

The MULLET RAPPER

What's Happening in the Everglades City Area

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New Airport Hangars

It's finally happening at the airport. The foundations for the new hangars are being dug and are almost ready for the concrete to be poured, according to workmen at the site just before we went to press. The finished building should be ready in time for "season".



WE BUILT A BOAT !!!



Ten local youngsters can be rightly proud of the boat they built, emblazoned on the stern with the name "MARINE I" from "EVERGLADES CITY, FL".

It was the product of first-ever "Build-a-Boat" project organized by the Collier County Sheriff's Office. During the week of August 10th they put together a 12-foot Bevin Skiff from a wooden kit supplied by the Marine Industries Association of Collier County Foundation and launched it, amidst much good humor and fanfare, on August 14 behind Capt Doug's.

According to Lt. Harold Minch, officer in charge of the project, "they learned to work together and to be responsible". They also had lectures about marine safety so they will be prepared to take their tests for the Safe Boating Certificate.

It was evident at the launch that the teens had developed a good rapport with the officers. Cpl. Steve Loyd of CCSO's Youth Relations Bureau said, "They enjoyed it, we have too. We're going to do it again." Similar projects are planned for next year throughout the county but we were the first.

This unique skiff will reside at the Junior Deputies' Camp on CR-951 for use by other youngsters.

The ten local participants were John Carter, Dylan Lucas, Wesley Sylvest, Patrick Ridgway, Kyle Loyd, Reagan Richardson, Peyton Beebe, Tyler Pasiek, Linzy Fails, and Louis Daniels.

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If you have news, photos, announcements, or articles ... email mulletrapper@gmail.com or phone 695-2397.

UNDER-AGE ALCOHOL



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 695-3781 or stop in at City Hall.

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, September 8** at 3:00 p.m. For info, phone 348-1620.

COLETTA VISIT

Collier County Commissioner Jim Coletta will be in ECity on **Tuesday, September 8**, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. to meet with constituents at City Hall For info, phone 252-8097.

MORE News & Events on page 11



This sculpture was made especially for the Shamrock Bank in City Hall by local artist Rita Larue who collected most of the shells herself. Everyone is welcome to stop in and see her intricate work on **Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.** when the bank is open for business.



LIONS CLUB MEETS

The Lions Club will meet on the first and third Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the Seafood Depot during September. For info, phone Elaine at 695-2695.

OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

- 08/06/09: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 08/07/09: Vehicle Accident, 71mm on I-75
- 08/07/09: Electrical Fire, Everglades City
- 08/08/09: Vehicle Accident, 80mm on I-75
- 08/08/09: Vehicle Accident, 66mm on I-75
- 08/08/09: Breathing Problems, 70mm on I-75
- 08/09/09: Back Pain, Copeland
- 08/09/09: Emergency Medical
25400 Birdon Rd, Ochopee
- 08/10/09: Fire Alarm, 33100 US-41, Ochopee
- 08/10/09: Vehicle Accident, 50mm on US-41
- 08/13/09: Vehicle Accident, 60mm on I-75
- 08/14/09: Emergency Medical, 63mm on I-75
- 08/14/09: Vehicle Fire, US-41 and SR-92
- 08/14/09: Vehicle Accident, 72mm on I-75
- 08/15/09: Vehicle Accident, 76mm on I-75
- 08/15/09: Emergency Medical, 66mm on I-75
- 08/16/09: Median Fire, 73mm on I-75
- 08/17/09: Vehicle Accident, 51mm on US-41
- 08/17/09: Vehicle Accident, 63mm on I-75
- 08/17/09: Vehicle Fire, 53mm 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 in the next issue.

TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER

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

08/21/2009	Fri	03:54AM	2.7	H	10:50AM	0.3	L	03:51PM	3.5	H	11:28PM	0.0	L
08/22/2009	Sat	04:24AM	2.9	H	11:38AM	0.2	L	04:41PM	3.2	H			
08/23/2009	Sun	12:06AM	0.2	L	04:55AM	2.9	H	12:26PM	0.1	L	05:35PM	2.9	H
08/24/2009	Mon	12:44AM	0.4	L	05:29AM	3.0	H	01:16PM	0.1	L	06:33PM	2.6	H
08/25/2009	Tue	01:20AM	0.6	L	06:07AM	2.9	H	02:12PM	0.2	L	07:37PM	2.4	H
08/26/2009	Wed	01:58AM	0.8	L	06:53AM	2.9	H	03:16PM	0.3	L	08:51PM	2.1	H
08/27/2009	Thu	02:42AM	0.9	L	07:52AM	2.7	H	04:31PM	0.3	L			
08/28/2009	Fri	09:10AM	2.7	H	05:45PM	0.3	L						
08/29/2009	Sat	02:10AM	2.2	H	05:44AM	1.0	L	10:32AM	2.7	H	06:50PM	0.3	L
08/30/2009	Sun	02:33AM	2.3	H	06:53AM	1.0	L	11:43AM	2.8	H	07:44PM	0.2	L
08/31/2009	Mon	02:33AM	2.3	H	07:44AM	0.9	L	12:38PM	2.9	H	08:28PM	0.2	L
09/01/2009	Tue	02:17AM	2.4	H	08:25AM	0.8	L	01:22PM	3.0	H	09:06PM	0.2	L
09/02/2009	Wed	02:28AM	2.5	H	09:02AM	0.7	L	02:00PM	3.1	H	09:40PM	0.2	L
09/03/2009	Thu	02:48AM	2.5	H	09:37AM	0.6	L	02:35PM	3.2	H	10:11PM	0.2	L
09/04/2009	Fri	03:11AM	2.7	H	10:11AM	0.5	L	03:09PM	3.2	H	10:41PM	0.2	L

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SCHOOL & Summer Fun NEWS

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website: www.collier.k12.fl.us/evg

IMPORTANT DATES

Mon, Aug 24:	School Starts
Mon, Sept 7:	Labor Day
Wed, Sept 16:	Early Dismissal (11:45 a.m.)



From Savannah's Eyes

Well, the date is finally here. On the 24th, I will be in the 7th grade! All of my friends are ready to come back to school and so am I. It has been a short summer, and my parents still can't believe I will be in the 7th grade this year. I have been practicing volleyball five days a week and loving it. My birthday is coming up on the 20th and I will be 12 years old. Usually, school starts on my birthday but this year it is four days later. I want to thank everyone that reads my articles and appreciate them. It makes me really happy!

With love, Savannah

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

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SUPPLIES



Among the items that are needed by elementary school children as they start the new year are plastic baggies, paper towels, crayons, pencils, paper, and folders. Each teacher has a separate list which is available at the front desk of the school.

Many of the items are available at Right Choice Supermarket and at the Green Gator Variety Store (behind the Backcountry Cafe). Both of these outlets have copies of the lists so stop in and support our local suppliers.

Swimming on the Weekend

Sun-N-Fun Lagoon at North Collier Regional Park on Livingston Road in Naples will be open on weekends after school starts on August 24. Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Entry cost depends on height: children shorter than 48 inches (4 feet) are \$5.50 each rather than the normal entry fee of \$12 which is only \$10 for Collier Country residents with a Florida Driver's License. There are special deals for party packages. For info, call 252-4021.



While the 13 to 17 year-olds were building a boat (see front page), younger members of the community had free tennis lessons courtesy of the Players' Club & Spa at Lely Resort. Club pro Denny Rager brought rackets & balls for the kids to use and enjoyed his week here. He said that the Club tries to do a project every summer and, when he saw the empty courts here, he decided to bring tennis to ECity and contacted Reach Out, our neighborhood charity.



It certainly was a busy week! Chokoloskee Church of God held Vacation Bible School from August 10 through 14 and welcomed youngsters for a varied program.

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Congratulations to Grimm's Seafood who had a great write-up in *Southern Living* magazine. If you can't find a copy, you can read the article online by typing "Grimm" into the search box at www.southernliving.com.

Grimm's own website www.crabsr.us is featuring Florida lobster this month which it will send overnight packed in ice to anywhere in America.

The local retail market for fresh fish sales in Dupont is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Paws to Reflect

by a Squeedilifferous Pusslet



The weather here in Connecticut has been torrid. I mean, eighty-five may not seem hot to you people in the Glades, but you don't have to wear a long silky coat when you go outdoors. By late morning, I'm ready to come back in and bask by the air conditioner. Besides, there's a hummingbird out there who thinks she's a fighter plane: chased me under the chaise lounge yesterday morning. Someone ought to inform her that cats eat birds. Somewhere in the garage I saw an old badminton racket, and think I'll make a point of keeping it handy. A pusslet has the right to defend herself.

My dad spent last week in Burlington. I'm told it's an island in lake Champlain just off the coast of Vermont. Seems it use to be part of the shore till a bunch of irate Vermonters cut it adrift. They couldn't deal with so many ethnic restaurants and a skyscraper six stories high. Not the sort of progress Vermonters like. Progress in Vermont consists of carrying your cow in the back of your truck so you can utilize all that free methane to drive to work. But the cheese is out of this world...

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

Recipe for Good Eating

Watermelon Salad

by Patricia Huff



Cubes of fresh watermelon, chopped onion, crumbled feta cheese (amounts depends on number of people served)

Dressing: lemon juice (3 T), extra virgin olive oil (1/3 cup), salt and pepper to taste

Garnish: mint leaves

Mix in a large bowl: watermelon, onion, feta cheese

Make dressing and pour to taste on above ingredients; garnish with chopped mint leaves

Easy and refreshing on these hot summer days.

Angels of the Swamp

by Patricia Huff

What would our little town be without a supermarket? We do have convenience stores that carry lots of little last-minute needed items, but our handy grocery store stocks just about everything on our lists. Petra Gengenbach and brother-in-law Andy Gengenbach are usually there to help us find whatever we need; if not, Kathy Forbes and Matthew Smith are there to assist. Over the past several years, since Petra and her husband Nick purchased Right Choice Supermarket, many new selections have been added to their inventory. If they do not have an item, they will order the special product and then continue to keep it on their shelves. They have high quality brands, as well as less expensive items. We are grateful to have a reliable store just around the corner. We would like to express our appreciation to Petra for ordering special products and offering them at low prices for many of our charitable events in town. Angels in our midst.



IS YOUR CHARITY REGISTERED?

If your charity collects money from the general public, you should be registered with the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services There are heavy fines for not being on the DACS list. You can download a PDF form at <http://www.800helpfla.com/socbus.html>.

Another useful website for charities is www.stayexempt.org which has tutorials about getting a 501(c)(3), filing the IRS-990 form, and disclosure regulations.

On a sidelight, we read in *Philanthropy News Digest* that volunteering in 2008 increased, according to the "Volunteering in America 2009" report by the Corporation for National and Community Service. In particular, more young adults (ages 16-24) took part in volunteer activities. In total, about 8 billion hours of service, with an estimated worth of \$162 billion, were volunteered by all ages. For more news, see www.foundationcenter.org/pnd/news.

Our thanks to Elaine Middelsteadt for the two tips about charities above.

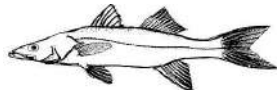


Big Cypress Guide

The Preserve has produced a new 4-page guide for a scenic drive along Turner River Road, looping around to Birdon Road, and back to the Trail. Did you know that H.P. Williams Roadside Park was named for Homer P. Williams who was an engineer during the building of the Trail? Or, that red-cockaded woodpeckers nest in pine trees so that the resin which flows when they peck at it will scare off predators?

You can download a copy of the guide, which has fascinating facts and beautiful photos, at website www.nps.gov/bicy. Click on "Plan Your Visit" and then on "Brochures".

Fishing Tournaments



The Anglers' Cup Big Snook Challenge, September 17-19
 Everglades City, social events at the Seafood Depot
 Registration until: August 31
 Website: www.TheAnglersCup.com

Conservancy RedSnook Catch & Release, October 2-4
 Launch at Chokoloskee, Goodland, or Naples
 Registration until: September 11
 website: www.conservancy.org/redsnook

SNOOK SEASON STARTS

Snook season opens again on **September 1**. The size limit for "keepers" (smaller or larger ones should be released) in Gulf waters, Monroe County, and Everglades National Park is between 28" and 33". Only one (1) fish per person per day is allowed to be harvested. A Snook Permit (\$2.00) is needed with your saltwater license. Snatch hooks and spearing are prohibited. And, it is illegal to buy or sell snook. The season will closed again in our waters from December to February.



Butcher Gallery & Swamp Walks

Niki Butcher will be demonstrating the technique of hand-painting photographs during the Open House at the Big Cypress Gallery over Labor Day weekend, **September 5-7**. There will also be a new exhibit of Clyde Butcher's 1998 "one of a kind" photos which were discovered lurking in a shed and a view of the 6 x 4 foot oil painting of Clyde by Nicholas Petrucci. If you want to do some holiday shopping, the 2010 calendars featuring the Big Cypress are available for sale.

The Gallery will be open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Niki's demonstrations will take place on Saturday and Sunday at 1:00 p.m. and on Monday at 10:00 a.m.

Reservations for the "Muck About" swamp walks are full for the mornings but there are still a few places in the afternoons. You can book at www.clydebutcher.com or by phone on 695-2428. Everyone is welcome to come along to the Open House at the Gallery.

FWC NEWS



FWC is working on draft rules for listing and managing endangered and threatened species. Public comment is welcome before **September 9** when the rules committee will present its draft at the FWC meeting. To read more, see www.myfwc.com and select "Imperiled Species Listing" in the Quick Clicks box. For info, phone (850) 251-2130.

Red Snapper is off the menu for recreational fishing. The season in the Gulf waters closed on August 15 and will not open again until June 1 next year. It is hoped that stocks will be built up during this break.

LOCAL HISTORY



Mystery on our Shores

There is a Lane Cove on the maps between Everglades and the Fakahatchee River and there used to be a Lane River but now it's called the Ferguson River.

So, who or what was Lane?

It was very probably a person or family because it has also been spelt "Layne". Rob Storter (*Crackers in the Glade*) tells of a "Mrs Thompson living at the old Layne Place". John Henry Thompson, who sailed a boat for the infamous Edgar Watson, moved around among the islands and lived for a while at "Lane's Place", according to Tebeau's classic history book *Florida's Last Frontier*. Thompson was alive in Chokoloskee when the book was written in 1957.

In David Graham Copeland's notes, John Ferguson settled at the "Layne Place" and raised fruit. In 1886 he sold out to Myers who then sold in 1890 to John Henry Daniels who subsequently moved to Fakahatchee Island and sold his holding to Layne who never lived there. Shortly after that, Gandeas bought the Layne Place but got in trouble and moved away. There is also a note that Jim Daniels had a syrup mill at the Layne Place.

There was a botanist named James E. Layne who discovered a rare orchid *Cranichis muscosa* in the Fak swamp in 1903 but died soon after, according to D. S. Correll in his book *Native Orchids of North America North of Mexico*. This plant was found again by Fak biologists Karen Relish and Mike Owen in 2004.

So, was it "Lane" or "Layne"? And, what became of the family? Or, was it just the old botanist who bought and sold some land on a whim? Who built the house on the west bank of the river?

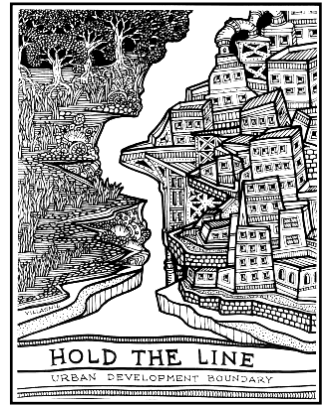
If you have any clues, please phone Marya at 695-2905.

MUSEUM NEWS

"Everglades Forever" is the theme of the new exhibit for the month of September in the Pauline Reeves Gallery at the front of the Museum of the Everglades.

Edwin Villasmil and Elba Martinez are artists, environmental activists, and educators from Miami who have concentrated recently on the Everglades. Their goal is to investigate the relationship between art, society, and nature and to create awareness of the need to protect our natural resources.

There will be reception to "Meet the Artists" on **Saturday, September 5**, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. followed by a Guided Walking Tour of Historic Buildings. Everyone is welcome! For info, phone the Museum at 695-0008.



Follow up on "Three Cups of Tea"

by Patricia Huff

Some time ago I wrote a review of the book "Three Cups of Tea." Now, during this time when so many of our troops are going to Afghanistan, I've been wondering how the schools have fared amidst the violence in the area. On August 13 CNN had a program about the children in Islamic countries. Greg Mortenson was interviewed about his school projects, and he is as active as ever. With private donations from around the world, he has built 78 schools in remote, poverty-stricken areas of Pakistan and Afghanistan. In addition, his foundation, the Central Asia Institute, administers 48 other schools in refugee camps for a total of 28,000 children in the two countries.

More recently, as shown in the TV program, Mr. Mortenson has been working closely with the military who are also participating in the opening of schools and handing out supplies to the students. Greg Mortenson has devoted his life to building 131 secular schools for girls in Pakistan and another 48 in Afghanistan. He was quoted in a recent New York Times article: "When a girl gets educated here and then becomes a mother, she will be much less likely to let her son become a militant or insurgent."

Do give this book to a relative or friend. Or, give a kiddies' book as a baby gift or for a youngster's birthday with a card saying that you are also donating a small amount of money (in the child's name) to the Three Cups of Tea School program to help another youngster across the seas to learn to read. For more information about Greg Mortenson's projects, visit his website www.threecupsoftea.com.

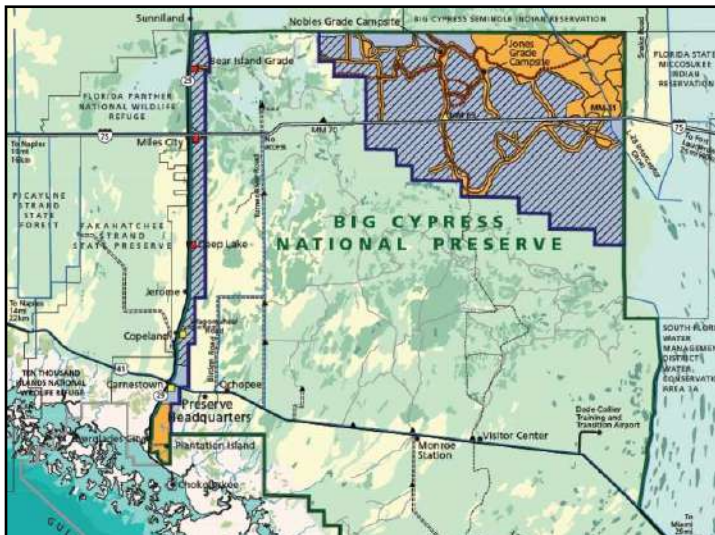
MARCO LIBRARY

The Marco Island Public Library will be closed for the month of September while the new Rose Hall addition is constructed. The library is part of the Collier County system so books may be returned at any other branch.

Stamp Collecting

Stamps are miniature works of art that document our social and economic history (remember when it cost only 3¢ to mail a letter?). The National Postal Museum has received a large donation from the late George W. Brett who was the foremost authority on philatelic matters. For info about this fascinating hobby, see www.postalmuseum.si.edu.





BIG CYPRESS COMMENTS

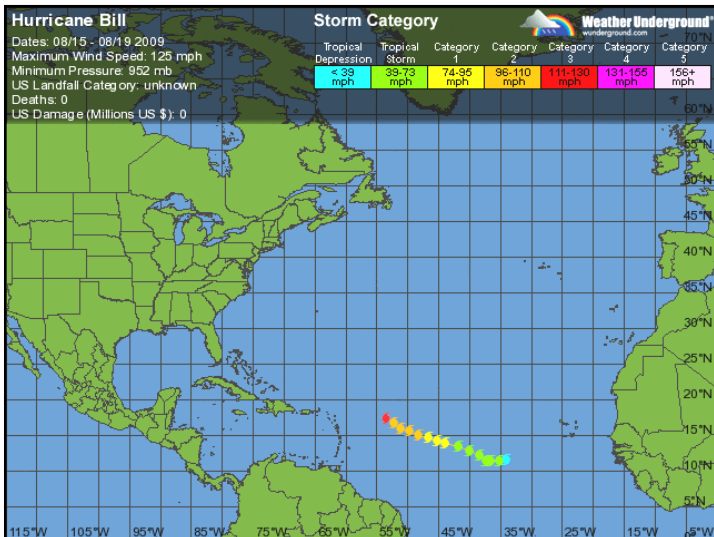
About 30 people attended the informational meeting about the Big Cypress Addition Lands on August 12 and 11 of them spoke. Park personnel presented the three Alternatives of the General Management Plan for these new parts of the Preserve.

Written comments are due by **September 30**. They can be submitted either online or by post.

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

BIG CYPRESS RALLY

There will be a rally sponsored by the Big Cypress Sportsmen's Alliance on **Sunday, August 30**, at 1:00 p.m. at the rest area near the 63 Mile Marker on I-75 (Alligator Alley). For info, phone (239) 370-8532.



Another useful website for tracking hurricanes shows the path and the intensity. See www.wunderground.com/tropical. This screen is the "Storm History".



FLORIDA FLORA

by Patricia Huff

Wild Allamanda (*Urechites lutea*)

This beautiful flowering vine grows up to eight feet tall. It has golden yellow, trumpet-shaped blossoms and blooms almost year round in South Florida. The leaves are bright green, oval and two inches long. The Wild Allamanda is native to Florida but also grows in the West Indies. It is salt and drought tolerant and fast-growing. It serves as a nice ground cover, is not invasive, and will also grow on a trellis. This particular Wild Allamanda vine is growing just outside the entrance of the Rod and Gun Club if you'd like to see it. The flowers and foliage are poisonous if eaten so be careful in planting; otherwise it is a beautiful, wild-growing vine that will add color to any garden.

GARDENING TIP

by Marya Repko

John C. Gifford (1879-1947) was one of a few early residents in Florida who explored native plants and wrote about them. He was a popular professor of Tropical Forestry at the young University of Miami and lived in a controlled wilderness in Coconut Grove where one of his neighbors was David Fairchild.

Originally in favor of drainage with canals and dikes, he later came out with his book *Reclamation of the Everglades with Trees*. He wrote in 1935, "Every tree is an efficient pump ... water from a forested watershed is always preferable because of its purity and regularity."

One of his practical tips is to pile up stones around the trunks of trees to keep the roots moist and cool.

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.



Reach Out, our neighborhood charity, gave out school clothes and supplies in the Community Center on August 8. Besides lots of undies, there were slacks and polo shirts in various colors for parents and kids to select.

Sign Up Now!

The next session of Sheriff’s popular Citizens Academy is set to launch on September 21.

The six-week course offers an up-close look at how CCSO keeps Collier County safe. Citizens Academy participants will learn about the inner-workings of different areas of the agency, including Major Crimes, Safety and Traffic Enforcement, Crime Scene and more. Participants can even sign up to do a ride-along with a CCSO deputy.

And, for the first time, CCSO’s Citizens Academy will include visits to the Naples Jail Center, the Special Operations facility and the county’s new Emergency Services Center.

Classes take place from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. each Monday. The location of the first class will be the CCSO Professional Development Center, 615 Third Avenue South, Naples.

For info, phone (239) 793-9145 or see www.colliersheriff.org and click on “Sign Up Now”. Application forms are also available in City Hall.

CORRECTION

In our 8/7/09 report about the Copeland Baptist Church Vacation Bible School, we misspelled the name Detweiler. Apologies!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

Phone Martha 695-0008.



OBITUARIES

Theresia Ann Butler, 76, passed away on August 7 in Eatonton, GA. She was the wife of former ECity mayor “Snapper” Butler who predeceased her in 1998 and mother of Glenna (Johnnie) Potter, Doyle Carlton Butler Jr., Clint (Kathy) Butler, and Edward Butler. She was born here to the late Ira and Freda (Bogges) Hancock and leaves many friends in our area. Her son Clint emailed: *She went very quickly and thank God with very little pain and suffering. I know she is in a better place but it sure is going to be hard. We appreciate all your prayers.*

Ken Abrams, 80, a seasonal resident at the VR Corp, passed away suddenly from a bee sting at his home in Armonk, NY, on August 9. According to a local friend, “he was just an all around happy and good guy”.

Homer Cox, 84, passed away peacefully on August 10 at his camp in the Big Cypress near Ochopee. He was the epitome of a true, original Gladesman. Much of the food he and his wife Dorothy consumed was either grown or harvested from their homestead which they hardly ever left. He loved the swamps and all they contained, for every minute of every day of every year for 5 or 6 decades. He was also not at all shy to explain to Park Rangers the error of their ways as only he could do it. His friend Frank Denninger, who emailed this news, wrote, “He would give you the shirt off his back.”

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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/month. 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/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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One of the lessons at the Chokoloskee Church of God Vacation Bible School was "Fruits of the Spirit". See more of Helen Bryan's photos on page 5.

Help the Scouts

If you would like to help the Girl Scouts with their publicity, they are looking for volunteers to write stories and take photos. For info, contact Amanda at (239) 561-1800 ext. 406 or at amandaj@gsgcf.org.

JOBS VACANT

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