

The MULLET RAPPER

What's Happening in the Everglades City Area

DECEMBER 11 - 24, 2009

© 2009, Snook Publications

P O Box 617, Everglades City, FL, 34139

Volume III • Issue #96



Gator Express has installed a new ice vending station which will deliver cubes in bags or directly into your cooler. It will be operational soon.

CRIME PREVENTION TIPS

This email is a reminder that we should not become easy targets for theft:

I often see vehicles at the Post Office and Circle-K unattended with windows open, key in the ignition, running, sometimes longer than 5 minutes.

For more tips, see the enhanced CCSO website www.colliersheriff.org.

If you have an alarm system, it must be registered with CCSO. You can do this by phone at 793-9595 or online at www.alarmregistration.org.

CONTENTS

| | | | |
|----------|------|---------------|------|
| Calendar | p. 2 | Outdoors | p. 8 |
| Tides | p. 3 | Florida Flora | p. 9 |
| Events | p. 3 | Museum | p. 9 |
| School | p. 5 | Local History | p. 9 |
| Recipe | p. 7 | Restaurants | p.11 |
| Paws | p. 7 | MORE Events | p.11 |

FEATURE: HOLIDAY SHOPPING, p.10



CITY COUNCIL REPORT

The three newly-elected councilors (Johnnie Potter, Elaine Middelsteadt, and Tod Johnson) were sworn in by City Clerk Dottie Joiner at the meeting on December 1.

Mayor Sammy Hamilton then presented Salem Lousma with a Certificate of Appreciation for making over 1000 water balloons for the free-for-all that ends our Halloween celebration each year. The Mayor commented that "We wouldn't have had the water balloon fight without his help."

The Mayor recognized the "Christmas Around the World Parade and Gala" in Immokalee with an official proclamation. The tradition dates from 1994 and this year the Mayor has been invited to lead the parade on **Saturday, December 12**, beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Finally, the Mayor wished everyone a happy holiday season.



SHERIFF'S REPORT

Gator Express was the site of an attempted armed robbery on Saturday evening, November 28. Suspect is described as a thin-build white approximately 6'0" tall. The face of the suspect was concealed. If you should have any information regarding this incident please contact the Collier County Sheriff's Office immediately at 695-2007. As always, your help is greatly appreciated!

Best Wishes to our Readers for a Joyous Holiday Season

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

DECEMBER 2009 / JANUARY 2010

| <u>SUN</u> | <u>MON</u> | <u>TUES</u> | <u>WED</u> | <u>THURS</u> | <u>FRI</u> | <u>SAT</u> |
|------------|--|---|---|--|---|--|
| 6 | 7 Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God 7 am FME Lunch Museum, 11:30 am | 8 Kids' Clinic <i>see p.11</i> School Early Dismissal | 9 Ladies Coffee Havana Cafe 8 am | 10 | RAPPER 11 Tree Lighting City Hall, 5 pm <i>see p.3</i> BBQ Dinner ECC, <i>see p.3</i> | 12 Kids' Clinic <i>see p.11</i> Star Gazing <i>see p.8</i> Copeland Play 6:30 pm <i>see p.3</i> |
| 13 | 14 Hour of Prayer Holy Family Catholic Church 7 pm ESHP mtg City Hall, 9am <i>see p.9</i> OFCD Bd Fire Sta, 6 pm Chamber Depot, 6:30 pm <i>see p.3,9</i> | 15 Reach Out mtg City Hall, 8:30 am | new moon ○ 16 Ladies Coffee Jan Brock's Home 8 am | 17 SAC School, 3 pm Lions Club Depot, 5:30 pm <i>see p.3</i> Copeland Civic 7 pm | 18 Santa in Town 3:30 pm <i>see p.3</i> | 19 Kids' Clinic <i>see p.11</i> Pancake Fly-In Airport 10 am - noon <i>see p.3</i> Reach Out Gifts <i>see p.3</i> |
| 20 | 21 Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm School Recess | 22 Kids' Clinic <i>see p.11</i> | 23 Ladies Coffee Backcountry Cafe 8 am | 24 Live Nativity & Candlelight Service <i>see p.11</i> | RAPPER 25 Christmas | 26 |
| 27 | 28 Hour of Prayer Copeland Baptist Church, 7 pm | 29 Kids' Clinic <i>see p.11</i> | 30 Ladies Coffee Gator Express 8 am | blue moon ● 31 New Year's Eve Watch <i>see p.11</i> | JAN 1 Happy New Year | 2 Kids' Clinic <i>see p.11</i> |
| 3 | 4 Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God 7 am | 5 Back to School Coletta Visit Congressional Visit City Council | 6 Ladies Coffee Havana Cafe 8 am | 7 Great Gators School, 9:30 am | RAPPER 8 Deacons Talk Museum, 2 pm "Wind" Film <i>see p.9</i> | 9 Pet Vet <i>see p.11</i> Museum Reception 1-3 pm |

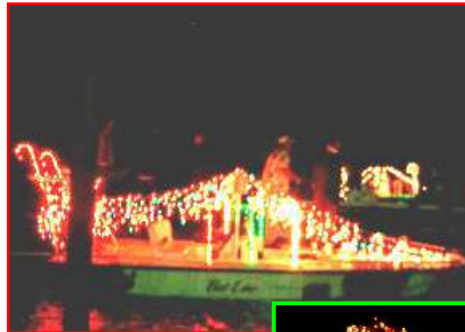
Jan 9/10: Pet Vet Jan 16: Class Reunion Jan 23: Art-in-the-Glades, Antique Airplanes Fly-In, Pancake Fly-In
Feb 6-8: Seafood Festival Feb 13/14: Collier Seminole BlueGrass Feb 23-26: MSD Festival

THRIFT SHOP: Mon, Wed, 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; 10:00 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, Thurs; 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. LITTLE GATOR CLINIC: 12/12, 12/19, 12/22, 12/29, 1/2

SHERIFF AT CITY HALL: Fri, 12/11 (10-11 am)
Mon, 12/14 (1-2 pm) Tues, 12/15 (10-11 am) Wed, 12/16 (1-2 pm) Thurs, 12/17 (9-10 am)

TREE LIGHTING

The annual lighting of the Christmas tree in front of City Hall will take place on **Friday, December 11**, at 5:00 p.m. Kiddies are asked to bring a decoration to place on the tree. There will be cookies and drinks for everyone. For info, phone 695-2397.



Despite the windy weather, local boats dressed up to take part in the annual holiday parade on **December 5**.



BBQ DINNER

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Everglades Community Church is holding a Bar-B-Q Pork Dinner on **Friday, December 11**, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for under 10-years-old, and are available from Lisa at City Hall.

COPELAND PLAY

Copeland Baptist Church present their annual Christmas pageant on **Saturday, December 12**, at 6:30 p.m. Rehearsals and costume design have been in the works for weeks so it should be a lovely evening. For info, phone 695-2900.

REACH OUT GIFTS

Our neighborhood charity will allow needy parents to select gifts for their children on **Saturday, December 19**, at the Community Church from 9:00 am to noon.

Donations of unwrapped presents can be left before that at Everglades Island Properties or in Right Choice Supermarket. Cash and wrapping paper are also welcome.

For info, phone Carol at 695-2277.

CHAMBER MEETING

The Everglades Area Chamber of Commerce will have its annual meeting to announce the election results on **Monday, December 14**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Seafood Depot. See page 9.

LIONS CLUB AT DEPOT

The Lions Club will meet on **Thursday, December 17**, at 5:30 p.m. at the Seafood Depot and every **Third Thursday** of each month. For more info, phone Elaine at 695-2695.

SANTA IN TOWN

Santa will give out gifts on **Friday, December 18**, at 3:30 p.m. in the Community Center behind the Fire Station.



MORE News & Events on page 11.

OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

- 11/25/09: Vehicle Accident, 75mm on I-75
- 11/25/09: Emergency Medical, Copeland
- 11/26/09: Person Fell, Port of the Islands
- 11/26/09: Pregnant Female, Everglades City
- 11/27/09: Vehicle Accident, 68mm on I-75
- 11/28/09: Emergency Medical, Chokoloskee Island
- 11/28/09: Emergency Medical, Copeland
- 11/28/09: Vehicle Accident, 59mm on I-75
- 11/30/09: Emergency Medical, Copeland
- 12/04/09: Emergency Medical, Port of the Islands
- 12/05/09: Vehicle Accident, 75mm on I-75
- 12/05/09: Emergency Medical, Everglades National Park
- 12/05/09: Emergency Medical, Ochopee
- 12/07/09: Vehicle Fire, 57mm on I-75
- 12/07/09: Vehicle Fire, 56mm on I-75
- 12/07/09: Emergency Medical, Copeland
- 12/08/09: Vehicle Fire, 76mm on I-75

PANCAKE FLY-IN



A pancake breakfast hosted by Wings 10,000 Island Tours will take place at Everglades Airpark on **Saturday, December 19**, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. For info, phone Chuck at 695-3296. Everyone is welcome!

We received the following note:



At this time, I would like to say thank you to all my friends and neighbors who shared their trust and hope by casting their vote for me. I am humbled by your response; I thank you, again. I would also like to congratulate the winners Johnny, Tod, and Elaine.

Thank You

Your friend, Jim Tankersley.


TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER

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

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------|-----|---------|------|---|---------|------|---|---------|-----|---|---------|-----|---|
| 12/11/2009 | Fri | 05:38AM | 0.1 | L | 11:38AM | 2.2 | H | 05:31PM | 0.7 | L | 10:26PM | 2.8 | H |
| 12/12/2009 | Sat | 06:33AM | -0.1 | L | 12:59PM | 2.2 | H | 06:25PM | 0.8 | L | 11:10PM | 2.9 | H |
| 12/13/2009 | Sun | 07:23AM | -0.2 | L | 01:57PM | 2.3 | H | 07:15PM | 0.8 | L | 11:51PM | 2.9 | H |
| 12/14/2009 | Mon | 08:09AM | -0.3 | L | 02:36PM | 2.3 | H | 08:02PM | 0.8 | L | | | |
| 12/15/2009 | Tue | 12:30AM | 3.0 | H | 08:52AM | -0.3 | L | 03:01PM | 2.2 | H | 08:45PM | 0.8 | L |
| 12/16/2009 | Wed | 01:07AM | 3.0 | H | 09:32AM | -0.3 | L | 03:24PM | 2.2 | H | 09:25PM | 0.8 | L |
| 12/17/2009 | Thu | 01:43AM | 3.0 | H | 10:11AM | -0.3 | L | 03:51PM | 2.2 | H | 10:02PM | 0.8 | L |
| 12/18/2009 | Fri | 02:19AM | 2.9 | H | 10:48AM | -0.3 | L | 04:23PM | 2.2 | H | 10:39PM | 0.7 | L |
| 12/19/2009 | Sat | 02:55AM | 2.8 | H | 11:25AM | -0.2 | L | 05:00PM | 2.3 | H | 11:16PM | 0.7 | L |
| 12/20/2009 | Sun | 03:34AM | 2.7 | H | 12:01PM | -0.1 | L | 05:39PM | 2.3 | H | 11:57PM | 0.7 | L |
| 12/21/2009 | Mon | 04:20AM | 2.5 | H | 12:37PM | 0.0 | L | 06:19PM | 2.3 | H | | | |
| 12/22/2009 | Tue | 12:47AM | 0.6 | L | 05:17AM | 2.3 | H | 01:13PM | 0.2 | L | 06:58PM | 2.4 | H |
| 12/23/2009 | Wed | 01:50AM | 0.6 | L | 06:29AM | 2.1 | H | 01:51PM | 0.3 | L | 07:37PM | 2.4 | H |
| 12/24/2009 | Thu | 03:02AM | 0.5 | L | 07:50AM | 1.9 | H | 02:35PM | 0.5 | L | 08:16PM | 2.5 | H |
| 12/25/2009 | Fri | 04:10AM | 0.4 | L | 09:16AM | 1.8 | H | 03:29PM | 0.6 | L | 08:56PM | 2.5 | H |

Havana Café

Breakfast & Lunch, Every Day
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Cuban sandwiches & coffee
Lunch specials 

Chokoloskee, 695-2214

Camellia Street Grill

Great Food & Music on the Barron River
"A Different Dining Experience"

- Fresh Seafood • Daily Specials •
- Salads from our Garden •

202 Camellia Street, Everglades City, Florida
(239) 695-2003

camelliastreetgrill@yahoo.com



GLADES REALTY

"Your Everglades Connection"

JAN BROCK
Broker / Owner

207 West Broadway
P.O. Box 599 (239) 695-4299 (Bus)
Everglades City, FL, 34139 (239) 719-0028 (Cell)
www.gladesrealty.com (239) 695-3849 (Fax)

Triad Seafood Market & Cafe

Stone Crabs • Shrimp • Conch
Smoked Fish • Frog legs • Crab Cakes
Homemade Key Lime Pies

On the River behind the School

Orlo & Pam Hilton

(239) 695-0722

Enjoy your meal on our screened porch!



LEEBO'S ROCK BOTTOM BAR

Enjoy Beer & Liquor in our Screen Porch
Live Music on Saturday night!

801 Copeland Ave, Everglades City, Florida
Leebo & Rhonda Noble (239) 465-9521

Bob Wells Real Estate

www.bobwellsrealestate.us

Fran Tiftt
Broker/Associate

210 S. Copeland Ave
Everglades City, Florida, 34139

Office: 239-695-2660 Fax: 239-695-0967



RIGHT CHOICE SUPERMARKET



Pizzeria

695-FOOD
(695-3663)

Fresh Ingredients!

Cooked to Order for You to Take Out

Oyster House Restaurant



Seafood, Daily Specials, Lunch & Dinner
opp. Everglades National Park

P.O. Box 367, Everglades City, FL, 34139

(239) 695-2073

www.oysterhouserestaurant.com



GLADES REALTY

"Your Everglades Connection"

KAREN COCHRAN
Broker / Associate

207 West Broadway
P.O. Box 599 (239) 695-4299 (Bus)
Everglades City, FL, 34139 (239) 777-6614 (Cell)
www.gladesrealty.com (239) 695-3849 (Fax)

Everglades Seafood Depot



RESTAURANT
OPEN DAILY
10:30 AM
to 9:00 PM

Seafood Buffet, Thursday, 4-9 pm

102 Collier Avenue, Everglades City, FL
Billy & Crystal Potter, (239) 695-0075

RIGHT CHOICE SUPERMARKET

- Hats / Shirts
- Films / Batteries
- Wines / Beers
- ICE
- Medicine
- Groceries
- Meats
- Produce



104 S Buckner Ave. Everglades City

Tel. 239-695-4535

CAPT. TONY BROCK (239) 695-4150

AMERICAN HERITAGE

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES

10,000 ISLAND
EVERGLADES
NAT'L PARK GUIDE

SNOOK • TARPON
RED FISH • TROUT
SCENIC TOURS

P.O. BOX 599 • EVERGLADES CITY, FL 34139
CaptBrock@aol.com

ROD & GUN LODGE & RESTAURANT

Originally built in the 1890's



Lunch 11:30 am - 4 pm Dinner 5-9 pm
Breakfast: 7:00 - 10:00 am



STAY & PLAY AT THE IVEY HOUSE

- Luxury Rooms in the Ivey House Inn
- Screened Courtyard with Pool & Waterfall
- Gift Shop & Gallery
- Guided Day-Trips with Naturalist

107 Camellia Street (behind the Post Office)
Everglades City

www.iveyhouse.com

239-695-3299
877-667-0679 toll-free



Capt. Bill Lindson

SNOOK
TARPON & REDFISH
IN EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK

FLY • PLUG • SPIN

239-695-0314

WWW.CHOKOLOSKKEEFISHING.COM
CHOKOLOSKKEE, FLORIDA

210 Collier Ave, P.O. Box 380 Ph: 239-695-4499
Everglades City, FL 34139 Fax: 239-685-4776

RIVER WILDERNESS

★ www.river-wilderness.com ★

Daily • Weekly • Monthly Rentals

WATERFRONT VILLAS • SCREEN PORCHES • CANOES
SWIMMING POOL • BOAT RAMP • DOCK • OUTDOOR BBQ



Kenny Brown
Resort Manager

OUTDOOR RESORTS
Chokoloskee Island

Hwy 29 South

P O Box 39, Chokoloskee, FL, 34138
(239) 695-2881 & 695-3788

Glades Haven Cosy Cabins

Sales & Rentals

801 Copeland Avenue South
Everglades City, Florida

(239) 695-2746 or 888-956-6251

www.gladeshaven.com



SCHOOL NEWS

Everglades City School

phone: 377-9800 or 695-2561

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

IMPORTANT DATES

Tues, Dec 12: Basketball HOME, 5:00 p.m.
 Thurs, Dec 17: SAC, Media Center, 3:00 p.m.
 Dec 21-Jan 4: Winter Recess



From Savannah's Eyes

This Saturday the Lions Club is having a Christmas party at the Everglades Isle Lighthouse club. My mom is in the Lions Club and my dad is going to sing there, while I write a poem and read it plus, of course, sing with my dad! The Lions Club helps people that can't afford eye glasses and other things that they need. It is a very good cause. I love to dress up for parties especially Christmas parties because it is my favorite time of the year! And also I absolutely love Christmas dresses! Everyone that is going to the party is bringing canned foods so we can re-stock the food pantry at the church. Also they are bringing gifts for the Boys camp, so they will get something for Christmas.

We are going to get out the decorations this weekend for Christmas so we can get into the spirit! I love helping out my parents decorating the house and yard because it is a lot of fun to decorate for Christmas!! I love going around on the golf cart at night with my parents and look at everyone's house that has lights and decorations!! Ohh and I almost forgot this Friday there will a Christmas tree lighting at City Hall for all of the kids that go to decorate the tree. And also there will be goodies and hot cocoa for people to eat. And every year my dad sings Christmas songs with the little kids and adults that want to join in the singing. We go over there every year because it is soo much fun!!

At school in Mrs. Ihle's class we are doing a project called Celebrate!!! And we are put into groups and assigned different countries in the world. My group is Russia and the other groups are Iraq, Madagascar, Afghanistan, and India. Each group has to find information about their country. And we have to design a table decoration for our own country. And when we have it all set up we invite our parents and cook special foods for them from our own country!

Can't wait until Christmas!!

Love, Savannah

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



Grades 5 and 6 with Mrs. Mitchell: Sierra Dungan, Brandon Bruscini, Haylee Ellison

GREAT GATORS, November 2009



Pre-K with Mrs. Wells: Ashton Humphreys, Billy Smallwood, Cayla Starr



Kindergarten with Ms. Ryan: Candice Ayers, Tyler Bruscini, Morgan Herrin, Not pictured: Kenny Smallwood



First and Second grade with Mrs. Andler: Destany Vanleeuwen, Alexis Rain, Jesse Goff



Third Grade with Mrs. Jones: Stephanie Pablo-Ramirez, Ashton Smallwood, Dustin Young



Fourth Grade: Bryan Sanders, Ashlyn Goff, Tori Wells

Thanks to Trina Mitchell for photos.

FREE INSPECTION

with this ad ...

- Lawns
- Termites
- Mosquitoes
- Rodents • Pests



Joseph Purtell, Sales Inspector
Phone (239) 389-1238



TRULY NOLEN
PEST CONTROL
1101 Bald Eagle Drive
Marco Island, FL, 34145
1-800-GO TRULY
www.trulynolen.com

DEANO'S
A/C and HEATING

Sales
Service
Maintenance

CALL ANYTIME

239-253-2882

239-253-4860

Licensed CAC 1815185

EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK
BOAT TOURS
Sole authorized concession on Gulf Coast
Everglades National Park
Open 365 days



Mangrove Wilderness
10,000 Island Tours
Canoe Rentals
Gift Shop
Located at Ranger Station
½ mile South of Traffic Circle
1-866-NAT-PARK



City Seafood

702 Begonia Street, Everglades City

OPEN ALL YEAR ...

We are one of the most affordable
restaurants with one of the most
beautiful waterfront locations.

Daily downstairs: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Book a private party: phone Richard or
Candice at 695-4700.

FRESH FISH FOR SALE
IN OUR MARKET

Guided ECO Adventures



Phone Capt. Charles Wright
at (239) 695-3633
or visit us at *JT's, Chokoloskee*



Everglades
Area Tours.com

TOURS • RENTALS • OUTFITTERS

SEA GULL
STUDIOS



Shells • Gifts
Paintings

Virginia Klotz, Owner
201 S. Copeland Ave
Everglades City, Florida
(239) 695-3908

CONTACT US FOR ALL YOUR

- Screen Enclosures
- Hurricane Shutters
- Impact Windows
- Car Ports
- Aluminum Fencing / Railing

Christopher O'Neil
1-800-730-4510
ddalum@bellsouth.net
www.weshutter.com



License #SCC131149998



Everglades
Community
Church

*"The friendly church
on the circle"*

101 S. Copeland Avenue
Everglades City, Florida

Rev. Dr. Bob Wallace, Pastor

Adult Sunday School 9:45-10:30 am
Sunday Worship Service 11:00 am

www.evergladescommunitychurch.com



True Home-Town Banking

- ♣ Personal Checking/Savings
- ♣ Business Accounts
- ♣ Certificates of Deposit (CDs)
- ♣ Equal Housing Lender
- ♣ FDIC Member

895 Fifth Ave South, Naples, FL 34102
Phone us at 239.919.5199
www.shamrockbankfl.com

Visit Us in Everglades City Hall!

Hardware
Marine Supplies
Knives



T-Shirts
Caps
Unusual Gifts

WIN-CAR, INC.

True Value **V&S Variety Stores**

Post Office Box 247
Everglades City, FL 34139
wincar123@earthlink.net

Carolyn Thompson & Jim Webb
239-695-3201
Fax: 239-695-3334

MARSON SAFETY SYSTEMS, INC.
A FULL-SERVICE ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR



Herb Kehoe
Licensed & Insured
State Reg #ER000-7098

SERVING THE EVERGLADES CITY AREA

P. O. Box 708
Chokoloskee, FL, 34138

cell (941) 809-0998
(239) 695-2357

*Advertise Your
Business Card*
phone 695-2397
or email
mulletrapper@gmail.com

LAURA'S SITTING
Pet & Plant

TENDER CARE AND ATTENTION LICENSED • BONDED • INSURED

Pet Care Services
Pet Boarding • Pet Day Care
Dog Walking Services • Vacation Pet Care

Laura Dudley (239)695-2730 • www.petandplantsitting.com



We specialize in elevated homes –

- Park Models
- Singlewides
- Doublewides

Serving Florida for over 35 years.

Mobile Home Enterprises, Inc.
5286 River Bay Drive, Punta Gorda, FL 33960
phone Ralph Lucado at (352) 279-0739
See our website for examples
www.mhehomes.com

Recipe for Good Eating

Cookies – Peanutbutter/Oatmeal/Grapenuts by Lincoln Frost



Bea tells me that ya gotta print out tha ingredients ‘uv ah receipt first thing so’s ah person can see if they want ta make it - so here goes:

- | | |
|------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| 2 sticks butter or margarine | 1 t salt |
| 1/2 cp. wt. sugar | 1 T vanilla |
| 1 cp. br. Sugar | 1 t ea. - allspice – cinnamon |
| 2 cps. crunchy peanut butter | ginger – cloves |
| 4 eggs | 1 T ea. sunflower & sesame seeds |
| 2 cps. w.w. flour | 1/4 cp. ea. honey – molasses |
| 1 cp. w. flour | 3 T cut oats |
| 2 T Baking soda | 2 t Arm & Hammer soda |
| 1 t cream of Tartar | 1/2 cp. condensed milk |
| 3 cps. rolled oats | 2 cps. grapenuts |
| 1/2 cp. canola oil | |

Now then I have a Kitchen Aid Mixer with a big stainless steel bowl and this receipt fills it plum full! I turn tha mixer on ‘slow’ speed add tha butter – sugar – peanutbutter – eggs and flour. My w.w. flour is made in my own ‘stone’ mill from real wheat from tha farmer, up Missouri way! Next I add all tha remainin’ liquid stuff - then tha spices & seeds. Lastly I add all tha remanin’ dry ingredients - oatmeal & grapenuts.

Along tha way scrape tha mix down from tha bowl sides from time ta time. Lower tha bowl, disengage tha paddle & with ‘uh spatula pat tha dough down into ‘uh ball. Cover and place in tha fridge ta cool or until you’re ready ta bake tha cookies.

I then use ‘uh icecream 3/4 oz. dipper ta scoop out ‘uh dollop ‘uv dough and roll it between my hands into a ball and then drop it onto ‘uh piece ‘uv parchment paper where Bea presses it down to tha desired thickness and transfers it over to tha parchment lined bakin’ sheet. Here I give itta ‘wash coat, she applies the nut garnish, I give it another brush coat and she bakes ‘em 15 min. @ 350degrees. Cool on racks.

They should be crunchy – chewy and not too sweet. Try ‘em before nap or at bed time with a glass ‘uv milk!!

Lincoln & Bea Frost lived on Plantation Island for many years. Linc is famous for his Letters which we have published in the Rapper. Bea says they work together to make great batches of these cookies to give away to friends, as well as to eat for themselves.

Paws to Reflect by a Squeediliferous Pusslet



The year has unwound so far I can glimpse the spool. The leaves have mostly jumped off the trees, nights are usually just below freezing, and the wind has howled every other day and bitten branches from the ash and maple and oak. But every few days there comes a most welcome hiatus, when the sun beams upon us and warms us well into the fifties. Then we go out and roll in the unmown grass and play hide and seek with the mice who live in the woodpile.

Yesterday was one such day and, of course, Dad had to go sailing. He says he’s gathering stories for his next book, but it seems he enjoys himself far too much to designate it work. He told me the seals have come from the Maritime Provinces to winter here in balmy southern Connecticut. He discovered them basking on middle Clump as the ebbing tide uncovered the slimy reef. The disgruntled gulls paddled about the rocks in hope of scraps. Swimming after fish is okay if you happen to be a seal, but me, I prefer my tuna out of a can, thank you, served on a china dish.

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



About 20 boats and numerous residents attended the Marine Security & Boat Theft Prevention workshop on November 28 at ORA in Chokoloskee. The boat owners were given booklets with photos of their boats in case of theft and were advised how to make their craft safer. Thanks to Sue Gentry, CCSO Crime Prevention Officer, for this picture of Cpl Josh White and Lt Mark Milligan.

WILDLIFE ENCOUNTERS



The Sheriff's Office and FWC are reminding us about encounters with wildlife, especially as darkness closes in during the winter.

- * Keep pet food and unsecured garbage cans inside the house or a closed garage.
- * Be cautious when walking outside after dark or around water.
- * Carry a flashlight, noisemaker, and walking stick when taking pets for a walk.
- * Keep cats inside at night and keep dogs on a leash. Be alert anytime you are outdoors with a pet.
- * Most wild animals avoid interactions with humans. Never approach wild animals.
- * Always supervise children.
- * Do not run away from a panther or a bear. Back up slowly. Give the animal time and space to move away from you.



Thanksgiving weekend brought perfect weather to explore the Ten Thousand Islands and to give thanks for the wonders of nature in our beautiful surroundings.



FLORIDA FLORA

by Patricia Huff

Dahoon Holly (*Ilex cassine*)

This beautiful native Florida tree is in full bloom during our holiday season with its bright red berries. The blooms are small white flowers; the tree grows up to 35 feet and the dark green glossy leaves are oblong. The female trees bear the fruit (which is poisonous to humans but enjoyed by birds); however, a male tree should be planted close by. The Dahoon Holly grows throughout Florida, primarily near streams and swamps. It is not salt tolerant and should be planted with good irrigation. You'll see the Dahoon Holly in our National Parks and along the Tamiami Trail.

Star Gazing



This year's Geminid meteor shower promises to be especially memorable, with predicted rates of 75 meteors per hour under dark moonless skies. This Big Cypress National Preserve event begins at 5:00 p.m. on **Saturday, December 12**, at H.P. Williams Roadside Park (Turner River Road and US-41) with interpretive bird-watching and orientation. As dusk falls, we will redirect our attention skyward, find our way among the constellations, and enjoy the show. Bring a folding chair, binoculars, snacks & water, bug spray, flashlight with red plastic cover for night vision, and warm clothes.

For info, phone 695-1164 or email Garrick_Landsberg@nps.gov.



LOCAL HISTORY

Thanks to Margie Weeks for these postcards of Chokoloskee School which she donated to the Historical Library operated by the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation (ESHP)

ESHP will hold a board meeting on **Monday, December 14**, at 9:00 a.m. in the office upstairs in City Hall. The agenda will include an update on the Bula Mission in Copeland and plans for January: a talk about the filming of "Wind Across the Everglades" on January 8 and an Antique Airplanes Fly-In on January 23.

Members are welcome to attend the meeting. For more info, phone Marya at 695-2905.

CHAMBER ELECTION

Everglades Area Chamber of Commerce members have been asked to vote for 9 directors. Myrna Baier, Howie Grimm, Sammy Hamilton, Orlo Hilton, Tod Johnson, Billy Potter, Bill Shelburne, Bob Wells, Gene Wooten are all standing again. New candidates on the slate are Kenny Brown, Karen Cochran, Patty Huff, Herb Kehoe, Bob Miller, and Charles Wright.



The ballots will be counted at the meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Seafood Depot on **Monday, December 14**.

MUSEUM NEWS

Over 30 members and guests attended the Friends of the Museum Annual Luncheon on December 7. After delicious salads and a brief business meeting, they heard Bob Wells speak about "Hermits & Hunters of the Mangrove Country". He personally knew Roy Ozmer who wrote poetry and lived on what was Comer Key before it was reduced to a sandbar in Hurricane Donna. Other local hermits were Art Darwin, the Howells on Dismal Key, and the "Black Hills" hermit who grew veggies. He also spoke about Peg and Totch Brown who both won a Bronze Star during World War II. Totch was known to hunt deer while he was stationed in Europe and feed his fellow soldiers with fresh venison. Peg was a gator hunter.

The Prop Roots books about hermits (volume II) and hunters (volume III) are available for sale in the Museum gift shop or online at www.evergladesmuseum.org.

The Gladesmen exhibit continues in the Pauline Reeves Gallery at the front of the Museum which is open 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.

The next FME members' outing is a visit to Palm Cottage in Naples to see the holiday decorations on **Wednesday, December 16**. For reservations, phone Patty at 695-2397.



Everglades City Elementary School presented its annual Christmas play on December 8 to a full auditorium. The community would like to thank Betty Oglesby and all the faculty, staff, and students who helped to make this year's performance so successful.

WANTED: The Culinary Class at the School would like donations of butter, vegetable oil, flour, sugar, powdered milk, chocolate chips, and peanut butter. Contact Stacia at 695-2561



HOLIDAY SHOPPING



SHOP LOCAL!

by Patricia Huff

'Tis the Holiday Season and, during this festive time, shoppers are out and about. This year I was able to do all of my Christmas shopping right here in the Everglades City area. It's amazing how much you can find in just this little town.

There is a variety of items in Win-Car Hardware and the Green Gator, just to mention a few. We also have specialty stores like Jewel of the Glades located in the Glades Realty building across from the Rod & Gun. Majorie and Dennis design their own jewelry and the store now carries many more hand-crafted purses and other items. Don't forget to stop by the gift shops at the National Parks and Preserves that sell many educational books, DVD's, and gifts for children, as do the Museums. Virginia Klotz's Sea Gull Studio gallery has something for everyone. Gift certificates from local restaurants for meals and from the fish houses for stone crabs are a nice way to treat your friends.

If you don't want to face the traffic or crowds, you'll find lots of opportunities close to home for your holiday shopping.

Camellia Street Grill: *Everglades folk art*

Captain Doug's: *souvenirs, tshirts*

Chamber Welcome Center: *books, tshirts, souvenirs*

City Hall: *bricks, cards*

Clyde Butcher Big Cypress Gallery: *books, photos*

Everglades Island Boat Tours: *souvenirs, gifts*

Gator Express: *souvenirs, tshirts*

Glades Haven: *fishing, wines, spices & hot sauces*

Green Gator Variety Store: *souvenirs, toys, clothing, household goods*

Ivey House: *books, art, tshirts*

Jewel of the Glades: *fine jewelry, handmade crafts*

JT's: *gifts, art, books*

Museum of the Everglades: *books, prints*

National Park: *books, videos, souvenirs*

National Park Boat Tours: *books, souvenirs, tshirts*

Oasis Visitor Center: *books, videos, souvenirs*

ORA: *books, fishing*

Parkway: *fishing*

Right Choice: *tshirts, wine*

Sea Gull Studio: *art, jewelry, gifts*

Shealy's: *souvenirs*

Smallwood Store: *books, souvenirs*

Thrift Shop: *clothes, toys, books*

WinCar Hardware: *books, tshirts & clothing, fishing, household goods*

Wooten's: *books, souvenirs*



Christmas Trees are now on sale Fridays through Sunday at Big Cypress Market Place just south of CR-951 on the Trail.



Buy a brick for Christmas! The Everglades Society for Historic Preservation is accepting orders for engraved commemorative bricks that will be laid in the path leading up to City Hall. The campaign closes on February 28. Order forms are available at City Hall and on www.evergladeshistorical.org.

Volunteers from Everglades Community Church spent countless hours creating a total of 761 little pillows which were included in holiday packages for soldiers in Iraq and Afghanistan to give them "a piece of home".



Lt. Mark Milligan and Crime Prevention Officer Sue Gentry took the handiwork to Naples where the project was coordinated by volunteers from the Sheriff's Office. Donation boxes also yielded over \$100 for other gifts. *Photo by Lee Marteeny.*

HOLIDAY RESTAURANT INFO

Camellia Street Grill: closed Dec 24/25, Dec 31, Jan 1

City Seafood: closed Dec 25

Everglades Seafood Depot: open Dec 25 and Jan 1

Everglades Scoop: closed Dec 24/25

Gator Express: closed Dec 25

Glades Haven: open until noon on Dec 25

Grimm's Stone Crab: open until noon on Dec 24, closed Dec 25

Havana Cafe: closed Dec 23/24/25

Joanie's: call restaurant

Leebo's: closed Dec 25, party on Dec 19

Oyster House: closed Dec 25

Right Choice Supermarket: open until noon on Dec 25

Right Choice Pizza: closed Dec 24/25

Rod & Gun: open on Dec 25 and Jan 1

Susie's Station: call or stop in

Triad: closed Dec 24/25 and Jan 1, market open 8-11 am Dec 24

RESTAURANT NEWS



- Backcountry Cafe (695-2552):**
6:00 am - 3:00 pm.; daily
- Camellia Street Grill (695-2003):**
12 noon – 8:00 pm; Sun – Thurs
12 noon – 9:00 pm; Fri, Sat
- 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
Seafood Buffet, 4:00-9:00 pm; Thurs
- Everglades Scoop (695-0375):**
11:00 am – 5:00 pm; daily
- 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 - 9:00 pm; daily
Food service stops 1 hr before close
- Grimm's Stone Crab (695-3222):**
8:00 am – 6:00 pm; Mon - Sat
Fish market (grouper/pompano)
- Havana Cafe (695-2214):**
8:00 am – 3:00 pm; daily
5:00 – 9:00 pm; Fri, Sat
- Ivey House (695-3299):**
6:30 – 9:30 am; daily
Cold breakfast buffet
- Joanie's Blue Crab Cafe (695-2682):**
10:00 am - 5:00 pm; Thurs - Mon
- JT's Cafe & Gallery (695-2630):**
gallery & gift shop open
- 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-Thurs
11:00 am – 10:00 pm; Fri, 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



Reach Out brought holiday cheer to Art-in-the-Glades on December 5 before the rains washed out all the stall-holders. The greeting cards designed by ECity School students to benefit our neighborhood charity can be purchased at the Thrift Shop, City Hall, and Right Choice Supermarket. There are also many festive bargains and decorations at the Thrift Shop.



CITY HALL CLOSED

City Hall will be closed in observance of the Christmas holiday on **Thursday and Friday, December 24 and 25**. The Everglades branch of the Collier County Public Library will also be closed.

Christmas Eve Celebrations

Everglades Community Church will have a special service on Christmas Eve, **Thursday, December 24**, at 7:00 p.m. The celebration will feature the singing of carols, communion, and the lighting of candles.



Before that at 6:00 p.m. there will be a Live Nativity on the Church lawn when real people will re-enact the Nativity in front of the Manger. All are welcome.

Christmas Service in Chokoloskee

Chokoloskee Church of God will hold their Christmas service on **Sunday, December 20**, at 6:30 p.m.

WINE TRIP RAFFLE

The Pelican Bay Rotary Club are holding a gala raffle to benefit, among other charities, a scholarship fund which last year gave \$500 to Renee Gonzalas of ECity School. The raffle prize is a 6-day trip to Sonoma wine country in California. Tickets cost \$20 or three for \$50. The winner will be drawn on **December 20**. See www.pelicanbayrotary.com.

New Year's Eve Service



Everglades Community Church will hold a Night Watch Vigil and Covenant Renewal on **Thursday, December 31**, at 7:00 p.m. The service includes communion. Everyone is welcome.

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 **Saturday, December 12**, and **Saturday, December 19** from 9:00 a.m. to noon, and on **Tuesday, December 22**, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. There are no drugs at the clinic but prescriptions can be written.

The clinic does not treat pregnant girls or give vaccinations. Spanish speakers should bring a translator. There are no qualifying criteria and the clinic is free, thanks to Dr & Kathy Barnard.

MOBILE PET VET

Dr Baker will be here on **Saturday, January 9**, 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, January 10**, by previous appointment only. Phone her at 777-PETS (7387). For info, see www.naplesmobilepetvet.com.



Airplane aficionados enjoyed the chat & the pancakes at the Airport Fly-In. See page 3.

SNOOK CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE: House and Barn on 1.02 Acres. Zoned (A). Sale price \$139,000 (\$59,000 below appraised value). Owner Financing. For 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.

HOME for SALE by Owner: Beautiful sunset views on the River, 2 bedrooms and 2 baths, Wrap around porch, 2-1/2 car garage, \$495,000. For info, call (239) 571-5929.

FOR SALE: Two deeded waterfront homes for the price of one. Located on quiet canal with direct gulf access in Everglades City. 2 bed, 2 bath. Dock & Lift for each home. \$598,000 for both or \$299,000 each. (Owner licensed realtor) Call 239-229-8682.

FOR SALE: Mosquito Magnet, used, only \$200 (original value \$1600). Call 695-2397.

FOR SALE: Fakahatchee History book & DVD gift set, \$30. Phone 695-2905.

*Snook Classified is only \$10 per issue ...
Phone 695-2397 or email us.*



Santa is watching from the balcony of City Hall to see who is naughty or nice.

Knitting with Nancy Yarns and Hand Knits · Lessons

3804 E. Tamiami Trail
Naples, FL 34112
239-793-8141

knittingwithnancy@embarqmail.com

fine jewelry and hand made gifts



JEWEL OF THE GLADES

Glades Realty Building, 207 West Broadway
Everglades City, FL, 34139
Marjorie & Dennis Collins
(508) 982-1057
www.mdfinejewelry.com

*Everglades Area
Chamber of Commerce, Inc.*



website: www.evergladeschamber.com

Post Office Box 130 239-695-3172 Business
Everglades City, FL, 34139 239-695-3171 Fax

The MULLET RAPPER

What's Happening in the Everglades City Area

PUBLISHER

Patricia A. Huff, Snook Publications
P O Box 617, Everglades City, FL, 34139
(239) 695-2397, mulletrapper@gmail.com

EDITORS

Patty Huff & Marya Repko

CONTRIBUTORS

Helen Bryan, Barbara Daniels, Bill Lindsay
Lisa Marteeny, Shirley Leonard, Savannah Oglesby
Mike Klein, Phill Lawry, Trina Mitchell, Sunny Burke

PRODUCTION

layout: Marya Repko, printing: Snook Publications

PUBLISHER'S STATEMENT

We aim to provide local news of interest to the extended community of Everglades City, Chokoloskee, Plantation Island, Lee Cypress, Copeland, Jerome, and Ochopee.

We strive to present the facts accurately without political bias or personal opinion.

The views expressed in signed articles are not necessarily those of the editors or publisher.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

25¢ per issue or \$38 per year by US Post

© 2009, Snook Publications.

All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced without prior permission.

www.evergladesmulletrapper.com

SERVING EVERGLADES CITY SINCE 1998
Family Owned and Operated



4735 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, (239) 417-5000

MUSEUM OF THE EVERGLADES



105 West Broadway, Everglades City, FL
OPEN: Tuesday - Friday, 9 am - 5 pm
Saturdays, 9 am - 4 pm

Donations Welcome

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Contact Martha at 695-0008

ANNUAL SUBSCRIPTIONS

date _____

Please make check payable to "Snook Publications" and send to Snook Publications, P O Box 617, Everglades City, FL, 34139

___ *The MULLET RAPPER* by post (\$38)

___ *The MULLET RAPPER* by email (\$10)

NAME _____

EMAIL _____

STREET / P.O.BOX: _____

ALTERNATE ADDRESS _____

CITY _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

MONTHS AT ALTERNATE ADDRESS

___ JAN ___ FEB ___ MAR ___ APR ___ MAY ___ JUN ___ JUL ___ AUG ___ SEP ___ OCT ___ NOV ___ DEC

11/27/09