

# The MULLET RAPPER

## What's Happening in the Everglades City Area

**JULY 24 – AUGUST 6, 2009**

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### WILDLIFE CROSSING

#### Public Workshop

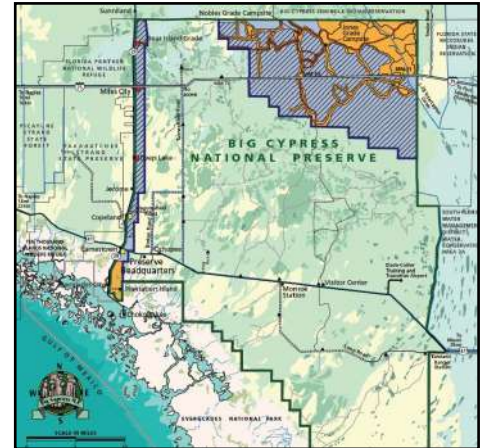
The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), on behalf of the Defenders of Wildlife and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, will conduct a public information workshop on the Wildlife Crossing project on **Thursday, July 30**, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Everglades Community Center.

The proposed project evaluates the feasibility of a wildlife crossing(s) on U.S.-41 from Bass Lake Road to Turner River Road in Collier County. The workshop will allow interested persons the opportunity to express their views concerning the conceptual design, social, economic, and environmental effects of the proposed project. FDOT will be available for any questions or concerns on the proposed project.

All comments, questions, written statements, or exhibits must be submitted by **August 10**. Any questions regarding the U.S.-41 Wildlife Crossing Engineering and Environmental Study should be directed to Nicole Broome, Project Manager, at (863) 519-2373.



Thanks to Kathy and GB Barnard who held a free clinic for almost 40 children on July 17-18, in preparation for school entry and sports. Dr Barnard and his wife, a Registered Nurse, were visiting their Chokoloskee home from Deland. According to photographer Helen Bryan, "Kathy remembered a lot of children and was fast to make them feel comfortable while she took their blood pressure and checked their ears." The Barnards, who volunteer their time at the Little Gator Clinic in the winter, were helped by Jeanne Smith (below) and Annie Mitchell.



### Big Cypress Alternatives

Proposals for a General Management Plan for the use of the "Addition Lands" (which include the strip east of SR-29) in the Big Cypress National Preserve are being considered by the National Park Service. Of the Alternatives up for public comment, the "Preferred" one, shown above, would reserve some areas (orange) as "Backcountry Recreation" and others (hatched in purple) as "wilderness".

Other Alternatives are "A" (do nothing), "B" (less wilderness area), and "F" (more wilderness area, including the return to nature of the southeast corner of Carnestown).

The public is invited to a meeting on **Wednesday, August 12**, from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Everglades Community Center and will have an opportunity to speak. Written comments are due by **September 30**, submitted either online or by post.

You can download the documentation at [www.nps.gov/bicy](http://www.nps.gov/bicy) or phone 695-1168.

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# JULY/AUGUST 2009

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
<b>JULY 19</b> Mobile Pet Vet	<b>20</b> Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm	<b>21</b> <del>BigC ORV mtg</del> CANCELLED	new moon ○ <b>22</b> Ladies Coffee Backcountry Cafe 8 am	<b>23</b>	<u>RAPPER 24</u>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Hour of Prayer Holy Family Catholic Church 7 pm  Copeland Baptist Vacation Bible School <i>see p.3</i>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Ladies Coffee Backcountry Cafe 8 am	<b>30</b> Wildlife Crossing mtg 5:30 pm <i>see p.1</i>	<b>31</b> BigC ORV rest period ends	<b>AUGUST 1</b>
<b>2</b> Copeland Baptist Awards 11 am, <i>see p.3</i>	<b>3</b> Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm	<b>4</b> Congressional Visit, 3 pm <i>see p.3</i>  City Council 5:30 pm, <i>see p.3</i>  National Night Out, <i>see p.3</i>	<b>5</b> Ladies Coffee Backcountry Cafe 8 am	full moon ● <b>6</b>	<u>RAPPER 7</u>  Russell Retirement Depot, 5:30 pm <i>see p.11</i>	<b>8</b> History Talk Ivey House 5:30 pm, <i>see p.11</i>  SCV Depot, 6 pm
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Hour of Prayer Copeland Baptist Church, 7 pm  Wildlife Crossing Comments Due <i>see p.1</i>  OFCD Bd Fire Sta, 6 pm	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> Ladies Coffee Backcountry Cafe 8 am  BigC mtg Comm Center 4:00-7 pm <i>see p.1</i>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
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Aug 24: Back to School

Aug 29/30: Mobile Pet Vet

Sept 2: FME mtg

Sept 5-7: Butcher "Muck About"

Sept 9-11: FWC mtg

Sept 17-19: Anglers Cup

Sept 15: Reach Out mtg

Sept 15: BigC ORV mtg

Sept 30: BigC Addition Lands comments due

Oct 2-4: RedSnook Tournament

Oct 10-17: 10K Island Refuge Week

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; 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Sat; 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

SMALLWOOD STORE: Daily; 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

FOOD PANTRY: Sat; 8:30 to 10:30 am, Community Church

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Sat; noon, Community Church

SHAMROCK BANK: Tues; 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

LITTLE GATOR CLINIC: closed for the summer

SHERIFF AT CITY HALL: Fri, 7/24 (11 am – noon)

Tues, 7/28 (10-11 am)

Thurs, 8/30 (1-2 pm)

**CONGRESSIONAL VISIT**

Monica Aranegui, the new District Representative in Collier County at the office of Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart, will meet with constituents in City Hall on **Tuesday, August 4**, at 3:00 p.m. For info, phone 348-1620.

**CITY COUNCIL**

Everglades City Council will meet on **Tuesday, August 4**, at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall. If you want to speak, you must sign up in advance before the call to order.



**NATIONAL NIGHT OUT**

Everyone is invited to join our Sheriff's deputies for this annual event on **Tuesday, August 4**. The times are:  
 4:30-5:30: City Hall info booth  
 5:30: report to City Council  
 6:30-9:00: Lee Cypress info booth  
 There will be cookies & drinks in City Hall and grilled hot dogs at Lee Cypress. For info, call 695-2301.

**MORE Events on page 11**



**CHARIOT RACING COMING TO TOWN**

Copeland Baptist Church is looking for young participants to race in one of the most exciting games in ancient Roman history (different types of games for ALL ages).

Vacation Bible School will be held **July 27-31** at Copeland Baptist Church with daily activities from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. For more information call Bill Melendez at 239-273-1869.

The following menu will be served promptly at 4:30 p.m. prior to the activities:

Monday – "Armor" Hot Dogs with chips

Tuesday – Macaroni "Roman" Cheese with cocktail fruits

Wednesday – "Centurion" Sandwich with chips

Thursday – Fried "Breast Plate" Chicken with corn

Friday – Pizza "Maximus" with cocktail fruits

For additional information, contact Sue Doster at 239-821-5864

**OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT**

- 07/08/09: Structure Fire, Plantation Island
- 07/09/09: Vehicle Fire, 58mm on I-75
- 07/09/09: Trash Fire, Plantation Island
- 07/09/09: Vehicle Accident, 59mm on I-75
- 07/09/09: Vehicle Accident, 59mm on I-75
- 07/10/09: Vehicle Accident, 62mm on I-75
- 07/11/09: Asthma Attack, Everglades City Fire Station
- 07/12/09: Vehicle Fire, 46mm on I-75
- 07/12/09: Fire Alarm, 33100 Tamiami Trail East
- 07/12/09: Vehicle Accident, 60mm on I-75
- 07/12/09: Vehicle Accident, 58mm on I-75
- 07/13/09: Vehicle Accident, Copeland
- 07/13/09: Vehicle Accident, 70mm on I-75
- 07/13/09: Vehicle Accident, 54mm on I-75
- 07/14/09: Unknown Medical Problem, 54mm on I-75
- 07/15/09: Fuel Spill, 31990 Tamiami Trail
- 07/15/09: Vehicle Accident, 69mm on I-75
- 07/15/09: Vehicle Accident, 51mm on I-75
- 07/15/09: Vehicle Accident, 75mm on I-75
- 07/16/09: Snake Bite, 51mm on I-75
- 07/16/09: Suicidal Subject, 63mm on I-75
- 07/17/09: Call Box Activation, 55mm on I-75
- 07/17/09: Call Box Activation, 62mm on I-75
- 07/17/09: Brush Fire, Jerome and SR-29
- 07/17/09: Breathing Problem, Copeland
- 07/18/09: Fire Alarm Activation, Everglades City
- 07/18/09: Emergency Medical, 63mm on I-75
- 07/19/09: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 07/20/09: Vehicle Accident, 50mm on I-75
- 07/21/09: Vehicle Accident, 77mm on I-75

**MOBILE PET VET**

Dr Baker will be here on **Saturday, August 29**, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in McLeod Park, ECity, and from 2 to 4 p.m. in Copeland. She will also be here for surgery on **Sunday, August 30** by previous appointment only. You can phone her at 777-PETS (7387). For more info, see [www.naplesmobilepetvet.com](http://www.naplesmobilepetvet.com).



**TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER**

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

07/24/2009	Fri	05:18AM	2.5	H	11:55AM	0.4	L	04:47PM	3.3	H
07/25/2009	Sat	12:37AM	-0.1	L	05:54AM	2.6	H	12:46PM	0.3	L
07/26/2009	Sun	01:18AM	0.1	L	06:32AM	2.7	H	01:42PM	0.3	L
07/27/2009	Mon	02:00AM	0.4	L	07:11AM	2.7	H	02:44PM	0.3	L
07/28/2009	Tue	02:45AM	0.6	L	07:55AM	2.7	H	03:55PM	0.3	L
07/29/2009	Wed	03:38AM	0.8	L	08:46AM	2.7	H	05:08PM	0.2	L
07/30/2009	Thu	04:47AM	0.9	L	09:47AM	2.7	H	06:18PM	0.2	L
07/31/2009	Fri	02:19AM	2.0	H	06:00AM	1.0	L	10:55AM	2.7	H
08/01/2009	Sat	03:02AM	2.1	H	07:05AM	1.0	L	11:58AM	2.8	H
08/02/2009	Sun	03:28AM	2.2	H	07:59AM	0.9	L	12:51PM	2.9	H
08/03/2009	Mon	03:24AM	2.2	H	08:44AM	0.9	L	01:34PM	3.0	H
08/04/2009	Tue	03:18AM	2.3	H	09:23AM	0.8	L	02:12PM	3.1	H
08/05/2009	Wed	03:34AM	2.4	H	09:59AM	0.7	L	02:47PM	3.1	H
08/06/2009	Thu	03:58AM	2.5	H	10:33AM	0.6	L	03:20PM	3.1	H
08/07/2009	Fri	04:25AM	2.5	H	11:08AM	0.6	L	03:53PM	3.1	H

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# SCHOOL & SUMMER CAMP NEWS

Everglades City School

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website: [www.collier.k12.fl.us/evg](http://www.collier.k12.fl.us/evg)

## IMPORTANT DATES

Mon-Fri, Aug 10-14: Build-A-Boat

Mon-Fri, Aug 10-14: Tennis Camp

Mon, Aug 24: School Starts

Mon, Sept 7: Labor Day

Wed, Sept 16: Early Dismissal (11:45 a.m.)



## From Savannah's Eyes

This is one hot summer!! All I have been doing lately is going swimming and practicing volleyball at the gym two days a week with varsity and our coach plus JV (junior varsity). I have gotten a lot better at volleyball since last year. I can spike the ball over the net, and I know how to pass the ball better and how to dive to get the ball back to my teammates. Everyone tells me that I am doing awesome, and that they see a lot of improvement. Also, sometimes we go to Naples to practice, too, because we have a coach that lives up there that is also a teacher at Everglades School. And, we play at the beach in the sand! But the bad thing about playing in the sand is, if you are sweaty and you fall, then the sand is going to stick to you and well you might want to change your name to Sandy! LOL! And, one of the girls was sweaty and she fell in the sand. She came back up all covered in sand! We were all laughing like crazy! The sand was so hot that we had to wear socks. We like to play in the gym better because your name does not have to be Sandy and it is also air conditioned inside. I love playing volleyball! You should try it one day; it is very cool.

*Savannah Oglesby will be in the 7th grade at Everglades City School and is a regular contributor to this paper.*

## BUILD-A-BOAT



Sign up now for the "Build-a-Boat" project which will be held in ECity during the week of **August 10** for youngsters aged 13 to 17. The course is free and is being organized by our local Sheriff's deputies.

Participants will get hands-on construction experience as well as hearing lectures about boat safety in the Community Center. Hours are 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day.

Places are limited so contact Lisa at 695-3781.

**See more photos on page 10**  
With THANKS to Helen Bryan



An annual highlight of Summer Camp is the boat trip through the Ten Thousand Islands provided by Everglades National Park Boat Tours, thanks to Mayor Sammy & Brenda Hamilton. This year about 30 youngsters and chaperones enjoyed a beautiful sunny day out on the water where they learned about the mangrove ecosystem.

**SUMMER CAMP** is provided free of charge to local kids for five weeks in June and July by Reach Out Everglades & C.O.P.S. Association Inc., our neighborhood charity.

If you would like to help, send your donation to:  
"Reach Out" at P.O. Box 894, Chokoloskee, FL, 34138.

## Anyone for Tennis?

Children aged 6 to 13 years can join a free tennis camp on **August 10-14** in ECity from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day. Rackets and balls will be provided.

For info and to sign up, see Carol Foss or phone her at 695-2277.



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## Glades Daze

by Patricia Huff

It's July 15, it's 85° outside, I'm sitting at my picnic table under the shade of the Royal Poinciana writing articles for the Mullet Rapper while two men are up on the roof of my house laying tarp down.

It's South Florida, I live in a old wood house, and the termites have found us again. Fifteen years ago the house was tented before we purchased it, then again 10 years ago, and now they're back.

We first saw signs of these little invisible (to us) creatures when my husband was pressure cleaning the porch. The paint came off easily disclosing bare wood with holes in it. Then we started noticing frass on the floor and counter tops (the droppings left by termites). No denying it, termites are hiding somewhere there, eating away at our wooden home.

I'm only out here waiting to see if the two nice men need my help when the tarp gets too close to my plants or the palm trees. So far, all is okay. The afternoon breeze is pleasant and we're still enjoying the quiet of the summer season.

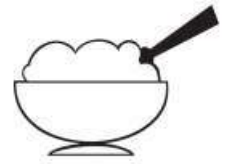
These lazy, hazy days of summer take me back to my childhood in Tennessee and life is good.

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## Recipe for Good Eating

### Home-churned Ice Cream

by Helen Bryan



Must have ice cream churn, large bowl, mixer.  
Usually 1½ bags of small ice or chip up an ice block.

- 1 box of rock salt (set aside)
- 3 eggs beaten with electric mixer
- 2 ½ cups sugar
- 2 cans carnation/publix milk (add 1 for richer taste)
- 2 Tbsp. vanilla flavoring
- 1 gallon milk (it will not take all, maybe 2/3 gal.

Note: leave about 3" space from top of churn.

In a large mixing bowl, beat up eggs, gradually beat in sugar adding 1 can of milk, still beating, then add second can of milk. Add two tablespoons vanilla flavoring. Stir in at least ½ gallon whole milk.

Pour into clean ice cream churn, put ice around in churn after about half full of ice. Add ice cream/rock salt, Add more ice, at top add rock salt, make sure ice is full to top. Cover churn with towel or whatever and plug into electricity. Churn will start. Look inside occasionally, may have to add more ice and salt to help freezing process. Takes approx. 18 min. to freeze.

AT THIS POINT: "WATCH THE CHURN" and unplug when churn slows down or you could BURN UP MOTOR.

Let ice cream set for 15 min. before serving. Enjoy!

**Helen sent this note: *This is the recipe my mother used when I was growing up. Each Saturday night, Mom beat up ingredients using our own cow's milk and we'd sit on top of the churn to let each other take turns churning the ice cream; took us about 20 min. or so by hand.***



**Summer Campers made their own ice cream from this recipe and then enjoyed eating it with sprinkles, chocolate sauce, and cherries.**





Python found in the Fakahatchee in 2007. Photo by Dennis Giardina.

## PYTHON PERMITS

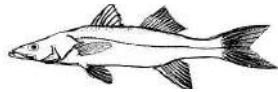
FWC have a new permit program that allows herpetology experts to go into state-managed lands in South Florida and euthanize Burmese pythons and other "Reptiles of Concern" which includes the Indian python, reticulated python, African rock python, amethystine or scrub python, green anaconda and Nile monitor lizard.

The permit is issued to individuals who already possess a Reptile of Concern License and have been screened by the FWC. All permit holders are required to provide GPS locations of each captured python and to take a digital photo. Firearms and traps may not be used; the snakes can be captured with nets and snares and must be killed with a blunt or sharp hand-held device. Permit holders may remove the carcass and sell the hide and meat. The program runs from July 17 to October 31.

**FWC hopes that airboat operators and sportsmen out in the Glades will tell them where these snakes are so they can be captured.**

For more info, contact Patricia Behnke, 850-251-2130 or Gabriella Ferraro, 772-215-9459 or see [www.myfwc.com](http://www.myfwc.com).

## Fishing Tournaments



**The Anglers' Cup Big Snook Challenge**, September 17-19  
Registration until: August 31  
Website: [www.TheAnglersCup.com](http://www.TheAnglersCup.com)

**Conservancy RedSnook Catch & Release**, October 2-4  
Registration until: September 11  
website: [www.conservancy.org/redsnook](http://www.conservancy.org/redsnook)

## NEW TRAIL IN REFUGE

If you've been wondering about the new parking lot on the west side of US-41 between the Port and the Iron Rhino, it is for the "Marsh Trail" in the Ten Thousand Island National Refuge. The official opening will take place on October 10 which is the first day of "Refuge Week". Watch the *Rapper* for more news closer to the date.

## FLORIDA FLORA

by Patricia Huff

### Joewood *Jacquinia keyensis*

A few weeks ago my husband and I flew to the Abaco Islands in the Bahamas with our friends visiting from Australia. We rented a house on the beach; there was no air conditioning so we kept the doors and windows

wide open. Just outside our room was an evergreen tree with fragrant, star-shaped little white flowers. The scent took your breath away; it was wonderful.

The Joewood tree is a native of South Florida and the Bahamas. The foliage, fruit and flowers are all very appealing; and it is also sun, salt and drought tolerant, the perfect match for our area. Although it is small and bush-like, it is considered a small tree and grows to a height of 15 feet. My husband said when he and our Australian friend were fishing off the beaches in the Abacos, the Joewoods were growing by the hundreds out of an almost solid rock moonscape terrain. They were all thriving and in full bloom; he said the scent was more fragrant than any expensive Parisian perfume.

Since Steve is the landscaper at our home in Everglades City, I was unaware that we had a Joewood in our own yard, and it was blooming when we arrived home! We planted our Joewood approximately three years ago and it is perhaps 3 ½ ft tall; this is the first time it has bloomed and it quite a treat.



## GARDENING TIP

by Patricia Huff

When deciding where to plant your flowers and shrubs, take into consideration that you may need to have your house tented for termites, as we did last week (*see Glades Daze on page 7*). Be sure to plant at least 18 inches away from the building to allow for the tenting tarp.

## Swamp Walks

Clyde & Niki Butcher are taking reservations for their traditional Labor Day Weekend "Muck-About" swamp walks and tell us that places are limited because there will be only 10 people plus 2 guides on each walk. For info, phone 695-2428 or see [www.clydebutcher.com](http://www.clydebutcher.com).





photo courtesy of Florida State Archives

## LOCAL HISTORY

Gladesman Glen Simmons went to the happy hunting grounds on July 21 at age 93. He was born in 1916 in Detroit, Florida, later called Homestead. His grandfather Duncan Brady was the founder of Flamingo and his parents were the caretakers of Waddell Grove at Cape Sable. A gator hunter, Glen lived in the area that became the Everglades National Park. Having walked, poled, or rowed through about every foot of land between Flamingo and the Big Cypress, he knew the glades like few others. He was one of the last of a dying breed of pioneers who were in the park before it was a park.

After he retired from hunting, he was a voice for the Everglades itself trying to get the park to do controlled burn-offs and pointing out the beach erosion at Cape Sable and the encroachment of non-native plants. He wrote two books about his life in the Glades and was a master boat builder of the Glades Skiff. In 1995 he was given a Florida Folk Heritage Award.

He is survived by his 96-year-old brother Alvin and his wife Maxie to whom he was married for 60 years. He is mourned by many.

**Thanks to historian Alvin Lederer for letting us know of Glen's passing and for sending this obituary.**

Simmons' two books are:

*Gladesmen; alligator hunters, moonshiners, and skiffers*, 1998  
(written with Laura Ogden)  
*To Keep from Starving*, 2006

## HISTORY ON TV

"Untold Stories" on WGPU-TV:

**Friday, July 24** – Sanibel Island

**Friday, July 30** – Marco Island

Programs are shown at 8:30 p.m.



The art works of ECity school students are still on show in the Pauline Reeves Gallery at the front of the Museum. Visitors have commented on how talented our kids are. If you haven't seen the exhibit yet, stop in at the Museum. Opening hours are 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturday. There is no admission charge (although donations are welcome).

## MUSEUM NEWS

The first trip for members of the Friends of the Museum of the Everglades (FME) is to the Edison/Ford Winter Estates in Fort Myers on **Thursday, September 24**. The cost will be about \$35 per person including lunch. If you are interested, phone Jan at 695-4299.

You can get a schedule of members' activities at the Museum or from the Friends' website [www.evergladesmuseum.org](http://www.evergladesmuseum.org).



## Off the Shelf – Book Review

reviewed by Marya Repko

### A History of Florida Forests

by Baynard Kendrick and Barry Walsh

This is really a classic book. Baynard Kendrick was commissioned to write it by the Florida Board of Forestry back in the 1960s but his manuscript languished without publication until the Department of Agriculture & Consumer Affairs finally asked writer Barry Walsh to edit it in 2007. She has added numerous explanatory notes and several chapters to bring the subject up to date.

The section closest to home is "Last of the Giants" about the Lee Tidewater Cypress Company in the Fakahatchee. There is a lengthy interview with J. Arthur Currey, president of the company, who describes of the difficult task of taking mammoth trees out of the swamp and loading them onto the ACL rail cars for their journey to the sawmill in Perry, some 400 miles north of here. Activity came to a halt in 1957 just as the virgin stand of giant trees were about to be cut in the Corkscrew swamp which was then taken over by the Audubon Society to become a Sanctuary for the "iron heads" (wood storks) nesting there.

Unfortunately, there is very little mention of the pine logging and sawmill operated on the other side of SR-29 by C. J. Jones at Jerome.

Besides an extensive history of the industry, Kendrick and Walsh write about the formation in 1927 of the Board of Forestry which later became Forestry & Parks when the State set aside public wooded lands. In those days of "cut out and get out", the Board encouraged re-forestation and, in parallel, was concerned with fire control.

Kendrick's knowledge came from his own experience in the lumber business and from conversations with people now long gone. However, he was also a detective story writer (the Duncan Maclain novels) who founded Mystery Writers of America and author of the historical column "Florida's Fabulous Past" in the *Tampa Tribune*.

This hefty tome (over 500 pages of it) is fascinating but not a book to take to the pool for light summer reading.

# SUMMER CAMP at Wannado City



The Reach Out Summer Camp ended with a trip to Wannado City at Sawgrass Mills near Fort Lauderdale. This wonderful park is a little village with miniature businesses and activities where the children can learn about different careers – and get an idea of what they might “wannado” when they grow up.

The trip for 38 children and 9 chaperones on a luxury bus was sponsored by the Collier County Sheriff’s Office who are the “C.O.P.S.” in the Reach Out Everglades & C.O.P.S. Association name. The initials stand for “Community-Oriented Policing Service” and is a national movement. To find out more, see [www.cops.usdoj.gov](http://www.cops.usdoj.gov).



Photos thanks to Helen Bryan



## RESTAURANT NEWS



- Backcountry Cafe (695-2552):**  
6:00 am - 3:00 pm.; daily
- Camellia Street Grill (695-2003):**  
*Closed for Summer*
- City Seafood (695-4700):**  
11:00 am - 6:00 pm; daily  
*Fish market also open*
- Everglades Scoop (695-0375):**  
11:00 am – 5:00 pm; Mon - Sat
- 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  
*Food service stops 1 hr before close*
- Grimm's Stone Crab (695-3222):**  
8:00 am – 3: pm; Mon - Fri  
*Fish market (grouper/pompano)*
- Havana Cafe (695-2214):**  
*Closed for summer*
- Ivey House (695-3299):**  
6:30 – 9:30 am; daily  
*Cold breakfast buffet*
- Joanie's Blue Crab Cafe (695-2682):**  
11:00 am - 5:00 pm; Wed - Mon  
*Closed Tuesday*
- JT's Cafe & Gallery (695-2630):**  
1:00 – 5:00 pm; Sat  
*Gallery & Gift Shop also open*
- Leebo's Rock-Bottom Bar:**  
3:00 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  
*Hot and cold breakfast menu*
- Right Choice Pizzeria (695-3663):**  
5:00 - 9:00 pm; Thurs-Sun (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 list of church services and park openings, see our website or phone us.



There was huge clean-up on Plantation Island over the weekend of July 18/19 thanks to the three dumpsters provided by the Collier County Waste Management Department. The new Community Safety Team coordinated the effort.



## RETIREMENT PARTY

John Russell, a native of Everglades City, will be retiring after 40 years at Everglades National Park. You are invited to attend his retirement ceremony on **Friday, August 7** at 5:30 p.m. at the Seafood Depot. Please RSVP through Bill Wagner; 239-280-9192 or at [william\\_wagner@nps.gov](mailto:william_wagner@nps.gov)

## HISTORY TALK

Marya Repko will be signing copies of her new book *Angel of the Swamp* about Deaconess Harriet Bedell (now a Saint!) on **Saturday, August 8**, at 5:30 p.m. at the Ivey House.

She will also give a talk entitled "Learn About Our History" that is illustrated with historical photos and maps. Cookies and drinks will be served, thanks to the Ivey House. There is no charge and members of the public are welcome. For more info, phone 695-3299.

## OBITUARY

Sue Mitoff, 83, passed away in hospital on July 10, 2009. She was a full-time resident at the Captain's Table complex and was secretary of the condo association for many years. She is survived by three daughters Leslie, Sally, and Georgina. Her husband Stefan predeceased her. Donations in Sue's memory can be made to the Humane Society.

## Paws to Reflect

by a Squeediliferous  
Pusslet



Well! Mom and Dad sailed off and left me and Miss Pye to wreck the house. So, of course, we did. I did my best to shred the old blue sofa but it's difficult to see the results of my handiwork. I keep hoping they'll buy new furniture so I can decorate it for them. As it was, I made it through the upholstery to the padding.

Unfortunately, they had so much fun on the water they didn't notice. They even left Connecticut and went all the way to New York. Eighteen miles each way – all the way to the Hamptons where the very rich reside. Apparently, you need to have a huge yacht and servants and a mansion to live over there. I understand they have people who do nothing but care for pusslets. You need to make an appointment to snuggle your Mom and Dad. Doesn't sound like an intimate situation if you want my opinion.

When my mom and dad returned on Sunday evening, they loved me nearly to pieces. They gave me nearly more tuna fish than I could possibly eat. Nearly, that is. Maybe, next time, they'll stay away a bit longer, then give me a can to myself.

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

**Shamrock Bank is now open at  
City Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.  
on Tuesday each week.**

## SNOOK CLASSIFIED

**FOR SALE:** House and Barn on 1.02 Acres. Zoned (A). Sale price \$139,000 (\$59,000 below appraised value) or for rent at \$900/mon. For more 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:** Lot on Plantation Island with Boat Ramp and Dock, \$75,000. Phone 239-825-4502.

**FOR RENT:** Mobile Home on Canal, 29 Plantation Drive, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, unfurnished, \$500 per month or \$600 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

**FOR RENT:** Nice furnished hotel condo efficiency at Port of the Islands, includes ALL, only \$900/mon. Phone (239) 269-2511.

**FOR SALE:** Single bed with pull out trundle bed. Sheets and mattress pad included. Like New. \$75.00 or best offer. Call 695-2059.

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Jan Brock and Karen Cochran are "almost settled" in their new office at 207 Broadway West, opposite the Rod & Gun in Everglades City. Jan told the *Rapper* "It's wonderful to be back here. I can see three historic building just out the window". She is also enthusiastic about the other businesses who will occupy the premises during the winter: a jeweler and an antique dealer.

### Tupperware for Reach Out



Don't forget to fill in your order from the Tupperware "Fun" Raising" catalog to benefit Reach Out. Pick up a copy at Right Choice Supermarket or phone Kathy Forbes at (239) 465-1716.

## JOBS VACANT

**HOUSE NEED CLEANING?** Cheryl's Cleaning Business is the helping hand you need. Call Cheryl at 239-745-6291.

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No charge – phone 695-2905.

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