

The MULLET RAPPER

What's Happening in the Everglades City Area

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WILDLIFE CROSSING

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT), on behalf of the Defenders of Wildlife and the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, presented two proposals for a Wildlife Crossing between Bass Road and Turner River Road on US-41 during the workshop on July 30.

The difference between the plans is the placement of the fence on the north side of the Trail: either within the FDOT right-of-way along the road (Alt. A) or across the canal on NPS land (Alt. B). In both cases, there would be two underpasses for panthers, a gap across Turner River, and private access gates. The estimated costs are either \$8,850,146 or \$8,922,946. A “no build” alternative is also possible.

Some attendees at the meeting would like other options to be considered for this area: flashing lights, rumble strips, lower speed limit, night-time motion sensors. Concerns were expressed by tribal, commercial, and recreational interests about the proposed fencing and tunnels. One very experienced conservationist worried that *“the proposed designs will certainly destroy much of the aesthetic beauty of the area”*.

Comments must be postmarked by **Monday, August 10**. You can pick up a form at City Hall and send it to:

Nicole Broome, FDOT
P.O. Box 1249, Bartow, FL, 33831.

CITY COUNCIL REPORT

by Marya Repko

Mayor Sammy Hamilton welcomed everyone back after the Council’s break and thanked Elaine Middelstaedt for organizing such a great Independence Day Celebration on July 5. There was spontaneous clapping in agreement.

Along the same theme, Jim Thompson from Collier County Parks & Recreation said that the Air National Guard Band, which he brought down here on July 5, really enjoyed themselves and want to march in our parade next year. He presented the Mayor with a photo from the Band expressing their thanks.



The Mayor said that most of his report was in the letter he sent to householders last week. He has been busy getting funding to improve the City. He did a presentation to SFWMD about the water treatment plant, asking for a \$200,000 grant for modernization. He is also looking for grants to finish fixing the roads and to improve the sewer plant. And, we have received \$60,000 from Collier County for new fencing and playground equipment in McLeod Park.

Lt. Mark Milligan, on behalf of Collier County Sheriff’s Office, reminded us that August 4 was National Night Out. Information leaflets were available in City Hall and deputies would be in Lee Cypress / Copeland after the meeting. He reported several recent thefts in the area before introducing Sue Gentry, Crime Prevention Officer. She said that she is planning to visit businesses who have been burglarized to improve their security and that she could also do private home security surveys. She said we should not hesitate to phone the Sheriff’s Office if we saw something suspicious; it is better to report it, even if the noise you hear turns out to be just a cat, than to let a neighbor’s house get robbed.

The Mayor thanked Sue for all the help she has given the community. Councilman Parker Oglesby said that the “Hot Summer Nights” programs for youngsters last month went really well, thanks to the Sheriff’s officers.

The Mayor announced that he was appointing Mike Klein to a Committee that advises members of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

Council agreed to hold the first reading of the new budget on September 8 with a second reading on September 15. There will also be a full Council meeting on September 8.

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

AUGUST 2009

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
2 Copeland Baptist Awards 11 am	3 Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm	4 Congressional Visit, 3 pm City Council 5:30 pm National Night Out	5 Ladies Coffee Backcountry Cafe 8 am	6 full moon ●	7 <u>RAPPER</u> Russell Retirement Depot, 5:30 pm <i>see p.3</i>	8 History Talk Ivey House 5:30 pm, <i>see p.3</i> SCV Depot, 6 pm
9	10 Hour of Prayer Copeland Baptist Church, 7 pm Wildlife Crossing Comments Due <i>see p.1</i> OFCD Bd Fire Sta, 6 pm	11 Lions Club Depot, 5:30 pm <i>see p.3</i>	12 Ladies Coffee Backcountry Cafe 8 am BigC mtg Comm Center 4:00-7 pm <i>see p.3</i>	13	14	15
16	17 Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm	18	19 Ladies Coffee Backcountry Cafe 8 am	20 new moon ○ Copeland Civic 7 pm	21 <u>RAPPER</u>	22
23	24 Hour of Prayer Holy Family Catholic Church 7 pm Back to School	25	26 Ladies Coffee Backcountry Cafe 8 am	27	28	29 Mobile Pet Vet <i>see p.3</i>
30 Mobile Pet Vet <i>see p.3</i>	31 Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm Drug-Free Workshop <i>see p.11</i>	SEPT 1	2 Ladies Coffee Backcountry Cafe 8 am FME mtg Museum, 9 am	3	4 full moon ● <u>RAPPER</u>	5 Butcher Weekend <i>see p.8</i>

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: *see list posted outside office door or in Water Billing Office*

GOOD LUCK TO JOHN

The retirement party for John Russell, who is leaving ENP after 40 years, is on **Friday, August 7** at 5:30 p.m. at the Seafood Depot. For info, phone 280-9192.

HISTORY TALK

Marya Repko will sign copies of her new book *Angel of the Swamp* about Deaconess Harriet Bedell (now a Saint!) and give a talk "Learn About Our History" on **Saturday, August 8**, at 5:30 p.m. at the Ivey House. For more info, phone 695-3299.

Vacation Bible School

Youngsters aged 4 through 12 are invited to the Vacation Bible School at Chokoloskee Church of God during the week of **August 10-14** from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. each evening, and the Church van is available to transport the kids. For info, phone 695-3735.

LIONS CLUB

The Everglades Lions Club is getting together on **Tuesday, August 11**, at 5:30 p.m. at the Seafood Depot. The *Rapper* was told that there is "some good news to announce". Members and interested residents are welcome. For info, phone Elaine at 695-2695.

MORE Events on page 11



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. Three alternatives have been proposed, including the "Preferred" one above.

The public is invited to a meeting on **Wednesday, August 12**, from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. in the Everglades Community Center (behind the Fire Station) and will have an opportunity to speak.

Written comments are due by **September 30**. They can be submitted either online or by post. Forms will be available at the meeting.

You can see the documentation at www.nps.gov/bicy or request a copy by phoning 695-1168.

OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

- 07/22/09: Tree on Fire, Everglades City
- 07/22/09: Person Fell, Port of the Islands
- 07/23/09: Breathing Problems, Port of the Islands
- 07/23/09: Vehicle Accident, 66mm on I-75
- 07/23/09: Possible Assault, Everglades City
- 07/24/09: Vehicle Accident, 58mm on I-75
- 07/26/09: Breathing Problems, Copeland
- 07/26/09: Vehicle Accident, 68mm on I-75
- 07/26/09: Heat Exhaustion, Turner River Rd
- 07/27/09: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 07/28/09: Emergency Medical, 61mm on I-75
- 07/26/09: Emergency Medical, 61mm on I-75
- 07/30/09: Vehicle Accident, 65mm on I-75
- 07/31/09: Vehicle Accident, US-41 & SR-29
- 08/02/09: Vehicle Accident, 57mm on I-75
- 08/03/09: Medical Emergency, Everglades City
- 08/04/09: Vehicle Accident, 70 mm 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.



CITY COUNCIL

Everglades City Council will meet on **Tuesday, September 8**, at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall when the budget will be presented for the first time. The *Rapper* will print a summary of the planned income & expenditure before the meeting.

TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER

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

08/07/2009	Fri	04:25AM	2.5	H	11:08AM	0.6	L	03:53PM	3.1	H	11:44PM	0.1	L
08/08/2009	Sat	04:52AM	2.5	H	11:43AM	0.5	L	04:28PM	2.9	H			
08/09/2009	Sun	12:12AM	0.2	L	05:19AM	2.6	H	12:21PM	0.4	L	05:06PM	2.8	H
08/10/2009	Mon	12:39AM	0.3	L	05:42AM	2.7	H	01:03PM	0.4	L	05:52PM	2.5	H
08/11/2009	Tue	01:05AM	0.5	L	06:03AM	2.7	H	01:53PM	0.3	L	06:52PM	2.4	H
08/12/2009	Wed	01:30AM	0.6	L	06:29AM	2.8	H	02:56PM	0.3	L	08:11PM	2.2	H
08/13/2009	Thu	01:55AM	0.8	L	07:06AM	2.8	H	04:11PM	0.2	L	09:50PM	2.0	H
08/14/2009	Fri	02:25AM	0.9	L	08:01AM	2.8	H	05:28PM	0.2	L	11:43PM	2.0	H
08/15/2009	Sat	04:12AM	1.0	L	09:26AM	2.9	H	06:36PM	0.0	L			
08/16/2009	Sun	01:15AM	2.2	H	06:10AM	1.0	L	11:06AM	3.1	H	07:36PM	-0.1	L
08/17/2009	Mon	01:57AM	2.3	H	07:21AM	0.9	L	12:20PM	3.3	H	08:31PM	-0.2	L
08/18/2009	Tue	02:28AM	2.5	H	08:19AM	0.8	L	01:19PM	3.5	H	09:20PM	-0.3	L
08/19/2009	Wed	02:56AM	2.5	H	09:12AM	0.6	L	02:12PM	3.6	H	10:05PM	-0.3	L
08/20/2009	Thu	03:25AM	2.6	H	10:02AM	0.4	L	03:01PM	3.6	H	10:48PM	-0.2	L
08/21/2009	Fri	03:54AM	2.7	H	10:50AM	0.3	L	03:51PM	3.5	H	11:28PM	0.0	L

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IMPORTANT DATES

<u>Mon-Fri, Aug 10-14:</u>	<u>Build-A-Boat</u>
<u>Mon-Fri, Aug 10-14:</u>	<u>Tennis Camp</u>
<u>Mon-Fri, Aug 10-14:</u>	<u>Vacation Bible School (see p.3)</u>
<u>Mon, Aug 24:</u>	<u>School Starts</u>
<u>Mon, Sept 7:</u>	<u>Labor Day</u>
<u>Wed, Sept 16:</u>	<u>Early Dismissal (11:45 a.m.)</u>



From Savannah's Eyes

I had an awesome time this last week. My parents took me and my sister LaShaun to Disney's Fort Wilderness camp ground in Orlando. On the way up there, my sister and I watched movies, played games, and read books. When we got there, we parked the trailer and, while my mom and dad set everything up, LaShaun and I went over to the pool to check out the new slide that they just built. It was huge and so much fun. We swam until it was time to go to bed.

The next day my sister and I went swimming that morning and then at night time we made 's'mores with the Disney characters and watched fireworks. The next day my mom and dad surprised me and LaShaun by taking us to Aquatica, Seaworld's underwater park. LaShaun and I had been wanting to go there ever since it first opened and now we were finally going! It was so cool. The rides were so much fun but my favorite ride there is the one where you go on an enclosed slide and there is a part where it is see-through which shows you are under water and there are three real dolphins swimming around you. We all loved that ride. If you ever get a chance to go to Aquatica, go on the "Dolphin Plunge" which is the name of the ride.

Now we are back at home and my niece and nephew Riley and Kailey are here for a week while LaShaun is here.

Hope everyone's summer is going great, Savannah

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

BUILD-A-BOAT



The CCSO "Build-a-Boat" project will be held near the ECity Fire Station during the week of **August 10** for youngsters aged 13 to 17. For info, phone 695-3781.

SCHOOL BUS SCHEDULE, page 10



RECYCLE OLD UNIFORMS NOW!

It's that time of year again to think about clothes for school. Reach Out, our neighborhood charity, is collecting shirts, slacks, and shoes that students have outgrown. Adults can contribute backpacks and shoes.

Along with some new items, clothing and supplies will be given out on **Saturday, August 8**, at the Community Center from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. Phone Carol at 695-2277 to get your children's names on the list.

You can drop off school clothing at the Thrift Shop during their normal hours (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) or at Everglades Island Properties near the grocery store. Monetary donations are always useful!

Can You Help?



Volunteers are needed to supervise the kiddies at the free Tennis Camp sponsored by Reach Out and the Lions Club on **August 10-14** in McLeod Park from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day.

Three tennis professionals have offered to teach children aged 6 to 13 and will provide all the rackets and balls, but some local adults would make their job easier. Donations of snack foods and drinks are also welcome.

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

Last Chance for Tupperware

The campaign to benefit Reach Out will close on **Saturday, August 15**, so don't forget to pick up a "Fun' Raising" catalog and place your order. The items in this special selection are reasonably priced and some of the profit goes to our neighborhood charity. You can get a catalog at Right Choice Supermarket or phone Kathy at (239) 465-1716.



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Short Field Landings

by Mike Klein

The contractors are on site at the airport and the concrete demolition is complete. The next step is to layout, dig out, and pour the footings and afterwards the floor for the new hangars. So far things are moving along pretty much on schedule.

Meanwhile is there anything else happening? Well, we still get lots of arrivals even in the heat of Summer and although only about ten percent of them take the time to sign the guest register, you can easily deduce from a sampling of the comments why the airport is such a great amenity in our town:

July 12 – “Great Airport”

July 18 – “OK!!”

July 18 – “Very nice airfield, very helpful” (British understatement from the UK)

July 27 – “Awesome!” Stockholm, Sweden

July 23 – “My favorite! Always a pleasure”

July 24 – Deutschland/Germany: “Thanks for the Service”

July 28 – “I love it – best airport!”

July 28 – “Always great to be back here”

July 30 – “Best airport in the world”

August 1 – “Breakfast”

August 1 – “Cool”

August 3 – “Beautiful Facilities”

And now we have our own blog that we are developing. We will be upgrading as the season progresses and invite all visitors to post a comment. You can check it out at <http://flyeverglades.blogspot.com/>.

The next meeting of the Collier County Airport Authority will be August 10th.

Recipe for Good Eating

Sue's Green Curry

by Sue Philliskirk from Weipa, Australia
(visiting Patty & Steve Huff)



Prawns or Permit
2 TBS Green Curry Paste
1 Onion, finely chopped
7 TBS Fish Sauce
Handful of Coriander Leaves, Basil, and Lemon Grass
1 – 1 ½ cans Coconut Milk
1 TBS Palm Sugar or Brown Sugar
2 Regular Sized Potatoes, cubed
2 Cups Green Beans
Jasmine Rice
Mango or other fruit chutney

Brown onion in butter or oil; add curry paste and cook for 3 minutes. Add coconut milk, then sugar. Add fish sauce, coriander, basil and lemon grass. Add potatoes and beans. Simmer until cooked.

Add prawns or fish. Cook till tender. Serve over rice with mango chutney on the side.

Sue's Pumpkin accompaniment to Curry Dish

½ Small Pumpkin, chopped small or cubed (may use butternut squash if fresh pumpkin unavailable)
2-3 Cloves of Garlic, chopped
1 Onion, chopped and browned
3 TBS Mustard Seeds
2 TBS of Butter

Melt Butter and add garlic and onion, then pumpkin. Cook for 10 minutes; then add mustard seeds and cook till softened. Stir till mashed. Serve with above Curry Dish.

Sue fixed this for us during her visit to Everglades City and it was DELICIOUS!!

NEED HELP?

The area agency on aging has an elder help line operational from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Monday through Friday. The phone number is (239) 332-3049.

Their policy allows them to pay LCEC when an elder (defined as age 60 or over) receives a cut-off notice, but only twice a year: once in the heating season and once in the cooling season.

There are also other agencies that can offer emergency help:

Catholic Charities 793-0059

St Matthew's House 774-0500

St Vincent de Paul 775-1667

Salvation Army 775-9447

All of the above are only handling crisis situations such as folks faced with eviction or utility cutoff in the current economy.



Fishing Report

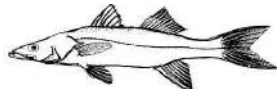
Fishing in August in the Everglades can be wonderful. The fish generally feed early and late in the day. Thunder storms usually build up in the

afternoon and move this way from the south; sometimes you can outrun them but not always. Tarpon fishing has been pretty good. Most of these fish are in passes and like to feed just before dark on a falling tide. Capt. Jim Conley has been catching his share of large snook, fishing early and late in the day. Redfish are not temperature-sensitive and can be caught all day long. Capt. Don Cochran is catching some cobia, permit, tripletail, and snapper on the shallow Gulf wrecks. If things are slow, you can always catch a shark on a strip of ladyfish. If you have not hooked a blacktip shark on light tackle, you will be surprised how much fun it can be. They run and jump like a tarpon. In short, fishing in August can be great – sometimes you're the only boat on the water.

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.

Fishing

Tournaments



The Anglers' Cup Big Snook Challenge, September 17-19

Registration until: August 31

Website: www.TheAnglersCup.com

Conservancy RedSnook Catch & Release, October 2-4

Registration until: September 11

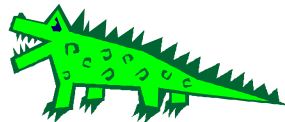
website: www.conservancy.org/redsnook

FWC NEWS

To report a nuisance gator, phone:

1-866-FWC-GATORS

(1-866-392-42867).



All the gator permits have been sold for this hunting season (August 15-November 1). See www.myFWC/gators.com for information about gator hunting courses.

The Wildlife Alert Reward Program encourages the public to report violations. Rewards for info leading to arrest range from \$25 (license violation) to \$1,000 (taking endangered species). Other offenses that should be reported are Boating Under the Influence and fishing violations. See website www.myFWC.com and click on the "Wildlife Alert" box.

To report a violation, phone 1-888-404-FWCC (3922).



Thanks to Mike Jerrard for sending this unusual photo of a panther and a bear on Janes Scenic Drive in July.

Big Cypress Gallery & Swamp Walks

We had this email from the Butchers:

My eyes are saturated with every color of green imaginable – the color pulsates deep into my soul. I am sitting on my porch, deep in the Everglades, watching the gator's eyeball the birds that are prancing about searching for lunch. All around me I see the fullness of life. The richness of the earth during the summer is a feast for the eyes, and it is time, once again, to share this beauty with you at our Annual Labor Day Event.

An exhibit of a recently-rediscovered "One-of-a-Kind Limited Edition" collection of Clyde's photos from 1998 will make its debut over Labor Day and Niki will be demonstrating her technique of hand-painting photos – the only way they could be colored in olden days.

You can make reservations for the "Muck About" swamp walks at www.clydebutcher.com or by phone on 695-2428. Everyone is welcome to wander along to the Open House at the Gallery.

BOAT LAUNCH CLOSED

The Collier County Boat Launch on CR-951 near the Jolley Bridge to Marco Island will be closed from August 17 for several weeks while improvements are made. For info, phone 252-5326.

Big Cypress ORVs

ORV paths are now open after the annual 60-day renewal period. However, Big Cypress National Preserve has announced some changes. Access to the Burns Lake Trail has been moved to the northern end of Burns Lake Campground where there is parking for vehicles with or without trailers. There is also a picnic area and toilet.

LOCAL HISTORY

Frank H. Braman, better known as "Little Frank" on the Gulf from Key West to Brownsville (Texas), lost his last fight and his life on July 20 at Physicians' Regional Hospital under hospice care. He was always known as a fighter but he was finally tired.

Frank was 92 years old and a self-made historian who loved to tell tales of the Ten Thousand Islands as far back as the Killing of Mr Watson.

A true island character, he was a fisherman and guide all his life. He was independent, hard-headed, hard-living, hard-working, hard-hitting, and an individual who loved life.

Move over, shallow water, and let the deep sea roll. We will miss him.

Our thanks to Barbara Hoffman Daniels for this tribute.



photo courtesy Florida State Archives

MUSEUM NEWS

Thomas Alva Edison travelled Florida in 1885 and soon built a home on the east bank of the majestic Caloosahatchee. His young friend Henry Ford visited to discuss ways to could grow rubber in our gentle climate and eventually established a summer house next door. Both these historic properties with their mature trees and interesting interiors are now open to the public

Our first FME members' trip 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.



CHARIOTS IN COPELAND

by Helen Bryan

Copeland Baptist Church has just concluded a wonderful Vacation Bible School, states Bill Melendez. The children started each day with a tasty dinner, before beginning their craft class designing and painting beautiful wooden boxes and plaques. Craft director Arita Parker, with ladies Barbara Daniels, Grace Goff and Kayla Grala, worked with the children 9 and up. Cathy Malone was the teacher for youth 8 and under.



"Roman Emperor" Bill Melendez headed up the Bible lessons using the theme "Full Armor of God". As each question was answered correctly, the child progressed around a track. Roy Stockner and Reynold Calvin interacted with youth in Chariot race track games. Weekly grand champion for "most races" was Alex Thompson and runner-up was Davonte Betweiler. Every child was rewarded for taking part.

Pastor & Coordinator John Gilmore said the school went well with a good turnout. Copeland Baptist Church is very grateful for local businesses providing children's favorite foods. Thanks to Ervin Stokes who provided Sub sandwiches and to Billy & Crystal Potter of Seafood Depot who donated fried chicken. Home baked cookies and macaroni & cheese were donated by Sue Doster.



Children and church staff alike had a wonderful week and were blessed!

EVERGLADES CITY SCHOOL
BUS SCHEDULE, 2009-2010



SCHOOL STARTS AT 8:15 AM

BUS #668 ROUTE: EVG AM:668

7:21 AM PLANTATION PKY & PLANTATION DR
7:24 AM 41 E FLAMINGO DR
7:24 AM PLANTATION PKY & EGRET LN
7:39 AM MAMIE ST & HAMILTON
7:40 AM MAMIE ST & CHOKOLOSKEE DR
7:42 AM CHOKOLOSKEE DR & SMALLWOOD DR
7:55 AM SCHOOL: EVERGLADES CITY SCHOOL

BUS #680 ROUTE: EVG AM:680

6:30 AM TAMIAMI TRL S & TURNER RIVER RD
7:13 AM 32350 TAMIAMI TRL S
7:38 AM JANES SCENIC & LAKE GLORIA RD
7:39 AM 15959 JANES SCENIC DR
7:40 AM JANES SCENIC DR & LEE CYPRESS
7:55 AM SCHOOL: EVERGLADES CITY SCHOOL

BUS #681 ROUTE: EVG AM:681

6:19 AM SWAN WY & PEACOCK LN
6:23 AM NEWPORT DR & NEW POST CAY
6:23 AM NEWPORT DR & MORNING STAR CAY
6:26 AM 255 CAYS DR
6:27 AM WINDWARD CAY & CAY DR
7:37 AM 22770 SR 29 (KIDDER RES)
7:40 AM CHURCH ST & OLD TRAIN LN
7:42 AM JANES SCENIC DR & SEABOARD VLAS
7:55 AM SCHOOL: EVERGLADES CITY SCHOOL

SCHOOL ENDS AT 2:45 PM

BUS #668 ROUTE: EVG PM:668

2:50 PM SCHOOL: EVERGLADES CITY SCHOOL
3:02 PM MAMIE ST & HAMILTON
3:04 PM MAMIE ST & CHOKOLOSKEE DR
3:06 PM CHOKOLOSKEE DR & SMALLWOOD DR
3:19 PM PLANTATION PKY & PLANTATION DR
3:21 PM 41 E FLAMINGO DR
3:22 PM PLANTATION PKY & EGRET LN

BUS #680 ROUTE: EVG PM:680

2:50 PM SCHOOL: EVERGLADES CITY SCHOOL
3:08 PM TAMIAMI TRL S & TURNER RIVER RD
3:51 PM 32350 TAMIAMI TRL S
4:16 PM JANES SCENIC & LAKE GLORIA RD
4:16 PM 15959 JANES SCENIC DR
4:18 PM JANES SCENIC DR & LEE CYPRESS

BUS #681 ROUTE: EVG PM:681

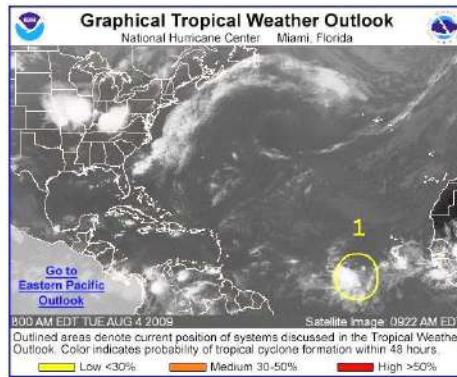
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RESTAURANT NEWS



- 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.



To keep up to date with hurricane news (or the lack of it), see the official website www.nhc.noaa.gov and then click on “Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook” to get this visual summary.



FLORIDA FLORA

by Patricia Huff

Mahogany

The beautiful mahogany tree is a native of South Florida, primarily in the Keys, and of the Caribbean. It's a good shade tree with a large, dense canopy which is a blessing when our summers can be so hot. The mahogany grows to around 60 to 70 feet and has a dark green foliage with a cluster of small yellow flowers blooming in the spring. It should be planted in wide open spaces since it likes a lot of sun and does not do well in very wet locations. Enjoy your outside shady areas with a nice lemonade this season.

OBITUARIES

L. C. Harris, 75, of MacClenny, FL, passed away recently, leaving his wife Ila Oglesby, sister of area residents Parker and Cecil Oglesby, and daughter Robin Mills Livingston from Chokoloskee. As we read in Savannah’s report in the *Rapper* on 7/10/09, some of the family had a great visit together over the July 4th weekend before L.C. finally succumbed to the cancer he was battling.

Red Rodgers, 74, a seasonal resident in Chokoloskee, passed away recently in Franklin, TN. He and his wife June found this area by accident in 1992 and loved it so much they came back every year. A friend writes, “He was a legend, his life’s work seemed to be just helping anyone who needed it, and all this with an outrageous sense of humor.”

DRUG-FREE WORKSHOP



If you serve alcohol, you should be aware of the legal issues, and especially your liabilities in giving youngsters a drink.

Business owners, householders, parents and neighbors are all invited to a free seminar at 6:30 p.m. on **Monday, August 31**, in the Community Church Fellowship Hall.

The workshop is sponsored by the City, Chamber of Commerce, Community Church, and Sheriff’s Community Safety Team.

For info, phone 695-2781 or stop in at City Hall.

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

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Greet Visitors in the Museum Meet people from around the corner or around the world!

Phone Martha 695-0008.

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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/month. Phone (239) 269-2511.

FOR SALE: matching sofa & love-seat, beige muted stripes, good condition, only \$175. Phone Joe at (239) 642-8866.

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THANKS to Lowes' Heroes for coming to ECity and handing out hurricane supplies at Senior Safety Day on August 6. And, THANKS to the CCSO Crime Prevention Unit for organizing this event.



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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