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SUMMER CAMP IS HERE!



Summer Camp started on June 21 with 40 enthusiastic kiddies flocking around leader Beth White who has exciting activities planned. The six weeks of fun & games, plus morning & noontime meals, for children aged 4 through 11 is free thanks to Reach Out, our neighborhood charity. The Sheriff's Office has also organized special outings for the campers to Sun 'n' Fun Lagoon, King Richard's Amusement Park, and Wannado City.

Summer Camp still needs sponsors!. Please donate toys or send a check payable to Reach Out at P.O. Box 894, Chokoloskee, FL, 34138. For info, phone Carol at 695-2277.

See more photos on page 11.

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JOIN THE PARADE!



The schedule for our Independence Day Celebration on **Saturday, July 3**, is:

9:30 a.m. Opening Ceremony

10:00 a.m. PARADE

**11:00 a.m. Arts & Crafts Booths Open
Little Firecracker Awards prizes, raffle
lunch (hot dogs for sale)**

9:00 p.m. FIREWORKS

The theme is "Honoring our Local Veterans" and there are prizes for the best entries in the parade. To take part, phone Elaine 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.

The kiddies are invited to get dressed up in their most patriotic outfit for the Little Miss and Little Mister Firecracker contests.



FREE CONCERT

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



CHURCH RENOVATION

What's happening at the Community Church on the Circle? Lots! A complete renovation is taking place inside. The pews have been taken away to be re-upholstered and work has begun on the structure inside. For more photos, see the excellent website www.evergladescommunitychurch.com.



While the work is being done, services are held in the Fellowship Hall in the annex.



JUNE / JULY 2010

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
Fathers' Day 20 PetVet <i>see p.3</i>	21 Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm Summer Camp Chamber Talk Vacation Bible School	22 BigC ORVs Vacation Bible School Copeland	23 Ladies Coffee Mari Varello's home 8 am Vacation Bible School Copeland	24 Vacation Bible School Copeland <i>see p.3</i>	RAPPER 25 Vacation Bible School Copeland <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.1</i>	5 Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm	6	7 Ladies Coffee Gator Express 8 am	8	RAPPER 9	10
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18	19 Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm	20	21 Ladies Coffee Gator Express 8 am	22	RAPPER 23	24

July 29: Summer Camp ends July 31 & Aug 1: Mobile Pet Vet
 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 4-5: Mobile Pet Vet Sept 13: OFCD Advisory Board

THRIFT SHOP: Thurs: 1:00 to 4:00 pm, Sat; 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
 MUSEUM: Tues-Fri; 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Sat; 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
 FOOD PANTRY: Sat; 8:30 to 10:30 am, Holy Family Catholic Church
 SHAMROCK BANK: Tues, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
 SKATING RINK: Fri & Sat; 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.
 SMALLWOOD STORE: Daily; 11:00 am to 5:00 pm
 ALCOHOLICS ANON: Wed; 5:00 pm, Comm Church
 LITTLE GATOR CLINIC: closed for summer

SHERIFF AT CITY HALL: Fri, 6/25 (9-10 am) Tues, 6/29 (10-11 am) Tues, 7/6 (10-11 am) Thurs, 7/8 (noon – 1 pm)

COMMUNITY PHONE NUMBERS:

SHERIFF: 695-2007 CITY HALL: 695-3781 PUBLIC LIBRARY: 695-2511 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: 695-3941
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JULY 5th CLOSURES

In honor of Independence Day, City Hall and the library will be closed on **Monday, July 5**. The Post Office will also be closed.

BUILD-A-BOAT

Organizer Diane Ridgeway is still looking for adult volunteers to help the teenagers build a wooden skiff from a kit during the week of **July 12-16**. She also welcomes calls from teens aged 13-17 who want to take part. Please phone her at 253-8555.

HOT SUMMER NIGHTS

CCSO is repeating the successful program for kids and their families on **Tuesday, July 13**, and **Friday, July 13**, in McLeod Park from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

TEEN DRIVERS

Teenagers are challenged to learn driving skills at the classes held on **July 15-16** and **August 5-6** at Barron Collier High School. Applicants must have a license and car. For more info, phone 253-3767 or 793-9260 or see www.colliersheriff.org.

FOOD PANTRY MOVED

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.



There is still time to 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 a cookout on Friday. Food & Refreshments are provided for the kiddies each night., For info call director Sue Doster at 695-1090.

Copeland Worship

Pastor John Gilmore gives a hardy invite to church services at Copeland Baptist.



Sunday:
 10:00 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
 6:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study
 7:00 p.m. Evening worship
 Wednesday:
 6:00 p.m.- Worship Service

NEW THRIFT SHOP HOURS

The Reach Out Thrift Shop (behind the fire station) is open now on **Thursday** from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and on **Saturday** from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

- 06/10/10: Emergency Medical, Copeland
- 06/11/10: Emergency Medical, Copeland
- 06/11/10: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 06/12/10: Vehicle Accident, 62mm on I-75
- 06/14/10: Vehicle Accident, US-41 and SR-29
- 06/14/10: Emergency Medical, Chokoloskee Island
- 06/14/10: Vehicle Accident, US-41 and SR-29
- 06/14/10: Brush Fire, 56mm on I-75
- 06/17/10: Emergency Medical, Chokoloskee Island
- 06/18/10: Possible Assault, Ochopee
- 06/18/10: Vehicle Accident, 74mm on I-75
- 06/19/10: Emergency Medical, Ochopee
- 06/19/10: Vehicle Accident, 75mm on I-75
- 06/19/10: Brush Fire, 7 Miles West of SR-29 on US-41
- 06/20/10: Emergency Medical, Port of the Island
- 06/20/10: Vehicle Accident, SR-29 and US-41
- 06/21/10: Median Fire, 80mm on I-75
- 06/21/10: Vehicle Accident, SR-29 and US-41
- 06/21/10: Brush Fire, SR-29 and I-75

MOBILE PET VET



Dr Baker will visit on **Saturday, July 31**, 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, August 1**, by previous appointment only. You can phone her at 777-PETS (7387). For info online, visit www.naplesmobilepetvet.com.

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 Longitude 81.37°W

see www.weather.gov for weather and www.nhc.noaa.gov for storms

TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER

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

06/25/2010	Fri	03:51AM	2.2	H	09:22AM	0.8	L	02:01PM	3.2	H	10:19PM	-0.3	L
06/26/2010	Sat	04:13AM	2.2	H	10:06AM	0.8	L	02:40PM	3.2	H	11:00PM	-0.3	L
06/27/2010	Sun	04:38AM	2.2	H	10:46AM	0.8	L	03:18PM	3.1	H	11:38PM	-0.2	L
06/28/2010	Mon	05:07AM	2.3	H	11:25AM	0.7	L	03:56PM	3.0	H			
06/29/2010	Tue	12:15AM	-0.2	L	05:41AM	2.3	H	12:03PM	0.7	L	04:36PM	2.9	H
06/30/2010	Wed	12:50AM	-0.1	L	06:17AM	2.4	H	12:44PM	0.7	L	05:20PM	2.7	H
07/01/2010	Thu	01:26AM	0.1	L	06:56AM	2.4	H	01:29PM	0.6	L	06:11PM	2.5	H
07/02/2010	Fri	02:01AM	0.2	L	07:35AM	2.5	H	02:24PM	0.6	L	07:11PM	2.4	H
07/03/2010	Sat	02:36AM	0.4	L	08:14AM	2.5	H	03:31PM	0.6	L	08:21PM	2.1	H
07/04/2010	Sun	03:13AM	0.5	L	08:55AM	2.5	H	04:42PM	0.5	L	09:39PM	2.0	H
07/05/2010	Mon	03:59AM	0.7	L	09:38AM	2.5	H	05:47PM	0.3	L	11:06PM	1.9	H
07/06/2010	Tue	04:59AM	0.8	L	10:27AM	2.6	H	06:45PM	0.2	L			
07/07/2010	Wed	12:29AM	2.0	H	06:04AM	0.9	L	11:18AM	2.8	H	07:38PM	0.0	L
07/08/2010	Thu	01:35AM	2.1	H	07:03AM	0.9	L	12:07PM	2.9	H	08:27PM	-0.2	L
07/09/2010	Fri	02:25AM	2.2	H	07:59AM	0.9	L	12:54PM	3.1	H	09:15PM	-0.3	L

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

IMPORTANT DATES

Thurs, July 29: Summer Camp ends
 Aug 13-15: Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday
 Mon, Aug 23: Back to School



From Savannah's Eyes

Its finally summer! I am so excited, because summer means vacation time! Also, I get to spend time with my parents! Fathers' day is here already. I love my father he is such a great dad to me! I could never ever think of another dad that I could have better than him! I'm so happy to celebrate him as a great father to me. The Fourth of July is almost here – only a week until you see red, white, and blue! So we can celebrate our country.

One place that I am going to this summer is Steinhatchee, where we go scalloping and see our family that lives nearby. Scalloping is so much fun you go out into the ocean but the place where you are is not as deep as a regular ocean. It only goes from 5ft to 9ft. And you have to wear an under water mask that covers your eyes and nose. Plus I wear flippers because it is better to swim and sneak up on the scallops than to just go barefoot. On the bottom below the water you'll see grass and the scallops hide in the grass so when you see one you dive down under the water and grab them by their backs. They have their mouths open before you sneak up on them and when you dive down they sense you and close their mouths so they wont bite. You, of course, have to have a bag because where would you put the scallops? And the bag kinda looks like a net but it is a bag. I caught a lot of scallops last year when I went! I had a blast. Also in the waters I saw a sea urchin and a jelly fish. It was so much fun I cant wait to do it again when we go up to Steinhatchee! We have family that has boats up there and that's how we get to go scalloping. Also this year I'm going to visit my first cousin Alex but her real name is Alexandria. And she loves horses. She even has a horse of her own! I cant wait to ride it when we go up there.

I hope all the fathers had a Happy Fathers' Day this year!

Until my next article, Savannah

Savannah Oglesby is entering the 8th grade at Everglades City School and is a regular contributor to this paper.

Farewell to teachers who left at the end of the school year:

- Mark Cevallos, high school mathematics, senior class sponsor
- Paul D'Agostino, middle school mathematics & science, assistant volleyball and baseball coach

GREAT GATORS, MAY



Pre-K with Mrs. Wells:
 Brandon Purvis
 Melanie Lopez-Alvarado
 Gregory Bee, Carl Nicholson
 Not Pictured: Billy Smallwood



K with Ms. Ryan:
 Alicia Kibodeaux
 Morgan Herrin, Brady Bowen
 Case Vanleeuwen
 Not Pictured: Kenney Smallwood



Grades 1 & 2 with Mrs. Andler:
 Michael Rain (Mikey)
 Evan Richards
 Destany Vanleeuwen
 Alexis Rain, Brandy Bowen



Grade 3 with Mrs. Jones:
 Samantha Bruscini, Brandon Beaty
 McBeth Collins (Macky)
 Not Pictured:
 Claybrook Story, Hailey Fogle



Grades 5 & 6 with Mrs. Hazel Mitchell:
 Haylee Ellison
 Sierra Dungan
 Brandon Steffen
 Savannah Humphreys
 Megan Williams

Thanks to Trina Mitchell for photos and reports.



Pre-K graduation was held on June 8. Mrs. Liza Wells (teacher) and Mrs. Pamela Drake (aide) started the ceremony with the students singing songs. Then, each student received a diploma and a gift bag specially prepared for them by their teachers. Afterwards, everyone enjoyed a Power Point presentation showing slides throughout the school year and refreshments.



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Recipe for Good Eating

Spinach with Citrus Dressing

submitted by Patricia Huff



Dressing:

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|--------------------------|------------------------|
| 1/2 cup cider vinegar | 1 tsp garlic, minced |
| 1/4 tsp hot pepper sauce | 1/2 cup pureed mango |
| 1 1/2 TBS sugar | 1 TBS fresh lime juice |
| 1/4 cup olive oil | 1/2 TBS sesame seeds |
| salt & pepper to taste | |

Spinach:

- 2 pounds of baby spinach, washed and dried
- 1 TBS olive oil

In a blender, pulse together vinegar, garlic, hot pepper sauce, mango, sugar and lime juice. Slowly add olive oil and sesame seeds. Season with salt and pepper to taste. May be prepared in advance and kept in refrigerator (bring to room temperature and shake well before using).

In a large skillet (on medium high setting), heat olive oil, add spinach and sauté (stirring constantly) until just wilted. Drain and serve with a small amount of dressing drizzled on top. Additional dressing may be served separately for guests to add more if desired.

Angel of the Swamp

by Patricia Huff



Although many of our winter "Angels" have flown north for the summer, we are still blessed in our Everglades area with year-round people who continue to give of their time and energy. We could not provide as much as we do for our needy residents without our volunteers. This particular volunteer is active in the Everglades Community Church's Sunday Fellowship and Missions program and is also involved in the Community Food Pantry which is temporarily housed at the Holy Family Catholic Church while the Community Church is undergoing renovations. In addition to her work as Secretary of the Everglades Reach Out & COPS Association, Inc., she helps out on a regular basis with its Thrift Store. This angel has also stepped in to package the boxes that are sent to the Chaplin for our overseas servicemen each week. Our thanks go to Anne Mitchell for being such an "Angel."

HOUSEHOLD TIP

by Marya Repko



Do you really need that bag from the grocery, convenience store, hardware shop?

Years and years ago, when I lived in England during the swinging sixties, everyone took net bags when they went shopping. The stores just didn't have bags then. Even before that, I remember only getting paper bags in American supermarkets or reused cardboard boxes which were much easier to handle and kept food from getting squashed.

California is thinking about cutting down on the number of plastic bags that are given out. In some countries in Europe, there is a government tax (about \$0.25) on each "free" plastic bag which encourages people to bring their own reusable ones.

And, now, American supermarkets finally sell cloth shopping bags. I keep mine in the car and usually remember to take them into the store. A new website www.envbags.com offers brightly-colored nylon bags that fold up into a very small space so you can always have one handy.

Next time you buy one or two items, think about what a waste the plastic bag is ...



Fishing Report

by Captain Bill Lindsay

Most fishermen are getting up early and catching fish before the mid-day heat sets in. Captain Ned Small has been catching some tarpon in the 30 lb to 60 lb class. He told me he left the dock at 5:15 a.m. Both Captain Bruce Hitchcock and Captain Don Cochran have been catching some cobia, tripletail and mackerel on the Gulf wrecks. When it gets calm, you find lots of permit in the Gulf. Captain Herb Kehoe has also been working the Gulf wrecks and caught and released a 36" snook and several cobia last week. On my last charter I fished the coves out front and did not do well. I went into the backcountry in the afternoon and caught several small snook, lots of snapper and one small tarpon. For me fishing has been difficult; let's hope it improves.

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.



FWC News

You still need a license to fish from the shore in saltwater but there may be no fee. A new rule effective **July 1** allows Florida residents to get a free license. This does not apply to boating or to land that is only accessible by boat.

The recreational bay scallop season has opened early on the northern Gulf coast. From now until September 10 you can take up to 2 gallons in the shell or 1 pint of meat per day.

Commercial fishing licenses have been extended by three months and are now due for renewal by September 30.

If you are out near the oil spill clean up, FWC advises that you slow down and take caution because the rigs are doing important work and can not maneuver easily.

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

TAMIAMI TRAIL BRIDGES

Everglades National Park has released a Draft Environmental Impact Statement for the Tamiami Trail Modifications (TTM) project which suggests adding 5.5 miles of bridging to increase water flow. Public comment is welcome until **July 27**. Copies of the DEIS are available at website www.parkplanning.nps.gov (select Everglades NP) or by phone at (305) 242-7700.

Support for Bike Path



In response to the recommendation by the Marco Island Bike Path Committee, the Marco Island City Council passed a resolution in support of the River of Grass Greenway project at their meeting on June 21. The ROGG project has now received five resolutions from governmental agencies in both Dade and Collier Counties and ten Letters of Support.

It is important that ROGG, which will be parallel to the Trail, is included in comments about the TTM (see above).



Boat Building in the Everglades

by Patricia Huff

Chokoloskee and the Everglades area have had the reputation of quality "boat building" since the Calusa and Seminoles first carved out their canoes. In the late 1800s Everglades City pioneer R.B. Storter rebuilt the sunken Key West sloop (which became his pride schooner, the Bertie Lee) and in the 1950s A.C. Hancock built the Albatross II and a number of other boats in Chokoloskee.

Today we are seeing the same craftsmanship using current-day materials as Ron Ouellette of Dupont Island takes on his self-imposed challenge of building a 31-foot-long form-fiberglass Trimaran. This is a Ferrier designed boat from New Zealand. Originally, Ron was planning to order one, but even the secondhand boats of this model were expensive. Since Ron had built his first sailboat (a 50-ft monohull) at the age of 26 and sailed it around the Caribbean, he decided to take the plunge and build "the ultimate boat" for himself. That was a year ago. Now, after months of working on this design with some of his own modifications and taking advantage of high-tech materials, Ron can see the light. He hopes to complete this magnificent sailboat in January of 2011 at which time he plans to retire from his nursing position at Physicians Regional Medical Center in Naples.

Ron has always enjoyed working, but he has also always enjoyed sailing. For 26 years he worked in the Islands (mostly St. Croix) as he traveled around living on his boats. It wasn't until he found a vacant lot on Dupont while kayaking along Panther Creek in 1999 that he decided to settle down and build his own home. He camped out in a tent on his property during his days off for several years until he finished constructing his house. It was only coincidence that this particular piece of property was zoned residential as well as boat building.

Ron believes that the Gulf of Mexico is a waterway which is challenging for boaters. The shallows make the seas rough and difficult to navigate. He hopes that his Trimaran will live up to the standards of the Everglades area boat builders and that he will make Everglades City proud. Ron would like to thank the many people who have helped in all aspects of the project, including Craig Williams, Bill Butler, Don Cochran, Doug House, and last but not least Karen Cabral.

LOCAL HISTORY



map from 1776 courtesy of Florida State Archives

FLORIDA AND THE FOURTH

What happened on July 4, 1776?

On that day the Second Continental Congress approved the Declaration of Independence which stated that the Thirteen Colonies rejected the authority of the British parliament. Fighting had already begun, sparked by the Boston Tea Party when residents protested about "taxation without representation".

Florida at that time was an English Territory. It had been swapped in 1763 for Havana. Explorer Bernard Romans (after whom Cape Romano is named) had sailed around the coasts and was preparing his book *A Concise Natural History of East and West Florida*. Engraver Paul Revere made the plates for the illustrations. Romans was in New England at the time of the revolutionary uprisings and took part on the colonists' side.

In the 1783 treaty after the Revolution, Florida was handed back to the Spain. However, the Spanish found it difficult to rule in the territory and the new American republic was upset that slaves who crossed the border from Georgia were allowed to be free men and women.

In 1821, America "bought" Florida by guaranteeing to pay Spain's debts to settlers up to a total of \$5 million. The first full-time governor was Judge William Pope Duval who was honored in Key West, first platted in 1829, the center for shipping and wrecking at that time.

"If These Walls Could Talk"

A series of filmed interviews with old-timers is being shown by the Naples Historical Society on Wednesdays and Saturdays at 1:00 p.m. at Palm Cottage. This historic building, dating from the late 1880s, is in Naples on 12th Avenue South, a few blocks east of the Pier.

For more info, phone 261-8164 or see www.napleshistoricalsociety.org and click on Oral History or.

MUSEUM NEWS

The new exhibit beginning June 29 in the Pauline Reeves Gallery at the front of the Museum is the popular School Show featuring works of students in Mr Tribble's classes in ECity. Visitors to the Museum comment on how talented our kids are and express amazement when they learn that we have such a small population. The reception to meet the artists will take place after school starts in August.

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

"Strength in What Remains"

by Tracy Kidder

reviewed by Patricia Huff

If you read my book review in the April 16 issue, you are familiar with the author Tracy Kidder. I enjoyed *Mountains beyond Mountains* so much that when I recognized Kidder's name on another book, I couldn't wait to start it. This is the incredible true story about a young man who grew up in a small village in Burundi in Central Africa. While he was studying medicine at the university, the civil wars and genocide in Rwanda were breaking out. Deogratias ("Thanks be to God", in Latin) eventually escaped and arrived in New York City with \$200. He spoke no English (French was the primary language in the former Belgian colony where he lived) and had no contacts. Through the generosity of a few people he met, he was able to find shelter (he was sleeping in Central Park at night and earning \$5 a day delivering groceries during the day). Tracy Kidder met and befriended Deo in 2003 and felt he needed to bring this story to the public for us to understand the life of a young boy caught up in the 1990's war and his struggle to pursue his dream of a medical career in a foreign country. It's an amazing biography written as though you are there experiencing Deo's joy, his sorrows, and his endurance to continue to live fully.

CHAMBERS SHARING INFO

At the meeting on June 21, Chamber of Commerce members heard from Nancy Kerns, Visitor Information Center Coordinator from Collier County, about how we can all help each other by sharing information about area attractions and events. For example, a volunteer in the Naples Visitor Center was talking to a couple from Canada who wanted to see gators on their way to Key West so they were planning to take Alligator Alley. Fortunately, the volunteer had been briefed about areas outside of Naples and advised them to drive on US-41 instead. They then stopped at the Visitor Center at SR-29 where they got more good information about airboat rides, restaurants, and museums.

FREE BEACH PARKING

Collier County residents may park for free at the various beach parking and Parks & Recreation sites around the County if they display a parking permit on the front windshield. Residents pay for beach maintenance in their property taxes and may pick up a free beach sticker at various County facilities. The closest and most convenient place for our residents is the Marina at Port of the Islands. To obtain your free sticker, you must provide an original Collier County Drivers License and original Collier County Vehicle Registration.



SHERIFF'S REPORT

Chokoloskee Island: Sometime between Friday night and Saturday morning (June 12-13) a storage shed and vehicle were burglarized at Outdoor Resorts. This occurred at 2 different locations within the park. Fishing equipment was taken from the shed while a GPS was removed from the vehicle which was unlocked. An arrest has been made.

Everglades City area: Saturday afternoon (June 12) a vehicle was burglarized at Captain Doug's on Dupont Street. The vehicle was forcibly entered. A backpack was taken from the vehicle. A suspicious dark-colored SUV was observed in the area.

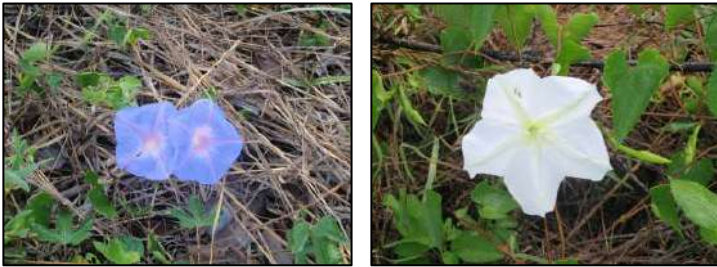
Lee Cypress Copeland area: Residence was burglarized on Turnstile. Forced entry, large-screen TV taken.

US-41 corridor: A vehicle was burglarized while parked at Clyde Butcher's Saturday afternoon (June 12) between 5-5:30 p.m. Forced entry. Camera taken.

Chokoloskee Island, Grand Theft: A resident at Parkway Village reported that his 6 HP Nissan Outboard Motor was taken from outside his residence. The outboard is dark blue in color. This theft occurred sometime after 8:30 p.m. on June 15.

You can get phone messages about emergency situations (eg, evacuation notices) by joining CodeRED. To register see the CCSO website www.colliersheriff.org and pull down the "How Do I?" menu.

Even through season has winded down, criminals still look for targets of opportunity. Valuables not safely stowed out of sight inside locked or unlocked vehicles are often favorite targets. Be safe! And, please, let us know if you see anything suspicious. For routine matters, call 695-2007. In emergencies, call 911.



FLORIDA FLORA

by Patricia Huff

Morning Glory (*Ipomoea indica*)

These are another example of the beautiful wildflowers found along the nature trail at the Everglades National Park Gulf Coast Center on the causeway. According to the information at the site, "the pink and purple flowers of this creeping vine are a beautiful addition to most gardens". But this plant can spread rapidly and blanket all other plants. Butterflies and other insects are attracted to the flowers."

MEMORIES

"Up Town" on Broadway – 1944

by Barbara Hoffman Daniels

I was a teenager during that time and like so many of the other kids, my favorite thing to do was to be allowed to go "up town" which is what we called it then. And, with a little change in our jeans, we would go into the Tropical Cafe and buy cold drinks and potato chips and put quarters into the juke box and catch up on the latest musical hits.

The proprietors were very tolerant of our patronage at that time of the year during the summer days when business was slow.

The cafe was one of five businesses in a block-long building of cream colored stucco under one long, rolling Spanish red-tiled roof on the north side of Broadway. The building was destroyed during Hurricane Donna in 1960.

The first business on the east end was a glass-fronted display room of automobile necessities such as tires, rims, tubes, pumps, gasoline & kerosene cans, etc. They were Goodyear products.

Next after that was the Gulf filling station where one could gas up or fill kerosene cans or put air in tires.

Next was the Tropical Cafe and then the Tropical Bar where, through a service window to the restaurant, alcoholic beverages were catered to patrons of the restaurant with their meals. The small bar did a lively business during the tourist season and was at that time also a place where the local guides could maybe make contact with tourists who were looking to charter a fishing boat for a day or a few days trip.

The last place in the block-long structure was the town's library. There were comfortable leather chairs in which one could sit and read or tables at which one could sit to write postcards or research books for materials on different subjects.

The place always had a librarian and, until the Coast Guard Base was established on the Barron River at the docks, it was just that – a library. After the Coast Guard Base came, the place was also set up as a recreation center with a ping-pong table, records and record players, cards and other table games in order to give the service men something to do in the evenings until around 11:00 p.m. Teenagers over 16 were allowed at night, too, and there was always a City employee on duty as chaperone.

After Hurricane Donna, the Bar was moved to the south side of Broadway into a building that had been a barber shop on one side. On the other side there was a small building which had been a bakery and had expanded to include short orders only with beer being available also. It was always called the Bakery, nevertheless. The young people did not patronize that place as much as they did the Tropical Cafe because it was popular with commercial fishermen to hang out and the language at times could be pretty rash.

Barbara Hoffman Daniels grew up in Everglades City. She lived for over thirty years in the Big Cypress where she had the experience of seeing what our animals are really like.

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 - Thurs
6:30 am - 9:00 pm; Fri, 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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One of the medians has been landscaped with native trees and plants, thanks to the South Florida Water Management District.



An east wind blew rain horizontally as a reminder that the stormy summer season is here and it is time to remove dead palm fronds before they fall down and damage someone or something.



New signs have been put up on the Chokoloskee causeway.

OIL SPILL INFO

The National Park Service has provided the following contacts for the Deep Water Horizon disaster:

- Report oiled shoreline or request volunteer information: (866) 448-5816
- Submit alternative response technology, services, or products: (281) 366-5511
- Submit your vessel for the Vessel of Opportunity Program: (866) 279-7983 or (877) 847-7470
- Submit a claim for damages: (800) 440-0858
- Report oiled wildlife: (866) 557-1401

SUMMER CAMPERS



Thanks to Helen Bryan for photos.

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

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

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

FOR SALE: 2 Honda and 1 Kawasaki 4-wheelers, swamp-ready. Call for info, 695-4150.

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