

The MULLET RAPPER

What's Happening in the Everglades City Area

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THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF EVERGLADES CITY ARE 2.50% MORE THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES.

Millage per \$1,000
General Fund 2.5385

	GENERAL FUND	DEBT SERVICE FUND	TOTAL BUDGET
CASH BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	\$ 602,145.00		\$ 602,145.00
ESTIMATED REVENUES:			
Taxes: Millage 2.5385			\$ 314,583.30
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 314,583.30		\$ 314,583.30
Gas Tax	\$ 35,000.00		\$ 35,000.00
Franchise Fees	\$ 37,200.00		\$ 37,200.00
State Communication Taxes	\$ 28,000.00		\$ 28,000.00
Utility Service Taxes	\$ 75,000.00		\$ 75,000.00
License and Permits	\$ 11,000.00		\$ 11,000.00
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 87,474.50		\$ 87,474.50
Charges for Services	\$ 725,733.00	\$ 134,215.00	\$ 859,948.00
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 173,625.00		\$ 173,625.00
	\$ 2,106,210.00	\$ 134,215.00	\$ 2,240,425.00
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES			
General Government Services (FEA)	\$ 102,821.31		\$ 102,821.31
Legal Council	\$ 11,200.00		\$ 11,200.00
Public Safety (Plan, Zon, Code Enfr, Prof Inspections)	\$ 21,083.75		\$ 21,083.75
Physical Environment (Waste Control)	\$ 32,000.00		\$ 32,000.00
Transportation (Road & Streets)	\$ 195,475.00		\$ 195,475.00
Culture and Recreation (Parks & Rec)	\$ 110,150.00		\$ 110,150.00
Water Service Charges	\$ 35,518.00	\$ 38,752.00	\$ 74,270.00
Sewer Service Charges	\$ 278,340.50	\$ 65,483.00	\$ 343,823.50
TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	\$ 1,272,181.46	\$ 134,215.00	\$ 1,406,396.46
Contingency	\$ 94,020.04		\$ 94,020.04
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES AND RESERVES	\$ 2,106,210.00	\$ 134,215.00	\$ 2,240,425.00

THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE ABOVE MENTIONED TAXING AUTHORITY AS PUBLIC RECORD.

BUDGET AT COUNCIL MEETING

The City budget for the fiscal year 2009-2010 will have its first reading at the Council meeting on **Tuesday, September 8**, and then will be formally accepted at the special Council meeting on **Wednesday, September 16**.

The millage will also be presented. It is given as 2.5385, a rate set by the Florida Department of Revenue .

See the budget summary on page 10.

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Drug Free Workshop Report by Patricia Huff



"Reducing Underage Drinking" was the theme of the Monday night meeting at the Everglades Community Church Annex which was sponsored by the Church, the City of Everglades City, the Everglades Area Chamber of Commerce, and the Collier County Sheriff's Office Safety Team. Lisa Marteeny, the Safety Team Representative, welcomed approximately 30 Everglades area residents who came to participate in the Drug Free Collier Workshop. Lt. Mark Milligan introduced members of the Sheriff's office followed by Gene Wooten of the Everglades Area Chamber of Commerce endorsing the Chamber's support of the program. Refreshments were graciously provided by the Seafood Depot Restaurant.

Dr. Maria Victoria Delgado, Executive Director of the non-profit Drug Free Collier program presented a film about underage drinking. She provided statistics about the youth in Collier County: the average age that kids start drinking is 11.9 years; 45% of high school students have been drinking in the last 30 days; 68% of teenagers try drinking before the legal age of 21.

Drug Free Collier's mission is "To strengthen our community's resolve to decrease juvenile substance abuse through education and prevention." It is a "coalition, a collaboration of sectors of a community working together toward the common goal of building a drug-free community." According to Dr. Delgado, this year will be the first time that every Collier County school will participate in a "Positive Peer Campaign."

If you are interested in participating in and supporting this program, please call (239) 377-0535 or email info@drugfreecollier.org.

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 9 from 3:30 to 5:00 pm: Annual Kick-Off and Volunteer Recognition Meeting, MLK School Administration Bldg, Room 1-105, 5775 Osceola Trail, Naples.

September 28: National Family Day

October 21 - 31: Red Ribbon Week Activities

November 14 from 10 am to 2 pm: Operation Medicine Cabinet

Visit www.DrugFreeCollier.org for more information.

SEPTEMBER 2009

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
30 Mobile Pet Vet	31 Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm Under-Age Alcohol	SEPT 1 Snook Season Opens	2 Ladies Coffee Backcountry Cafe 8 am FME mtg Museum, 9 am	3 Lions Club Depot, 5:30 pm <i>see p.3</i>	full moon ● 4 RAPPER	5 Butcher Weekend <i>see p.3</i> Museum Reception <i>see p.9</i>
6 Butcher Weekend <i>see p.3</i>	Labor Day 7 Hour of Prayer Copeland Baptist Church, 7 pm Butcher Weekend <i>see p.3</i>	8 Congressional Visit, 3 pm, <i>see p.3</i> Coletta Visit 3 pm, <i>see p.3</i> City Council 5:30 pm, <i>see p.1</i>	9 Ladies Coffee Backcountry Cafe 8 am	10 School Open House 6:30 pm <i>see p.3</i>	 11	12 SCV Depot, 6 pm
13	14 Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm OFCD Bd Fire Sta, 6 pm	15 Reach Out mtg City Hall, 8:30 am <i>see p.3</i> BigC ORVs CANCELLED <i>see p.3</i>	16 Ladies Coffee Backcountry Cafe 8 am School Early Dismissal City Council 5:30 pm, <i>see p.1</i>	17 SAC School, 3 pm Lions Club Depot, 5:30 pm <i>see p.3</i> Copeland Civic 7 pm	new moon ○ 18 RAPPER Anglers' Cup <i>see p.8</i>	19 Anglers' Cup <i>see p.8</i>
20	21 Hour of Prayer Holy Family Catholic Church 7 pm	22	23 Ladies Coffee Backcountry Cafe 8 am	24	25	26
27	28 Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm	29	30 Ladies Coffee Backcountry Cafe 8 am BigC Comments Due, <i>see p.8</i>	OCT 1 Great Gators School, 9:30 am	RAPPER 2 RedSnook Tournament <i>see p.8</i>	3 RedSnook Tournament <i>see p.8</i> Mobile Pet Vet <i>see p.3</i> Museum Reception

Oct 4: Pet Vet Oct 10-17: 10K Island Refuge Week Nov 6-8: Old Florida Festival Nov 14: Medicine Cabinet
Nov 14/15: Pet Vet Nov 24: Election Day Dec 1: BigC ORVs Dec 5: Art-in-the-Glades

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: Thurs, 9/3 (9-10 am) Wed, 9/16 (10-11 am) Thurs, 9/17 (4-5 pm) Fri, 9/18 (9-10 am)

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.

OPEN HOUSE

Everyone is invited to the Open House at the School to meet the teachers and staff on **Thursday, September 10**, at 6:30 p.m. For info, phone 695-2561.

 **FLY THE FLAG**

Householders and business are reminded to fly an American flag on **Friday, September 11**, to honor those who died in 2001.

REACH OUT MEETS

Our neighborhood charity will meet again after the summer break on **Tuesday, September 15**, at 8:30 a.m. in the old chamber room in City Hall.



Clyde Butcher's new calendar featuring the Big Cypress will be available for sale at the Open House at the Gallery in Ochopee over Labor Day Weekend each day from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Most of the swamp walks are booked out. For info, phone 695-2428 or see www.clydebutcher.com.

BigC ORVs CANCELLED

The Big Cypress National Preserve ORV Advisory Committee due to meet on **Tuesday, September 15** has been cancelled.

LIONS CLUB AT DEPOT

The Lions Club will meet on **Thursday, September 3** and **September 17**, at 5:30 p.m. at the Seafood Depot. For info, phone Elaine at 695-2695.

OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

- 08/21/09: Vehicle Accident, 53mm on I-75
- 08/21/09: Medical Call Box Activation, 66mm on I-75
- 08/23/09: Vehicle Accident, 73mm on I-75
- 08/24/09: Airplane Accident, 78mm on I-75
- 08/25/09: Assault, Copeland
- 08/27/09: Emergency Medical, 63mm on I-75
- 08/27/09: Vehicle Accident, 72mm on I-75
- 08/27/09: Possible Fire Hazard, Plantation Island
- 08/29/09: Emergency Medical, Tamiami Trail & Union Road
- 08/30/09: Vehicle Accident, 63mm on I-75
- 09/01/09: Vehicle Accident, US-41 & Turner River Rd
- 09/01/09: Vehicle Accident, 67mm on I-75

MOBILE PET VET

Dr Baker will be here on **Saturday, October 3**, 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, October 4** by previous appointment only. You can phone her at 777-PETS (7387). For more info, see www.naplesmobilepetvet.com.



 **NEW BANK HOURS**

Shamrock Bank in City Hall will be open two days a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays, beginning on **September 15**. Business hours are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

MORE News & Events on page 11

TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER

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

09/04/2009	Fri	03:11AM	2.7	H	10:11AM	0.5	L	03:09PM	3.2	H	10:41PM	0.2	L
09/05/2009	Sat	03:35AM	2.8	H	10:46AM	0.4	L	03:43PM	3.1	H	11:09PM	0.3	L
09/06/2009	Sun	03:56AM	2.9	H	11:21AM	0.3	L	04:19PM	3.0	H	11:37PM	0.4	L
09/07/2009	Mon	04:14AM	2.9	H	11:59AM	0.2	L	05:00PM	2.8	H			
09/08/2009	Tue	12:03AM	0.6	L	04:31AM	3.0	H	12:41PM	0.2	L	05:50PM	2.6	H
09/09/2009	Wed	12:28AM	0.7	L	04:55AM	3.0	H	01:31PM	0.2	L	06:54PM	2.5	H
09/10/2009	Thu	12:53AM	0.8	L	05:28AM	3.0	H	02:32PM	0.2	L	08:17PM	2.3	H
09/11/2009	Fri	01:18AM	0.9	L	06:14AM	3.0	H	03:46PM	0.2	L	09:54PM	2.2	H
09/12/2009	Sat	01:52AM	1.0	L	07:23AM	2.9	H	05:05PM	0.2	L	11:44PM	2.2	H
09/13/2009	Sun	04:43AM	1.1	L	09:25AM	2.9	H	06:15PM	0.1	L			
09/14/2009	Mon	12:49AM	2.4	H	06:13AM	1.0	L	11:10AM	3.0	H	07:15PM	0.0	L
09/15/2009	Tue	01:20AM	2.5	H	07:17AM	0.8	L	12:23PM	3.2	H	08:08PM	0.0	L
09/16/2009	Wed	01:47AM	2.6	H	08:11AM	0.6	L	01:21PM	3.4	H	08:55PM	0.1	L
09/17/2009	Thu	02:13AM	2.7	H	09:01AM	0.4	L	02:12PM	3.5	H	09:39PM	0.1	L
09/18/2009	Fri	02:38AM	2.9	H	09:49AM	0.2	L	03:00PM	3.4	H	10:19PM	0.3	L

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SCHOOL NEWS

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IMPORTANT DATES

- Fri, Sept 4: Volleyball, HOME, 4:30 p.m.
- Mon, Sept 7: Labor Day, no school
- Tues, Sept 8: Volleyball, HOME, 4:00 p.m.
- Thurs, Sept 10: Open House, 6:30 p.m.
- Fri, Sept 11: Volleyball, HOME, 4:30 p.m.
- Tues, Sept 15: Volleyball, HOME, 4:00 p.m.
- Wed, Sept 16: Early Dismissal (12 noon)
- Thurs, Sept 17: SAC meeting, 3:00 p.m.



From Savannah's Eyes

Yeah! Monday afternoon the JV Volleyball team won a volleyball game against Gateway Charter! It was our first game of the season and we won it! It was so exciting to be back on the volleyball court against other people. All of the summer practicing really paid off. I was really nervous at first, but now I am really pumped for our next game on Thursday; we are going to play Oasis Charter then.

The first week of school was fun because I get to switch classes, and also it is really fun being with the 8th graders sometimes. And, we also get to eat outside at lunch on picnic tables. I just love to be a seventh grader but I just wish that there were no mosquitoes because they are really annoying when you are trying to eat your lunch. Hope the mosquitoes go away soon! But, all in all, everything is going great! Wish us luck on our next game!

With love, Savannah, #5

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



Support our volleyball teams at their home games!
See this month's schedule in IMPORTANT DATES above.



Thanks to Sue Gentry and Connie Ledbetter who brought school bags stuffed with paper, pens, and other supplies from the Police Activities League for everyone. Thanks to Trina Mitchell for photos.

WELCOME TO NEW OFFICE MANAGER



Maureen Abele is the new office manager now that Mrs. Potter has become the guidance counselor. Mrs. Abele grew up in West Chester, PA, and enlisted in the U.S. Navy. After living in various places, she moved to Naples in 1998. She has two children and two grandchildren with another due soon. She enjoys all types of sports and some might recognize her from officiating volleyball, basketball, and baseball games here at Everglades City School. She also officiate softball and football. Bicycling, baking, crafts, and traveling are also some of her hobbies

Get to School Safely!

Wait until the bus stops completely and look both ways for traffic before you try to get onto it.



Wear a helmet when you ride your bike. Obey all traffic laws. Lock your bike when you're not riding it.

If you walk to school, be aware of your surroundings and walk in groups. If a stranger approaches you scream, run, and tell an adult what happened.

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Pusslet

If the weather were any lovelier in Connecticut, we shouldn't ever need any doors or windows. It's been in the seventies every day and in the fifties at night. I curl up on Dad's bed and wrap my fluffy tail around my toes. At six o'clock, he gets up and gives us breakfast. Then we go out to terrorize the neighborhood. Someone has to keep those rabbits in line.

The other day, Dad made candied ginger pear preserve. I climbed the seckle pear tree and threw down the pears. Then he took them into the house and peeled and cut them up. When they're under ripe they tend to stay a bit firmer as you cook them. Then he sliced up some lemons and crystallized ginger.

Here are the proportions to yield a dozen cups:

- 7 cups cut up pears
- 4 cups sugar
- 4 cups lemon slices
- 4 cups chopped crystallized ginger
- 2 packets of pectin
- as little water as necessary to dissolve the sugar and pectin

Boil until the fruit has softened and most of the excess water has boiled away – don't stop stirring! Pack in sterilized jars. Climb inside the pot and lick it clean. Then spend the afternoon licking all of that yummy syrup from in between your toes.

Ginger Pear can be used with roast pork or instead of cranberry sauce with turkey. It can also be scooped over vanilla ice cream.

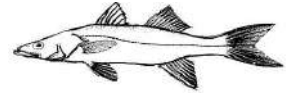
Pusslet is assisted by "Constant Waterman" whose book about boating is available for sale around town.

HOUSEHOLD TIP

If you're tired of throwing out the catalogs that you receive in the post and never read, try the free opt-out service at www.catalogchoice.org.

Recipe for Good Eating**Snook Sautéed in White Wine Sauce**

by Patricia Huff



- 4 Snook fillets
- Key Lime juice
- Olive oil spray
- Paul Prudhomme seafood seasoning
- dry white wine (optional)

Prepare fillets by rinsing and patting dry with paper tower. Squeeze Key lime juice on both sides of each fillet. Heat skillet and spray with olive oil. Add fillets to hot skillet, two at a time. Add wine to keep liquid in pan. Sprinkle with seafood seasoning, turning once. Sprinkle other side with seafood seasoning. Continue adding wine, Key lime juice and seasoning to taste. Do not overcook. Fish will be ready when fork passes easily through fillet. Remove fillets and place on serving dish. Pour remaining liquid over fillets as a sauce.

Tea Time Etiquette

by Marya Repko



I heard on public radio that, yes, it is acceptable to hold your little finger out when drinking tea. British royal protocol explains that one does not put one's fingers through the handle of the fine bone china cup so the pinky helps with balance (like a cat's tail).

I also learnt that scones, those lovely baking-powder biscuits with raisins, should be buttered as they are eaten – never serve them with the butter already on or butter both halves at the same time.

By the way, the milk goes into the cup first, then the tea is poured. That prevents delicate china from cracking. I think it tastes better that way because the milk is slightly scalded and infuses into the tea. It also prevents staining. However, "milk first" is a popular controversial topic of conversation in Britain and traditions vary in regional areas.

Reach Out Website Sponsors

The Reach Out website www.reachouteverglades.org is one year old! It went live last year, thanks partly to local businesses. Sponsors are listed on the Contacts page with a link to their own website or to a PDF of their menu. Now it is time to renew. The annual donation of \$50 is good advertising as well as a way to help our neighborhood charity. You can download a form on the website or pick one up in City Hall. For info, phone Elaine at 695-2695.

**FUNDRAISING FOR CHARITIES**

How can you use Facebook, Twitter and other social networking tools to raise money? What are the hottest, freshest Live Auction items? What should you know about Online Auctions, and how do you choose a provider? Are you breaking the law with your volunteer auctioneer? The Community Foundation of Collier County is offering a fundraising course on **Thursday, September 4**. It is one of several lectures they sponsor for non-profits. To register or for more info, see their website fcollier.org.



Fishing Report

by Capt. Bill Lindsay

Snook season opens marking the end of the spawning period. Water, temperatures remain warm so fish early and late, and in deep passes with lots of current. When fishing in shallow water, cast into shady areas created by overhead branches. Redfish feed well all day long at this time of year. A shrimp under a popping cork is hard to beat. Tarpon fishing has been pretty good for me this summer. I've found most of them rolling in deep passes early in the morning. Permit fishing has been good, but you need calm weather and live crabs to tilt things in your favor. On my last trip we caught two nice redfish, several snook on plug tackle and hooked a nice tarpon on fly tackle. If all else fails, try drifting the flats for trout. It's a great time of year to fish because boat traffic is light, and the fishing is good.

Capt. Bill Lindsay lives in Chokoloskee and has been fishing in the Everglades National Park for 29 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

FLORIDA FLORA

by Patricia Huff

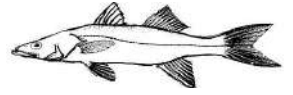
Key Lime Tree (*Citrus aurantifolia*)

Many people assume that the Key Lime Tree is native to South Florida, primarily the Florida Keys. However, it is actually native to Southeast Asia and is believed to have traveled to the Middle East, North Africa, Sicily and Andalusia before being introduced to the West Indies and the Florida Keys by the Spanish explorers. The 1926 Miami hurricane destroyed the bulk of the *Citrus aurantifolia* but it survived in the Keys where it was grown commercially. The tree flowers year-round but primarily May through September. It bears a small green fruit which is not ripe until it turns yellow and has a wonderfully strong aroma and high acidity. The Key limes have a unique flavor being more tart and bitter than the average lime. Wonderful recipes are published in Reach Out's local cookbook which is available for sale around town.



SNOOK RULES

1. slot limit 28 to 33 inches
2. one fish per person per day
3. valid fishing license with current Snook stamp



FWC NEWS

Captive gators have been reclassified as Class II (potential threat to public safety if not kept in suitable conditions). For information about the documentation and caging requirements and emergency preparations, phone 850-488-6253 or see www.myfwc.com and click on Rules/Regulations.

Deer hunters are asked to fill in a survey about when bucks rut so FWC will have better information when deciding on the hunting season. For info, phone 850-488-7867 or see www.myfwc.com/deer.

Reminder: to report a boating or wildlife violation, phone 888-404-FWCC (3922).



Park Twitters

Everglades National Park is now on Twitter where it has posted the latest park news. See www.twitter.com/EvergladesNPS.



Plans for ENP Marine Areas

After the meetings last spring, the Park Service received almost 600 written comments about the four alternatives proposed for use of waterways in Everglades National Park.

Some of the suggestions were: better navigational aids, more education, limit motor boats, alternative wilderness waterway, and more campsites. However, some of the comments found these same items undesirable. For more info, see www.nps.gov/ever and follow the links to Management, Planning, GMP, and scroll to the bottom of the page. The telephone contact is Fred Herling, Park Planner, at 305-242-7704.

The Park Service is now working on the final draft which will be included in the General Management Plan and be ready for discussion in early 2011.

BigC Comments

Written comments about the proposed plans for the Addition Lands 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.



LOCAL HISTORY

These wonderful old postcards were found by Virginia Klotz who runs the Sea Gull Studios gift shop. She was kind enough to donate them to the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation where they will be scanned and filed for posterity. Notice how sparsely settled the island was! What was the building to the right of the Smallwood Store?

LOST DAD

Do you remember Ricky Brumett who was lost at sea on December 29, 1987, when he was only 24 years old? His daughter Jessica would like to know more about him. If you can help, please contact us or email her directly at jessica_brumett2000@yahoo.com.

HISTORY ON RADIO

Southwest Florida historian Vernon Peeples gives a short talk each Monday at 8:35 a.m. on WGPU-FM (90.1). You can also listen online at www.wgcu.org.

MUSEUM NEWS

The new exhibit is up and interesting. Edwin Villasmil and Elba Martinez focus on the environment, often humorously. This Venezuelan couple live in Miami and have been shown there at the public library and Biscayne Nature Center.

Everyone is invited to a reception to meet them on **Saturday, September 5**, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. followed by a guided Walking Tour of Historic Buildings.

The exhibit runs for the month of September. Members of the public can visit the Museum on Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There is no admission charge but donations are welcome. For info, phone 695-0008.



Edison & Ford at Home in Florida

by Marya Repko

I got side-tracked in my research about the history of the Fakahatchee because Henry Ford offered to donate the area to the State for a park and even took an option from the lumber companies who owned it. The State refused, claiming it did not have the resources to operate and maintain a park.

That led me to *The Last Billionaire; Henry Ford* by William C. Richards, *Uncommon Friends* by James Newton, and *The Edisons of Fort Myers* by Tom Smoot. The first two authors personally knew their subjects so they give extra insight into their stories. The third, Tom Smoot, was chairman of the Edison Winter Home board and had access to family papers.

What I found interesting is that Edison, Ford, and their families made camping trips into the Big Cypress area where they collected plants, observed birds, and hunted. Ford, apparently, was a crack shot and could place his bullet in the eye of a snake every time. Of course, camping in the early part of the 1900s was quite elaborate and photos portray the men in full suits with vests and ties, the women in their long frocks. There were few roads and other pictures show Model-T cars plowing through water.

All three books are available through the library on request from the Naples branch.

Glades Daze

by Patricia Huff

The end of summer is here and September 1 is the start of Snook Season. The weekend before the season opened my husband asked if I'd like to go fishing after lunch. Normally, at the end of August we can expect very hot still days with late afternoon thunderstorms so I brought my sunscreen and raincoat. It just so happened that there was a very nice breeze that Saturday and some cloud cover but no rain. The hurricanes have passed us by so far this year and we haven't had as much of the needed rain that we usually get. It's been some time since I've been out fishing so it was really a treat to have anything pull on the end of my line. I caught a wide variety of fish, including a flounder, a jack, a ladyfish but most exciting of course was my 12 lb snook. This summer while traveling out West we floated down the Snake river and caught several trout, but there is nothing like the pull and the jump of our snook. To me, nothing beats it when they are jumping in the air and then race out away from the boat as you try to reel them in. Another beautiful afternoon out in the water. We also saw loggerhead turtles swimming by the boat, stingrays jumping, roseate spoonbills flying overhead and the cry of the osprey. The end of summer and it's still beautiful. My husband mentioned that he did catch a nice catfish for his contribution to the day.

BUDGET SUMMARY

CITY OF EVERGLADES CITY – FISCAL YEAR 2009-2010

**THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF EVERGLADES CITY
ARE 2.50% MORE THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES.**

Millage per \$1,000
General Fund

2.5385

	<u>GENERAL FUND</u>	<u>DEBT SERVICE FUND</u>	<u>TOTAL BUDGET</u>
CASH BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD	\$ 603,145.00		\$ 603,145.00
<u>ESTIMATED REVENUES:</u>			
Taxes: Millage 2.5385			
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$ 314,983.00		\$ 314,983.00
Gas Tax	\$ 36,000.00		\$ 36,000.00
Franchise Fees	\$ 37,200.00		\$ 37,200.00
State Communication Taxes	\$ 28,000.00		\$ 28,000.00
Utility Service Taxes	\$ 79,050.00		\$ 79,050.00
License and Permits	\$ 11,000.00		\$ 11,000.00
Intergovernmental Revenues	\$ 97,474.50		\$ 97,474.50
Charges for Services	\$ 725,733.00	\$ 134,215.00	\$ 859,948.00
Miscellaneous Revenues	\$ 173,625.00		\$ 173,625.00
	<u>\$ 2,106,210.50</u>	<u>\$ 134,215.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,240,425.50</u>
EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES			
General Government Services (F&A)	\$ 192,821.21		\$ 192,821.21
Legal Council	\$ 11,200.00		\$ 11,200.00
Public Safety (Plan,Zon,Code Enfor,Prof Inspections)	\$ 21,093.75		\$ 21,093.75
Physical Environment (Mosquito Control)	\$ 32,600.00		\$ 32,600.00
Transportation (Road & Streets)	\$ 169,478.50		\$ 169,478.50
Culture and Recreation (Parks & Rec)	\$ 110,129.50		\$ 110,129.50
Water Service Charges	\$ 358,518.00	\$ 38,752.00	\$ 397,270.00
Sewer Service Charges	\$ 376,340.50	\$ 95,463.00	\$ 471,803.50
TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES	\$ 1,272,181.46	\$ 134,215.00	\$ 1,406,396.46
Contingency	\$ 834,029.04		\$ 834,029.04
TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES AND RESERVES	<u>\$ 2,106,210.50</u>	<u>\$ 134,215.00</u>	<u>\$ 2,240,425.50</u>

**THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE
ABOVE MENTIONED TAXING AUTHORITY AS PUBLIC RECORD**

RESTAURANT NEWS



- Backcountry Cafe (695-2552):**
6:00 am - 3:00 pm.; daily
- Camellia Street Grill (695-2003):**
Opening October 1
- 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
except closing 8:00 pm Tues
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 - 3:00 pm; Mon - Sat
Fish market (grouper/pompano)
- Havana Cafe (695-2214):**
Opening October 1
- 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; Thurs - Sun
Open Labor Day Monday
- 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):**
Opening October 1

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



There will be a preview of two PBS films at the new Big Cypress Visitor Center in Ochopee every day during the week of September 20-27 at 11:00 a.m.

Free Driving Course

CCSO is offering a "Teen Driving Challenge" to help young drivers. The skills taught are the same techniques used by driving professionals, including NASCAR. The course is held on Thursday at 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday at 8:00 a.m. at Barron Collier High School in North Naples. Participants should already have a license and bring their own car. The dates are: **9/10-9/12, 10/1-10/2, 11/5-11/7, and 12/3-12/5**. Applications are available online at www.colliersheriff.org.

FREE CONCERTS

The Miccosukee Resort on Krome Avenue is holding two free concerts.



On **Tuesday, September 15**, the tribe celebrates its Anniversary and on **Friday, September 25**, there will also be Native American dancers and storytelling in honor of Native American Day. Hours for both events are from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. For info, phone (305) 222-4600 or see www.miccosukee.com.

Sign Up Now!

The next session of CCSO Citizens' Academy starts on **September 21** and offers an up-close look at the inner-workings in different areas of the agency such as crime, safety, traffic.

Classes take place from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. each Monday. 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.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

Phone Martha 695-0008.

OBITUARIES

Our sympathies to Chris Ammerman whose mother, **Margaret Babinec**, passed away suddenly at age 84 on August 23 in Lake City. She had moved there from Ft. Lauderdale about 25 years ago after retirement to be near some of her family. Survivors include four daughters, three sons, five step-sons, one step-daughter, 41 grandchildren, 49 great-grandchildren, and 8 great-great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her two husbands.

Chris told the *Rapper* that her mother loved travelling and had recently come back from a 6-week visit with family in California. She was packed again and ready to leave for a trip to Michigan on the morning she passed away peacefully in bed. Most of the family had spoken with her in the last days to wish her well on her voyage, one for which the priest said "she would not need her suitcases".

Barry Birdwell, husband of Karen Brown of Chokoloskee, passed away suddenly. Details in our next issue.

Events at Leebo's

There will be live music every Saturday at 8:00 p.m. at Leebo's Rock Bottom Bar which is next to Glades Haven Marina opposite the National Park. Leebo himself told the *Rapper* the bands he has lined up are all great. He is also planning a fish fry for Halloween with a costume party to follow. Start planning your outfit because there will be prizes - the theme? Halloween, of course.

Collier County Heritage Trail

Naples Backyard History is promoting a heritage trail along US-41 and SR-29. The aim is to have signs at important sites such as Weaver's Station, Deep Lake, and Monroe Station. There will be a meeting on **Wednesday, September 9**, to discuss the plan at 8:30 a.m. at Rookery Bay.

The group also operates the interesting Mini-Museum at 1300 Third Street South in Naples. For info, phone 777-2281.

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

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

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JOBS VACANT

Put your job ad in the Rapper. No charge - phone 695-2397.



Have you lost a cat? This friendly feline is wandering around the VR Corp and acts like it must have been someone's pet. If it's yours, phone (954) 648-1795.



Burmese pythons may now be killed in the Big Cypress National Preserve under new and complicated rules. Before you hunt for one, contact the Preserve at 695-1107 or visit the wildlife check center or Oasis Ranger Station.



Nancy is already thinking about winter and has some comfy knit-wear projects lined up for her courses in September and October. Phone her at 793-8141 or drop into the store at 3804 Tamiami Trail East for a schedule.

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