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Virginia Klotz was presented with a Key to the City during a luncheon at Everglades Scoop on November 10. Friends gathered to wish her well and to celebrate her 90th birthday. Ms Klotz is retiring to Ormond Beach.



SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

Non-profits should submit their applications for a booth by **Monday, November 15**. Forms are available at www.evergladesseafoodfestival.com or from the Festival office at Everglades Island Properties.

The next planning meeting will be on **Tuesday, December 14**. Apologies from the *Rapper* for getting the date wrong in our last issue; it should have been the second Tuesday in the month.

For info and to find out how you can help, contact Tammy at 695-4100.

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CITY COUNCIL REPORT

by Marya Repko

Mayor Sammy Hamilton said at the meeting on November 9 that he will send a letter to residents giving more detail about issues such as funding from South Florida Water Management District. He praised Big Cypress Basin director Clarence Tears who is retiring but will stay in touch with the City.

The Mayor recognized Monica Aranegui, district representative for Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart, who will continue to serve us when new Congressman David Riviera takes over in January.

The Mayor was pleased to announce that replicas of the old globe street lamps are being made and will be installed in places around the City where it is dark, such as near the school.

He reminded us about flu shots on November 17 (*see page 3*) which are less expensive at \$25 than they were last year.

Councilor Todd Johnson announced that Bob, the friendly UPS driver for this area, is in the hospital with heart problems but is doing well.

AIRPORT BOARD MEETING

by Patricia Huff



The Airport Authority Advisory Board met in Everglades City Hall on Monday, November 8, in Council Chambers. On the agenda was an update of the Everglades Airpark. Chairman Chris Curry stated that he had met with Mayor Sammy Hamilton two weeks ago at which time Mayor Hamilton confirmed that Everglades City wanted to take over the operation and maintenance of the Airpark.

Chairman Curry said he explained to the Mayor the administrative costs, the projects to be handled, and the matching funds (with Federal and State government grants) that would need to be supplied by Everglades City rather than Collier County if Everglades City is approved by the Federal Aviation Authority and the Board of County Commissioners (BCC). Neither the Airport Authority nor the BCC have indicated whether Everglades City should or should not take over the Everglades Airpark. The transfer will be considered after the City submits a business plan and financial statement for operation and maintenance of the Airpark in Everglades City.

NOVEMBER / DECEMBER 2010

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
7 <u>Clocks Change</u>	8 Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm Airport Bd City Hall, 12 noon OFCD Bd Fire Sta, 6: pm	9 Congressional Visit City Council Kids' Clinic 5-7 pm, <i>see p.11</i>	10 Ladies Coffee Island Cafe 8 am Veterans' Day Commemoration School, 8:30 am	11 <u>Veterans' Day</u> No School	<u>RAPPER 12</u> No School	13 Pet Vet <i>see p.11</i> Medicine Cabinet <i>see p.3</i>
14 Pet Vet <i>see p.11</i>	15 Hour of Prayer Holy Family Catholic Church 7 pm	16 Reach Out City Hall, 8:30 am Festival Plans Island Cafe, 6 pm	17 Ladies Coffee Havana Cafe 8 am Flu Shots <i>see p.3</i>	18 SAC mtg School, 3 pm Lions Club Depot, 5:30 pm	19 Fakahatchee Talk <i>see p.9</i>	20 Pancake Fly-In <i>see p.3</i> Fall Festival Chokoloskee <i>see p.3</i> Museum Reception 1-3 pm <i>see p.9</i>
full moon ● 21	22 Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm	23 Coastal Cruise <i>see p.3</i>	24 Ladies Coffee Island Cafe 8 am	25 <u>Thanksgiving</u>	<u>RAPPER 26</u>	27
28 Holy Family Mass , 10:30 am <i>see p.3</i>	29 Hour of Prayer Copeland Baptist Church 7 pm	30	DEC 1 Ladies Coffee Havana Cafe 8 am	2 Booster Club 6:30 pm	3 ESH P Talk <i>see p.9</i>	4 Art in the Glades <i>see p.11</i>
new moon ○ 5	6 Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm ESH P mtg City Hall, 8:30 am FME Luncheon <i>see p.9</i> Pre-K mtg <i>see p.5</i>	7 BigC ORVs Congressional Visit Coletta Visit City Council Copeland Civic	8 Ladies Coffee Island Cafe 8 am	9	<u>RAPPER 10</u>	11 Pet Vet Boat Parade <i>see p.11</i>

Dec 11/12: Pet Vet Dec 14: Festival Meeting Dec 17: Christmas Tree lighting Dec 18: Pancake Fly-In

THRIFT SHOP: Thurs, 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
 ALCOHOLICS ANON: Wed, 5:00 pm, Community Church

SKATING RINK: Fri & Sat, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.
 SMALLWOOD STORE: Daily, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
 LITTLE GATOR CLINIC: 12/14, 12/21, 12/28
 NARCOTICS ANON: Sat, 11:00 am, Community Center

SHERIFF AT CITY HALL: *see the schedule posted outside the office*

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Medicine Cabinet

Old prescription drugs can be safely thrown away on **Saturday, November 13**, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at City Hall where Drug Free Collier and CCSO will collect and dispose of them. The message is "Don't throw drugs down the toilet or in the trash – they will eventually end up in our ground water".

FLU SHOTS

The clinic will be held on **Wednesday, November 17**, from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Community Center behind the fire station. This is the only location for this area. The cost is \$25 for flu and \$40 for pneumonia. For info, call 695-3781.

PANCAKE FLY-IN



The first free pancake breakfast of the season hosted by Wings 10,000 Islands Tours at Everglades Airpark will be on **Saturday, November 20**, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Everyone is welcome. For info, phone Chuck at 695-3296.

FALL FESTIVAL



The 14th Annual Fall Festival at Chokoloskee Church of God will take place on Saturday, November 20, from 10:00 a.m. Come along for great raffle prizes, fish fry, and rummage sale.



Renovations inside the Community Church are complete now and provide a larger sanctuary. The old wood floors have been uncovered and all the stained glass windows are installed.

COASTAL CRUISE

The Friends of Fakahatchee are hosting a boat trip on **Tuesday, November 23**, through the mangroves to Fakahatchee Island where they will explore the unusual plants and walk up to the old cemetery. The cruise leaves Everglades National Park at 3:30 p.m. and returns at around 6:00 p.m. For info, phone 695-2905 or see www.orchidswamp.org where you can book online.

CITY HALL CLOSED

City Hall will be closed on **Thursday and Friday, November 25/26** in celebration of Thanksgiving.

Holy Family Mass

Holy Family Catholic Church will offer Mass every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. from November 28 until Easter.

OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

- 10/28/10: Fire Alarm, Everglades City
- 10/28/10: Emergency Medical, Everglades Fire Station
- 10/28/10: Road Shoulder Fire, 57mm US-41
- 10/28/10: Emergency Medical, Copeland
- 10/29/10: Vehicle Accident, 80mm I-75
- 10/29/10: Public Assist, 73mm I-75
- 10/29/10: Vehicle Accident, 66mm I-75
- 10/29/10: Emergency Medical, 63mm I-75
- 10/30/10: Vehicle Accident, 63mm I-75
- 10/30/10: Vehicle Accident, SR-29 and Janes Scenic Dr
- 11/01/10: Vehicle Accident, 53mm I-75
- 11/02/10: Emergency Medical, 63mm I-75
- 11/02/10: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 11/02/10: Emergency Medical, Port of the Islands
- 11/03/10: Emergency Medical, 63mm I-75
- 11/04/10: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 11/04/10: Vehicle Accident, 62mm I-75
- 11/06/10: Emergency Medical, Port of the Islands
- 11/06/10: Emergency Medical, 50mm I-75
- 11/09/10: Emergency Medical, Port of the Islands
- 11/09/10: Vehicle Accident, 61mm I-75
- 11/09/10: Emergency Medical, Everglades City

BUTCHER SIGNING

Clyde Butcher will be signing his books at the Big Cypress Gallery on **Friday and Saturday, November 26/27**. The Gallery is open from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. For info, call 695-2428 or see Clyde's website www.clydebutcher.com.

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

MORE News & Events on page 11.


TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER

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

11/12/2010	Fri	01:26AM	0.9	L	06:07AM	2.6	H	02:18PM	0.3	L	08:03PM	2.4	H
11/13/2010	Sat	02:49AM	0.9	L	07:29AM	2.5	H	03:19PM	0.4	L	08:52PM	2.4	H
11/14/2010	Sun	04:08AM	0.8	L	08:48AM	2.4	H	04:18PM	0.5	L	09:37PM	2.5	H
11/15/2010	Mon	05:10AM	0.6	L	10:02AM	2.3	H	05:11PM	0.6	L	10:19PM	2.5	H
11/16/2010	Tue	05:59AM	0.5	L	11:09AM	2.4	H	05:58PM	0.6	L	10:57PM	2.7	H
11/17/2010	Wed	06:41AM	0.3	L	12:04PM	2.5	H	06:39PM	0.7	L	11:31PM	2.8	H
11/18/2010	Thu	07:21AM	0.2	L	12:50PM	2.5	H	07:18PM	0.8	L			
11/19/2010	Fri	12:03AM	2.9	H	07:59AM	0.0	L	01:31PM	2.5	H	07:54PM	0.8	L
11/20/2010	Sat	12:31AM	3.0	H	08:37AM	-0.1	L	02:11PM	2.5	H	08:29PM	0.8	L
11/21/2010	Sun	12:57AM	3.1	H	09:16AM	-0.2	L	02:52PM	2.5	H	09:04PM	0.9	L
11/22/2010	Mon	01:22AM	3.2	H	09:56AM	-0.3	L	03:36PM	2.5	H	09:40PM	0.9	L
11/23/2010	Tue	01:49AM	3.2	H	10:37AM	-0.3	L	04:23PM	2.5	H	10:18PM	0.9	L
11/24/2010	Wed	02:22AM	3.2	H	11:20AM	-0.3	L	05:14PM	2.5	H	11:01PM	0.9	L
11/25/2010	Thu	03:03AM	3.1	H	12:05PM	-0.2	L	06:06PM	2.5	H	11:52PM	0.9	L
11/26/2010	Fri	03:54AM	2.9	H	12:55PM	-0.1	L	06:56PM	2.5	H			

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SCHOOL NEWS

Everglades City School

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

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov 11/12: Hurricane Makeup Days, No School
 Thurs, Nov 18: Career Day, 12:30 p.m.
 Thurs, Nov 18: SAC, 3:00 p.m.
 Nov 24-26: No School, Thanksgiving Holiday
 Thurs, Dec 2: Booster Club, 6:30 p.m.
 Mon, Dec 6: Pre-K Meeting, 6:30 p.m.



From Savannah's Eyes

Trick or treating was awesome this year! I went with a few of my friends and my niece and nephew on my dad's trailer. The dance was even more awesome!!!! I went with my BFF Mackynzie!! I was dressed as Alice in Wonderland and she was dressed as a bee and she was cute buzzin' around like a bee!! We had the best time ever; I danced all night and didn't stop for one song!! Everyone's costumes were great!! My cheerleading coach was a mail person with a sewed dog on her backside; and my volleyball coaches were princesses. The decorations were great, too. From the time you walked in, you were glowing like if you had on fluorescent colors like white, yellow, green... it would be glowing; there was fog too and refreshments. I loved it!! Thanks to the Booster Club for making the dance happen!!

Give me a G-A-T-O-R-S!! What does that spell GATORS!!! Cheerleading has started this year already, and I'm having such a fun time!! There are a lot of girls doing it this year, 17 girls!!! This year there will be awesome stunts, too! I love cheerleading!!! It is one of my favorite sports. Plus, it is super fun to do stunts, cartwheels, dances, cheers....etc. Having an awesome year!!

With love,
Savannah

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

Earn Money While You Help Our Students



The Collier County AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) program is looking for two individuals to become group discussion leaders. You will guide students during tutorial sessions on Tuesday and Thursday at Everglades City School from 11 am to 1:30 pm. This part-time position will pay \$12 per hour. If applicants have questions regarding this position, please contact Jamie Briggs, AVID Support, 239-377-5260, briggsja@collier.k12.fl.us or visit the AVID Website www.avid.org. Candidates can begin the application process at <http://www.collier.k12.fl.us/hr/jobs/non.asp>.



There was a moving ceremony around the flagpole at the school on November 10 to commemorate Veterans' Day.

GREAT GATORS

PK: Stevie Markley, Riley Weeks, Gabe Herrin
 K: James Collins, Mackenzie Gibson, Slade Johnson
 1: Brady Bowen, Trenton Mayberry, Morgan Herrin
 2,3: Emma Brown, Evan Richards, Brandy Bowen
 4: Jerry Pablo-Ramirez, Dustin Young, Ricardo Cangas
 5: Davonte Detweiler, Rachel McMillin, Emily Brown
 6: Cody Potter, Brandon Steffan
 7: Cole Dudley, Kevin Maley
 8: Ariel Langston, Savannah Oglesby
 High school: Ravyne Bee, Colman Strickland, Trisha Demere

Pre-K Meeting

In October Beth Thompson, Collier County Executive Director of Elementary Programs (Pre-K through 5th grade), addressed the parents of upcoming pre-Kindergarten students. She discussed the budget cuts for the school district and the \$58,000 per year shortfall in the amount of funds needed to continue the full pre-K program. There are three options available to parents that are being considered and will be discussed again at the next meeting:

- 1) Continue with three-hour pre-K program (8:30 to 11:30 am) with no afternoon program (11:30 am to 2:45 pm)
- 2) Continue with three-hour program with parents paying for afternoon program (8:30 am to 2:45 pm)
- 3) students attend school all day but for only one-half of a school year

All parents are encouraged to attend the next meeting on **Monday, December 6**, at 6:30 pm in the Media Center in order to participate in the alternatives to be discussed.

CAREERS WORKSHOP

On **Thursday, November 18**, from 12:30 to 2:30 pm the Community Safety Team will host a Career Day for grades 6th through 12th. Among the possible jobs the students will learn about are law enforcement, fire-fighting, journalism, and teaching.

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Everyone is invited to an ecumenical concert of gospel music by the Trust Quartet on Tuesday, November 23, at 7:00 p.m. in the Bethel Assembly of God Church in Immokalee. For info, phone Rick Heers at (239) 229-9970.



Students who earned \$50 of mangrove money were rewarded with play time at McLeod park and a hot dog cookout on November 2.

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Recipe for Good Eating

Thanksgiving Side Dish – Roasted Potatoes by Patricia Huff



- 1 pound thick-cut bacon slices, cut into 1/4-inch-thick strips
- 5 pounds assorted baby potatoes, rinsed, dried, halved
- 2 large red onions, chopped
- 3/4 cup fresh sage leaves (torn from about 2 bunches), divided
- 2 tablespoons (1/4 stick) butter, melted
- Coarse kosher salt

Preheat oven to 375°F. Cook bacon in large skillet until crisp, then drain on paper towel, reserving 4 tablespoons drippings from skillet.

Combine potatoes, onions, 1/2 cup torn sage leaves, melted butter, and reserved 4 tablespoons bacon drippings in very large bowl. Sprinkle with coarse salt and freshly ground black pepper. Toss to coat. Spread potato mixture evenly on baking sheet and roast for one hour, stirring occasionally.

Increase oven temperature to 400°F. Stir bacon into potato mixture and continue to roast until potatoes are tender and beginning to brown, about 15 minutes longer. Transfer mixture to large serving bowl. Season to taste with more coarse salt and freshly ground black pepper. Sprinkle with remaining torn sage leaves and serve. Enjoy your Thanksgiving Dinner!

Recipe Tip

by Marya Repko

If you don't want to bother with candied yams, you can still have the flavor: by dice up sweet potatoes into 1/2-inch cubes, boil them in a little water, drain when soft, and then mash them with butter, nutmeg, cinnamon, and brown sugar. They'll cook quickly when only in small pieces. You can put the mashed potatoes in a dish in the oven to keep warm.



Thanks to Bob Wells for letting us scan this old photo of the Chokoloskee school boat. The caption reads "Bill Reynolds, School Superintendent of Collier County. Gus Rewis at the wheel."

WANTED: The Culinary Class at the School would like donations of flour, sugar, butter, vegetable oil, Crisco, powdered milk, unsweetened cocoa (for baking), white distilled vinegar, cream cheese, shredded cheddar cheese, shredded mozzarella cheese, dishwashing liquid. Contact Stacia at 695-2561.

SAWFISH RESEARCH

by Dana M. Bethea

This year, the NOAA Fisheries Smalltooth Sawfish Abundance Survey captured and acoustically tagged a total of six juvenile smalltooth sawfish in southwest Florida. Three of these animals were tagged in Faka Union Bay in the Ten Thousand Islands National Wildlife Refuge, one was tagged in Mud Bay in Everglades National Park, and the other was tagged on the west-side of Chokoloskee Island. Scientists believe the low capture rate and lack of reported encounters this year is likely due to the unusually cold temperatures in January and February.

In cooperation with NOAA Fisheries, Florida State University's Coastal and Marine Laboratory installed 16 acoustic monitoring stations in Everglades National Park in March in order to monitor juvenile smalltooth sawfish movement. These stations record the acoustic tag number as the animal swims by and are anchored along Turner River, Hurddles Creek, Mud Bay and Lopez River. Each station is indicated with a float, PVC pole and a sign that explains their purpose. Scientists ask that you please stay clear of all acoustic monitoring stations.

In addition to downloading data collected on the acoustic monitoring stations, scientists attempted to relocate and track animals manually for up to 24 hours in September and October using a small boat and hydrophone. Unfortunately, no acoustically tagged animals were able to be relocated after release. Abundance monitoring, tagging, and tracking are slated to begin again in late February 2011.

As always, input and cooperation from the general public is valuable and needed. If you see or catch a smalltooth sawfish, please contact the National Sawfish Encounter Database at (352) 392-2360. Be prepared to give the date, time, and location of the encounter.

This research follows permits EVER-2010-SCI-007 and ESA-13330 and is funded through the NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office in St. Petersburg, FL.

Dana M. Bethea is with NOAA Fisheries at the Panama City Laboratory and contributes articles about the sawfish team.



NOAA Fisheries biological technician Kelcee Smith and FSU graduate student Mollie Taylor prepare to release a juvenile female smalltooth sawfish captured on the west-side of Chokoloskee Island on 23 October 2010. Photo thanks to Dana M. Bethea.



Glades Daze

by Patricia Huff

November is "Manatee Awareness Month" as recently reported by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission and for a very good reason. Last week when my husband took me and some friends of ours out fishing on a beautiful fall day we saw more manatees than I have ever seen. I didn't count them all but many were feeding in large groups on the outside (in the Gulf). Since my husband was poling, there was no engine noise and we were literally right on top of them without realizing it. At one point the boat movement did frighten them and as ten or more swam away at the same time, there was a huge wake. Many times one or two of the manatees would break the surface with their snouts to say hello. What an incredible day watching these amazing mammals.

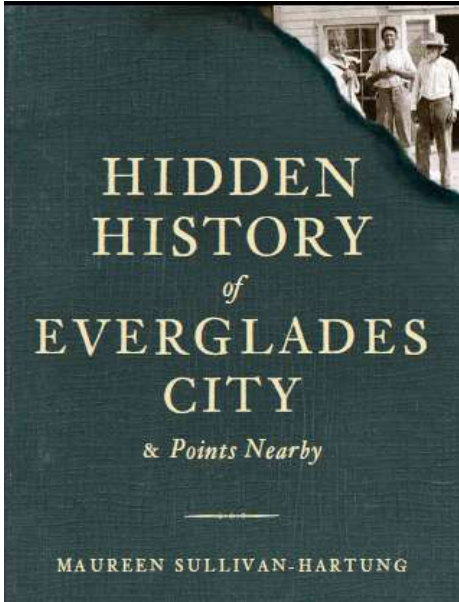
The FWC have the following comments regarding the safety of manatees:

"Florida manatees are on the move, seeking warm-water sites to spend the winter. That means boaters must be cautious and watch for Florida's official marine mammal and for changing speed zones on waterways. Manatees generally start traveling to warm water when the air temperature drops below 50 degrees or when the water temperature dips to 68 degrees. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) changes seasonal speed zone signs in mid-November on many waterways to accommodate manatee migration...boaters can help manatees have a safe migration by staying in marked channels, wearing polarized sunglasses to improve vision, obeying posted boat speed zones, using poles, paddles or trolling motors when close to manatees, and having someone help scan the water when under way.

Besides slowing down and following the FWC's recommendations, residents can help manatees survive by purchasing the manatee specialty license plate. The funds collected for these plates go directly into manatee research and conservation."

For more information about manatees, visit <http://www.myfwc.com/manatee>. To report a dead or distressed manatee, call the FWC Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922).

LOCAL HISTORY



The Hidden History of Everglades City and Points Nearby is at the printers and should be for sale in local outlets soon. It will also be at Barnes & Noble, Books-a-Million, and Amazon. Author Maureen Sullivan-Hartung can be contacted at (239) 455-6897.

Marco Museum

The new exhibit at the Marco Island Historical Museum is about Plume Hunters. You can see it each Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For info, see www.themihis.org.

FAKAHATCHEE TALK

Marya Repko will give an illustrated lecture on **Friday, November 19**, about the history of the Fakahatchee at 3:00 p.m. at Naples Preserve (corner of US-41 and Fleishmann Avenue in Naples). This is one of a series of monthly talks at the Preserve about local history. There is no charge and everyone is welcome.

ESHP TALK

ESHP has changed the date of its first event of the season. It will be on **Friday, December 3**, at 5:00 p.m. in the Community Church Fellowship Hall. Craig Woodward will give a talk about the history of Marco Island and what it looked like before development. Everyone is invited to attend. For more info, phone 695-2905.

MUSEUM NEWS

The Museum of the Everglades is continuing the photography exhibit of Miami artist Jose Fernandez through December 6. The reception to meet Mr. Fernandez is scheduled for **Saturday, November 20**, from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. Everyone is invited and refreshments will be served.



Mark your calendars! The Friends of the Museum Annual Meeting and Luncheon will be held on **Monday, December 6**, at 11:30 am. Harold Hall, former Everglades City "Citizen of the Year" in 1991, will be the guest speaker. To make reservations, call 695-2397.

The 2011 Marjory Stoneman Douglas Festival will be held February 22 through 25. For more information about the schedule and reservations, contact Tim England at 695-0008.

The Museum is open on Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm and on Saturday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. There is no admission charge but donations appreciated.



Off the Shelf – Book Review

A Brief History of Sanibel Island by Marya Repko

reviewed by Patricia Huff

Once again Marya Repko has provided us with a "brief" but thorough documentation of the history of another area in South Florida. Sanibel Island has always attracted visitors from Florida and places afar but most people travel over the causeway to enjoy the beaches, shells and the natural beauty of "Ding" Darling Wildlife Refuge. Few seek out the origins of the captivating island just southwest of Ft. Myers. Yet it is steeped in history, from the early days of the Calusa Indians through the 1800's up until the causeway was opened in 1963.

One of my first experiences as a child visiting Florida in the 1950's was a trip when my father took me with my brother and sister to Sanibel Island. While he and my brother were off fishing, my sister and I were left (at the ages of 8 and 9) to explore the island. There were few rental houses on stilts and since we always traveled in August, I don't remember any other families around us that time of year. It was just scrub grass and long lonely sandy beaches with lots of shells. Marya takes me back to those days when there was primarily just "fishing, shelling and tourism." With the building of the causeway in 1963 and the island establishing itself as new city, many of the old time residents (including Virginia Klotz's family) moved away. The influx of day visitors and the building of condominiums changed the island's identity and culture. Those who stayed adopted a new comprehensive land use plan and worked towards maintaining the balance of nature and increased population.

This book will provide readers with not only the wonderful history of the island but also the conservation efforts of its residents. It is available at bookstores in Sanibel, online at www.ecity-publishing.com, and directly from the author at 695-2905.



Adult Courses

The Center for Lifelong Learning at Hodges University offers courses, lectures, field trips, and exhibits that you can attend to keep your brain active. To find out more, visit www.hodges.edu and click in the left column or phone (239) 513-1122 ext. 6133.

TRAIL TRAFFIC



Motorists driving along the Tamiami Trail during the morning hours on **Saturday, November 13**, and **Sunday, November 14**, should be aware that there will be about 100 bicyclists on US-41 participating in the "Stonecrab 160" Bicycle Ride from Krome Avenue to Marco Island and back for a fundraiser. For info, visit www.stonecrab160.com.

Janes Scenic Drive Closures

Janes Drive in Copeland will be impassable Monday through Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. during November and December while workman install new culverts. It will be open on November 25/26 and on weekends. For info, phone the Fakahatchee park office at 695-4593.

FLOOD MAP APPEALS FOR INSURANCE RATES

An appeal period for the revised flood insurance rate maps issued by FEMA began **November 4** and will end **February 2, 2011**. This period allows new information to be brought forward that demonstrates that the proposed Base Flood Elevations (BFEs) are scientifically or technically incorrect. Property owners may contest the proposed BFEs as long as the appeals are based on scientific evidence that demonstrates a mapping error. For more information about the FEMA flood insurance rate map program, visit <http://www.fema.gov/hazard/map/firm/shtm>. To view the current and proposed maps, go to www.colliergov.net/floodmaps. Everglades City residents should submit appeals to Mayor Sammy Hamilton, Jr., PO Box 110, Everglades City, FL 34139

Florida Tales

Blow The Horn by Chester Keene



It's funny how things stick with you for the rest of your life, or so it seems. I remember when I was kid and my dad to me and my uncle to a place far back in the woods of Georgia. Dad parked the car where my uncle told him to. He said to me, "Son, see that road up on the side of the mountain?" I said, "Yes, Sir." He said, "If you see a car come around the bend, Blow The Horn. We'll be back in a few minutes." I got behind the steering wheel pretending to drive the car and watched the road. Soon they returned with two bottles of spring water. My uncle said, "See any cars?" I replied, "No, sir."

Later on in life I joined the Police Department. Being the "rookie" I drove the Lieutenant around. We would stop at a building and he would say, "If you get a radio call Blow The Horn". Sometime later, when the Lieutenant was on his own, he went to sleep behind the wheel. The car rolled upon the railroad track but didn't have enough momentum to go over it. He did not see the train until the engineer Blew The Horn just before contact.

I imagine the last big horn we will hear will be from Gabriel blowing the horn for Saint Peter to open the gates.

Chester Keene is a retired law enforcement officer and Florida native. He retains the copyright to this article.



FLORIDA FLORA

by Patricia Huff

Tamerind

(Tamarindus indica)

The Tamarind tree is native to tropical Africa but was adopted centuries ago in India and the South Pacific, spreading throughout the tropics in the 1700's. It is the official plant of Santa Clara, Cuba, and is part of the city's coat of arms. In South Florida this slow-growing massive tree is planted as a shade and fruit tree, reaching heights up to 100 feet. Being wind-resistant with strong branches and bright green feather-like leaves, the Tamarind tree does well in our climate. The bean-like curved fruit appears in December and can vary from 2 inches to 7 inches long with brown pods filled with juicy pulp drying to a sticky paste. The fruit will ripen in the spring through early summer and needs dry weather to produce. Beautiful pink flower buds appear in the summer before it becomes the graceful yellow flower with red streaks.

Young Tamarind trees may not survive very cold weather but even larger trees may be affected. It was reported that during the 1884 freeze, a large mature Tamarind in west Florida was killed but many survived the 1957-58 cold winter. Dr. Henry Nehrling who is famous for his gardens in Naples (now the Naples Zoo and Caribbean Gardens) had Tamarind trees damaged by freezes in his Gotha, Florida, gardens but sprouted again from the roots.

The Tamarind is used for many culinary purposes: pods cooked as seasoning with rice and fish; fruit enjoyed fresh (when fully ripened) or dehydrated; and the pulp used in chutneys and curry sauces. The leaves and flowers serve medicinal purposes as poultices for swollen joints and sprains with extracts used as antiseptics for various treatments. Even the bark of the Tamarind is also used for a variety of skin ailments.

You will really enjoy this attractive shade tree in your yard and the sweet fruit when ripened.

NOTICE ABOUT NEW DOCKS

"Heart of the Everglades, Inc." has applied for a permit from the Corps of Engineers to construct a 32-slip docking facility (consisting of 4 separate docks with 8 slips each) located off Jasmine Street in Lake Placid. The purpose is to construct access facilities to an upland development in Everglades City. See www.saj.usace.army.mil/Divisions/Regulatory/publicnotices_Florida.htm. Comments regarding the application should be submitted in writing to the Department of the Army, Jacksonville District Corps of Engineers, Ft. Myers Regulatory Office, 1520 Royal Palm Square Blvd, Suite 3310, Ft. Myers, Florida 33919 prior to **November 22, 2010**. For questions concerning this application, contact Lauren B. Diaz at 239-334-1974, ext. 31, or email Lauren.B.Diaz@usace.army.mil.

RESTAURANT NEWS



- Camellia Street Grill (695-2003):**
12:00 noon – 9:00 pm; daily
 - 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):**
11:00 am – 5:00 pm; daily
5:00 – 7:00 pm; Fri, Sat (specials)
 - 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 - 9:00 pm; daily
Food service stops 1 hr before close
 - Havana Cafe (695-2214):**
7:00 am – 3:00 pm; Sun – Thurs
7:00 am – 9:00 pm; Fri, Sat
 - Island Cafe (695-0003):**
6:00 am – 3:00 pm; daily
6:00 – 9:00 pm; Fri/Sat
 - 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; daily
"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
4:00 -6:00 pm – Early Bird Specials
 - Port-of-the-Islands (239-394-3101):**
7:00 - 11:00 am; daily (hot buffet)
11:30 am – 2 pm; Sat, Sun (lunch)
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 (695-2273):**
11:00 am - 5:00 pm; daily
 - Triad Seafood (695-0722):**
10:30 am – 8:30 pm; Tues - Sat
10:30 am – 5:00 pm; Sun, Mon
- Right Choice Supermarket:**
9:00 am – 7:00 pm, Mon-Sat
9:00 am – 6:30 pm, Sun



Congratulations to the A/B Honor Roll students in High and Middle schools. Special awards went to the only All-A students, Madelyn Mitchell (7th grade) and Jessica Thomas (9th grade).

Port of the Islands News

2nd Annual Welcome Back Party
November 17 from 6-8 pm
Port of the Islands Resort
RSVP 239-394-3101

RESTAURANTS OPEN ON THANKSGIVING DAY

- City Seafood: normal hours
- Everglades Seafood Depot: turkey dinner
- Gator Express: normal hours
- Glades Haven: normal hours
- Island Cafe: breakfast only, 6-11 am
- Ivey House: normal hours
- Port of the Islands: turkey dinner
- Rod & Gun Club: turkey dinner

Right Choice Supermarket will be open for last minute shopping on Thanksgiving Day from 8:00 am to 12:30 pm.

RESTAURANT NEWS

Everglades Scoop now has evening ice cream specials on Friday and Saturday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

The Oyster House will serve Early Bird Specials each evening for only \$9.99 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. starting on **Monday, November 15.**

Grimm's Stone Crab (695-3222) is open from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Monday through Saturday.



Kids (and adults) had a great time at the Halloween celebration in McLeod Park on October 30.

Art in the Glades



Have fun doing your holiday shopping on **Saturday, December 4**, in McLeod Park from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. There will be arts & crafts items for sale, hot dogs for lunch, a bake sale, and live music. If you would like to set up a table to sell things, there is no charge but please phone Marya at 695-2905.

Little Gator Clinic



The free walk-in clinic for youngsters 18 and under is located next to the Thrift Shop (behind the fire station). It will be open on **Tuesday, December 14, 21, and 28**, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. There are no drugs at the clinic but Dr. Barnard can prescribe if necessary.

MOBILE PET VET



Dr Baker will visit the area on **Saturday, November 13**, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in McLeod Park and from 2 to 4 p.m. in Copeland. There will be NO surgery on **Sunday, November 14**. For info, phone her at 777-PETS (7387) or see www.naplesmobilepetvet.com.

BOAT PARADE



Start thinking about decorating your boat for the third annual parade on **Saturday, December 11**, starting at 7:00 p.m. in the Barron River across from Outward Bound. It ends up at the Seafood Depot where there will be music and drinks in the Cabana Bar. For info, phone Debbie at 695-2429 or Lisa at 249-1002.

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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 BY OWNER: 3 lots in Chokoloskee, 2 on Calusa Dr, Lot M-4; Lot M-5 (filled); Lot by cemetery. Phone owner at (419) 441-2068 or at (740) 864-2179

FOR SALE: 916 Dupont, Zoned Commercial Fishing, 2,500 +/- sq ft concrete building, High ceiling; land 90 x 190 +/- ft in Enterprise Zone. Building needs updating. \$125,000. Brokers welcomed. Call Owner/Broker at 239-340-4770.

FOR RENT: 1 bed/1 bath condo in Everglades City Captain's Table Villa, \$850/mon plus utilities. Includes shed with washer/dryer and extra fridge & freezer. Free pool, cable, water. 1 to 2 year lease required. Available Sept 1. Will consider prime time at \$1450/mon plus utilities. Call Dave 612-282-2443.

FOR SALE: Truck-bed Toolbox (with locking lid) Diamond Plate; like new (just a few months old). \$200. For info, call 695-8497.

FOR RENT: Seasonal in Everglades City, Florida stilt house with large, family room & kitchen, 2 bed/1 bath, washer/dryer, use of private dock nearby, \$1600/mon or \$1000/2-wks, (utilities included). For info call Nick at 239-261-9592 or 508-677-5136.

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