

# The MULLET RAPPER

## What's Happening in the Everglades City Area

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The Naples Motorsports Team visited a cool but sunny Everglades City on January 2 in their highline and exotic vehicles for a tour of City Hall, a meal at the Seafood Depot, and a boat trip into the Ten Thousand Islands. Among the cars on show were Lamborghinis, a Rolls Royce, and an old Porsche 356. The event was sponsored by Naples Motorsports on Airport-Pulling Road who have more photos on their website [www.naplesmotorsports.com](http://www.naplesmotorsports.com).

### CITY COUNCIL REPORT

by Marya Repko

Mayor Sammy Hamilton welcomed everyone to the New Year and said that he hoped to continue to bring us good news. He thanked householders for not putting out garden trash over the holiday and said that he was proud of how neat & tidy the City looked. He reported that he was going to meetings in Tallahassee on behalf of the City this week.

A proclamation was read and passed by Council to declare January 8 as “Deaconess Day” in recognition of Harriet Bedell’s official Feast Day. The Mayor said he remembered her well and that she had done so much good for the Native Americans here as well as for local residents. *See below for info about the celebration at the Museum on Friday, January 8.*



On a light note, John M. Wilson asked during Public Comments if the Mayor was responsible for the wintery weather. Councilor Parker Oglesby quipped that our property would increase in value as northern Floridians fled south to escape the frost – that’s why the Storters, McKinneys, and Smallwoods came here over 100 years ago.

The next City Council meeting will be on Tuesday, February 2, at 5:30 p.m.

### SHERIFF’S REPORT

Sgt Todd Taylor reported that crime was down and only two incidents had taken place since the last Council meeting. A burglary on Storter Avenue resulted in an arrest and an attempted break-in to a well-locked garage on Plantation Island was unsuccessful.

He reminded everyone to phone 695-2007 to report suspicious activity as soon as you see it – calling in after the fact is too late for the deputies to act.

### DEACONESS DAY

We celebrate the Feast Day of Deaconess Harriet Bedell on **Friday, January 8**, in the Museum at **2:00 p.m.** with an illustrated lecture about her life. Refreshments will be served by the Friends of the Museum.

The talk will be given by Marya Repko whose book *Angel of the Swamp* was published in July and contains many historical photos of the Deaconess.

And, don’t be surprised if the “Deaconess” appears to say hello ...

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# JANUARY 2010

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
3	4 <b>Hour of Prayer</b> Chokoloskee Church of God 7 am  <b>ESHM mtg</b> City Hall, 9am	5 <b>Back to School</b>  <b>Coletta Visit</b> <b>Congressional Visit</b> <b>City Council</b>	6 <b>Ladies Coffee</b> Havana Cafe 8 am  <b>FME mtg</b> Museum, 9 am	7 <b>Great Gators</b> School, 9:30 am	<u><b>RAPPER</b></u> 8 <b>Deaconess Talk</b> Museum, 2 pm <i>see p.1</i>  <b>Film-Land in the Glades</b> City Hall, 5:30 pm <i>see p.3</i>	9 <b>Pet Vet</b> <i>see p.11</i> <b>Kids' Clinic</b> <i>see p.11</i>
10	11 <b>Hour of Prayer</b> Holy Family Catholic Church 7 am  <b>OFCB Bd</b> Fire Sta, 6 pm	12 <b>Museum Talk "Gladesmen"</b> Museum, 2 pm <i>see p.9</i>	13 <b>Ladies Coffee</b> Backcountry Cafe 8 am  <b>Drug Free Meeting</b> <i>see p.5</i>	14	new moon ○ 15 <b>Spaghetti Dinner</b> ECC, 5-7 pm <i>see p.3</i>	16 <b>Kids' Clinic</b> <i>see p.11</i>  <b>Class Reunion</b> <i>see p.3</i>
17	<u><b>MLK Day</b></u> 18 <b>Hour of Prayer</b> Everglades Community Church 7 pm	19 <b>Reach Out mtg</b> City Hall, 8:30 am	20 <b>Ladies Coffee</b> Gator Express 8 am	21 <b>SAC</b> School, 3 pm  <b>Lions Club</b> Depot, 5:30 pm <i>see p.3</i>  <b>Copeland Civic</b> 7 pm	<u><b>RAPPER</b></u> 22	23 <b>Kids' Clinic</b> <i>see p.11</i>  <b>Antique Air</b> <i>see p.9</i>  <b>Art-in-the-Glades</b> <i>see p.11</i>
24	25 <b>Hour of Prayer</b> Copeland Baptist Church, 7 pm 7 pm	26	27 <b>Ladies Coffee</b> Mary Ford's Home 8 am	28	29 <b>School Homecoming</b> <i>see p.5</i>	full moon ● 30 <b>Kids' Clinic</b> <i>see p.11</i>
31	<b>FEB 1</b> <b>Hour of Prayer</b> Chokoloskee Church of God	2 <b>City Council</b> City Hall, 5:30 pm	3 <b>Ladies Coffee</b> Havana Cafe 8 am  <b>FME mtg</b> 10:30 am	4	<u><b>RAPPER</b></u> 5	6 <u><b>SEAFOOD FESTIVAL</b></u> <i>see p.3</i>

Feb 13/14: Collier Seminole BlueGrass      Feb 13-15: Butcher "Winter Muck-About"      Feb 23-26: MSD Festival

Feb 27: ORA Bazaar, Airport Fly-in, Medicine Cabinet, Fakahatchee Safari

Mar 13: Everglades Homes Tour      Mar 20: Art-in-the-Glades, NPC bike ride

THRIFT SHOP: daily except Sunday; 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 ANON: Wed; 5:30 pm & Sat; noon, Comm Church

SHAMROCK BANK: Tues, Thurs; 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

LITTLE GATOR CLINIC: 1/9, 1/16, 1/23, 1/30, 2/20, 2/27

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

Tues, 1/19 (10-11 am)      Wed, 1/20 (1-2 pm)      Thurs, 1/21 (4-5 pm)      Fri, 1/22 (10-11 am)

**FILM-LAND  
IN THE GLADES**

We are in for a nostalgic treat on **Friday, January 8, at 5:30 p.m.** in City Hall when there will be an illustrated lecture about the Hollywood movies that have been made in our area. The speaker is Rob Davis, director of the DiSantis Center for Motion Picture Industry Studies at Florida Atlantic University.

Come along and share your stories about "Wind in the Everglades" and "Gone Fishin". Refreshments will be served at 5:00 p.m. by the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation who are hosting the event. For more info, phone 695-2905.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER**

Everglades Community Church offers a Spaghetti Dinner on **Friday, January 15,** from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. The menu includes a main course, salad, dessert, and drink. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for kids, and are available in advance from Lisa Marteeny, Fran Tiff, and Chris Ammerman. The event benefits the Ladies Auxiliary fund to buy new air-conditioners for the Fellowship Hall.

**CLASS  
REUNION**

Members of the 1970-1980 classes at ECity High School are invited to join in a 30-plus reunion and "70's Show" on **Saturday, January 16,** at the Seafood Depot. For info, phone 352-7328.



**The Bald Eagles have built their nest at the Fakahatchee Boardwalk. See our Park Activities on page 10. Thanks to Steve Paddon for this dramatic photo.**

**MLK Day**

City Hall will be closed on **Monday, January 18,** in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

There will be a parade in downtown Naples followed at 12:30 p.m. by a festival in Cambier Park. Everyone is welcome. For more info, 293-2009.

**LIONS SPECIAL GUEST**

The Lions Club will meet on **Thursday, January 21,** at 5:30 p.m. at the Seafood Depot when the guest speaker will be District Governor Paul Nash. Besides talking about "Lions in Sight", the new marketing campaign, he will install new members. For more info, phone Elaine at 695-2695.

**SEAFOOD FESTIVAL**

Our famous festival is being held this year on the weekend of **February 6/7** with family night on **February 5.** We will have more info in the next issue but if you can not wait, phone 695-4100.

**OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT**

- 12/22/09: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 12/22/09: Emergency Medical, Chokoloskee Island
- 12/23/09: Dive/Recovery, 52mm/L28 Canal
- 12/24/09: Vehicle Accident, 57mm on I-75
- 12/24/09: Vehicle Fire, 53mm on I-75
- 12/24/09: Emergency Medical, Copeland
- 12/25/09: Vehicle Fire, 54mm on I-75
- 12/26/09: Vehicle Accident, Ochopee
- 12/26/09: Emergency Medical, 59mm on I-75
- 12/28/09: Emergency Medical, 66mm on I-75
- 12/28/09: Public Assist, Everglades City
- 12/29/09: Emergency Medical, Chokoloskee Island
- 12/29/09: Vehicle Accident, 55mm on I-75
- 12/29/09: Unknown Medical Problem, 66mm on I-75
- 12/29/09: Possible Illegal Burn, Copeland
- 12/29/09: Vehicle Accident, Everglades City
- 12/30/09: Emergency Medical, 81mm on I-75
- 12/30/09: Emergency Medical, 80mm on I-75
- 12/30/09: Vehicle Accident, Tamiami Trail & Turner River Rd
- 12/30/09: Emergency Medical, Tamiami Trail & Turner River Rd
- 12/30/09: Vehicle Accident, 75mm on I-75
- 12/31/09: Dog Bite, Copeland
- 12/31/09: Trash Fire, Everglades City
- 12/31/09: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 01/01/10: Vehicle Accident, 2 Miles North of I-75 on SR-29
- 01/01/10: Vehicle Accident, 76mm on I-75
- 01/01/10: Vehicle Accident, 80mm on I-75
- 01/02/10: Vehicle Accident, Big Cypress Bend on US-41
- 01/02/10: Child Locked in Vehicle, Ochopee
- 01/02/10: Vehicle Accident, SR-29 and Wagon Wheel Rd
- 01/02/10: Vehicle Accident, 62mm on I-75
- 01/03/10: Sick Person, Port of the Islands
- 01/03/10: Illegal Burn, Copeland
- 01/03/10: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 01/04/10: Vehicle Accident, 70mm on I-75
- 01/05/10: Vehicle Accident, 78mm on I-75

**MORE News & Events on page 11.**


**TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER**

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

01/08/2010	Fri	04:07AM	0.1	L	09:51AM	1.7	H	03:49PM	0.7	L	08:50PM	2.5	H
01/09/2010	Sat	05:15AM	-0.1	L	12:36PM	1.8	H	04:57PM	0.8	L	09:50PM	2.6	H
01/10/2010	Sun	06:16AM	-0.2	L	01:45PM	1.9	H	06:01PM	0.8	L	10:50PM	2.6	H
01/11/2010	Mon	07:09AM	-0.2	L	02:27PM	2.0	H	06:59PM	0.8	L	11:43PM	2.6	H
01/12/2010	Tue	07:55AM	-0.3	L	02:51PM	2.0	H	07:49PM	0.7	L			
01/13/2010	Wed	12:28AM	2.7	H	08:37AM	-0.3	L	02:51PM	2.0	H	08:32PM	0.7	L
01/14/2010	Thu	01:07AM	2.7	H	09:15AM	-0.3	L	02:57PM	2.0	H	09:11PM	0.6	L
01/15/2010	Fri	01:44AM	2.7	H	09:51AM	-0.3	L	03:17PM	2.1	H	09:47PM	0.6	L
01/16/2010	Sat	02:18AM	2.7	H	10:24AM	-0.3	L	03:43PM	2.2	H	10:22PM	0.5	L
01/17/2010	Sun	02:53AM	2.6	H	10:56AM	-0.2	L	04:14PM	2.3	H	10:57PM	0.4	L
01/18/2010	Mon	03:28AM	2.5	H	11:25AM	-0.1	L	04:45PM	2.3	H	11:35PM	0.4	L
01/19/2010	Tue	04:08AM	2.4	H	11:53AM	0.0	L	05:17PM	2.4	H			
01/20/2010	Wed	12:17AM	0.3	L	04:54AM	2.2	H	12:19PM	0.2	L	05:46PM	2.4	H
01/21/2010	Thu	01:06AM	0.3	L	05:52AM	1.9	H	12:42PM	0.3	L	06:14PM	2.4	H
01/22/2010	Fri	02:08AM	0.2	L	07:08AM	1.7	H	01:03PM	0.5	L	06:42PM	2.4	H

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## IMPORTANT DATES

Thurs, Jan 7: Basketball HOME, 4:00 p.m.  
 Tues, Jan 12: Basketball HOME, 4:30 p.m.  
 Fri, Jan 15: Basketball HOME, 5:00 p.m.  
 Tues, Jan 19: Teacher Planning Day



### From Savannah's Eyes

I hope everyone had a very happy New Year! Because I sure did! Every New Year my parents and I stay up and watch the ball drop in New York on TV. Then when the ball drops we all kiss and wish that the year will be the greatest year ever! And every New Years we have a very special dinner; this New Year we had collard greens, black eyed peas, sliced tomatoes, rolls, and pork roast! And it was very yummy. Every New Year I have a resolution, and this year mine is: that I do well in school. I love the New Year!

Last Friday when my parents and I were on our way to my aunts for Christmas we were on highway 29 going toward Immokalee right past Jerome my dad was looking out of the window and all of a sudden he saw a huge black bear out in the open in a grassy area. My dad stopped and backed up to see the black bear. We pulled over and got out with the camera and the video recorder. My mom took pictures while my dad videoed the bear. My dad said that the black bear had to have weighed 600 to 700 pounds or more! What a exciting way to start Christmas morning!

Christmas is over, the New Year has begun, and school starts on the 5th. I can't wait to get back to cheering! And also to school so I can see my friends. I'm looking forward to more basketball games next week and also Homecoming which the cheerleaders have something special planned! Mr. Jimmy Brewer's wife passed away on Christmas eve. He needs lots of prayers; he is the best bus driver, a great Santa Claus at Christmas since I was a baby and even before that, and he is a very good person. Lots of prayers for him and his family.

I hope everyone had a very exciting New Year!!

Happy New Year,  
Savannah

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

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Read about this huge black bear in Savannah's column!

## OUTWARD BOUND

Students ages 15 to 17 can apply for the Outward Bound Program, a wilderness expedition, which will be held in Key Largo from March 27 to April 3. Applications are due by Monday, February 15, and include letters from two references and a letter from the student. For more info, phone Liz Richards at 377-0511 or see the School District website [www.collier.k12.fl.us/students](http://www.collier.k12.fl.us/students).

## DRUG FREE MEETING

Parents, teachers, and concerned citizens are invited to a Town Hall Meeting about youth substance abuse on **Wednesday, January 13**, at 3:30 p.m. at the District School Board in Naples.

There will be a large panel of speakers including Collier County Sheriff Kevin Rambosk and Superintendent of the School Board Dr. Dennis Thompson. For more info, phone 377-4994 or see [www.drugfreecollier.org](http://www.drugfreecollier.org). Everyone is welcome to attend.

## HOMECOMING

The Alumni/Homecoming basketball game and festivities will take place this year on **Friday, January 29**. The time has yet to be announced – watch this space for news.



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## Recipe for Good Eating

### Corn Pudding by Sunny Burke



- 1 can Del Monte creamed corn
- 2 T. melted butter
- 1 T. sugar
- 1 cup milk
- 1 T. corn starch
- 1 beaten egg
- salt & pepper to taste

Mix ingredients together and put into a well-buttered casserole. Bake at 350° for approximately one hour.

**Sunny Burke is a full-time resident on Plantation Island and is known for her baking. She is a regular contributor to the Rapper.**

## “Trashy Ladies”

by Pat Rinkevich

We refer to ourselves as the “Trashy Ladies” – of course, smiling as we say it!

It began last fall (2008) when a couple of us had a conversation about the trash accumulating on CR29. It just was not a good entrance to such a special little historic town! Only two of us went out one day and started picking up near the Chamber of Commerce area – and then – bit by bit – (one of our favorite phrases) more people joined in. We actually have two men that have dug in with us – but, the “Trashy Ladies” just sounds so fun!

We have found the skeleton of a raccoon, possum, and deer. Also located a couple of unmentionables. It would please us very much – if all the residents and visitors to our great little town would recognize the need to keep trash in their vehicles and stow it when they return home.

The folks at the Collier County Adopt-A-Road Program tell us they will erect signs recognizing the efforts of the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation and the Wednesday Ladies Coffee. Members of both organizations assist with the clean-up.



## Paws to Reflect

by a Squeedilifferous Pusslet



A happy New Year to all from the frozen north! The week before Christmas, we had 18 inches of snow. When Dad came outside to rescue me, all he could see was the very tip of my tail poking up. Not great pusslet weather. Christmas weekend it went up almost to 50 and rained and all that snow disappeared. New Year’s night it began to snow again. We now have five inches of fresh snow – only up to my belly. But this morning it was only twelve degrees. I stayed out long enough to dig a small hole and, well, you know. Now I sit on the little rug by the French doors and watch the juncos, chickadees, and titmice devouring sunflower seeds and suet. We also have a mama and papa cardinal and a Carolina wren, as well as tree sparrows, chipping sparrows, and Downy woodpeckers. In the evening I lie by the fireplace on my back and absorb the warmth, or else kick the stuffing out of the catnip mouse I received for Christmas. It’s a good thing you have to be twenty-one to buy catnip, otherwise I’d spend my entire allowance at the pet shop.

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



## Fishing Report

by Captain Bill Lindsay

As I write this the temperature is in the 40's. As far as I'm concerned, this is the kiss of death. Snook and tarpon fishing can't get more difficult. Some fish, however, can still be caught, especially if you soak shrimp in deep holes. Sheepshead move into shallow water at this time of year and are great to eat. Small black drum also feed well during cold snaps. Trout and redfish are still being caught, both in the backcountry and on the edge of the Gulf. Before this cold front came in, Captain Ned Small caught a nice snook and a "respectable" tarpon on fly tackle. Captain Becky Campbell has also been producing some nice fish on her charters. Captain Don Cochran was catching mackerel, snook and some cobia when he could get out to the shallow Gulf wrecks. On my last charter we released a 32" snook that hit a top water plug. As soon as it warms up a little, fishing will improve.

*Capt. Bill Lindsay lives in Chokoloskee and has been fishing in the Everglades National Park for 30 years. In 1992 he was Master Angler of the MET Tournament.*

## FLORIDA FLORA

by Patricia Huff

### Bald Cypress (*Taxodium distichum*)

We are featuring the wonders of our parks and preserves in this issue and it seems appropriate to highlight one of the most magnificent trees, the Bald Cypress. This time of year they have lost most of their needles (leaves) which is why they are named "bald". But in the spring and summer, the new growth on these trees are pale green and look so fresh and alive. They grow to at least 70 feet tall. On the Fakahatchee Boardwalk (Big Cypress Bend) you will find some of the largest Cypress and a reminder of how prolific they once were in our forest. The Bald Cypress have a large, straight trunk with reddish bark. The pointed "knees" can be seen surrounding them standing in the water. The Bald Cypress is very stable and strong against our high winds and hurricanes. Enjoy these native trees as you walk through our swamps.



## VIP Report

Another Season, Another Year

by Shirley Leonard



Well, the holidays are over. What's to look forward to now? Another tourist season, of course!

Staff at the Everglades National Park's visitor center in Everglades City have noticed an uptick in the number of visitors. On Christmas Day there were 295. The day after had 766! Winter naturally brings an increase in tourists. The visitor center in December had a total of 7,203 visitors compared to June which had 3,027.

On December 26 about 300 people departed from boat ramps in the area to camp in The Ten Thousand Islands area of the park. For a couple of days all sites were filled to capacity and many would-be campers had to paddle to islands outside the park to camp.

Hopefully visitors to the park will also visit local businesses such as restaurants, lodgings, air boat tours, fishing guides and gift shops. All will welcome additional business, and we all hope 2010 will be a better year for economic growth than 2009 -- locally, nationally, and worldwide.

This will be my third year as a volunteer for the park. I am one of approximately 140,000 volunteers nationwide. The National Park Service division that oversees its volunteers is the VIP program, short for Volunteers in Parks. More information about the volunteer program is available at the National Park Service web site: <http://www.nps.gov/aboutus/index.htm>

Volunteer opportunities in National Parks cover a broad range of activities. Volunteers at Everglades work wherever help is needed and come from all walks of life. Many volunteers are retirees who have interests and expertise in all sorts of areas such as teaching, woodworking, boating, landscaping, canoeing, public speaking, nursing, kayaking, fishing, painting, birding and engineering. I, for example, worked 20+ years as a daily newspaper reporter. That makes writing this column a natural for me. It's something I enjoy.

As the winter season gets into full swing, I hope this column will keep readers abreast of what is happening in the park. Should anyone wish to contact me, I can be reached at the visitor center, 239-695-3311, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Saturday through Tuesday. You can also call me at home at 239-695-9184 or write me at PO Box 326, Everglades City 342139 or by email at [ReporterSr@verizon.net](mailto:ReporterSr@verizon.net).

*Shirley Leonard is a member of the "Volunteer in Parks" program during the winter season. She was a journalist in Quincy, Massachusetts, on The Patriot Ledger for over 20 years and is a regular contributor to the Rapper.*

## MARCO OUTDOOR ARTISTS



Get out your paints and join the informal group who meet every Wednesday morning at a different location, usually around Marco Island or Goodland but they will be in ECity on February 3. For info, see [www.marcoislandart.com](http://www.marcoislandart.com) and click on Outdoor Artists or phone (239) 394-4221.



## LOCAL HISTORY



### *Antique Air Aficionados*

The first commercial airline carried passengers from St Pete to Tampa in 1914, only 11 years after the Wright Brothers first flew! And, in 1923, the Ta-Miami Air Line started operations between Tampa and Miami, in the same year that construction of the road was begun across the Glades.

Air history goes on. In the 1930s Opa-Locka was opened as a Naval air base; Eastern and Pan Am were founded. Newspapers were flown to Sanibel by seaplane in the 1939 "Dawn Patrol". World War II training bases sprang up in Southern Florida's clement climate at Fort Myers, Buckingham, Clewiston, and Naples.

Bring back the old warriors and dare-devils!

That's exactly what the Antique Air Aficionados are trying to do on **Saturday, January 23**, when Everglades Airpark hosts a Fly-In from 10:00 a.m. to noon. You might see this PT-17 World War II training craft which appeared at an Everglades Fly-In last winter (*photo thanks to Phill Lawry*).

You will be welcomed with a free pancake breakfast, courtesy of Chuck Gretske's Wings 10,000 Island Tours, and a chance to win 10 lbs. of stone crab claws, generously donated by Triad Seafood Market & Cafe. The highlight of the monthly breakfast is watching intrepid airman John Apte scoop up the banner before he circles to advertise its message.

Everyone is invited. Drop in by air, road, or sea and share your memories of vintage flying.

The event is being promoted by the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation. For more information, see [www.evergladeshistorical.org](http://www.evergladeshistorical.org) or phone Mike Danosky at 695-2244.

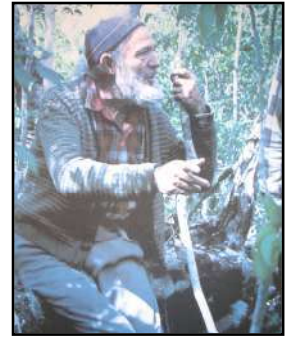
## MUSEUM NEWS

David Southall, Collier County Museums Educational Curator, will repeat his popular "Ever-Gladesmen" illustrated talk on **Tuesday, January 12**, at 2:00 p.m. in the Museum. Every one is welcome.

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 Friends of the Museum of the Everglades elected new officers on January 6 at the Board Meeting. They are Patty Huff (President), Renee Rau (Vice-President), Jane Rackley (Secretary), and Virginia Kanning (Treasurer). The Board meets on the first Wednesday of the month and members are welcome to attend.

The Marjory Stoneman Douglas Festival will take place from Tuesday, February 23, through Friday, February 26. The program is almost ready to distribute. For more info, phone the Museum at 695-0008.



## *Off the Shelf – Winter Reading*

### **Building in Southern Florida**

by Marya Repko

*"To succeed in living in the tropics, settlers from the North must adapt themselves to new surroundings rather than attempt to change the surroundings to suit themselves." ... "green lawns do not belong in the tropics."*

Two of the interesting early residents I've been reading about were biologists Charles Torrey Simpson (1846-1832) and John C. Gifford (1870-1947). Both were advocates of preserving native plants and fitting into the environment.

And, they both had definite ideas about how to build for tropical living, before the days of air conditioning and mosquito spraying.

Simpson, who moved to Lemon City (near Miami) in 1905, built his own house of Dade County pine. The living area was elevated above the ground on the second floor in case of flooding, a design that was considered strange at the time. There was a steep roof "which has never leaked seriously in the worst hurricane".

In contrast, Gifford built flat roofs and said that, in heavy storms, the wind blows the water off. He suggests using corrugated iron covered with a thin layer of concrete so that it is not hot and noisy. Rather than a large house, he clustered small buildings around a central patio.

Among the titles to search for in the library are *On Preserving Tropical Florida*, a collection of Gifford's essays printed in 1972, and *In Lower Florida Wilds* by Simpson in 1920 (which is also available as a PDF on [www.books.google.com](http://www.books.google.com)).

## LOST PETS

There will be no charges if you claim your lost pet from the Collier County Domestic Animal Services shelter on Davis Blvd the day after it is impounded and if you have a County license. For info, see [www.collierpets.com](http://www.collierpets.com) or phone 252-PETS (7387).



## VISION & HEARING

A Vision & Hearing Fair sponsored by Lighthouse of Collier will be held on **Friday, January 15**, at Golden Gate Community Center from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. One of the special attractions will be Guide Dog puppies. There will also be free diabetes testing courtesy of the Lions Clubs. For info, phone (239) 465-5104.



# PARK ACTIVITIES THIS WINTER

## FAKAHATCHEE

**Swamp Walks:** 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat, 4<sup>th</sup> Tues  
cost: \$50

about 6 hours, strenuous

**Canoe Trips:** 1<sup>st</sup> Sat

cost: \$50

canoes or kayaks provided

**Boardwalk:** open every day

cost: donation

about 1/2-mile each way, easy walk

gator pond, eagles' nest

**Coastal Cruise:** Jan 31

cost: \$75

**Safari:** Feb 27

cost: \$125

**For info:** 695-1023 or see

[www.friendsoffakahatchee.org](http://www.friendsoffakahatchee.org)

## COLLIER SEMINOLE

**Regular Events:** Bicycling, Canoeing, Kayaking, Campfire Circle, Fishing, 6.5 Mile Hiking Trail, Wildlife Viewing, Nature Trails, Guided Tours, Moonlight Canoe Trips & Hikes

**Moonlight Canoe Trips:** 7:30-10:00 p.m.

on Jan 27 & 29, Feb 26 & 27,

Mar 27 & 29

cost: \$30

**Night Hikes:** 7:30-9:30 p.m. on Jan 11 &

13, Feb 10 & 11, Mar 10 & 13

cost: \$10

**Canoe Trips:** 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 pm on

Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat

cost: \$25

**Blue Grass Festival:** Feb 13, 14

Featuring Music by Wilson Family Band,

Frontline, Bugtussel Ramblers (formerly

The Fleas), Pure and Simple, Swinging

Bridge, with MC Mike Robinson. More

information to follow in the February

*Mullet Rapper*

**For info:** (239) 394-3397

## TEN THOUSANDS REFUGE

**Marsh Trail Walk:** Friday, Jan 15, 2010

(Reservations required)

**Panther Refuge Week:** March 15-20

**For info:** (239) 353-8442 or see

[www.floridapanther.org](http://www.floridapanther.org)

## NIKE MISSILE BASE HOMESTEAD

**Tours:** 10 a.m. daily, 2 p.m. Sat, Sun

meet at Ernest Coe Visitor Center

(Reservations required)

**For info:** 305-242-7700

## ★ STAR GAZING ★

There are "Ten Thousand" things that make the Gulf Coast special – especially a clear night of dazzling stars. Beginning at 7:00 p.m. the next two Saturdays, **January 9** and **January 16**, a ranger will give a 50-minute program with an indoor PowerPoint presentation followed by star gazing outside the National Park visitor center. No reservations required.

## EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK

**Boat Tours:** Daily

**Canoe Explorations:** Wed, Sat, Sun

**Eyes on the Everglades:** Daily

**Nature Walk:** Daily

**Bike Tour:** Thursday

**Afternoon Canoe Trip:** Thurs, Fri

**Everglades Nights:** Sat

**Evening Canoe Trip:** Jan 23 & 30

Feb 20 & 27, Mar 9 & 20

**Also:** Shark Valley Tram and Trail

Bike/Hike

**For info:** 239-695-3311 or see

[www.nps.gov/ever](http://www.nps.gov/ever)

## BIG CYPRESS

**"Whose Home?":** 15 minute talks at H P

Williams viewing wildlife, Daily

**"Scales, Teeth and a Big Tail" or**

**"Wings of Wonder":** 15 min talks on

the Oasis viewing platform, 2x daily

**Cypress Sights and Sounds:** Kirby

Storter Boardwalk Stroll, Thurs, Fri,

Sat, Sun, Mon

**Wet and Wild Swamp Walks:** Mon, Sat

(Reservations required)

**Heart of the Swamp Canoe Trips:** Wed,

Sat, Sun (Reservations required)

**Walk on the Wild Side:** Deep Lake or

Gator Hook Hikes, Sun (Reservations

required)

**Campfire Programs:** Midway

Campground, Fri, Sat

**Hike to the Big Trees:** Old Growth

Cypress, 1<sup>st</sup> Sat (Reservations

required)

**The Right Route:** Off Road Vehicle

Tour, 2<sup>nd</sup> Sat (Reservations suggested)

**Night Sounds:** Kirby Storter Evening

Boardwalk Stroll, 3<sup>rd</sup> Fri (Reservations

suggested)

**Bear Island Bike Ride:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sat (bring

your own bike)

**For info:** 695-1201 or see

[www.nps.gov/bicy](http://www.nps.gov/bicy)



Thanks to Mary Morris who took this photo of a spoonbill in an empty lot on Buckner Avenue.

## NAPLES PRESERVE

**Nature Talks:** 11 a.m., Tues

**Pier Talks:** 1:00 p.m., Thurs

**Eco-Tours:** Fri (call for time/place)

**For info:** 261-4290

## ROOKERY BAY

**Talks, walks:** daily (see calendar)

**"Amazing Adventures":** 6:00 p.m. 1<sup>st</sup> Fri

**Annual Festival:** Jan 15, 16, 17

**For info:** (239) 417-6300 or see

[www.rookerybay.org](http://www.rookerybay.org)

## BIG CYPRESS GALLERY

**Winter Muck-About:** Feb 13, 14, 15

cost: \$75

swamp walks

**For info:** 695-2428 or see

[www.clydebutcher.com](http://www.clydebutcher.com)

## NEW CAMP SITES

Everglades National Park has opened new

backcountry camp sites at Shark Point

Chickee (7.5m east of Flamingo) and at

Johnson Key Chickee (6.25m south of

Flamingo). Cost is \$10 permit plus \$2 per

person; limit to 1 night stay; reservations

required. For info, phone 695-3311.

Facilities are limited but include an

outhouse.

## CONSERVANCY

**Nature Walks:** 9:00 a.m. Mon-Sat

1 1/2 - 2 hrs, Clam Pass Park

**Cruises:** 9:30 a.m., Fri to Keywadin

cost: \$40 (Reservations required)

other cruises available

**For info:** (239) 262-0304 or see

[www.conservancy.org](http://www.conservancy.org)

**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



The Thrift Shop is now open 6 days a week thanks to volunteers such as Annie Mitchell and Maxine Combs seen above. Managers Helen Bryan and Fran Tiff want to thank local shoppers for making 2009 such a successful year.



The live nativity on Christmas Eve in front of Everglades Community Church drew a good crowd. The Church has added an early-morning Sunday worship service at 8:30 a.m. Adult Sunday School starts at 9:45 a.m. and another service begins at 11:00 a.m. And, don't miss the wonderful music that starts at 10:30 before the service.

**AA Meetings**

Alcoholics Anonymous will meet twice a week until April 15. The extra session is on Wednesday at 5:30 p.m. and is also held at the Community Church.

**ART IN THE  
GLADES**



Start getting ready with your arts & crafts and bake sales for Art-in-the-Glades on **Saturday, January 23**, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in McLeod Park. There will be live music and food for sale at lunch time. Everyone is welcome to set up a table at no charge. For info and to register, phone Marya at 695-2905.

**OBITUARIES**

**Helen Brewer**, 81, passed away after an illness on December 24, 2009. She is survived by her husband Jimmy. Among local relatives are grandson Bobby (Karen) Campbell and great-granddaughter Sophia Kaye Campbell. Helen was an RN at North Miami General Medical Center for 24 years before moving to Plantation Island. Donations in her name may be given to Everglades First Baptist Church.



**Nina Johnson**, 68, passed away on December 21, 2009, after a struggle with cancer. This vivacious part-time resident leaves her husband Jim and daughter Holly Hinkle.

**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 every **Saturday** in January from 9:00 a.m. to noon. 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 GB & 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](http://www.naplesmobilepetvet.com).

**OFCD Vacancy**

The Ochopee Fire Control District Advisory Committee has a vacancy due to a resignation with the term expiring on December 31, 2010, representing the Chokoloskee area. The 5-member committee advises the Board on the budget and operation of the OFCD. Members must reside within the taxing district. Terms are 2 years. For info, email [suefilson@colliergov.net](mailto:suefilson@colliergov.net) or phone our local office at 695-4114.

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