

# The MULLET RAPPER

## What's Happening in the Everglades City Area

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### Library News

The library and tax collector's office opened again only a few days after our last issue.

However, because of family medical reasons, the facility will be closed temporarily from **October 8 through October 26**. During that time, books & videos can be dropped in the box at the back door. The Marco Island library is also open after refurbishment.

Tax services (fishing licenses, vehicle registrations) can be found at Eagle Creek (US-41 and CR-951).

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The communications tower in the circle got new lights: a white one during the day and red one at night.



Progress is visible on the rebuilding of the hangars at ECity Airpark. They are scheduled for completion this winter.

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### SHERIFF'S NEWS

CCSO is investigating burglaries at Port of the Islands, the Iron Rhino Saloon, Station 66 in Ochopee, and Jungle Erv's in Dupont.

If you can help with information or if you see any suspicious activity, phone the Sheriff's Office at 695-2007.



### BRICKS INSTALLED!

The engraved bricks that were ordered to commemorate family events have finally been installed on the walkway leading up to City Hall. The campaign was organized by the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation (ESHP) and will continue in the new year. For info, phone 695-2905.

### CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

The election for three City Council seats will be held on **November 24**. The positions are currently held by MacBeth Collins, James Landrum, and Johnny Potter who may stand for re-election. Qualifying for candidates opened on September 28 and closes at noon on **October 9**.

The last day for voter registration is **October 26**. For info, see City Clerk Dottie Joiner or phone her at 695-3781.



### BANK HOURS

Shamrock Bank in City Hall is open two days a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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

# OCTOBER 2009

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
27	28 Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm	29	30 Ladies Coffee Backcountry Cafe 8 am  Big Cypress Comments Due	OCT 1 Great Gators School, 9:30 am	<u>RAPPER 2</u> RedSnook Tournament	3 Mobile Pet Vet <i>see p.3</i>  Blessing the Boats, <i>see p.3</i>  Museum Reception <i>see p.9</i>
full moon ● 4 Mobile Pet Vet <i>see p.3</i>	5 Hour of Prayer Copeland Baptist Church, 7 pm	6 Congressional Visit, <i>see p.3</i> Coletta Visit <i>see p.3</i> City Council <i>see p.3</i> Kids' Clinic <i>see p.3</i>	7 Ladies Coffee Backcountry Cafe 8 am  FME mtg Museum, 9 am <i>see p.9</i>	8 School Early Dismissal  Library closed <i>see p.1</i>	9	10 10k Islands Refuge Celebration <i>see p.8</i>  SCV Depot, 6 pm
11	12 Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm  OFCD Bd Fire Sta, 6 pm	13 Kids' Clinic 5 – 8 pm <i>see p.3</i>	14 Ladies Coffee Gator Express 8 am	15 SAC School, 3 pm Lions Club Depot, 5:30 pm Copeland Civic 7 pm	<u>RAPPER 16</u>	17
new moon ○ 18	19 Hour of Prayer Holy Family Catholic Church 7 pm School Hurricane Day	20 Reach Out mtg City Hall, 8:30 am	21 Ladies Coffee Havana Cafe 8 am	22	23	24
25	26 Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm School Teacher Workday Voter Registration	27	28 Ladies Coffee Patty Huff's home 8 am	29	<u>RAPPER 30</u>	<u>Halloween 31</u>

Nov 6-8: Old Florida Festival  
Nov 24: Election Day

Nov 14: Medicine Cabinet  
Dec 1: BigC ORVs

Nov 14/15: Pet Vet  
Dec 5: Art-in-the-Glades

Nov 18: Absentee Ballots deadline

THRIFT SHOP: Thurs, Fri, Sat; 11:00 am to 3:00 pm  
MUSEUM: Tues-Fri; 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Sat; 9:00 am to 4:00 pm  
FOOD PANTRY: Sat; 8:30 to 10:30 am, Community Church  
SHAMROCK BANK: Tues, Thurs; 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

SKATING RINK: Fri & Sat; 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.  
SMALLWOOD STORE: Daily; 11:00 am to 5:00 pm  
ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Sat; noon, Community Church  
LITTLE GATOR CLINIC: 10/6, 10/13, 11/3, 11/7, 11/14

SHERIFF AT CITY HALL: Thurs, 10/1 (10-11 am)      Fri, 10/2 (9-10 am)  
Tues, 10/6 (4-5:30 pm)      Wed, 10/7 (10-11 am)      Thurs, 10/8 (1-2 pm)  
Mon, 10/12 (10-11 am)      Tues, 10/13 (10-11 am)      Fri, 10/16 (9-10 am)

**CONGRESSIONAL VISIT**

Monica Aranegui, the District Representative in Collier County at the office of Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart, will meet with constituents in City Hall on **Tuesday, October 6**, at 3:00 p.m. For info, phone 348-1620.

**COLETTA VISIT**

Collier County Commissioner Jim Coletta will be in Everglades City on **Tuesday, October 6**, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., to meet with constituents at City Hall. He will attend the City Council meeting that evening and then have a meal at the Seafood Depot at which he enjoys talking casually with other diners. For info and to join him, phone 252-8097.

**CITY COUNCIL**

The next City Council meeting will be on **Tuesday, October 6**, at 5:30 p.m. at City Hall. The 2009 Everglades City "Citizen of the Year" will be announced during the meeting. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**LIONS CLUB AT DEPOT**

The Lions Club will meet on **Thursday, October 15**, at 5:30 p.m. at the Seafood Depot and every **Third Thursday** of each month. For more info, phone Elaine at 695-2695.

**BLESSING THE BOATS**



The first annual Blessing of the Fleet will be held on **Saturday, October 3**, before the crabbers go out to set their traps.

The event will take place from 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. behind the Rod & Gun Club and includes music, food, kiddies' games, and an ecumenical service to send our boats out and back safely. The boats will arrive around 2:00 p.m.

For info, phone Tod at 695-3299.

**Little Gator Clinic**



The free walk-in clinic for youngsters 18 and under is located next to the Thrift Shop (behind the fire station). It will be open on **Tuesday, October 6**, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and on **Tuesday, October 13**, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. There are no drugs at the clinic but prescriptions can be written if necessary.

Dr G. B. Barnard is a Board certified pediatrician who practices part-time in DeLand. He and his wife Kathy, a registered nurse, volunteer their services in the clinic while visiting their second home in Chokoloskee.

The clinic does not treat pregnant girls or give vaccinations. Spanish speakers should bring a translator, if possible. Everyone is welcome. There are no qualifying criteria and the clinic is free.

**OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT**

- 09/17/09: Emergency Medical, Plantation Island
- 09/17/09: Vehicle Accident, 52mm on I-75
- 09/17/09: Vehicle Accident, 51mm on I-75
- 09/19/09: Vehicle Accident, 54mm on I-75
- 09/21/09: Unknown Medical Problem, Everglades City Fire Station
- 09/22/09: Vehicle Accident, 62mm on I-75
- 09/23/09: Emergency Medical, Chokoloskee Island
- 09/24/09: Vehicle Fire, 74mm on I-75
- 09/25/09: Vehicle Accident, 52mm on I-75
- 09/25/09: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 09/26/09: Vehicle Accident, 80mm on I-75
- 09/27/09: Emergency Medical, Copeland
- 09/28/09: Vehicle Accident, Turner River & Wagon Wheel Rd

**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](http://www.naplesmobilepetvet.com).

**TRASH**



Don't throw that old TV out on the side of the street! If you want to get rid of it, first call 252-2380 and make an appointment for Collier County to pick it up. You can phone the same number to dispose of old computer screens, refrigerators, water heaters, and other large items.

**TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER**

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

10/02/2009	Fri	02:00AM	2.8	H	09:12AM	0.4	L	02:21PM	3.1	H	09:33PM	0.4	L
10/03/2009	Sat	02:23AM	3.0	H	09:47AM	0.3	L	02:58PM	3.1	H	10:03PM	0.5	L
10/04/2009	Sun	02:44AM	3.1	H	10:23AM	0.1	L	03:35PM	3.0	H	10:33PM	0.6	L
10/05/2009	Mon	03:02AM	3.2	H	11:01AM	0.0	L	04:16PM	2.9	H	11:03PM	0.7	L
10/06/2009	Tue	03:20AM	3.3	H	11:41AM	-0.1	L	05:02PM	2.8	H	11:32PM	0.8	L
10/07/2009	Wed	03:44AM	3.3	H	12:26PM	-0.1	L	05:58PM	2.6	H			
10/08/2009	Thu	12:02AM	0.9	L	04:15AM	3.3	H	01:16PM	-0.1	L	07:07PM	2.5	H
10/09/2009	Fri	12:35AM	1.0	L	04:55AM	3.2	H	02:16PM	0.1	L	08:25PM	2.4	H
10/10/2009	Sat	01:18AM	1.0	L	05:50AM	3.1	H	03:26PM	0.1	L	09:47PM	2.4	H
10/11/2009	Sun	02:58AM	1.1	L	07:20AM	2.9	H	04:40PM	0.2	L	11:02PM	2.4	H
10/12/2009	Mon	04:52AM	1.0	L	09:38AM	2.8	H	05:48PM	0.2	L	11:54PM	2.5	H
10/13/2009	Tue	06:09AM	0.8	L	11:11AM	2.9	H	06:47PM	0.2	L			
10/14/2009	Wed	12:30AM	2.6	H	07:09AM	0.6	L	12:23PM	3.0	H	07:39PM	0.3	L
10/15/2009	Thu	01:00AM	2.8	H	08:01AM	0.4	L	01:22PM	3.1	H	08:26PM	0.4	L
10/16/2009	Fri	01:27AM	3.0	H	08:49AM	0.2	L	02:13PM	3.1	H	09:09PM	0.5	L



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# SCHOOL NEWS

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## IMPORTANT DATES

Thurs, Oct 1:	Great Gators, 9:30 a.m.
Tues, Oct 6:	Volleyball, HOME, 4:00 p.m.
Thurs, Oct 8:	Early Dismissal
Fri, Oct 9:	Volleyball, HOME, 4:30 p.m.
Mon, Oct 12:	Volleyball, HOME, 5:00 p.m.
Thurs, Oct 15:	SAC, 3:00 p.m.
Mon, Oct 19:	Hurricane Make-up Day



### From Savannah's Eyes

We have been fishing a lot the last few weekends. Last weekend my dad caught two big redfish and a lot of other fish. I absolutely love to eat fish! They taste so good. We are lucky to live by the water so we can catch food if we need to. Fishing is also fun but the only thing I don't like about fishing is being in the HOT sun and getting your line tangled up on a tree branch. My dad is a good cook when it comes to fish. He is the best! Fishing and Swimming is about the only thing you can do when it is summer. Of course, there is the skating rink which a lot of kids like to go and hang out with their friends. I'm proud to be a small town girl.

Last week 7-9 grades went on a field trip to Naples Holocaust Museum. It was very devastating to know that a person killed that many people and they were all innocent. But it was really good to know history. The pictures were very graphic and if you saw them they would give you nightmares. Some people that survived live in Naples and donated some of their things from the holocaust to the museum. Also, when the tour was finished, outside there was a real box car that people rode in when they were going to the concentration camps. It was very stuffy and hot inside. The person that was telling us about it said that the Nazis shoved about 100 to 116 people in each box car. They all had to stand inside because there was no room to sit. Imagine there was no food, no air, it was hot and people were breathing over your shoulder. There was no bathroom breaks either. Most of the people died before they even got to the concentration camps. It was so horrific.

After we left the Holocaust Museum, we all went to Tropical Smoothie Cafe and gave in our orders and then took them to the beach. It was really fun to go to the beach and eat there too. After we ate some of us played a little volleyball while others relaxed. It was time to go before we knew it and then we left. I had a lot of fun!

Still loves volleyball, Savannah

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



This photo of a trip on September 24 to the Holocaust Museum (see Savannah's article) was just one of three excursions to Naples taken by students recently. On September 22, grades 4-6 went to historic Palm Cottage and then ate their lunches on the Pier. On September 23, grades 5 and 6 went to the Philharmonic and then had lunch at McDonalds. Thanks to Trina Mitchell for reporting and to Mrs Ihle for the photo.

## SAC REPORT

by Patricia Huff

Pam Drake welcomed the School Advisory Committee as well as the parents, teachers and community members to the first meeting of the year. Mr. Bobby Jones talked about the upcoming field trips that the students will be attending, including the Collier County Museum and the Holocaust Museum in Naples. He also discussed the partnership with the National Park Service whereby Park Rangers will be visiting the classrooms and talking to the students about our environment. An after-school program on Tuesdays and Thursdays has been established for students needing additional help in reading. Parents of the qualifying students have been notified. Mrs. Dana Snider discussed the School Improvement Plan which was submitted earlier in September.

The next meeting of SAC will be held on **Thursday, October 15**, at 3:00 pm. Election of officers will be held at that time and parent involvement is important. Everyone is encouraged to attend and participate in their school.

**WANTED: The Culinary Class would like donations of vegetable oil, flour, sugar, powdered milk and eggs. Contact Stacia at the school.**



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*Recipe for Good Eating*

**Macaroni and Cheese – Carol's Way**

submitted by Phill Lawry



- |                             |                                     |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1 lb elbow macaroni         |                                     |
| ½ cup melted butter         | ½ tsp. Black pepper                 |
| ¼ cup finely-chopped onion  |                                     |
| 1 can cream of onion soup   | ¼ cup milk                          |
| 7 oz. shredded Colby cheese | 1 oz. grated Pecorino Romano cheese |
| 2 oz. sliced pepperoni      | 1 can French fried onion rings      |

Boil elbow noodles until done. Combine melted butter, pepper, chopped onion, soup, milk, and cheeses. Spray 9" X 14" baking pan with non-stick cooking spray. Pour noodles into baking pan. Smooth the cheese mixture over the top of the noodles. Dot the top with pepperoni slices and French fried onion rings. Bake in a 350-degree oven for 35-40 minutes until mixture is bubbling. Serves 8.

*Thanks to Phill Lawry who sent this recipe which was a favorite of his late wife Carol Moseman. Phill says that he makes half the recipe and uses his toaster oven.*

**Reach Out Donates to Troops**

Volunteers at the Thrift Shop picked out some of their paperbacks to send to our military overseas. The books will be shipped with the periodic care packages which are mailed from Chokoloskee Post Office. At a recent Sunday collection at the Everglades Community Church, parishioners were asked to "tinkle your change" into the plate to help pay for stamps.



The Thrift Shop, behind the Fire Station in ECity, has clothing, shoes, household goods, linens, and books for sale at bargain prices. All the items are donated and the profit helps needy families in the area. If you have small things to give away, drop them in during opening hours (Thurs, Fri, Sat, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.). Furniture can not be accommodated in the shop but volunteers will take your name and try to match up your donation with someone in need.

There is also a medical closet with wheelchairs, canes, crutches, walkers, and potty seats which anyone can borrow.

**HOUSEHOLD TIP**

by Patricia Huff

The first time I heard of "Seventh Generation" was from my environmentally-sensitive daughter who was using laundry detergent made by a company who took that name from the Great Law of the Iroquois that states, "In our every deliberation, we must consider the impact of our decisions on the next seven generations."

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## Fishing Report

by Captain Bill Lindsay

Summertime's steamy temperatures are starting to come to an end. With these anticipated conditions, fishermen can expect to catch fish even in the middle of the day. Redfishing has been good all day. Even anglers that were here for the first time were catching some snook; however, was not as easy. Some nice fish were brought in but you really had to work for them. Last month tarpon were very active; and for those that target them, it was great. Remember that the key to your success is moving water. During early mornings, topwater plugs work well; later in the day go deeper. For many, October is a great month to fish. Snook can be kept for dinner and even if you don't get one of them, there are lots of redfish and snapper for the dinner table.

*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.*



## FLORIDA FLORA

by Patricia Huff

### Red Mulberry (*Morus rubra*)

This prolific Mulberry Tree was planted in Chokoloskee just seven years ago in 2002. According to its owner, the sweet berries don't last long on the tree after ripening since they're enjoyed by the local kids. The fruit may also be used for jams. The tree can grow to be quite tall and wide, but in this area the grasshoppers often take a toll on the leaves.

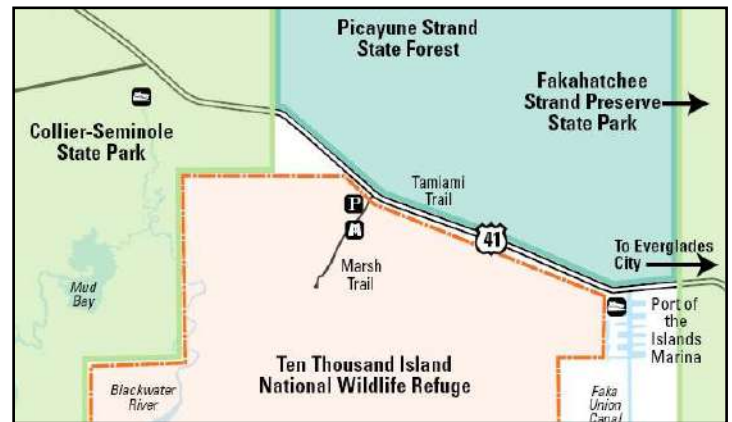
## SNOOK RULES

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



Thanks and congratulations to Herb Kehoe who sent us this photo and report of the Angler's Cup which was held on September 18-19.

My team was made up of: Capt Herb Kehoe of Chokoloskee, Brian Sanders of Ft. Lauderdale and Tony Wies of Frostproof. We took 1st place money in the tournament, also Big Snook of the tournament, Redfish with most spots on Friday (8 spots) and the Calcutta.



## 10k Islands Refuge Celebration

The Ten Thousand Islands National Wildlife Refuge is holding the formal opening of the new Marsh Trail on US-41 on **Saturday, October 10**, at 10:00 a.m. Activities begin earlier in the morning. Parking is at Port of the Islands from which a free shuttle takes visitors to the festivities.

The schedule is:

- 7:00: Parking at Port, free shuttle
- 7:15: guided bird walk
- 8:00: guided kayak tour
- 9:00: exhibits open
- 10:00: Grand Opening Ceremony
- 11:00: fly fishing demonstration
- 11:00: guided hike
- 11:00: guided kayak tour

For info, phone (239) 353-8442, ext. 228.





## LOCAL HISTORY

Do you know that the very first commercial oil well that was drilled in Florida was just up the road from Everglades City, in Sunniland? In 1943 Humble Oil and Refining Company discovered oil at a depth of over 11,500 feet and proved that there was oil in Florida. Seventeen wells were subsequently drilled. Sunniland was the state's only commercial oil field until 1964 although there had been extensive drilling since 1900. Barron Collier had a vision that there was oil in his county, and his vision was fulfilled. This information is provided on the historical marker on Oil Well Park Road in Sunniland. The oil drill pictured above is also on display at this public park which provides two picnic shelters.

## “PROP ROOTS”

Everglades City School has re-issued volumes II and III of its popular series about our area's people and places.

“*Hermits from The Mangrove Country of the Everglades*” discusses Juan Gomez (the pirate on Panther Key), Arthur Leslie Darwin on Possum Key, Roy Ozmer on Pelican Key, and others, now all gone from the islands.

“*Hunting Stories from the Mangrove Country of the Everglades*” includes interview with locals such as Macbeth Johnson and Foy Ballance who tromped in the swamps looking for deer and bemoan the changes in the ecology after the Golden Gates Estates canals were dug.

You can buy “*Prop Roots*” at outlets around town, including WinCar, the Museum of the Everglades, and the Chamber of Commerce Welcome Center in Carnestown.

## MUSEUM NEWS

The next reception to “Meet the Artists” will be on **Saturday, October 3**, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. for exhibitors Lorna Rewis and Amy Fouchea. It will be followed by a guided Walking Tour of Historic Buildings.

Everyone is welcome. Just drop in to say hello. Informal refreshments are provided by the Friends of the Museum of the Everglades.



Exhibits in the Pauline Reeves Gallery at the front of the Museum run for a month. Members of the public can visit 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.

The next members' outing will be on **Tuesday, October 27**, to the Historical Museum of Southern Florida in Miami where the permanent exhibit is *Tropical Dreams: A People's History of South Florida*. To learn more about the museum, see [www.hmsf.org](http://www.hmsf.org). To make reservations and for info, phone 695-2397. The full schedule of members' activities is posted on the Friends' website [www.evergladesmuseum.org](http://www.evergladesmuseum.org) on the Events page.

The Friends of the Museum of the Everglades (FME) will have a Board meeting on **Wednesday, October 7**, at 9:00 a.m. in the Museum. All members are invited to attend.

## Off the Shelf – Book Review

### “A Sense of Belonging” by Mel Martinez

reviewed by Marya Repko



While in St Augustine last month at the Florida Heritage Book Festival, I met Mel Martinez who was the keynote speaker at lunch. He was also signing copies of his autobiography and I had a chance to chat with him about how much he enjoys being at home with his family after retirement.

The book traces his life from a happy rural childhood to a 15-year-old sent out of Castro's Cuba as a “Peter Pan” boy in Florida with very little English and no friends to U.S. Senator. He praises his foster parents and describes his education. He is devoted to his wife Kitty, also a strong Catholic from Mobile, Alabama, and describes student life when he was stretched to make ends meet in law school at FSU. He pays tribute to his father's credo of helping fellow man and attributes that legacy to his serving as Chairman of Orange County, secretary of HUD in President George W. Bush's administration, and Senator. He also had some influence in Cuban-American policy in Washington and still hopes for civil rights in his native country.

This is an inspiring story first published in 2008 and subtitled “*From Castro's Cuba to U. S. Senate, One Man's Pursuit of the American Dream*”.

And, yes, he remembered his visit to the Rod & Gun here in April 2006 and hopes to come back to fish now that he has a bit more time.

## Paws to Reflect

by a Squeedilifferous Pusslet



Here it is, the last week of September, the maple leaves beginning to change from Dublin green to crimson, and Dad hasn't been sailing this entire lovely month. That's because he tore the whole top of MoonWind's deckhouse off, re-cored it, and put it back. Sort of like a lobotomy, only with fiberglass matting and polyester resin and Bondo and PVC foam core. Today he painted MoonWind's entire deckhouse with clean white primer. All he needs to do now is replace the rebuilt port lights, install the new teak grab rails, paint on two coats of non-skid paint, and finish rebuilding the main hatch. Then he'll put new spark plugs in his outboard motor and sail off into the sunrise. Probably visit foreign lands like Cuttyhunk or maybe Martha's Vineyard. And Mom is leaving for Arizona on the first of the month for seven, eight, nine, ten days. Two paws worth. They'll leave us for all that time all by our lonesomes. Of course, Cindy, from the Emporium, will come by and give us our supper every evening and scratch our ears. She's really sweet and pretty and understands pusslets, but who in this wide, wide world are we going to sleep with?

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

## MARCO ARTISTS

The weekly outdoor painting forays begin on **Wednesday, October 7**, with a gathering at the northwest side of the Jolley Bridge. Other venues this month are the Esplanade Marina, Goodland, and Mackle Park. Once a month, there is a critique.

The group has been honored by being asked to display its work permanently at Physicians' Regional Medical Center on CR-951.

For info and a full schedule, phone Phyllis at (239) 642-7649 or see their website [www.marcoislandart.com](http://www.marcoislandart.com) and click on Outdoor Artists.



## Plastic Bags & Flies

Thanks to email subscriber Albert Hon for this explanation:

The reason the plastic bag with water sometimes works is that the sun's reflection off the water temporarily blinds the flies due to their enormously large head and eyes.

## CORRECTION

Apologies for our error in the "Angels of the Swamp" article in the *Rapper* on 9/26/09. The correct information is as follows:

Robin Smallwood has been driving the school bus for 21 years, Jimmy Brewer for 19 years and Debbie Hooks is in her 4th year of driving.

## MEMORIES

### Strolling Down Broadway

by Barbara Daniels

Did you know that for many years from the very beginning of the City of Everglades, there was a chain of stores between North Storter Avenue and North Copeland Avenue facing Broadway?

The long single building began at the east end with a glass fronted section that displayed automobile necessities, such as gasoline cans, tires, tubes, oils, etc.

The next section was the Gulf Gasoline Station with the pumps out at the concrete curb. This was one of only two sections that was fronted by a concrete sidewalk. All the streets were still wooden curbed and graveled.

Adjoining the filling station, manned by an old man called "Pop" for many years, there was then the Tropical Cafe. The little restaurant had six stools, four booths and a couple of small tables. They served breakfast, short order lunches and had a simple Southern style menu for dinner during the tourist season.

Next was the Tropical Bar which, I would estimate, had no more than seven or eight stools and a service window into the restaurant for guests who wanted something other than beer.

The little restaurant could at times be a very lively place in the morning hours as the local fishing guides and fishermen would gather to spin their wild stories about their professions and the guides could easily be found should a party call from the Rod and Gun Club wanting to charter a boat. Those hours we teenagers would steer clear because sometimes the tales would get too wild for our young ears. During the slow months in the afternoons was our time to go and spend our mad money on Coca Colas and potato chips, etc. And, possibly be able to put a few quarters in the "Juke Box" and catch up on the newest Sony hits.

The last section in this chain of businesses was the town library. One could go in and check out a book to go or sit in the easy chairs and maybe catch up with news in popular magazines, such as *Time*, *Life*, or *National Geographic*.

The whole front of this building had large glass windows. The roof was of the Spanish style, red rounded tiles. The rest I suppose was stucco, as was the style of most of the businesses elsewhere in the City.

Hurricane Donna in 1960 demolished that whole popular section of town.

*Barbara Hoffman Daniels grew up in Everglades City where her father was the City electrician. She later lived for over thirty years in the Big Cypress.*

**If you have memories to share, send them to us by email or in writing (we'll do the typing) to P O Box 617, ECity.**



## RESTAURANT NEWS



- Backcountry Cafe (695-2552):**  
6:00 am - 3:00 pm.; daily
- Camellia Street Grill (695-2003):**  
*Opening October 15*  
hours to be announced
- 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 15*  
8:00 am - 3:00 pm; daily
- 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
- JT's Cafe & Gallery (695-2630):**  
closed for summer/fall
- Leebo's Rock-Bottom Bar:**  
3:00 pm; Mon - Sat  
noon; Sunday  
live music every Sat at 8:00 pm
- Oyster House Restaurant (695-2073):**  
11:00 am - 9:00 pm; Sun-Fri  
11:00 am - 10:00 pm; Sat
- 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-Mon (takeout)
- Rod & Gun (695-2101):**  
7:00 - 10 am Breakfast; daily  
11:30 am - 9:00 pm; daily
- Seafood Depot (695-0075):**  
10:30 am - 9:00 pm; daily  
Cabana Bash: 4 - 7 pm, Sat
- Susie's Station:**  
11:00 am - 5:00 pm; daily
- Triad Seafood (695-0722):**  
10:30 am - 3:00 pm; daily  
fish market also open



## Restaurants Open

by Patricia Huff

Restaurants are opening again for the season with lots of good news.

The **Oyster House** opened on October 1. New menu items include wraps and fresh fruit. There will also be daily specials, including salad plates and grilled fish.

**Triad Seafood** also opened on October 1 and has added blue crab salad and smoked salmon to the menu. They are continuing with their Friday night special of BBQ ribs (a favorite with locals). The dessert menu includes daily selections of home-made pies, cakes and cobblers including peanut butter, Key lime and pecan pie. Vanilla ice cream is a new item. In the take-out fish market, as well as stone crabs and blue crabs, you can buy Pam's delicious cole slaw, chowders, and smoked fish dip.

**Camellia Street Grill** will open on the first day of Stone Crab season, October 15, with a new menu featuring more economical appetizers and food items but still offering the same delicious freshly-made salads and sandwiches. They will have more music and special events, especially for Halloween night. Hours to be announced in the next *Rapper*.

**Havana Cafe** will also open on October 15 for breakfast and lunch daily from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Carlos and Dulce will begin their wonderful Friday/Saturday night dinners in November.

**Right Choice Pizzeria** is now open on Thursday through Monday evenings, baking pizzas with fresh ingredients to order.

## OBITUARY

We are sorry to report that **J. Wray Connelly**, 75, the inspiration behind the development of Everglades Isle with its distinctive lighthouse, passed away in August in Pittsburg where he was a leading citizen. He was a senior executive at Heinz and a benefactor of the University of Pittsburg, among other achievements.

However, the good news is that his son Mark is interested in Everglades Isle and, according to John Bruce, the luxury Motor Coach resort just over the bridge on SR-29 is "on-track for the winter season". In fact, reservation inquiries have been coming in at the new website [www.evergladesisle.com](http://www.evergladesisle.com).

## CLERK'S WEBSITE

A useful free course about using the Collier County Clerk of the Court's website [www.CollierClerk.com](http://www.CollierClerk.com) will be held on **Thursday, October 8**, at Hodges University from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

The Clerk processes traffic fines, assigns jury service, and takes child support payments online.

For more info, phone 252-6879.

## LIBRARY MEETING

The Friends of the Library will have their annual general meeting on **Tuesday, October 20**, at 3:00 p.m. in the library on Central Avenue in Naples. For info, phone Linda at 262-8135.



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