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911 FISH FRY

Just as this photo was being taken on May 8, the phone rang and our firefighters dashed off, gulping their food. Of course, pieces of cake were saved for them to enjoy later.

The annual Fish Fry for emergency workers is hosted by the Mayor to thank our fire department, EMS, and Sheriff's deputies for their work in the community. All were invited to join the feast & show their appreciation.



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Kids ID Kits

There was standing-room only at the Child ID event on May 9 at the Masons' Lodge. CCSO Crime Prevention Officer Sue Gentry sent this photo to the *Rapper* and reported that there were almost 40 kids plus parents who participated and received bags with goodies (Frisbees, pencils, can coolies, gel bracelets). There were free hot dogs, chips and soda to be enjoyed while the Shriner Clowns entertained. Sue thanks CCSO volunteer Vicky Nagle, the Masons, and, of course, the clowns.



Farewell to Mrs Dana Snider, Dean of Students, who is retiring this year. See Savannah's interview on page 5.



PRAYING TOGETHER

The National Day of Prayer was held on May 6. Jerry & Saundra Loar kept about 50 people singing along under the tent in front of City Hall while Mayor Sammy Hamilton was delayed talking on the phone to Collier County Emergency Management regarding the Gulf oil slick.

After welcoming remarks by Principal Bobby Jones from ECity School and the presentation of the colors, the Mayor read a proclamation to recognize the day before dashing off to a meeting in Naples. County Commissioner Jim Coletta outlined the legal suit against this expression of public worship and regretted that we had a divided nation.

Prayers for the area, county, country, service personnel, and the world were given by Reverends Morris Danton, Jane Wallace, Father Timothy Navin, Dr Bob Wallace, and Dr Lisa Marteeny who moderated the event. All expressed good wishes to Pastor John Gilmore of Copeland in his recovery from a heart attack.

A light luncheon was served in the old Council Chamber after the formal ceremonies.

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

MAY/JUNE 2010

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
Mothers Day 9 Child ID Kits 12 noon - 4 pm	10 Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm ESHP mtg City Hall, 9 am OFCD Bd Fire Sta, 6 pm	11	12 Ladies Coffee Backcountry Cafe 8 am	13 Awards Night School, 7 pm	<small>new moon™</small> 14 RAPPER Pre-K Deadline School, <i>see p.3</i>	15 Stone Crab Season Ends TAG SALE Comm Church <i>see p.3</i>
16 Camellia St Grill "Kitchen Blow-Out" music by Mark Wesley 12 noon until ...	17 Hour of Prayer Copeland Baptist Church, 7 pm OFCD Bd Fire Sta, 6 pm <i>see p.3</i>	18 Reach Out mtg City Hall, 8:30 am DEADLINE ECC Vote <i>see p.3</i>	19 Ladies Coffee Gator Express 8 am	20 Lions Club Depot, 5:30 pm Copeland Civic 7 pm	21 Bike-to-Work <i>see p.10</i>	22
23	24 Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm	25	26 Ladies Coffee Patty Huff's Home 8 am	<small>full moon ~</small> 27	RAPPER 28	29
30	31 Memorial Day Hour of Prayer Holy Family Catholic Church 7 pm	JUNE 1	2 Ladies Coffee Gator Express 8 am	3 Great Gators School, 9:30 am	4 Graduation School, 7 pm	5
6	7 Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm	8	9 Ladies Coffee Gator Express 8 am Early Release School, 12 noon	10 Early Release Last Day School, 12 noon	RAPPER 11	<small>new moon™</small> 12

June 19/20: Pet Vet June 21 – July 29: Summer Camp June 22: BigC ORVs
 July 3: Independence Day Celebration July 4: Jazz Concert July 12-16: Build-a-Boat July 13 & 16: Hot Summer Nights
 Aug 3: National Night Out Aug 17: BigC ORVs Aug 23: Back to School Sept 4-6: Butcher Muck-About

THRIFT SHOP: Tues, Thurs, Sat; 11:00 am to 3:00 pm SKATING RINK: Fri & Sat; 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.
 MUSEUM: Tues-Fri; 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Sat; 9:00 am to 4:00 pm SMALLWOOD STORE: Daily; 11:00 am to 5:00 pm
 FOOD PANTRY: Sat; 8:30 to 10:30 am, Community Church ALCOHOLICS ANON: Wed; 5:00 pm, Comm Church
 SHAMROCK BANK: Tues, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm LITTLE GATOR CLINIC: *closed for summer*

SHERIFF AT CITY HALL: Thurs, 5/20 (4-5 pm) Wed, 5/26 (9-10 am) Fri, 5/28 (9-10 am)

COMMUNITY PHONE NUMBERS:

SHERIFF: 695-2007 CITY HALL: 695-3781 PUBLIC LIBRARY: 695-2511 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: 695-3941
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Pre-K DEADLINE

Children who are 4 years old by September 1 should sign up for Pre-K at ECity School by **Friday, May 14**, if they want to attend next term. Visit the school or phone 695-2561 for info.

MOBILE PET VET



Dr Baker will visit on **Saturday, June 19**, 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, June 20**, by previous appointment only. Phone her at 777-PETS (7387). For information online, visit website www.naplesmobilepetvet.com.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS

During the summer AA will meet on Wednesdays only at 5:00 p.m. in the Community Church.

Little Gator Clinic

The walk-in clinic for youngsters 18 and under will be closed for the summer while Dr. GB and Kathy Barnard are on vacation.



BANK HOURS

Shamrock Bank in City Hall will be open on Tuesdays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The time will revert to two days a week on October 4 after the summer break.



GIANT TAG SALE BENEFITS TROOPS



Everglades Community Church is celebrating Armed Forces Day by having a giant tag sale on **Saturday, May 15**, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Profits go to Support Our Troops and other missions.

There will be homemade baked goods & coffee in the morning and hotdogs for lunch. Local arts & crafts vendors will be set up in a huge tent outside to add to the variety of items for sale. And, live music will be a feature.

Donations are welcome; drop them off at the Church. For info, phone 695-3781.

DEADLINE: ECC Vote

Even if you're not here, you can still help the Community Church by voting online in the Rejuvenation contest at http://www.rejuvenation.com/advice_idea/s/contest/entrant.html?rid=160

Please enter by **Tuesday, May 18**, to give the Church an opportunity of winning the \$1,000 to purchase new lights for their sanctuary restoration project.

OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

- 04/28/10: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 04/28/10: Emergency Medical, Port of the Islands
- 04/29/10: Vehicle Accident, Ochopee
- 05/01/10: Vehicle Accident, 61mm on I-75
- 05/02/10: Emergency Medical, Port of the Islands
- 05/02/10: Vehicle Accident, 68mm on I-75
- 05/02/10: Fuel Spill, 68mm on I-75
- 05/03/10: Vehicle Accident, 78mm on I-75
- 05/03/10: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 05/05/10: Emergency Medical, Copeland
- 05/05/10: Vehicle Leaking Fuel, 54mm on I-75
- 05/05/10: Emergency Medical, Jerome
- 05/06/10: Vehicle Accident, 68mm on I-75
- 05/07/10: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 05/07/10: Vehicle Accident, Everglades City
- 05/07/10: Vehicle Accident, 80mm on I-75
- 05/08/10: Vehicle Accident, 65mm on I-75
- 05/08/10: Emergency Medical, 63mm on I-75
- 05/08/10: Emergency Medical, South Blocks
- 05/08/10: Emergency Medical, South Blocks
- 05/08/10: Vehicle Accident, 65mm on I-75
- 05/08/10: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 05/08/10: Vehicle Accident, 69mm on I-75
- 05/09/10: Vehicle Fire, 64mm on US-41
- 05/09/10: Hazmat Clean Up, Ochopee
- 05/09/10: Vehicle Fire, 60mm on I-75
- 05/09/10: Emergency Medical, Chokoloskee Island
- 05/09/10: Vehicle Accident, 63mm on I-75
- 05/09/10: Emergency Medical, Chokoloskee Island

OFCD BOARD

The OFCD Advisory Board meeting has been rescheduled for **Monday, May 17**, at 6:00 p.m. at the Fire Station.

HipHop on Friday Night

The series of free concerts is being re-organized. The *Rapper* will have more news soon.


TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER

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

05/14/2010	Fri	04:06AM	2.4	H	10:17AM	0.7	L	02:40PM	3.2	H	11:16PM	-0.4	L
05/15/2010	Sat	04:55AM	2.4	H	10:53AM	0.8	L	03:10PM	3.2	H			
05/16/2010	Sun	12:00AM	-0.4	L	05:48AM	2.3	H	11:33AM	0.8	L	03:46PM	3.2	H
05/17/2010	Mon	12:46AM	-0.4	L	06:45AM	2.3	H	12:17PM	0.8	L	04:31PM	3.1	H
05/18/2010	Tue	01:36AM	-0.3	L	07:41AM	2.3	H	01:13PM	0.8	L	05:28PM	2.9	H
05/19/2010	Wed	02:30AM	-0.2	L	08:34AM	2.3	H	02:27PM	0.8	L	06:50PM	2.7	H
05/20/2010	Thu	03:29AM	-0.1	L	09:25AM	2.4	H	03:53PM	0.7	L	08:33PM	2.5	H
05/21/2010	Fri	04:31AM	0.1	L	10:13AM	2.5	H	05:13PM	0.5	L	10:08PM	2.4	H
05/22/2010	Sat	05:30AM	0.3	L	10:58AM	2.5	H	06:20PM	0.3	L	11:35PM	2.3	H
05/23/2010	Sun	06:26AM	0.4	L	11:40AM	2.7	H	07:18PM	0.1	L			
05/24/2010	Mon	12:52AM	2.3	H	07:18AM	0.5	L	12:20PM	2.9	H	08:11PM	-0.1	L
05/25/2010	Tue	01:56AM	2.4	H	08:08AM	0.6	L	12:58PM	3.0	H	09:01PM	-0.3	L
05/26/2010	Wed	02:49AM	2.4	H	08:55AM	0.7	L	01:35PM	3.2	H	09:48PM	-0.3	L
05/27/2010	Thu	03:35AM	2.3	H	09:39AM	0.7	L	02:11PM	3.2	H	10:33PM	-0.4	L
05/28/2010	Fri	04:16AM	2.3	H	10:22AM	0.8	L	02:48PM	3.2	H	11:16PM	-0.4	L

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SCHOOL NEWS

Everglades City School

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

IMPORTANT DATES

- Thurs, May 13: Awards Dinner, 6:00 p.m.
- Mon, May 31: Memorial Day
- Thurs, June 3: Great Gators, 9:30 a.m.
- Fri, June 4: Graduation, 7:00 p.m.
- Wed, June 9: Early Release, 12 noon
- Thurs, June 10: Early Release, Last Day of School



From Savannah's Eyes

A few days ago I interviewed the Dean of Everglades City School, Mrs. Dana Snider, who is retiring. She has been at this school for 6 years. One of her favorite memories was when we re-instated the Pre-K class and the eager faces of the little 4 year olds coming to school for the first time. Another memory was when she helped a student get into an advanced tech school. She said that her husband is not retiring yet. He works at Corkscrew Middle and they are going to continue to live in Naples. In her spare time when she retires she would like to volunteer at the school district, volunteer at the church, spend time with her 7 beautiful grandchildren, and do a little bit of gardening. She would also love to travel in the U.S. by RV and abroad by plane.

The one thing she said she would miss the most is her colleagues, the students, parents, and the community. Then I asked her what is the least thing she would miss about this school? And she said the one hour drive from her house every day. I started laughing at this point because every question that I asked her she would always laugh and try to answer the best she could. It was a funny interview because she is such a good person! She has been in the education department for 41 years!! If anything she could change about this school she said that she would like to see more students. She said she has a love of learning and a love of helping students to learn. For instance, the other day, I asked her to help me with my math problems in class and she was a big help to me. Thanks Mrs. Snider!

The first day she started working here she said she was excited, it was the opportunity to work in a new position, she liked the friendliness and warmth of the people around her. She said that leaving here is bittersweet, because she has grown fond of the community.

And, who ever replaces Mrs. Snider I hope he or she has a big smile like Mrs. Snider's because she has a wonderful personality.

We will miss you, Mrs. Snider!

Love,, Savannah

A special thanks to Houston Brown (my cousin and best friend) for helping me interview Mrs. Snider

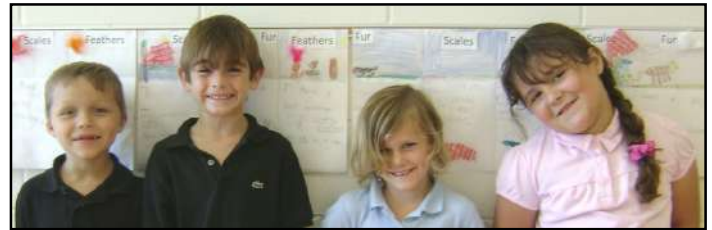
Savannah Oglesby is in the 7th grade at Everglades City School and is a regular contributor to this paper.

SEE MRS. SNIDER'S PHOTO ON PAGE 1.

GREAT GATORS, APRIL



Pre-K: Madison Forbes, Sienna Dungan, Stella Sine, Carl Nicholson



K: Tyler Bruscini, Ivan Kibodeaux, Taylor Richards, Charlie Rain



1 & 2: Emma Brown, Evan Richards, Daniel Gibson, Jesse Goff



3: Tyler Richardson, Edy Lopez, Tyus Fails, Natalie Thompson



4: Bryce Kish, Ashlyn Goff, Scout Morris, Bryan Sanders



5 & 6: Logan Foss, Brandon Bruscini, Triston Kibodeaux, Not pictured: Kevin Maley

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Recipe for Good Eating

Pineapple Cups Dessert

submitted by Gail Carr of Duck Key



- 1/2 c sugar
- 1/4 c flour
- 1/8 t salt
- 1 14-oz can pineapple tidbits with 2/3 cup juice (syrup) saved
- 3 T lemon juice
- grated rind of 1 lemon
- 2 T melted butter
- 3/4 c milk
- 3 eggs (separated)

Mix sugar, flour & salt; add pineapple syrup, lemon juice, rind, egg yolks, melted butter and milk; mix. Fold in egg whites (beaten stiff); pour over pineapple tidbits in individual ovenproof custard cups. Bake in pan containing 1" hot water in moderate oven (325°) for 45-50 min. Chill. Makes 6 servings.

Gail says My mother got this recipe from a friend in New Orleans. Bon appétit! ”

BUILD-A-BOAT



We had this email from Lt Mark Milligan:

Community Safety Team Members Diane & Patrick Ridgeway and Jim & Winnie Thomas have stepped up to the plate to assure that "Build a Boat" is held in Everglades City again this year. The Everglades Area Chamber of Commerce donated \$600 and the Collier County Sheriffs Office matched the Chamber's donation to purchase the kit.

Diane is seeking adult volunteers from the area to assist the youth in constructing the skiff. It will be held on July 12-16 at the Everglades Community Center. If you are interested in helping please call Diane at 253-8555. The age range of the youth that can participate will be from 13-18 years of age.

Last year's boat built by our area youth will be in the Independence Parade in Everglades City on July 3 along with our youth. This program has been a great way to provide positive role models for our youth while increasing their sense of accomplishment and team building skills.

SUMMER CAMP — EXCITING NEWS!



Leader Beth White is enthusiastic about the program this year and has planned some exciting events, including a play she has written that will be performed by students as the *grande finale*.

Summer Camp takes place from June 21 until July 29 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Monday through Thursday.

Applications went home from school with the students but if you didn't receive one, contact Carol at 695-2277. The camp is for children from 4 through 11 years old. Those 12 and older may volunteer as Counselors-In-Training to help out but places are limited.

We still need sponsors for this free activity operated by Reach Out Everglades & COPS Inc, our neighborhood charity. If you can help, please send your check payable to Reach Out at P.O. Box 894, Chokoloskee, FL, 34138.

ELECTRICITY REFUND

LCEC, our electricity supplier, is a cooperative and every customer is also a shareholder. Thus, the Board of Trustees has decided to return some of the profits to us and is also giving back money to customers who are inactive. If you know of someone who has moved, you can phone 1-800-599-2356 with the new address to which payment should be sent.

Big Cypress Requests Comments

Big Cypress National Preserve announced that a draft Floodplain Statement of Findings has been prepared for their GMP Addition which includes a provision to retain three existing structures located in the 100-year floodplain: 1) the Carnestown site with two structures: Collier County Sheriff District 7 substation and the Everglades Chamber of Commerce Welcome Center; and 2) the Copeland site with one structure: NPS fire operations center. These sites have been occupied and utilized for many years. Since the GMP is recommending that they be retained and continue to be used, the NPS must prepare the Statement of Findings to be in compliance with their management policies. This describes the flood hazard, alternatives, and possible mitigation measures for the continued use of this area. The draft is available for public review with comments being accepted through **June 4, 2010**, online at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/bicy>. Written comments should be addressed to: National Park Service, Denver Service Center –Planning Division, Attention: Big Cypress National Preserve Planning Team, P.O. Box 25287, Denver, CO 80225-0287. For more info, call (239) 695-1158.



FWC News

Permits for saltwater fishing and for some hunting will increase in price on July 1 so FWC advises that you buy yours before that date. They are available at the tax collector's office in City Hall or online at www.fl.wildlifelicenses.com.

Recreational red snapper season is from June 1 to July 23 this year and applies to State as well as Federal waters in the Gulf. The bag limit is 2 fish per person but the captain & crew of a charter boat are not allowed any. The minimum size is 16 inches.

The season for recreational and commercial fishing of shallow-water groupers in Atlantic and Monroe County waters opened on May 1.

Regulations for bonefish will be extended to Federal waters on July 1. The bag limit is 1 per person. Minimum length is 18 inches using hook-and-line gear only.

New rules about captive wildlife will take effect on July 1. These include a hobbyist category for personal collections.

For more info, see www.myfwc.com.

Winners!

Forty-three boats participated in the annual Good Ole Boys Fishing Tournament here on May 1-2. Weigh-in was at Glades Haven Marina and the Dinner Banquet held at the Oyster House. The winning teams were 1st place: Jeffrey & Amy Dupree; 2nd place: Travis & Marlene Buchard; and 3rd place: Danny Pool & Dalton Green. Congratulations to all who participated!



Fishing on TV

An episode of George Poveromo's "World of Saltwater Fishing" television show about fishing from Everglades City will be shown at 7:00 p.m. on **Saturday, May 22**, on ESPN-2. This is a repeat of the program which was first seen in March.

FLORIDA FLORA

by Patricia Huff

Canna Lily

(*Canna x generalis*)

The Canna Lilies (although not a true lily) are very attractive outdoor landscaping plants. *Canna flaccida* is native to the southeastern U.S. and Central America and the Antilles. *Canna indica* is native to tropical Central and South America. The many hybrid selections are of garden origin, some dating back to the 18th century. Canna species and various hybrids have naturalized in wetlands throughout the subtropical and tropical world and are known as "x generalis".

The Cannas are tropical (but also do well in temperate climates) and generally planted in groups. Find a nice area in your yard that receives full sunlight where the soil drains well. The plant pictured here has received no attention and even survived salt water intrusion during Wilma.

It is best to plant during the spring and summer when the soil is warm so that the roots and sprouts form quickly. Cannas are easy to propagate by dividing off pieces of the rhizomes.

The most common colors of their asymmetrical flowers are orange, red-orange, yellow, and red but may also be found in pink, apricot and white. You may prune the plants and use the flowers for bouquets. The large leaves should be left in place to gather sunlight and nourishment during their few months of rest. Leaf-rolling caterpillars can be devastating to the foliage but are easily controlled with dusts or sprays.



Glades Daze

by Steve Huff

We are still checking the flow of oil and the possibility of oil coming ashore in southwest Florida; however, to date it doesn't seem to be a potential problem. Usually, here in the Everglades we are dealing with nature's possible weather situation which can manifest itself in the form of hurricanes and flood tides. Today we find ourselves dealing with a man-made catastrophe which man so far has not been able to contain. The likelihood of oil residue tainting our shores is relatively slim; however, our neighbors in the north Gulf coast may have to deal with the problem. Hopefully, we won't.

If there is any good to come from this disaster, it is the rude awakening of the coastal-dwelling public to the potential threat to our estuaries from offshore drilling. As I follow the media, we here in Florida were on the verge of allowing our State to be the next victim. Hopefully, in the future, common sense and respect for our shorelines will keep this potentially harmful harvest of our natural resources out of Florida.



SOMETHING TO THINK ABOUT

How long does it take for items we throw away to de-compose: Orange peels, 6 months; milk cartons, 5 years; plastic bags, 10 to 20 years; plastic containers, 50 to 80 years; tin cans, 100 years; aluminum cans, 200 to 500 years; Styrofoam, never.



LOCAL HISTORY

Continuing on the theme of jails, the first one was on the Circle where Susie's Station now stands. The original building was completed in time for this fuzzy old photo (courtesy of Collier County Museum) taken during the opening of the Tamiami Trail on April 26, 1928.

The first Sheriff was Capt W. R. Maynard who also flew an aerial survey over the area in 1926. It is mentioned on the CCSO website that Mrs Maynard bravely rounded up fugitives one time when her husband was away. In 1928 Louis Thorp took over as Sheriff and served until his death in 1954.

There were living quarters on the second floor for the deputy. Some of the prisoners were allowed out to entertain the public by singing at Club Everglades, the Community Center.

After the new jail was finished (see *Rapper*, 4/30/10), this building was used as lodgings. Inez Magill recalls in her memoirs *From Ticks to Politics* that she moved to the Freedom Apartments (called The Old Jail by everyone). She had come from LaBelle to ECity in 1951 as assistant to County Clerk Ed Scott.

Ms Klotz told the *Rapper* that when she arrived here in 1969 the old jail was used as a day care center for kiddies. It was finally torn down.

Please tell us what you remember about the old jail.

Bula Mission

At the meeting on May 10, the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation discussed the old Bula Mission in Copeland. Experts are being asked to determine if the building can be saved. The old church belongs to the Frances Hodge Community Center Foundation, a non-profit set up by Ms Frances so that the property could be used for the benefit of the community. The church was built in the 1940s by the Lee Tidewater Cypress Company and served the black congregation until integration.

MUSEUM NEWS

Deborah Mitchell, whose works are being displayed in the Museum during May and June, talked about her creations during the reception to Meet the Artist on May 8. She uses the Leaf Project with school students to focus on endangered species. The leaves are dipped in epoxy to make them permanent after the children have written on them. Her exhibit also includes some large photos and artifacts, all with wetlands or Everglades themes.



The Museum is open 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 a permanent exhibit about our history and several short films. The Museum has no admission charge but donations are welcome.

The Marco Island Historical Society is organizing a trip to Useppa Island on Friday, June 11. The cost for the ferry from Captiva is \$35 and entry into the Barbara Sumwalt Museum is \$5. Lunch at the famous Collier Inn is your choice from the menu. For info, phone Jerry Masters at (239) 394-3917.

The Friends Board is on summer recess with the next meeting in September. To join the Friends of the Museum, visit our website www.evergladesmuseum.org.



Off the Shelf Book Review

Images of Hope:

A photographic journey through Immokalee

Photography by Brynn Bruijn

reviewed by Patricia Huff

This large-format illustrated book takes us on a photo journey of the lives of the immigrants working in Immokalee. It is the result of a project funded by the Community Foundation of Collier County about one of the poorest areas of Southwest Florida. The population of Immokalee increases from 25,000 residents to 40,000 during the agriculture season which coincides with our season of the more affluent winter visitors. The photos bring to life the everyday activities of our neighbors just north of Everglades City: their work with the cattle ranchers, the farmers in the fields planting seeds, the early morning cooks preparing the tortillas and their domestic situation. Fewer than 6,000 housing units are available and these photographs graphically portray the dire condition in which the migrants live. But, the book also shows the wonderful support system and the love, happiness, and hope of this community. Immokalee has received increased attention from many generous people and non-profit organizations who have volunteered their time and money to provide a glimmer of hope by helping with the education, healthcare, and housing needs of the hard-working people. To catch just a glimpse into the lives of the Immokalee workers, those who provide the work for the food we eat and enjoy, check out this book at our local library here in Everglades City. Beautifully presented.

CHURCH NEWS

We received this email from Rick Heers who travels from Immokalee to serve as interim pastor of Everglades First Baptist Church:



In addition to filling the pulpit on Sunday mornings, I am 'on call' for emergencies/hospital visits, etc, and am working with the leadership and membership to locate a full-time pastor for the church. Resumes for potential candidates are already being received but we do not anticipate the official 'search committee' to begin functioning until the winter residents return.

During this time services are as follows: Sunday School at 9:45 followed by morning worship at 11 AM, evening Bible study at 6 PM and mid-week Bible Study & Prayer on Wednesday at 7 PM.

Pastor Rick's phone number is (239) 657-3889. The *Rapper* will have a full story about him in the next issue.



SHERIFF S'REPORT

Incidents that have occurred since our last issue:

On April 29 Deputies responded to the docks near the Rod and Gun Club in reference to a small boat that was missing. The boat was later found tied up near Outward Bound up the river. Nothing was missing from the boat and it was discovered that the owner had apparently left the keys in the ignition. Remember, don't become an easy target for crime - make sure that your valuables are secured!

Some time during the night between May 2 and 3 someone made forced entry into the Chokoloskee Marina and stole a significant amount of currency. If anyone has information please contact the Sheriff's Office at 774-4434.

If you have information or see any suspicious activity in the area, please phone the Sheriff's office at 695-2007.

Report a Crime Online

Victims of certain offenses in Collier County can now file crime reports online through www.colliersheriff.org.

The system may be used to report harassing phone calls, lost property, criminal mischief, petty theft, grand theft up to \$1000, animal complaints, identity theft, and property damage. Crime tips can also be reported.

The advantages of this service are that it's quicker for the victim and that deputies can be out dealing with other matters rather than making house calls to gather the information.

Only crimes that take place within Collier County but outside the Naples and Marco Island city limits may be reported through the system. If you are unsure whether your crime meets the requirements call the CCSO's non-emergency number 252-9300.

Bike to Work!

As part of National Bike Month, we are being encouraged to Bike to Work during the week of May 17-21 and especially on Friday, May 21, which is Bike to Work Day.

For info, see www.bikeleague.org.



Read more about Adam Biel's biking trip online at www.AdventureforAutism.com

Patty Huff photographed Adam biking along the Tamiami Trail from Miami to Punta Gorda. Interesting story about his trip!

WOODPECKERS NEST



Across from the school, two woodpeckers have made a nest in a Royal Palm tree. Woodpeckers seek out palm trunks, usually ones that have been damaged and become hollow. The woodpeckers are attracted to the insects and carpenter ants that inhabit the moist wood of dead trees. They use their bills to peck through the trunks to make their nests. The two woodpeckers that built their nests inside this palm tree were spotted by Beth White from the Media Center. They are beautiful to watch but can be damaging to your home since it could be a sign of deteriorating or moist wood in your roof.

ORV PARK AT JETPORT

The Dade County Parks Department has plans to build an ORV park at the old jetport site containing 15 miles of ORV trails. Collier County has endorsed this plan and sent a land use change amendment to the Department of Community Affairs (DCA) for comment. In a report issued on April 2 the DCA has called the proposal a threat to the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP) as well as adversely affecting the wildlife, among other issues. Collier County has 60 days to address DCA's comments but is not obligated to follow their recommendations to revisit the suitability of this project or to reject the amendment. For more information, contact District 5 County Commissioner Jim Coletta at JimColetta@colliergov.net or 252-8097.

Muck -About

Clyde & Niki Butcher are taking reservations for their annual Labor Day Weekend Muck-About. Swamp walks will be held on **Saturday/Sunday, September 4/5**, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and on **Monday, September 6**, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$50 per person. The weekend also features Clyde signing his books and Niki giving demonstration of her hand-painted photos. For info and to book online, see www.clydebutcher.com or phone them at 695-2428.



NEW DOG RULES

Dogs may no longer be chained and left alone. That is the new rule which Collier County is enforcing.

The tether must have swivels at both ends and be at least five times the length of the dog's body. The animal must have access to shade at all times and fresh drinking water. Puppies under 6 months of age may not be left on a tether.

For more info, call 252- 7387.



RESTAURANT NEWS



- Backcountry Cafe (695-2552):**
6:00 am – 2 pm; daily
closing for summer on May 17
- Camellia Street Grill (695-2003):**
12 noon – 8:00 pm; *closing for summer" when the food runs out"*
- City Seafood (695-4700):**
10:00 am - 6:00 pm; daily
Fish Market also open
- Everglades Seafood Depot (695-0075):**
10:30 am - 9:00 pm; daily
- Everglades Scoop (695-0375):**
closed for summer
- Gator Express (695-3937):**
6:30 am - 9 pm; Sun - Thurs
6:30 am - 10 pm; Fri, Sat
- Glades Haven Deli (695-2091):**
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):**
hours vary; Mon - Sat
- Havana Cafe (695-2214):**
closed for summer
- Ivey House (695-3299):**
6:30 – 9:30 am; daily
Continental breakfast/box lunches
- Joanie's Blue Crab Cafe (695-2682):**
11:00 am - 5:00 pm; daily
- Leebo's Rock-Bottom Bar:**
3:00 pm; Mon - Fri
noon; Saturday - Sunday
"mike night" Wed
live music every Fri-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 - 11:00 am; daily (hot buffet)
5:00 – 9:00 pm; Thurs, Fri, Sat
- Right Choice Pizzeria (695-3663):**
5:00 - 9:00 pm; Thurs-Sun (takeout)
- Rod & Gun (695-2101):**
7:00 - 10 am Breakfast; daily
11:30 am - 9:00 pm; daily
- Susie's Station (695-2580):**
11:00 am - 5:00 pm; daily
- Triad Seafood (695-0722):**
closed for summer

SALE CONTINUES

Ms Klotz of Sea Gull Studios is still selling off the gifts, shells, and pictures in her shop at bargain prices.



Mothers, daughters, and granddaughters from the Chokoloskee Church of God had a gala luncheon at the Seafood Depot on May 8 and dressed up in their finest to compete in the "best hat" contest which was won by Mary Nell. They also heard an inspiring talk by the Rev. Delores Fox of Parkway Church of God, Naples, who spent her childhood in Everglades City and remembers rowing to Chokoloskee to attend church.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



The festivities this year will take place on **Saturday, July 3**, when our gigantic fireworks display will be available to light up the sky dramatically 9:00 p.m.

The theme of the parade is Honoring our Local Veterans and the color guard for the raising of the flag at the opening ceremony will reflect this with respected participants from our area who have served in the forces.

The activities start with the Opening Ceremony at 9:30 a.m. followed by the parade at 10:00. a.m. There will also be arts & crafts vendors, a raffle, food for lunch, music, and the popular kiddies best-dressed contest, all under the pavilion in McLeod Park. For info, call Elaine at 695-2695.

Donation boxes for the Fireworks Fund are around town now. You can also drop in contributions at City Hall or post a check to Fireworks Fund, P.O. Box 110, Everglades City, FL, 34139.

Tell all your friends to be in ECity for a great Family Fun Festival on July 3!

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HOME FOR SALE BY OWNER: Beautiful sunset views on the River, 2 bedrooms and 2 baths, Wrap around porch, 2-1/2 car garage, \$459,000. 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.

HOUSE FOR SALE BY OWNER: Waterfront 2/2 home on Dupont with boat lift and floating dock. Well constructed home built to last. Priced to sell at \$595,000. Visit www.h4sale.com for details and/or call (239) 588-0560.

FOR RENT in Everglades City: 2-3 bedrooms, 1 bath. \$850/month plus utilities. Dock available for extra fee. Call (239) 961-3986.

FOR RENT: \$800/month, 2/1 House in Fakahatchee Strand on 1 acre. More info call 407-687-6562.

FOR RENT: Retail / Office Space available at Glades Building at 207 W. Broadway. Contact 239-695-4299.

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FOR RENT: 10 x 10 Storage units at 103 S. Storter, \$60 a month. Call Paul at (727) 430-3460.

FOR SALE: Tohatsu 50 hp Motor. Southern Skimmer 1990 16'2" Boat, awning, extras, trailer reworked, spare tire. \$2,900. See Jim Landrum or call 695-2741.

FOR SALE: 2000 Sailfish Boat, model 186CC with 100 hp 4-stroke Yamaha, located in Isle of Capri. Leaning post with rod holders, Bimini-Tee top, dual batteries, 800 hours on engine, stainless steel prop, no trailer. Looks fair, runs good, \$4990. Contact 239-450-6342.

FOR SALE: Coachman Camper, ready to move into, at Chokoloskee Island Park, \$5,000 or best offer. For info and visit, call 695-2414.

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