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What's Happening in the Everglades City Area

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CHURCH RENOVATION

Parishioners at Everglades Community Church moved the sanctuary from the church into the annex after services on June 7 so that construction can begin. Everyone in the congregation took something into the new worship area.

The plan is to enlarge the sanctuary with more seating and to restore the original wood flooring. Pastor Bob Wallace, seen above with Mitch Mitchell, told the *Rapper* that the work should be completed by October.



A few of the old lamp posts have been installed on the side of Collier Avenue as men prepare the ground in the median for the new 40-foot ones. A worker said that new lights would not be ready until the first or second week in July. He was aware that some residents do not want them but said, "They will be ok, only illuminate the street", and "you will like them". He said the reason the new lights are so tall is "to be above the trees".



CONGRATULATIONS!

June 4 was a special day for the eight graduates of Everglades City High School and their families.

Betty Oglesby played "Pomp and Circumstance" as the graduates walked down the aisle to center stage with over 100 in the audience looking on in admiration. Dwight Wood welcomed everyone followed by the invocation by Pastor Morris Dantin. Sierra Arroyo led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Rosa Gonzalez gave the Salutatorian speech and expressed gratitude to her family and teachers for all their encouragement. She said although she had lived here only seven years, she calls Everglades City her home.

Peyton Beebe then presented the Valedictorian speech and also talked about how much she had learned from her teachers and thanked everyone for their support.

Principal Bobby Jones and Mary Anne Gemmill from the District School Board presented the class of 2010 with their diplomas and the program ended with a Senior Memories Slide Show.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



Did you serve in the armed forces? If so, you are invited to take part in the Color Guard during the raising of the flag at our Independence Day Celebration this year on **Saturday, July 3**, when the theme is "Honoring our Local Veterans". Please phone Elaine at 695-2695 to volunteer.

That motif will be carried through in the parade at 10:00 a.m. and there are prizes for the best floats, golf carts, and buggies. Everyone is welcome to take part. To join, register at 695-2695.

After the parade, there will be fun & games in McLeod Park. If you would like to set up a table to sell arts & crafts or to have a bake sale, phone 695-2905.

Tell all your friends to be in ECity for a great Family Fun Festival on July 3 ... and don't forget the fireworks at dusk.



photos thanks to Chris Ammerman.

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JUNE / JULY 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 Everglades Community Church 7 pm	8	9 Ladies Coffee Adela Butler's house 8 am Early Release School, 12 noon	10 Early Release Last Day School, 12 noon	<u>RAPPER</u> 11	new moon ○ 12
13	<u>Flag Day</u> 14 Hour of Prayer Copeland Baptist Church, 7 pm	15 Reach Out mtg City Hall, 8:30 am <i>see p7</i>	16 Ladies Coffee Patty Huff's home 8 am	17	18	19 PetVet <i>see p.3</i>
<u>Fathers' Day</u> 20 PetVet <i>see p.3</i>	21 Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm Summer Camp Starts, see p.7 Chamber Talk 6:30 pm, <i>see p.3</i> Vacation Bible School <i>see p.3</i>	22 BigC ORVs <i>see p.3</i> Vacation Bible School <i>see p.33</i>	23 Ladies Coffee Mari Varello's home 8 am Vacation Bible School <i>see p.3</i>	24 Vacation Bible School <i>see p.3</i>	<u>RAPPER</u> 25 Vacation Bible School <i>see p.3</i>	full moon ● 26
27	28 Hour of Prayer Holy Family Catholic Church 7 pm	29	30 Ladies Coffee Adela Butler's home 8 am	JULY 1	2	3 Independence Day Celebration <i>see p.1</i>
4 Free Concert <i>see p.11</i>	5 Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm	6	7 Ladies Coffee Gator Express 8 am	8	<u>RAPPER</u> 9	10

July 12-16: Build-a-Boat

July 13 & 16: Hot Summer Nights

July 29: Summer Camp ends

Aug 3: National Night Out

Aug 13-15: Back-to-School Tax Holiday

Aug 17: BigC ORVs

Aug 23: Back to School

Sept 4-6: Butcher Muck-About

Sept 13: OFCD Advisory Board

THRIFT SHOP: Tues, Thurs: 1:00 to 4:00 pm, 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, *Holy Family Catholic 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: Fri, 6/11 (10-11 am)

Mon, 6/14 (10-11 am)

Thurs, 6/17 (9-10 am)

Tues, 6/22 (10-11 am)

COMMUNITY PHONE NUMBERS:

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COLLIER COUNTY: 252-8999

CHAMBER TALK

Members of the Everglades Area Chamber of Commerce are invited to hear about promoting their businesses at a talk by Nancy Kearns, Information Specialist with the County's Department of Tourism, during a meeting on **Monday, June 21**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Oyster House. There will be snacks and a cash bar. For info and to reserve, phone 695-3172.

BIBLE SCHOOL

Come join the fun with Copeland Baptist Church Vacation Bible School from **Monday, June 21 through Friday, June 25**, 5:00-7:30 p.m. Bible Story, Arts & Crafts, Games, Music, and lots of fun! Food & Refreshments will also be provided, please call Sue Doster with any questions at 695-1090.



BigC ORV MEETING

The Off-Road Vehicle Advisory Committee will meet at the new Big Cypress Swamp Welcome Center in Ochopee from 3:30 to 8:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, June 22**. For more info, visit www.nps.gov/bicy/parkmgmt where you can see the agenda and past minutes or submit items for discussion at future meetings, or phone 695-1107.

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see *tips about weather forecasts and hurricanes on page 12*



Collier County Sheriff's Office has produced Fathers' Day cards for kids and teens which include a Safety Pledge. You can pick up free copies of the cards at City Hall and the school office or download them from the CCSO website www.colliersheriff.org.

DAD'S IN THE SWIM

Sun-N-Fun Lagoon, on Livingston Road in North Naples, is having a Father's Day Special on **Sunday, June 20**. Dad gets in free with one paid admission. Hours are 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For info, phone 252-4021 or see www.collierparks.com.



THRIFT SHOP HOURS

The Reach Out Thrift Shop (behind the fire station) will be open on **Tuesday and Thursday** from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The **Saturday** hours remain the same from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

- 05/26/10: Fire Alarm, Ochopee
- 05/26/10: Emergency Medical, Everglades City Fire Station
- 05/27/10: Vehicle Accident, 53mm on I-75
- 05/28/10: Vehicle Fire, 62mm on US-41
- 05/28/10: Brush Fire, SR 29 North of I-75
- 05/28/10: Vehicle Accident, Ochopee
- 05/30/10: Emergency Medical, 63mm on I-75
- 05/30/10: Vehicle Accident, 75mm on I-75
- 06/01/10: Emergency Medical, 63mm on I-75
- 06/01/10: Vehicle Accident, 66mm on I-75
- 06/04/10: Vehicle Accident, 70mm on I-75
- 06/06/10: Vehicle Accident, 52mm on I-75
- 06/06/10: Emergency Medical, Chokoloskee Island
- 06/07/10: Vehicle Accident, 71mm on I-75
- 06/08/10: Vehicle Accident, 59mm on I-75

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. You can phone her at 777-PETS (7387). For info online, visit www.naplesmobilepetvet.com.

FOOD PANTRY MOVES

The Community Food Pantry has moved to Holy Family Catholic Church. It is open on **Saturday** from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m.



MORE News & Events on page 11.

TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER

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

06/11/2010	Fri	03:17AM	2.3	H	09:11AM	0.8	L	01:49PM	3.2	H	10:18PM	-0.4	L
06/12/2010	Sat	04:02AM	2.4	H	09:56AM	0.8	L	02:25PM	3.3	H	11:02PM	-0.5	L
06/13/2010	Sun	04:49AM	2.4	H	10:41AM	0.8	L	03:04PM	3.4	H	11:46PM	-0.5	L
06/14/2010	Mon	05:36AM	2.4	H	11:28AM	0.7	L	03:49PM	3.3	H			
06/15/2010	Tue	12:31AM	-0.4	L	06:22AM	2.4	H	12:19PM	0.7	L	04:43PM	3.2	H
06/16/2010	Wed	01:17AM	-0.3	L	07:07AM	2.5	H	01:15PM	0.6	L	05:48PM	2.9	H
06/17/2010	Thu	02:05AM	-0.2	L	07:51AM	2.5	H	02:21PM	0.6	L	07:07PM	2.6	H
06/18/2010	Fri	02:57AM	0.1	L	08:34AM	2.5	H	03:36PM	0.5	L	08:31PM	2.4	H
06/19/2010	Sat	03:53AM	0.3	L	09:19AM	2.6	H	04:51PM	0.3	L	10:00PM	2.2	H
06/20/2010	Sun	04:52AM	0.5	L	10:06AM	2.7	H	06:00PM	0.2	L	11:36PM	2.1	H
06/21/2010	Mon	05:51AM	0.7	L	10:56AM	2.8	H	07:02PM	0.0	L			
06/22/2010	Tue	01:13AM	2.1	H	06:48AM	0.8	L	11:47AM	2.9	H	07:58PM	-0.1	L
06/23/2010	Wed	02:28AM	2.2	H	07:43AM	0.8	L	12:35PM	3.1	H	08:49PM	-0.2	L
06/24/2010	Thu	03:18AM	2.2	H	08:34AM	0.8	L	01:20PM	3.1	H	09:36PM	-0.3	L
06/25/2010	Fri	03:51AM	2.2	H	09:22AM	0.8	L	02:01PM	3.2	H	10:19PM	-0.3	L

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SCHOOL NEWS

Everglades City School

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

IMPORTANT DATES

- Thurs, June 10: Middle School Awards, 9:00 a.m.
- Thurs, June 10: Early Release, Last Day of School
- Mon, June 21: Summer Camp starts
- Thurs, July 29: Summer Camp ends
- Aug 13-15: Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday
- Mon, Aug 23: Back to School



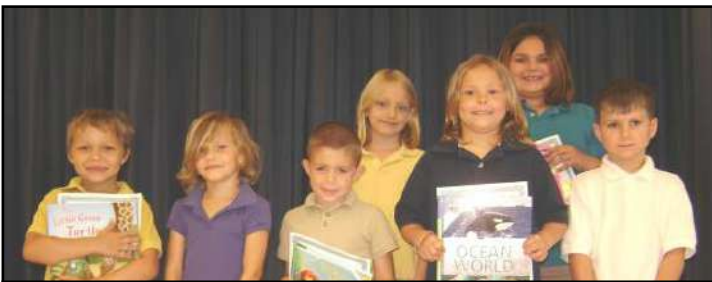
PRINCIPAL'S AWARDS

- Primary School**
- Brady Bowen
- Emma Brown
- Savannah Weeks
- Intermediate School**
- Hailey Mitchell
- Jerry Pablo-Ramirez



TOP READERS (awarded a special new book and a certificate)

- Grade 3: Edy Lopez and Samantha Bruscini
- Grade 4: Hailey Mitchell and Scout Morris
- Grade 5: Brandon Steffen and Brandon Bruscini
- Grade 6: Madelyn Mitchell and Tawny Wood



TOP READERS (awarded a special new book and a certificate)

- Pre-K: Ashton Humphreys and Sienna Dungan
- K: Tyler Bruscini and Taylor Richards
- Grade 1: Alexis Rain and Jesse Goff
- Grade 2: Brandy Bowen and Destany Vanleeuwen

Thanks to Trina Mitchell for photos.



SPORTS AWARDS

J.V. Volleyball, Coach Diana Valdez

Most Versatile Player:

Kendall Wooten (played on both JV and Varsity)

Varsity Volleyball

Most Improved Player: Kim Brown

Coach's Award: Peyton Beebe

Unsung Hero: Ashley Wooten

Boys' Basketball

Most Improved Player: Steven Smith

Coach's Award: Miles Roberts

Chairman of the Boards: Marcus Dungan

Boys' Baseball

Co-Rookie of the year: Steven Smith and Kendall Smallwood

Most Improved Player: Linzy Fails

Coach's Award: Marcus Dungan

Hustle Award: Dylan Lucas

Unsung Hero: L.J. Carter

Seniors

Peyton Beebe: Volleyball

Dwight Wood: Baseball

Kim Brown: Volleyball and Cheerleading



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Recipe for Good Eating

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submitted by Patricia Huff



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- 1 Tbs olive oil 2 cloves minced garlic
- 1 Tbs fresh chopped basil 1/2 tsp black pepper 1/4 tsp kosher salt

Broil chicken, bone sides up, on an unheated rack of a broiler pan. Broil 5 inches from the heat for 20 minutes or until lightly browned. In a small bowl, stir together the remaining ingredients and brush generously on chicken. Turn chicken and continue to brush on other side. Broil for another 5 to 15 minutes until chicken is done.

SUMMER CAMP MEALS



Summer Campers will be served breakfast and lunch, thanks to a collaboration among the Collier County School District, the Collier County Parks & Recreation Department, the Hunger & Homeless Coalition, and Kids Against Hunger.

Summer Camp for children aged 4 through 11 takes place from **June 21 until July 29** from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Monday through Thursday. Plans will be finalized at the monthly Reach Out board meeting on **Tuesday, June 15**, at 8:30 a.m. in City Hall.

Reach Out still needs sponsors for this free activity operated by our neighborhood charity. If you can help, please send your check payable to Reach Out at P.O. Box 894, Chokoloskee, FL, 34138. For info, phone Carol at 695-2277.

CHURCH NEWS

Louise Collier Jinkins, who passed away in January aged 92, came home to Everglades Community Church where she had been a member for many years. The daughter of C. H. Collier, cousin of Barron, she grew up in Everglades and continued to worship here after moving to Naples. In a ceremony on June 6, her ashes were blessed by Pastor Bob Wallace with nephew Charles H. Collier III and wife Jane Collier in attendance.



photo thanks to Chris Ammerman

FAREWELL TO A FISHERMAN



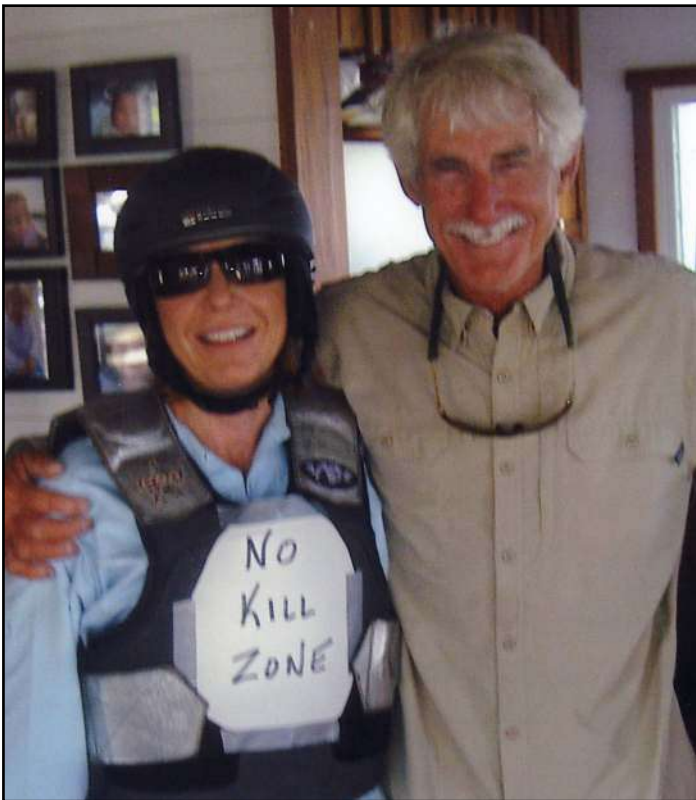
Claude W. "Captain Tommy" Addison, Jr, aged 86, of Ochopee passed away on May 21. He was born in Fort Ogden and served as a machine gunner in World War II. Growing up in the Depression, he picked oranges for \$3 a day, hunted gators for hides, and giggered frogs for local restaurants. After Hurricane Donna, he turned to carpentry. But, he was known best for his fishing: pompano in the Keys, shrimp in Louisiana.

In 1971 he moved with his family to Ochopee where he loved the solitude and beauty of the prairie. At age 65 he earned his 100-ton Captain's license and kept tourists entertained telling stories during boat tours.

Captain Tommy will be greatly missed for his honesty, integrity, humorous stories, flirtatious personality, intelligent mind & "fried mullet." He believed in the golden rule – do unto others as you would have them do unto you.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years Hazel Edna Addison and leaves many relatives. He was laid to rest at Indian Springs Cemetery in Punta Gorda.

Our thanks to his granddaughter Yvonne Fox for this information and photo.



A year after the *Rapper* published the *Glades Daze* article about Mickey Moret being hit in the head by a free jumping tarpon, she returns more prepared for her fishing trip with Captain Steve Huff.

Glades Daze

by Patricia Huff

Last year my husband Steve (photo above) recounted the story about one of his angler's being hit in the head by a tarpon jumping over the boat. Kris Mol of Chokoloskee had a similar experience with a tarpon. She recently sent this email and photo to us:



Back in Choko ... we were attacked by a six-foot, one-hundred-pound tarpon. Mike and I had just anchored in a bay and were enjoying a nice peaceful lunch when the huge tarpon came flying out of the water and into our boat. It knocked me right into the water and slammed into Mike. Coley, our dog, was so scared she jumped into the water. I climbed back into the boat staying away from the thrashing in the front of the boat. I got Coley back in the boat but when the tarpon started thrashing again she bailed back into the ocean. We finally got her back in and, after breaking three rods and losing one overboard, the fish ran out of gas and we were able to heave it overboard. It looked like someone was massacred in our boat, blood everywhere and over \$2,000 worth of damage to boat and fishing equipment. CRAZY!

Enjoying life out in the Everglades can be great but you need to be aware of the unexpected.



CALLING ALL CARPENTERS

The Build-a-Boat project for youngsters is looking for adult volunteers to help the teens construct a wooden skiff from a kit on July 12-16. If you can spare a few hours to supervise between 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. contact Diane at 253-8555.



FWC News

The recreational harvest season for red snapper in Gulf waters off Florida opened on June 1 and is scheduled to remain open until July 24 this year. Anglers may take two red snapper daily from Gulf waters during the open season. The minimum-size limit for recreational red snapper in the Gulf is 16 inches total length.

If you sent in an application for an alligator hunting permit, there has been a technical snag and you will have to re-submit before **Monday, June 14**. Alligator season starts on August 15.

For more info and the latest on the oil spill, see www.myfwc.com.



Congratulations to Capt Becky Campbell and her team for winning 1st place in week #3 at the Womens' Professional Tarpon Tournament Series (WPTTS) at Boca Grande Pass on June 5. The 197 lb tarpon set a record for the largest caught by a female in the history of this tournament. It was released after marine research took lab samples for DNA testing. Becky used conventional tackle-jig with a green tiger tail and landed the fish in about 50 minutes. The Ottaline/Aeon Marines Team included herself, Debra Gill, Ginger Campbell, Andy Peduzzi (Captain), and Jim Phillips (mate). Aeon Marine sponsored Becky's team.

LOCAL HISTORY



Where was the Library?

Before Hurricane Donna in 1960 it was probably in the strip where the tennis courts are now, according to some local residents. Or, was it on the other side of Broadway? Perhaps it was moved?

Here is an extract from the *Collier County News* dated March 21, 1929:

Mr. & Mrs. Barron Collier were here Friday and Saturday on a pleasure trip aboard their yacht "The Baroness".

Saturday morning Mr. Collier inspected the Public Library which he gave to the people of Everglades and which he had not seen excepting in the blue prints.

He expressed himself as being pleased with the attractive interior of the blue stucco building on Broadway, across from the Bank of Everglades, which houses the excellent collection of books, and applied for a life membership.

Mr. Collier commented favorably upon the felicitous color scheme of green and gold in which the rooms are decorated and was particularly pleased to see the interesting collection of Collier County woods which had been assembled for exhibit at the Collier County Fair last year. After the fair, this exhibit was moved to the administration building, but the library was considered a more suitable location.

Another unique and most interesting exhibit assembled for the Fair has been placed in the library and drew Mr. Collier's attention from the timber display. It was a cross section of the Tamiami Trail showing the muck, sand and rock encountered in the construction of this highway through Collier County.

Eventually, the County installed a branch library in City Hall in the 1960s. What happened to the old books and exhibits? Did they get drowned?

If you can shed any light on this mystery in our history, phone 695-2905.

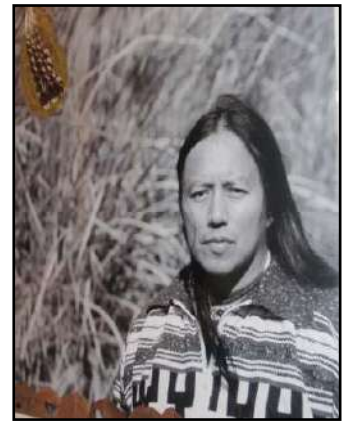
Our thanks to Naples historian Lila Zuck who found and transcribed the newspaper quote.

MUSEUM NEWS

Don't miss Deborah Mitchell's exhibit in the Pauline Reeves Gallery at the front of the Museum. Her photos (such as the one right), found items, and constructions will be on display until the end of June.

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 Friends' Board is on summer recess and will not meet until September. To join the Friends of the Museum, visit our website www.evergladesmuseum.org.



Off the Shelf – Book Review

In Defense of Food by Michael Pollan

reviewed by Patricia Huff

It seems that I get my best ideas about books by listening to National Public Radio while driving to and from Naples. Several weeks ago I heard a repeat 2008 interview with Michael Pollan about his then newly published book "In Defense of Food". The following week I happened to see the paperback book at the airport bookstore and knew it was something that would interest me. I've bought several books on dieting in the past and this seemed to be a more down-to-earth logical type. This book takes you back to the basics of all the things your mother told you: "eat your vegetables" and "don't stuff your face". Michael Pollan gives us the "do's and don't's" of just plain eating. Although you may not be interested in another book on food, it does offer some interesting information.

Why do people of other cultures stay so healthy and live longer although their diet may consist of richer foods? One reason, of course, is that people in other parts of the world walk more than we do and they eat less. Michael relates, "The people of Okinawa, one of the longest-lived and healthiest population in the world, practice a principle they call *hara hachi bu*: Eat until you are 80 percent full." Although you don't know when you're 80% full, many Americans eat until they are more than full. One of our Western culture's fast food restaurants is actually promoting a "fourth meal", as if three is not enough!

We should be choosing quality over quantity and the food experience over mere calories. Michael's final chapter on HOW TO EAT includes titles "Pay more, Eat less", "Don't get your fuel from the same place your car does" (highly-processed snack foods and sweetened soft drinks), "Eat slowly", "Cook, and if you can, plant a garden". Michael elaborates on many food issues and topics and makes it interesting. Just good common sense about nutrition.

FREE SEMINAR ABOUT NON-PROFIT GRANTS

Among the courses offered by the Community Foundation of Collier County, one that should not be missed is the Grant Information Seminar on **Tuesday, July 13**, from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. This is a very popular event so register now by phoning 649-5000. For more info see www.cfcollier.org.



GREEN DIRECTORY HAS EVENTS, ETC!

You can connect with Southwest Florida's green businesses, green products, green services, green organizations, green events, green news, and green places to go on a cooperative website www.swflgreen.org. New members are welcome.



SHERIFF'S REPORT

On the afternoon of May 31 (Memorial Day) a vehicle was burglarized at Wooten's on US-41. During this incident the suspect(s) forcibly entered a vehicle while the tourists were on an airboat ride. This crime occurred sometime between 3:15 and 3:40 p.m. Although our regular tourist season is over, parking areas still provide a target of opportunity for thieves. All businesses should remain alert for any suspicious activity and notify the Sheriffs' Office immediately.

Sometime between June 1 and 2 a large construction crane was stolen from a job site along SR-29 where a company has been replacing the wooden high tension poles with concrete ones. This crane belonged to that company and was taken from the area of the old Copeland Road prison where it was parked. It obviously occurred during the night. Please remember to always be vigilant. Large construction equipment transversing the roadways during late evening hours is suspicious and bears further investigation by law enforcement.

For routine matters, call 695-2007. In emergencies, call 911.

ADVISORY BOARDS VACANCIES

The Collier County Board of Commissioners is seeking applications for positions on several advisory committees.

- **Affordable Housing Advisory Committee** is seeking 1 member representing for-profit provider. Terms are 3 years.
- **Bayshore Beautification MSTU Advisory Committee** has 1 resignation with the term expiring on March 3, 2013.
- **Black Affairs Advisory Board** has 3 terms expiring on June 25, 2010, and 1 resignation with the term expiring on June 25, 2013.
- **County Government Productivity Committee** has 3 vacancies with the terms expiring on February 4, 2011.
- **Consumer Advisory Board (CAB)** has 1 vacancy with the term expiring on December 1, 2011.
- **Contractors Licensing Board** has 1 vacancy in the category of Specialty Contractor, with the term expiring on June 30, 2010. Terms are 3 years.
- **Floodplain Management Planning Committee** has 1 vacancy.

To apply, see www.colliergov.net, click on "I Want To", "Apply For", "Advisory Boards" and fill in the application. The deadline is **Thursday, June 17**. For info, call 252-2333.



FREE FRIDAYS FOR KIDS AT ROOKERY BAY

Rookery Bay is offering something fun and educational during the summer recess. Activities on Free Fridays, when there is no charge for youngsters 12 and under, include games and stories at 10:00 a.m. and touch-tank exploration at 11:00 a.m. The theme on **June 18** is "Urchins, Dollars and Stars" and on **June 25** is "Shark Safari". The program continues in July.

The Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center, off CR-951 just west of US-41, is closed on Saturday and Sunday until October 1. Hours are Monday to Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is \$5.00 for adults, \$3.00 for children ages 6-12.

For info, call (239) 417-6310 or see www.rookerybay.org.



FLORIDA FLORA

by Patricia Huff

Night-blooming Cereus (*Selenicereus brevispinus*)

A year ago I wrote about this amazing cactus in the June 12 issue of *The Mullet Rapper* but I cannot help but report on its spectacular bloom again this year. A small piece of this sprawling cactus was first attached to our Washingtonia tree in our front yard by my husband several years ago. Now it is crawling up and down the tree and in June little fuzzy buds start to sprout. Within a week the flowers are in full bloom and for one night only! Just last week my husband and I both noticed that we had 8 buds ready to sprout and said that we must remind each other not to go to bed until we had witnessed the spectacular display of so many flowers this one night. Well, being of old age, we forgot and were so disappointed the next morning when we saw just the droopy heads hanging there. A few nights later five more bloomed and it was magnificent to view.

This cactus comes from the *Cereus* family *Selenicereus brevispinus* which is native to Cuba. The name *Selenicereus* comes from the Greek meaning "moon cereus" and refers to the flowers that open at night.



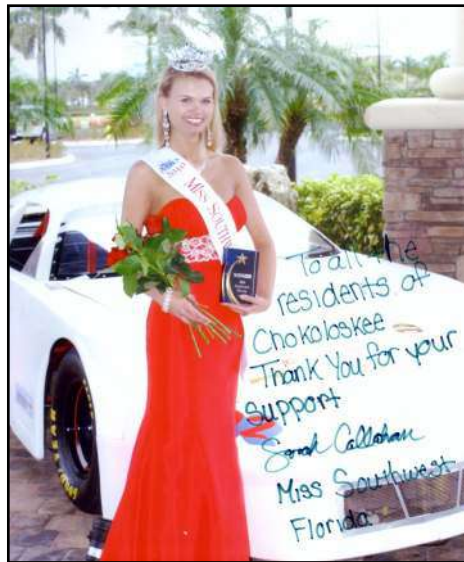
Collier County residents can enjoy a free day at the Naples Zoo the first Saturday of each month throughout the year (and bring their grandchildren as Patty and Steve Huff did recently). Now celebrating Dr. Seuss with sculptures throughout the park.

RESTAURANT NEWS



- Backcountry Cafe (695-2552):**
closed for summer
- Camellia Street Grill (695-2003):**
closed for summer
- 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 - 8:00 pm; Mon
7:00 am - 7:00 pm; Tues, Wed, Thurs
7:00 am - 9:00 pm; Fri
6:30 am - 9:00 pm; Sat, Sun
- 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;
Mon, Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun
- 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):**
6:00 - 11:00 am; Fri, Sat, Sun
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

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Congratulations to "Miss Southwest Florida" Sarah Callahan whose parents have recently moved to Chokoloskee. Sarah is a full-time student at Florida Atlantic University where she is majoring in elementary education. Sarah is concentrating on the Children's Illiteracy Program and volunteers with the Children's Homes Society which runs a program to donate books to kids whose parents can not afford them. Her title qualifies her for the Miss Florida pageant which is part of the Miss America contest.

FREE CONCERT



The Air National Guard Band of the Smokey Mountains will be here again to entertain us on **Sunday, July 4**, at 3:00 p.m. with a free Big Band concert in the Community Center, thanks to the Collier County Parks & Recreation Department. For more info, phone City Hall at 695-3781. Everyone is welcome!

MARCO ARTISTS



Come along to the Artist Colony at the Esplanade in Marco Island on the last Wednesday of each month at from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. for open house with light refreshments. The themes are:
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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.

SUMMER RENT SPECIAL! 2 bedroom, 1 bath in Everglades City, \$600/month + utilities. Available June thru October. Call 239-961-3986.

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

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Hurricane Season started on June 1. You can keep up with the news at the NOAA website www.nhc.noaa.gov and click on "Graphical Tropical Weather Outlook" to get a satellite photo with potential storms highlighted.

For everyday forecasts, shown below, see www.weather.gov and type in your ZIP code in the left column. Click on the radar map to watch recent movement and make your own prediction about what's coming next.

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