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What's Happening in the Everglades City Area

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FOOD BANK

Thanks to the Harry Chapin Food Bank, supplies were distributed to needy residents on October 1 in the Everglades Community Center. We were contacted on short notice but Travis Goff and Terry Smallwood volunteered to drive their trucks to Naples to collect the bounty.

Chris Ammerman emailed the *Rapper*: "Susan Foster of Harry Chapin was great to work with us. We are hoping to again be blessed with this extra help in the future."

Our Food Pantry is in need of donations. Dry or canned goods may be dropped off at any of our churches, at the Thrift Shop, or in the breezeway of the Community Church. The pantry is open for business on Saturday mornings from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.



photo above thanks to Martha Hutcheson



BLESSING THE BOATS

The crab fleet was given a send-off by the community on October 3 when the boats docked at the Rod & Gun and were blessed by local pastors.

The event was organized by Tod Dahlke of the Ivey House who would like to thank Win-Car Hardware, City Seafood, The Oyster House, Triad Seafood, Backcountry Cafe, Bob Wells Real Estate, Seafood Depot, Green Gator, Ivey House, Rod & Gun Club, Roland Morris Demere, Clay Daniels Jr., Marya Repko, Pastors Wallace, Danton, and Gilmore, Karen Colston, and the Stone Crab Fleet.

Stone crab season starts on Thursday, October 15, and runs until May 15.



CITY COUNCIL REPORT

by Marya Repko

Mayor Sammy Hamilton presented the 2009 "Citizen of the Year" award to Fran Tift and proclaimed her "Queen for a Day" at a packed meeting on October 6. The popular recipient was given a standing ovation.

Fran was selected because of all the community service she has contributed during the 26 years she has lived in the area: managing the Reach Out Thrift Shop which she started, organizing the July 4th celebration, helping the Lions, and participating in the Community Church, among other things. A social hour with refreshments and a cake followed the meeting.

Lt. Mark Milligan reported that District 7 of the Sheriff's Office has 1162 square miles to patrol and that, unfortunately, there had been some burglaries during the previous month. However, fortunately, several arrests were made. There will be extra officers on duty for Halloween and treats will be given out to the kiddies in McLeod Park during the festivities.

The next Council meeting is on Tuesday, November 3.

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

OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2009

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
11	12 Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm OFCD Bd Fire Sta, 6 pm	13 Kids' Clinic 5 – 8 pm	14 Ladies Coffee Gator Express 8 am	15 SAC School, 3 pm Lions Club Depot, 5:30 pm Copeland Civic 7 pm	<u>RAPPER</u> 16	17
new moon ○ 18	19 Hour of Prayer Holy Family Catholic Church 7 pm No School Chamber 6:30 pm, <i>see p.3</i>	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 <i>see p.3</i>	27	28 Ladies Coffee Patty Huff's home 8 am	29	<u>RAPPER</u> 30	<u>Halloween</u> 31 <i>see p.3, p.11</i>
NOV 1	full moon ● 2 Hour of Prayer Copeland Baptist Church, 7 pm	3 Congressional Visit Coletta Visit City Council Kids' Clinic <i>see p.3</i>	4 Ladies Coffee Backcountry Cafe 8 am FME mtg Museum, 9 am <i>see p.9</i>	5 Great Gators School, 9:30 am	6 Old Florida Festival <i>see p.9</i>	7 Kids' Clinic <i>see p.3</i> Museum Reception Old Florida Festival, <i>see p.9</i>
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Nov 14/15: Pet Vet Nov 17: Meet Candidates Nov 18: Absentee Ballots deadline Nov 21: Chok Fall Festival
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

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: 11/3, 11/7, 11/14

SHERIFF AT CITY HALL: Fri, 10/16 (9-10 am) Tues, 10/20 (10:30-11:30 am) Wed, 10/21 (1-2 pm) Fri, 10/23 (10-11 am)
Mon, 10/26 (10-11 am) Thurs, 10/29 (2-3 pm)

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.

CHAMBER MEETS

The Everglades Area Chamber of Commerce will hold an important members' general meeting on **Monday, October 19**, at 6:30 p.m. at the Seafood Depot. Please call Winnie to say you will attend at 695-3172 or 695-2342.

REGISTER TO VOTE!

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

CITY COUNCIL ELECTION

Candidates who have qualified for the City Council election on **Tuesday, November 24**, are McBeth Collins, Carol Foss, Todd Johnson, Elaine Middelstaedt, Johnny Potter, and Jim Tankersley.

There will be a "Meet the Candidates" event on Tuesday, **November 17** at the Seafood Depot and a special issue of the *Rapper* on November 13.



Halloween will be celebrated on **Saturday, October 31**, in McLeod Park. The schedule is:

- 5-9 pm: Trick or Treat
- 5-6 pm: Kids' Party (12 and under)
- 6-8 pm: Free Hot Dogs & Fixin's
- 9-10 pm: Water Balloons

The event is hosted by the City and Reach Out. For info, phone 695-3781

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, November 3**, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. and on **Saturday, November 7**, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. There are no drugs at the clinic but prescriptions can be written if necessary.

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.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Branch Library in City Hall will be closed until **Monday, October 26**, for family medical reasons. When it does open up again, the County Clerk's services will be reinstated.

OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

- 09/30/09: Vehicle Accident, Ochopee
- 10/01/09: Vehicle Accident, Ochopee
- 10/03/09: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 10/04/09: Chest Pains, US-41 52mm L-28 Canal
- 10/04/09: Vehicle Accident, 57mm on I-75
- 10/05/09: Abdominal Pain, Lee Cypress
- 10/05/09: Abdominal Pain, US-41 and SR-29
- 10/06/09: Vehicle Accident, 66mm on I-75
- 10/06/09: Vehicle Accident, 75mm on I-75
- 10/08/09: Vehicle Accident, 59mm on I-75
- 10/08/09: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 10/09/09: Emergency Medical, Port of the Islands
- 10/09/09: Emergency Medical, Port of the Islands
- 10/09/09: Vehicle Accident, 55mm on I-75
- 10/10/09: Boating Accident, Everglades City
- 10/10/09: Emergency Medical, 75mm on I-75
- 10/10/09: Brush Fire, 52mm on I-75
- 10/10/09: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 10/11/09: Trouble Breathing, Chokoloskee Island
- 10/12/09: Missing Person, Port of the Islands
- 10/12/09: Person Down, Everglades City

MOBILE PET VET

Dr Baker will be here on **Saturday, November 14**, 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, November 15** by previous appointment only. You can phone her at 777-PETS (7387). For more info, see www.naplesmobilepetvet.com.



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TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER

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

10/16/2009	Fri	01:27AM	3.0	H	08:49AM	0.2	L	02:13PM	3.1	H	09:09PM	0.5	L
10/17/2009	Sat	01:54AM	3.2	H	09:34AM	0.0	L	03:00PM	3.1	H	09:50PM	0.6	L
10/18/2009	Sun	02:21AM	3.3	H	10:18AM	-0.1	L	03:43PM	2.9	H	10:28PM	0.7	L
10/19/2009	Mon	02:49AM	3.3	H	11:01AM	-0.2	L	04:27PM	2.8	H	11:05PM	0.8	L
10/20/2009	Tue	03:17AM	3.3	H	11:43AM	-0.2	L	05:12PM	2.6	H	11:40PM	0.9	L
10/21/2009	Wed	03:48AM	3.3	H	12:27PM	-0.1	L	06:01PM	2.5	H			
10/22/2009	Thu	12:13AM	0.9	L	04:21AM	3.1	H	01:13PM	0.1	L	06:56PM	2.4	H
10/23/2009	Fri	12:46AM	1.0	L	05:01AM	2.9	H	02:04PM	0.2	L	07:56PM	2.3	H
10/24/2009	Sat	01:25AM	1.0	L	06:01AM	2.7	H	03:04PM	0.3	L	09:00PM	2.3	H
10/25/2009	Sun	02:59AM	1.1	L	07:48AM	2.5	H	04:11PM	0.4	L	10:02PM	2.3	H
10/26/2009	Mon	04:43AM	1.0	L	09:18AM	2.5	H	05:15PM	0.4	L	10:55PM	2.4	H
10/27/2009	Tue	05:55AM	0.9	L	10:35AM	2.5	H	06:10PM	0.5	L	11:37PM	2.5	H
10/28/2009	Wed	06:46AM	0.7	L	11:41AM	2.5	H	06:57PM	0.5	L			
10/29/2009	Thu	12:12AM	2.6	H	07:28AM	0.6	L	12:37PM	2.6	H	07:37PM	0.5	L
10/30/2009	Fri	12:43AM	2.8	H	08:07AM	0.4	L	01:24PM	2.7	H	08:15PM	0.6	L

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SCHOOL NEWS

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IMPORTANT DATES

- Thurs, Oct 15: SAC, 3:00 p.m.
- Mon, Oct 19: Hurricane Make-up Day
- Thurs, Oct 22: Volleyball, HOME, 4:00 p.m.
- Mon, Oct 26: Teacher Planning Day
- Mon, Nov 2: Report Cards
- Mon, Nov 9: No School



From Savannah's Eyes

It is finally October and almost Halloween! I can't wait until Halloween comes. Anyway, let's get down to business. Everyone does not know a lot of creepy and cool stuff in this town. On the corner of Broadway and Allen Avenue there are two bat houses with real bats living in them. It is really cool because near dark you look up to one of the houses and see them hanging upside down from the house inside. It is the coolest thing I have ever seen down here! There is a little house and a big house. And, bats live in each of them. The houses are lifted way up into the air because they need a high place to dangle from to get into the sky at night. If you get a chance to go look at them, they live on the hill in Everglades City.

This past weekend my aunt and uncle came down from Naples with my cousins to spend the night. My dad took my cousin, uncle, and me on the boat Saturday while my mom, aunt, and cousin stayed behind at the house. We caught fish but not any to keep but it was still fun. In one place where we were fishing, I was on the bow just looking out into the ocean and all of a sudden I saw a HUGE Manta ray. It was as big as the width of the boat! I was really scared that it would come back toward us and then jump on top of the boat. Thank goodness, it didn't. I love weekends because I get to spend time with my family.

I hope everyone has a Happy Halloween! Savannah

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



On the 40th anniversary of *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* by Eric Carle, our reading coach, Mrs. Betty Oglesby, read to the Pre-K and K group to help celebrate.

Thanks to Trina Mitchell and Beth White for photos

GREAT GATORS for September



Pre-K with Mrs. Wells: Madison Forbes, Brandon Purvis, Melanie Lopez-Alvarado, Carl Nicholson, River Brown

K with Ms. Ryan: Charlie Rain, Paris Humphreys, Reyvan Cifuentes, Brady Bowen, Taylor Richards



Grades 1 & 2 with Mrs. Andler: Jesse Goff, Alexis Rain, Gracie Emma Brown, Billi Wells, Savannah Weeks

Grade 3 with Mrs. Jones: George Brummett, Samantha Bruscini, Kalen Kibodeaux, Edy Lopez, Jerry Pablo-Ramirez



Grade 4 with Ms. Dalto: Bryce Kish, Jasmine Lucas, Emily Brown, Tori Wells, Ashlyn Goff

Grade 5 & 6 with Mrs. Mitchell: Braxton Kidder, Madelyn Mitchell, Tawny Wood, Sindy Cifuentes, Travis Daniels



The Fire Department visited Pre-K through 2nd grades on October 5 to talk about fire safety and describe what they do.



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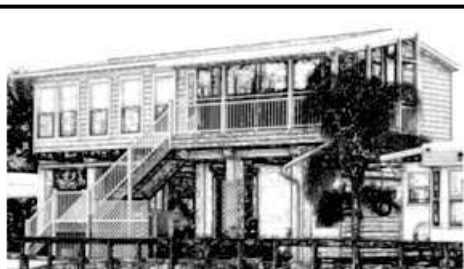
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Recipe for Good Eating

Pumpkin Bread

by Martha Hutcheson



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|----------------------|---------------------|
| ½ cup oil | 1 ¾ cup flour |
| 1 ⅔ cup sugar | 1 egg |
| 1 tsp baking soda | ¼ tsp baking powder |
| 1 cup canned pumpkin | ¾ tsp salt |
| ½ tsp ground cloves | ½ tsp cinnamon |
| ½ tsp nutmeg | |

Mix all together, pour into greased and floured loaf pan, bake in pre-heated oven at 350 for 1 hour

Angels of the Swamp

by Patricia Huff

Angels, angels, angels, our town is surrounded by them. This month we would like to highlight the special men who take care of our city, clean the skating rink, pick up yard debris and litter from the sides of the roads. They also work year round, even with the mosquitoes and on hot, humid days (including this month!). They are the men who travel 60 miles round trip from the Hendry Correctional Institution. They are always respectful and friendly. Be sure to stop and thank them when you see them around town. They are our Angels.



HOUSEHOLD TIPS

I had some really good pork & cabbage “pot stickers” recently that I bought in the Asian grocery store in Towne Center mall on the Trail just south of Government Center in Naples. The store has everything – snacks, soups, sauces, fresh and frozen foods. I discovered “Shanghai Nuts”, peanuts covered in a crispy garlic coating. I also took home some vegetarian dumplings that look pretty good. *Report from Phill Lawry.*

Clean woodwork and walls with a mixture of 1 cup white distilled vinegar, 1 cup baking soda, 1/2 cup ammonia and 1 gallon warm water. Wipe on with a sponge or damp (not wet) towel. This will also clean mildew off porch railings and outside doors (be careful not to drip on floor since it will bleach the surface).

TREES STOLEN!

Two young Royal Palms were stolen in broad daylight on October 7 from the Fakahatchee Environmental Center near Lake Gloria in Copeland. They were dug up and carted away, presumably for sale. Pam Mesce told the *Rapper* that she and Bill planted them 7 years ago and they were about 12-feet high. They are a State protected species. If you have any information, please phone 695-4621.



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



Congratulations to Captain Dave Prickett who guided a winning team of Grant & Susan Tigwell from Beth Monet's Children's Shoppe during the RedSnook Tournament over the weekend of October 3.

FWC News



New boating violations:

1. blood or breath alcohol level of 0.15 (was 0.20),
2. mooring to waterway markers except in emergency,
3. nonconforming gasoline containers or unventilated compartment,
4. approved boating safety course for anyone aged 22 or younger.

For info, see www.myfwc.com or phone 850-488-5600.

FWS News



U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service is looking for comments on the ten-year monitoring plan for the brown pelican which it intends to remove from the endangered species list. The draft plan is at www.fws.com/ventura. The deadline for comments is **Thursday, October 29**. For info, phone 404-679-7291.

REPORTING WILDLIFE VIOLATIONS

FWC (Florida): 888-404-FWCC (3922)

SNOOK RULES

1. slot limit 28 to 33 inches
 2. one fish per person per day
 3. valid fishing license with current Snook stamp
- Open season: September-November, March-April.**



Ten Thousand Islands Refuge

The Marsh Trail on US-41 was opened with much fanfare on October 10. Guests included County Commissioner Jim Coletta, Mayor Sammy Hamilton, and Monica Aranegui.

The new trail is over a mile of mostly dirt road. An observation tower will be built during the winter. There is no charge to use the parking lot and trail. Canoeing and biking are allowed within the refuge.



BIG CYPRESS PLAN

The final Commercial Services Plan for the Big Cypress National Preserve has been released. It invites vendors to provide visitor services such as canoeing, bike rentals, guided tours, and even firewood sales at the campgrounds. For more info, see www.nps.gov/bicy and click on "Management" and then on "Doing Business with the Park". You can also phone 695-1153.

WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER

The Ernest Coe Visitor Center at Everglades National Park near Homestead is showing the work of Michael Stern. The exhibit is entitled "Birds of the Everglades" and runs for the month of October. Stern is currently "Photographer in Residence" at the Park and his work can also be seen at www.sternphotos.com. The visitor center is open daily from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For info, phone (305) 242-7700.



photo courtesy Florida State Archives

LOCAL HISTORY

The slash pine described in our Florida Flora column (*see page 10*) was logged in the Big Cypress during the 1940s and 1950s by the C. J. Jones Lumber Company. At the height of operations, there was the sawmill pictured above on the east side of SR-29 and the village of Jerome which housed the workers on the west side of the road.

When pine was found north of the Fakahatchee, Jones also cut there in cooperation with the Lee Tidewater Cypress Company who had laid track to the area to carry logs out.

The pine was logged out in the mid-1950s and the sawmill caught on fire as it was being cleaned up. The little Methodist chapel in Jerome was donated to the Baptist mission in Everglades and moved to its present location opposite the school.

HISTORY ON TV

WGCU public television will show another episode of the "Untold Stories" series on **Friday, October 23**, at 8:30 p.m. The subject is "Sanctuary Island; the Sanibel Legacy". It repeats on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and on Sunday at 11:00 p.m. See www.wgcu.org for a full schedule.

OLD FLORIDA FESTIVAL

The Collier County Museum in Naples will hold its annual historical festival on the weekend of **November 7/8** from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day with activities for all the family. For info, see www.colliermuseums.com or phone 252-8476.



MUSEUM NEWS

The palm fronds painted by Amy Fouchea were a big hit at the "Meet the Artists" reception on October 3. Her work is for sale at the Museum and will be at Camellia Street Grill when the show closes. The Friends provided refreshments, thanks to Cabot Cheese from Vermont who donated aged cheddar for the event.

Exhibits in the Pauline Reeves Gallery at the front of the Museum are on display 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 Friends of the Museum trip to the Historical Museum of Southern Florida in Miami has been changed to **Thursday, October 29**, due to a scheduling conflict. To learn more about the museum, see www.hmsf.org. To make reservations, please email FME_98@hotmail.com or phone Patty at 695-2397. The full schedule of members' activities is posted on the Friends' website www.evergladesmuseum.org on the Events page.



Off the Shelf – Book Review

"Florida Cowboys, Keepers of the Last Frontier" Photographs by Carlton Ward, Jr

reviewed by Patricia Huff

This beautiful coffee-table book includes a volume of photographs taken by an eighth generation Floridian from a pioneering ranching family. And, it is a story book written by a variety of authors and divided into the following three sections: 1. **Pioneer Heritage**, including articles about *America's First Cowman*, *Indian Cowboys*, and *the Cracker Trail*. Susan Lykes Mueller writes about her family's cattle trade with Cuba. 2. **Ranching Today** covers our State's current ranches, including stories about Florida rodeos and grass-fed beef. 3. **Common Ground** discusses the environment, ranchlands conservation, water management and game species, among other topics.

Patrick D. Smith (author of *A Land Remembered*) wrote the Forward and Florida Commissioner of Agriculture Charles H. Bronson the Preface to the book. Ward's photography is spectacular and the stories interesting and informative. The format and style reminds me of Rob Storter's *Crackers in the Glade*. Instead of personal drawings, Carlton Ward brings the stories of the rancher and cattleman to life through his colorful photography. His work has been published in various journals including *Smithsonian*, *Africa Geographic* and *Outdoor Photographer*.

Florida Cowboys is published by University Press of Florida and can be purchased online at www.upf.com or www.amazon.com.

Paws to Reflect

by a Squeedilifferous Pusslet



Went out this morning to wet the grass and nearly froze my whatsis. Maybe half a degree above the freezing mark and when I took down my knickers – well! Pretty soon that old, blue litter box beside the claw-footed bathtub will begin to look pretty good. But despite being brisk, the morning proved truly delightful. The leaves are turning pretty colors and jumping out of the trees. After I caught a couple of dozen, I came inside and sat on Dad's desk and helped him finish his bowl of strawberry yoghurt.

Last night Mom came home from Arizona, and we had a fire in the fireplace and I lay on my back with my paws up and warmed my tummy. Mom told us about this great crack in the ground they call the Grand Canyon. And like the ravine in our back yard, it has a creek running through it. Thing is, our creek is dried up most of the time, so I don't have to get my toes wet wading across it. Given the choice, I'm glad they didn't put the Grand Canyon in our back yard. Leaping across it to get to the ferns where the meadow mice live would be a terrific bother.

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

"Touch Feeding"

by Anne McCrary Sullivan

In the Everglades, what I want to touch:
soft down of the young anhinga's S-curved neck
shiny leather of the gator's black back
fleshy palm of the opossum

smooth haunch of the yellow panther
wrinkled neck of the soft-shell turtle
underwing where the ibis preens
tongue of the great blue heron

the touch-feeding wood stork's pink feet
stirring, stirring until the small fish darts
and the sensitive beak, quickest motion
in nature – snaps shut.

Anne McCrary Sullivan is a professor in Tampa but is also a Florida Master Naturalist with a love of the Everglades. Her book "Throat Song", from which this poem was reprinted with permission, is available for sale at the Museum in ECity.

ORCHID SALE

The Naples Orchid Society is holding its annual sale on **Saturday, October 17**, at the Moorings Presbyterian Church in Naples. The doors open at 12:00 noon. For info, see www.naplesorchidsociety.org or phone 822-7765.



FLORIDA FLORA

by Patricia Huff

South Florida Slash Pine (*Pinus elliotti* var. *densa*)

The South Florida Slash Pine is a dominant tree in the woods of this area. The Dade County variety "*densa*" has longer needles and smaller cones than other types of slash pine. With its long-lasting, dense wood, it was the primary wood used by Barron Collier when building many of our homes here in Everglades City. Because of their high resin content, slash pines have been used for railroad ties and pilings.

For landscaping, they need a lot of sun and should be planted at least 5 feet away from the canopy of other trees. It has been noted that these pines are very sensitive to foot traffic so do not plant them where you park, drive or use the lawn mowers. You may mulch with pine needles but keep them away from the base of the trunk to avoid rot. Slash pine will need water when you first plant them (several times a week) but after they are established, you will not need to water. This is a very drought-tolerant native tree for your yard.

If you have items for the "Rapper" please email us!

RESTAURANT NEWS



- Backcountry Cafe (695-2552):**
6:00 am - 3:00 pm.; daily
- Camellia Street Grill (695-2003):**
12 noon – 8:00 pm; Mon – Sat
12 noon – 5:00 pm; Sun
- City Seafood (695-4700):**
11:00 am - 6:00 pm; daily
Fish Market also open
- Everglades Seafood Depot (695-0075):**
10:30 am - 9:00 pm; daily
Cabana Bash: 4 - 7 pm, Sat
- Everglades Scoop (695-0375):**
11:00 am – 5:00 pm; Mon - Sat
- Gator Express (695-3937):**
6:30 am - 8 pm; Mon, Tues
6:30 am - 9 pm; Wed, Thurs, Sun
6:30 am - 10 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):**
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
- 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



Mr. D'Agostino's sixth grade science class explored chemical and physical reactions by making ice cream. Yum!
Photo and caption by Trina Mitchell.

HALLOWEEN PARTIES



Leebo's will have a mullet fry starting at 2:00 p.m. and a costume party starting at 8:00 p.m with live music.
Camellia Street Grill will have costume party with a DJ, door prizes, bar appetizers, and other fun from 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Glades Haven Specials



Glades Haven Liquor Store now has new wines for under \$10 per bottle and are offering a 10% discount to local residents. And, if you buy 5 bottles or more, the discount is 15%.

Teens' Driving Challenge



CCSO is sponsoring an advanced course for young drivers in ECity. On **Thursday, November 5**, there will be classroom sessions at the school at 5:00 p.m. The practical lessons take place on **Saturday, November 7**, from 8:00 a.m. onwards. Among the maneuvers will be driving in a figure-of-8, backing up, and correcting a skid.

Students must bring their own cars and sign waiver forms which are available at www.colliersheriff.org or at City Hall. For more info, phone Lt. Milligin at 253-5031.



Ms Dalto's fourth grade class in their new Tshirts. The student's name is on the back of the shirt. The cake is to celebrate birthdays in October, November, and December. *Photo and report by Trina Mitchell.*

DOGGIES

October is "Adopt-a-Dog" month and the Department of Animal Services shelter on Davis Blvd in Naples is offering a special package that includes training. Adoptions are \$85. For info, see www.collierpets.com or phone 252-PETS (7387).

VISUALLY IMPAIRED GROUP

The Director of Blind Services for the State of Florida, Joyce Hildreth, will talk at the Lighthouse of Collier meeting on **Wednesday, October 21**, at 10:00 a.m. in Edison College. For more info, phone (239) 394-1020.

BOOK FAIR



The school is holding its annual "Around the World" Book Fair from **October 30** to **November 6** in the Media Center. Doors are open from 7:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. with special late opening until 4:30 p.m. on November 2 & 4.

The public is welcome. Come along to do your holiday shopping early for your kids and grands. The profits go to the school. For info, phone Trina at 695-2561.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

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

Phone Martha 695-0008.

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Little Gabriel Herrin was brave to hold this frog at the Blessing of the Fleet on October 3. He is the son of Michael and Sasha Herrin.

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SCENIC HIGHWAY?
By Tracy Huff
 The Scenic Highway designation for parts of US-41 (Tamiami Trail) was on the agenda as an informational item at the Collier County Metropolitan Planning Organization meeting on Friday, October 13.

KIDS CAN PLAY AGAIN
By Maria Repko
 New equipment is being installed in the playground at McLeod Park and should be ready any day now. Also, under the new metal roof on the pavilion in the

CITY COUNCIL MEETING
By Maria Repko
 City Hall is being restored so quickly that the Mayor hopes it will be ready in time for the children's Christmas party!

The reported at the City Council meeting on October 13 that FEMA had been ready helpful since Hurricane Wilma and that he had just received \$400,000 from Collier County, thanks to the efforts of Commissioner Jim Collins and Mayor Jim Mudd. The Mayor also reported that a new metal roof has been put on the pavilion at McLeod Park and that the playground equipment is being installed.

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