readers can help:

My father Walter Sorokoty was a presiding small claims court judge back in the very early 60's and late 50's in the old courthouse located in Everglades City. Does anyone have any recollection of or information about his work there?

If you remember Walter Sorokoty or his court, please phone us at 695-2397 or email dsorokoty@comcast.net.

ESHP MEETING

Our historical society will meet on **Tuesday, June 2**, at 9:00 a.m. in City Hall. The agenda includes plans for next season. Everyone is welcome to attend. For info, phone 695-2905.



MUSEUM NEWS

At their May board meeting, the Directors of the Friends of the Museum of the Everglades (FME) decided to give the net proceeds from the Birthday Party in April to the ECity School so Mr. Tribble could purchase art supplies.

If you have not seen this exhibition, stop in at the Museum – it is a great hit with tourists who are impressed with how talented our local youngsters are.



Recipe for Good Eating

Homemade Ranch Dressing

by Karen Cabral

1 cup	Buttermilk	1 cup	Mayonnaise
1/4 tsp	Dry Mustard	1/4 tsp	Celery Seed
1/4 tsp	Dill Weed		Salt and Pepper to taste



Mix all ingredients together. Chill and you'll have enough for several salads.

Note from Patty Huff: Karen Cabral was visiting me while I was preparing dinner for houseguests. This is the recipe she made for our green salad. We used fresh dill from my garden and the salad dressing received rave reviews from my guests. You may add crumbled Bleu Cheese, if you wish. Delicious!!

History of the Reach Out* Thrift Shop

It's difficult to think about what we did before the Thrift Shop opened in 2002. Fran Tiffit first started dreaming of a Thrift Shop about 10 years ago. Working closely with people in need, Fran together with Chris Ammerman (then President of Reach Out) and Helen Bryan (Project Manager) knew about families that would benefit from a low-priced local store.

The Thrift Shop started out in the back inner room of the Everglades Community Center. Plans were laid out. The late L.D. Isles built 2 x 4 shelves to hold donations that were received. In short time, the room couldn't hold all the donations ("items were jammed packed to the ceiling," Helen remembers). When the Seniors' lunchroom was no longer needed, the Thrift Shop was able to work out of the adjoining room three days a week when the room was not in use for other activities. Pastor Morris Dantin built two hanging portable dress racks which were very much needed to move clothes back and forth between rooms.

Eventually, the Thrift Shop was able to secure additional space when Gene Wooten so kindly allowed the store to operate out of his garage warehouse on South Copeland. With many volunteers cleaning out the warehouse, carpenters Jim Bryan and Ben Strunk enclosed the front area and built additional clothing racks and shelving (donated by Jim Webb). Community volunteers cleaned greasy floors, then painted. It would not have been possible without the cooperation of the Mayor and City staff to make the move.

After Hurricane Wilma flooded the warehouse in October 2005, and again with the cooperation of Mayor Hamilton providing the needed space, the Thrift Shop was back in operation at the Community Center; this time the move was permanent.

Fran often comments that our little Thrift Shop has exceeded all her expectations: the donations are plentiful (given by generous full and part time residents), the facility has the perfect location, and the volunteers have been tremendous. So many people are now involved in sorting and displaying the items for sale. Today both Helen Bryan and Fran Tiffit manage the Thrift Shop.

Each volunteer has contributed so much in making the Thrift Shop successful; and, if items such as furniture are too large to keep, Reach Out helps coordinate the donation to someone in need.

One of the best benefits is that all the funds received from the sales go directly back to help individuals and families in the community.

***Full title: Everglades Reach Out & C.O.P.S. Association, Inc. which reflects the great cooperation our neighborhood charity gets from our Sheriff's deputies and from the Police Activities League.**



Fishing Report

by Captain Bill Lindsay

Big snook can be found on the edge of the Gulf and in the backcountry. These fish will hit top water plugs well during the morning and late in the afternoon hours. During the middle of the day, go deep with jigs or at least cast into the shady areas under the mangroves. A lot of bait is washed down the rivers at this time of year. On the falling tide, tarpon will feed late in the day in these passes. Snapper and trout fishing is productive as long as you know where to find them. Tripletail fishing is worth it if the weather is calm. Mangrove shorelines and the edges of the flats are good places to hook redfish; just try to get in before those afternoon thunder storms. Offshore permit, grouper and snapper fishing on the shallow Gulf wrecks should remain strong.

Capt. Bill Lindsay lives in Chokoloskee and has been fishing in the Everglades National Park for 28 years. In 1992 he was Master Angler of the MET Tournament.

BIG CYPRESS NEWS

We had the following press release from Big Cypress National Preserve:

Effective 4:30 pm on May 21, 2009 the ban on open fires in the backcountry is rescinded and the Bear Island Unit including Bear Island Campground are reopened for public recreational use.

Beginning on Monday, June 1, 2009 all units within the Preserve that allow for wheeled Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) access will be closed for 60 days with access being re-opened on Friday, July 31, 2009.

The Recreational Off-Road Vehicle Management Plan calls for a sixty-day seasonal closure to allow a period free from resource pressures related to ORV use. The off-road vehicle closure within Big Cypress National Preserve was first instituted in 2002. Landowners that hold special use permits to access their private properties within the Preserve will retain continued access to their property along approved routes.

As of Monday March 23, 2009 the Zone 4 airboat access within Big Cypress National Preserve has been closed due to low water conditions. The unit will remain closed for the mandatory 60 days or as soon as water levels allow the area to be opened following the 60 day closure. Due to continued low water levels the unit remains closed until further notice.

Zone 4 of the Stairsteps Unit of the Preserve allows for access via airboats only. The Bear Island, Turner River and Corn Dance Units, and Zones 2 and 3 of the Stairsteps Unit provide for access by specified, wheeled ORVs.

For information on other Preserve related closures go to <http://www.nps.gov/bicy/playourvisit/closures.htm> or phone Big Cypress at 695-1107.



Photo thanks to Mike Danosky.

FLORIDA FLORA

Royal Poinciana (*Delonix regia*)

by Patricia Huff



We've highlighted the Royal Poinciana in the past, but this year these trees with their spectacular color seem to have taken over this area. The brilliant "flamboyant" or "flame" trees are bright orange or red and a native of Madagascar while the more rare "yellow-gold" trees are native to Brazil. There are quite a few examples in our area and throughout South Florida. The Royal Poinciana will flower most of May and June with a better flowering display after a dry season – which may be the reason they seem so incredible this year. In the hot summer months the flowers fall and leave a colorful carpet on your lawn; the feathery leaves provide an umbrella of shade until the winter cold sets in. The Royal Poinciana may be grown from seeds after the long seed pod turns brown and falls from the tree. I try to collect them before we cut the grass and give away to those interested in growing one in their yard. In the Caribbean, the seed pods are used as a percussion instrument, the maraca.

OUCH!

The dreaded Deer Fly ("yellow fly") has been sneaking up and biting us since the rains came. A tip that was shared with us recently is to smear exposed skin with Vicks Vapor Rub. Apparently, it's one of the few things that they don't like.



Let us know if it works ...

SCHOOL NEWS

2009 High School Awards and Scholarships

Suerra Arroyo: Spanish 2, Culinary Operations

Peyton Beebe: President's Award for Educational Excellence, Wellesley College Book Award, Weight Training Award

Karisa Brown: President's Award for Educational Excellence, Individual and Dual Sports (Honorable Mention), American Citizenship Award, Suncoast for Kids Foundation Award, Winged Foot Scholar/Athlete Award; Betterment Association of the Everglades Scholarship, FGCU Valedictorian and Salutatorian Honors Scholarship, Forum Club Gentry Scholarship, Naples Yacht Club, Integrated Science

Kimberly Brown: President's Award for Educational Achievement, Wall of Fame Academic Award for the 11th Grade, Intensive Reading Award, Algebra 1b Award, Yearbook, Multimedia

Shallea (Daisy) Burgess: President's Award for Educational Achievement, Individual and Dual Sports Award, Art Award, Betterment Association of the Everglades Scholarship

John Carter: Algebra 1 Award

Brianna Daniels: President's Award for Educational Excellence, Wall of Fame Academic Award for the 9th Grade, Personal Fitness and Health Award, World History

Louis Daniels: Art Award

Trisha Demere: President's Award for Educational Excellence, Outstanding Student Award for Math, Algebra 1H Award, Geometry H Award, Overall Math Award

Marcus Dungan: President's Award for Educational Achievement

Raymond Ferguson: President's Award for Educational Achievement, Health Award, Weight Training (Honorable Mention)

Armando Gonzalez: President's Award for Educational Achievement

Renee Gonzalez: President's Award for Educational Excellence, Wall of Fame Academic Award for the 12th Grade, Outstanding Student Award for Social Studies, the Sons of the American Revolution Book Award, The Student of Distinction Award, and the Smith College Book Award, Problem and Statistics Award SE Florida Charities Bill Owens Classic,

American Citizenship Award; Scholarships from the Betterment Association of the Everglades, FGCU Valedictorian and Salutatorian Honors, the Forum Club Gentry Scholarship, the Founders Scholarship Fund, the Naples Pelican Bay Rotary Club, the Naples Yacht Club

Rosa Gonzalez: President's Award for Educational Excellence, Top Student, Art Award, English 3

Meggan Harrington: President's Award for Educational Excellence, Algebra 2 Award, World History H, TV Production, English 1, American Citizenship Award

Nicholas Kalmanek: President's Award for Educational Achievement, Marine Science H, American Citizenship Award, Harvard Book Club Award

Lycurgus Kidder: President's Award for Educational Achievement

Willie Lewis: Health Award

Jeanne Lopez: President's Award for Educational Achievement, Art Award, Culinary Operations

Leah Minton: President's Award for Educational Excellence

Courtney Noble: President's Award for Educational Achievement, Outstanding Student Award for English, Overall English Award, English 2

Elvira Pablo-Ramirez: President's Award for Educational Achievement, Biology Award

Brittney Potter: President's Award for Educational Achievement, English 4 Award, Art Award, Weight Training (Honorable Mention), Army Reserve Award, Betterment Association of the Everglades Scholarship

Haylee Stokes: President's Award for Educational Achievement, Outstanding Student Award for Science, Spanish 1, Overall Science

Hunter Watson: Inf. Geometry Award, TV Production 4, Overall TV Production, Army Reserve Award

Emily White: American History

Paris White: Wall of Fame Academic Award for the 10th Grade, TV Production 2

Ashley Wooten: President's Award for Educational Achievement, Yearbook Award

Sports Awards

TROPHY RECIPIENTS

Girls' JV Volleyball

Best All Around: Ana Roldan
 Unsung Hero: Shaina Norris
 Lady Gator: Kristin McMillin
 Most Improved: Morgan Daffin

Girls' Varsity Volleyball

Most Improved: Courtney Noble
 Hustle Award: Brianna Daniels
 Unsung Hero: Peyton Beebe
 Coach's Award: Haylee Stokes

TROPHY RECIPIENTS

Boys' Varsity Basketball:

Coach's Award: Colton Stokes
 Unsung Hero: Marcus Dungan
 Hustle Award: Hunter Watson

Boys' Varsity Baseball

Coach's Award: Linzy Fails
 Most Improved: Hector Roldan
 Hustle Award: Tyler Pasiuk
 Unsung Hero: Marcus Dungan

SPECIAL TROPHY RECIPIENTS

"True Grit" Award:
 Jessica Thomas

Rising Star:
 Ana Roldan

Most Valuable Player (Boys):
 Lee Kidder

Most Valuable Player (Girls):
 Brittney Potter

GRADUATES



Karisa Brown



Daisy Burgess



Renee Gonzales



Jeanne Lopez



Lee Kidder



Brittney Potter



Hunter Watson

Congratulations

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The *Rapper* is proud of you and of ECity School!

We wish we had space to list all the elementary awards and all the members of sports teams who received letters and yearly service bars.

RESTAURANT NEWS



- Backcountry Cafe (695-2552):**
6:00 am - 9:00 pm.; Thurs , Fri, Sat
6:00 am - 3:00 pm.; Sun - Wed
- Camellia Street Grill (695-2003):**
Noon - 8:00 pm; Mon - Thurs
Noon - 9:00 pm; Fri, Sat
Closing 5/30/09 for Summer
- City Seafood (695-4700):**
11:00 am - 6:00 pm; daily
fish market also open
- Everglades Scoop (695-0375):**
closed for vacation
- 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 - 6:00 pm; Sun - Thurs
6:00 am - 9:00 pm; Fri, Sat
- Grimm's Stone Crab (695-3222):**
8:00 am - 3: pm; Mon - Fri
fish market (grouper/pompano)
- Havana Cafe (695-2214):**
closed for summer
- Joanie's Blue Crab Cafe (695-2682):**
11:00 am - 5:00 pm; Wed - Mon
Closed Tuesday
- JT's Cafe & Gallery (695-2630):**
12:00 noon - 4:00 pm; Sat, Sun
- Leebo's Rock-Bottom Bar:**
4:00 pm; Mon - Sat
noon; Sunday
- Oyster House Restaurant (695-2073):**
closed for summer
- Port of the Islands (239-394-3101):**
7:00 - 10:00 am; Mon-Sat
7:00 - 11:00 am; Sun
5:00 - 9:00 pm: Tues-Wed (bar food)
5:00 - 9:00 pm: Thurs-Sat (dinner)
closed at lunchtime
- Right Choice Pizzeria (695-3663):**
5:00 - 9:00 pm; Thurs-Mon (takeout)
- 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
- Susie's Station:**
11:00 am - 5:00 pm; daily
- Triad Seafood (695-0722):**
closed for summer

For a full list of church services and park opening times, see our website or phone us.



KNITTING WITH NANCY

Even in our hot summers, we often need a bit of comfort and warmth when we are in air-conditioned rooms. Nancy Camposano is focusing on shawls and wraps in her schedule of June classes:

- June 3, 10: Ribbed Shrug
10:30-12:30, \$40, Easy
- June 4, 11: French Shawl
2:00-4:00, \$40, Experienced
- June 2, 9, 16: Gable Top Pullover
2:00-4:00, \$50, Experienced
- June 2, 9, 16: Linen Tunic
10:30-12:30, \$50, Experienced

To register, phone 239-793-8141 or stop by the store at 3804 Tamiami Trail East.

NEW AT CIRCLE-K

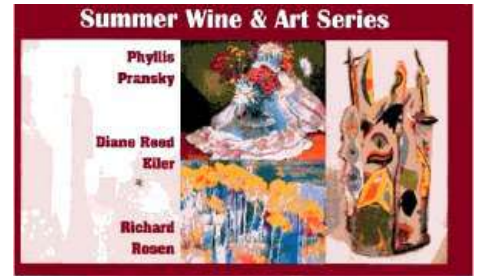
Most early risers know that they can get coffee and something to eat at Circle-K just over the bridge near the Post Office. And, of course, they can get fuel for their vehicles, plus a multitude of other useful and interesting items.

However, if you haven't stopped in recently, have a look at the new shelving layout and then notice that they have hot biscuit/gravy specials for breakfast.

And, if that doesn't appeal, try the pancake with syrup or traditional muffin with egg.

Later in the day, take away a grilled hot dog with a tempting choice of warm and cold toppings or a prepared hamburger from the selection in the cabinet.

For more info, phone 695-4526.



SUMMER ARTISTS

The Marco Art League is having a series of Wine & Art evenings from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month to welcome in new exhibitors. The schedule is:

- June 2: Phyllis Pransky
- July 7: Diane Reed Eiler
- Aug 4: Richard Rosen

The venue is the Lauritzen/Rush Galleries at 1010 Winterberry Drive, phone 239-394-4221. Gallery hours are Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday from 1:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Paws to Reflect

by a Squeedilifferous Pusslet



Memorial Day weekend in Connecticut began when Dad finally let me out on Friday morning. I can't believe anyone would still be abed at six AM but there he was. I had to jump on his head and snarfle his ear before he'd get up. It was a perfect day to lie on a warm stone and watch the lilac blossoms fall from the bush.

Not so Saturday. It was grey and gloomy and drizzly all the morning. I came back in as soon as I'd done my business and spent my morning sleeping on the computer. By evening it grew cold and windy and damp. Thank goodness for long fur.

Sunday began with showers. Later, it turned sunny and I basked on the deck with Mom while she read her book. By the time the tuna fish was over the yardarm, the sky had turned black and the thunderpuss was growling and biting the tree tops.

Now it's Monday morning and Mom and Dad plan to picnic down at the boatyard. I hope they remember to bring their stripey umbrella, cause it looks to me like it just may rain sardines.

Pusslet is assisted by "Constant Waterman" whose book about boating is available for sale around town.

SNOOK CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE: House on 1.02 Acres. Sale price \$188,000 or for rent at \$900/mon. For info, call 321-439-7635

FOR SALE BY OWNER: 3 lots in Chokoloskee, 2 on Calusa Dr, Lot M-4 \$105,000, Lot M-5 (filled) \$135,000, Lot by cemetery \$79,000. Phone owner at (419) 441-2068 or (740) 864-2179.

FOR SALE: Chokoloskee premium lot @ huge reduction!!! Private, select, elevated land laced with fruit trees. Secluded lot between Chokoloskee and Smallwood Drive approximately 800' from the gulf. Above flood plain. Call Paul Camposano, Broker/Salesman @ Horizons/GMAC Realty on Marco for add'l details-800-832-8643 or 239-860-1901. Offered at huge discount @ \$152,000!!!

FOR SALE: 2-bedroom 1-bath mobile home with a dock and boat ramp, Plantation Island. \$135,000. For info, call 239-825-4502.

FOR RENT: Mobile Home on Canal, 29 Plantation Drive, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, unfurnished, \$600 per month or \$700 per month with lawn maintenance. Call 239-250-0668

FOR SALE: Deeded waterfront home on a quiet canal; 2 kitchens, 3 bedrooms, 3 baths, remodeled, furnished, new A/C, new dock. \$525,000 (owner licensed realtor). Call 239-860-6369



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