

# The MULLET RAPPER

## What's Happening in the Everglades City Area

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There's a holiday spirit around town with lights on City Hall, the old lamps and the tower. The creche reminds us what it is all about.

### CITY COUNCIL REPORT

by Marya Repko

Mayor Sammy Hamilton reported briefly at the meeting on December 7 about improving our water and about the commercial docks and the airport. He is optimistic but knows that much hard work will be involved.

He reminded us of the events taking place in the City and hoped everyone would come out to support the Light Parade on Saturday evening.

Patty Huff gave an update on the River of Grass Greenway (ROGG), a non-motorized multi-use path parallel to the Tamiami Trail which could be enjoyed by walkers, anglers, and cyclists. She stressed that it would bring in tourism revenue as well as providing a safe transportation alternative.

The Mayor said he was proud of our little City and tried to make sure that litter along the streets was picked up before each weekend. The new planting in the median on East Broadway will be officially recognized at a ceremony on **Tuesday, January 4**, at 5:00 p.m. just before the next City Council meeting.

Finally, the Mayor and Councilors wished everyone a happy festive season.



### SHERIFF'S REPORT

- Nov 9: A resident off Janes Scenic Drive reported a burglary. A large-screen television was removed from the residence.
- Nov 11-14: A business reported the theft of trailer tires and rims from a fenced-in compound off of Dupont Street.
- Nov 16: Following an investigation a 40-year-old man was arrested, charged with 6 felony counts of "doctor shopping" and transported to CCSO jail.
- Nov 21: A woman was arrested for "doctor shopping".

Freedom from Chemical Dependency met with the Community Safety Team members on December 7/8 to assess the drug problems here.

The CCSO "Celebrate With A Star" program will benefit children who participate in the Boys and Girls Club of Collier County this year. You can pick the age and holiday wish of a child from the tree in Government Center or contact [ccsopio@colliersheriff.net](mailto:ccsopio@colliersheriff.net). Gifts must be dropped off by **Wednesday, December 15**, and can be left at the Carnestown substation. For info, call 793-9145.

If you have information about criminal activity or see anything suspicious, call 695-2007. In emergencies, call 911.

*Best Wishes to our Readers for a Joyous Holiday Season*

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# DECEMBER 2010

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
new moon ○ 5	6 <b>Hour of Prayer</b> Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm <b>ESHP mtg</b> City Hall, 8:30 am <b>FME Luncheon</b> <b>Pre-K mtg</b>	7 <b>BigC ORVs</b> <del>Congressional</del> <b>Visit</b> <b>City Council</b> <b>Copeland Civic</b>	8 <b>Ladies Coffee</b> Island Cafe 8 am	9 <b>Museum Reception</b> 1:00 – 3:00 pm <b>School Play</b> 7:00 pm	<u>RAPPER</u> 10 <b>BBQ Dinner</b> Comm. Church <i>see p.3</i>	11 <b>Pet Vet</b> <i>see p.11</i> <b>Family Feud</b> <i>see p. 3</i> <b>Boat Parade</b> <i>see p. 3</i>
12 <b>Pet Vet</b> <i>see p.11</i> <b>FOF Dinner</b> 5:00 pm	13 <b>Hour of Prayer</b> Holy Family Catholic Church 7 pm <b>OFCB Bd</b> Fire Sta, 6 pm <b>Chamber mtg</b> Depot, 6: 30 pm <i>see p.3</i>	14 <b>Festival Plans</b> Island Cafe, 6 pm <b>Kids'Clinic</b> 5-7 pm, <i>see p.11</i>	15 <b>Ladies Coffee</b> Jan Brock's Home 8 am	16 <b>SAC mtg</b> School, 3 pm <b>Lions Club</b> Depot, 5:30 pm	17 <b>Santa Visit</b> 3 pm <b>Tree Lighting</b> 5 pm <i>see p.3</i>	18 <b>Pancake Fly-In</b> 10:00 am - noon <i>see p.3</i>
19 <b>Chokoloskee Church of God Pageant</b> 6:30 pm, <i>see p.10</i>	20 <b>Hour of Prayer</b> Everglades Community Church 7 pm	full moon ● 21 <b>Reach Out</b> City Hall, 8:30 am <b>Kids'Clinic</b> 5-7 pm, <i>see p.11</i>	22 <b>Ladies Coffee</b> Havana Cafe 8 am	23	<u>RAPPER</u> 24 <b>Live Nativity &amp; Christmas Eve Service</b> Comm Church <i>see p.10</i>	25 <u>Christmas</u>
26	27 <b>Hour of Prayer</b> Copeland Baptist Church 7 pm	28 <b>Kids'Clinic</b> 5-7 pm, <i>see p.11</i>	29 <b>Ladies Coffee</b> Island Cafe 8 am	30	31 <b>New Year's Eve Service</b> <i>see p.10</i>	JAN 1 <u>New Year Day</u>
2	3 <b>Hour of Prayer</b> Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm	new moon ○ 4 <b>Median Dedication</b> <b>Congressional Visit</b> <b>Coletta Visit</b> <b>City Council</b>	5 <b>Ladies Coffee</b> Havana Cafe 8 am	6 <b>Booster Club</b> 6:30 pm	<u>RAPPER</u> 7	8 <b>Deaconess Feast Day</b>

Jan 13: Museum Lecture      Jan 15: Copeland Clean-Up      Jan 22: Art-in-Glades, Antique Air & Pancake Fly-in, Fak Cruise  
Feb 4/5/6: Seafood Festival      Feb 12/13: Jammin' in the Hammock      Feb 22-25: MSD Festival      Feb 26: Fak SAFARI

THRIFT SHOP: Tues, Thurs, Fri, 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: Wed, 12/15 (10-11 am) Thurs, 12/16 (10-11 am) Tues, 12.31 (10-11 am) Thurs, 12/23 (9-10 am)

SHERIFF: 695-2007      CITY HALL: 695-3781      PUBLIC LIBRARY: 695-2511      CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: 695-3941  
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**BBQ DINNER**

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Everglades Community Church is holding its first fundraiser of the season, a BBQ Pork Dinner on **Friday, December 10**, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the church fellowship hall. The menu includes salad, dessert, and drinks. Donation is \$10 for adults, \$5 for children under 10 years old. For tickets and info, contact Virginia at 695-2223.

**FAMILY FEUD**

Come join the fun at the Christmas Family Feud Fundraiser, sponsored by Everglades Gators Booster Club on **Saturday December 11**, at 3:00 at McLeod Park. There will be food and family games such as a grease pole pig chase, basketball shootout, bed race and kiddie carnival games. There are 10 Family Feud events with a \$10:00 fee per family, 2-6 people per team. Light Parade will be at 6:30. Registration forms for the light parade can be obtained at the school or local businesses.



**BOAT PARADE**

The Annual Holiday Boat Parade will be held on **Saturday, December 11**, starting at 7:00 p.m. in front of Outward Bound and ending at the Seafood Depot around 8:00 p.m. For more info, phone Debbie at 695-2429 or Lisa at 249-1002.

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**Copeland Kids Against Drugs had a bake sale at Art-in-the-Glades on December 4 to raise money for their float in the Light Parade.**

**CHAMBER ELECTION**

Everglades Area Chamber of Commerce members have been asked to vote for 9 directors. The ballots will be counted at the meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Seafood Depot on **Monday, December 13**.

**LADIES' COFFEE**

Everyone is invited to Ladies' Coffee at Jan Brock's home in Ochopee on **Wednesday, December 15**, at 8:00 a.m. for the annual Christmas party. Please bring a covered dish and a small gift to exchange (the Thrift Shop is a great place to look for one).



**THRIFT SHOP**

The Thrift Shop behind the fire station is open four days a week now that more volunteers have returned. Stop in for holiday decorations and gifts.

**HOLIDAY EVENTS on page 10.**

**OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT**

- 11/23/10: Emergency Medical, Chokoloskee Island
- 11/24/10: Vehicle Accident, 66mm on I-75
- 11/24/10: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 11/24/10: Vehicle Accident, 75mm on I-75
- 11/25/10: Vehicle Accident, 82mm on I-75
- 11/25/10: Vehicle Accident, 74mm on I-75
- 11/25/10: Vehicle Accident, 63mm on I-75
- 11/26/10: Emergency Medical, Chokoloskee Island
- 11/27/10: Emergency Medical, Port of the Islands
- 11/27/10: Brush Fire, Ochopee
- 11/28/10: Vehicle Accident, 58mm on I-75
- 11/29/10: Vehicle Accident, 67mm on I-75
- 11/29/10: Vehicle Accident, 57mm on I-75
- 11/30/10: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 12/01/10: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 12/03/10: Emergency Medical, Copeland
- 12/04/10: Emergency Medical, Copeland
- 12/07/10: Vehicle Accident, 61mm I-75
- 12/08/10: Public Assist, 63mm I-75

**Santa Visit & Tree Lighting**

Don't forget to tell Santa what he should bring on **Friday, December 17**, when he visits the Community Center at 3:00 p.m. The gift distribution will be followed at 5:00 p.m. by the lighting of the Christmas tree in front of City Hall For info, phone 695-3781.



**PANCAKE FLY-IN**



The next free pancake breakfast hosted by Wings 10,000 Islands Tours will be on **Saturday, December 18**, from 10:00 a.m. to noon at Everglades Airpark. For info, phone Chuck at 695-3296.


**TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER**

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

12/10/2010	Fri	12:00AM	0.7	L	04:25AM	2.6	H	12:42PM	0.0	L	06:20PM	2.3	H
12/11/2010	Sat	12:53AM	0.7	L	05:28AM	2.5	H	01:26PM	0.2	L	07:02PM	2.4	H
12/12/2010	Sun	01:58AM	0.7	L	06:39AM	2.2	H	02:14PM	0.4	L	07:45PM	2.4	H
12/13/2010	Mon	03:11AM	0.6	L	07:54AM	2.0	H	03:06PM	0.5	L	08:29PM	2.5	H
12/14/2010	Tue	04:20AM	0.5	L	09:13AM	1.9	H	04:02PM	0.6	L	09:14PM	2.5	H
12/15/2010	Wed	05:17AM	0.3	L	10:34AM	1.9	H	04:57PM	0.7	L	10:00PM	2.5	H
12/16/2010	Thu	06:07AM	0.2	L	11:47AM	2.0	H	05:48PM	0.8	L	10:44PM	2.6	H
12/17/2010	Fri	06:53AM	0.0	L	12:43PM	2.1	H	06:35PM	0.8	L	11:24PM	2.7	H
12/18/2010	Sat	07:36AM	-0.2	L	01:28PM	2.2	H	07:19PM	0.8	L			
12/19/2010	Sun	12:01AM	2.9	H	08:18AM	-0.3	L	02:08PM	2.3	H	08:02PM	0.8	L
12/20/2010	Mon	12:36AM	3.0	H	09:00AM	-0.4	L	02:48PM	2.3	H	08:45PM	0.8	L
12/21/2010	Tue	01:10AM	3.1	H	09:41AM	-0.5	L	03:27PM	2.4	H	09:27PM	0.7	L
12/22/2010	Wed	01:46AM	3.1	H	10:22AM	-0.5	L	04:08PM	2.4	H	10:12PM	0.7	L
12/23/2010	Thu	02:27AM	3.1	H	11:04AM	-0.5	L	04:50PM	2.4	H	10:59PM	0.6	L
12/24/2010	Fri	03:14AM	3.0	H	11:46AM	-0.4	L	05:31PM	2.5	H	11:51PM	0.5	L

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## IMPORTANT DATES

Thurs, Dec 9: Early Dismissal  
Thurs, Dec 9: Christmas Play, 7:00 p.m.  
Fri, Dec 10: Basketball HOME, 6:00 & 4:30 p.m.  
Mon, Dec 13: Basketball HOME, 4:30 & 5:30 p.m.  
Thurs, Dec 16: SAC, 3:00 p.m.  
Thurs, Dec 16: Basketball HOME, 4:15 & 5:15 p.m.  
 Dec 20 – Jan 3: No School, Winter Break



## From Savannah's Eyes

We had our first basketball game on Friday! Even though we did lose, it was a good and close game. The cheerleaders also cheered on our team; the JV cheerleaders cheered for JV basketball, and Varsity cheered for the Varsity basketball players. Lucky for me and 3 other girls who cheered last year, we get to cheer for both JV and Varsity!! Plus my friend Ana and I are the captains for the JV squad!! The game was fun and exciting; I can't wait until the next basketball game to cheer our team on again!!

A few days ago my dad and I were invited to meet with some VIP people from the conservancy of Naples and representatives from various foundations that help with the restoration of the Everglades. I interviewed several people and they were telling me about their job, their organizations and what they are doing to save the Everglades and restore it. Kirk Fordham and Dawn Shirreffs were some of the people I interviewed. It was amazing to hear about how much effort they were putting into this foundation and wanting to help restore the Everglades. I love the Everglades and I'm glad to hear about people to want to help it.

Hoping to save more of the Everglades,  
Savannah

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

## Pre-K NEWS

The next meeting of the Pre-K program will be held sometime in February with a final decision made later in the Spring.

## TEEN DRIVERS

There are several places open for the Teen Driver Challenge course on **Thursday, December 16**, from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. followed by driving practice on **Saturday, December 18**, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Barron Collier High School in Naples. Students should bring a car to drive. For info, see [www.colliersheriff.org](http://www.colliersheriff.org) or phone Christina at 793-9260, ext. 1260.

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## From Haleigh's Heart



Hey everyone! It's Haleigh and I wanted to say, Happy late Thanksgiving and Merry Early Christmas! How was your Thanksgiving? Mine was pretty good! I got to go up to North Florida to see my family. It was so fun! I love Thanksgiving and Christmas isn't too far away. I can't wait! Can you?

I'm so happy because, at school we have a new thing we get to do in music class. We have a woman come into our room and she gives us these short work books. Every week we get to learn a new chapter of the book. The book is about life. It's about how to deal and handle things in life. It's so much fun! So far, for every chapter, a pair of people come up and they tell about what they wrote in their books. I love music and our new activity we get to do!

Once again, Merry Early Christmas!  
Love, Haleigh

*Haleigh Levingston, a 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Everglades City School, is our junior reporter for the elementary school.*

## GREAT GATORS

PK- Danny Pablo-Ramirez  
 K- Daneli Alvarado-Cruz  
 1 – Faith brown  
 2,3 – Micheal Rain  
 4 – Bailey Richards  
 5 – Jasmine Lucas  
 6 – Enrique Roldan  
 7 – Savannah Humphreys  
 8 – Savannah Oglesby  
 High – Angelica Martinez-Valdes

**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.

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Sunday Evening Service: 6:00 PM  
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*Recipe for Good Eating*

**Apple Cinnamon Whole Wheat Muffins**

by Pat Rinkevich



- |                                       |                         |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 cup All Purpose or Unbleached Flour | 1 cup Whole Wheat Flour |
| ½ Cup Sugar                           | 2 t. Baking Soda        |
| 1 T. Cinnamon                         | ½ t. Salt               |
- 2 Cups peeled and shredded Apples (3 medium)  
 ½ Cup shredded Carrots  
 ½ Cup Golden Raisins  
 ½ Cup chopped Walnuts or Pecans
- ½ Cup Crisco pure vegetable oil (or Olive oil)  
 ¼ Cup Milk  
 2 t. Vanilla Extract  
 2 large Eggs

Combine flours, sugar, baking soda, cinnamon and salt in large bowl. Add apples, carrots, raisins, walnuts. Mix well. Add oil, milk, vanilla and eggs just until mixed. (Place the two eggs on the side of the bowl and beat with a fork before folding into mixture.) Fill muffin cups ¾ full. Bake 375° for 20 – 25 minutes until toothpick in center comes out clean. Immediately remove from pan. Cool. Makes 12 muffins.

**HOUSEHOLD TIPS**

We had this email from a reader but we have not checked it. Does anyone have experience of unwanted calls on cell phones?

All cell phone numbers are being released to telemarketing companies and you will start to receive sales calls. You will be charged for these calls. To prevent this, call the the National DO NOT CALL list from your cell phone at 888-382-1222. It will only take a minute of your time and blocks your number for five years.

Lt Milligan of the CCSO reminded us that emails which appear to be legitimate are really scams to get your private information. If a large bank or email provider or the IRS ask you to reply with your Social Security or account numbers, do not answer it and do not click the website link if there is one.



Thanks again to Bob Wells for letting us scan and publish this old photo from Chokoloskee. Are you in the picture?



**FISHING NEWS**

We received these comments and photo (note the heron on the back of the boat) by Sandy Moret from Florida Keys Outfitters ([www.floridakeysoutfitters.com](http://www.floridakeysoutfitters.com)) fishing with Captain Steve Huff:

The weather outside is frightfully cold. The only positive note to the cold weather is usually associated with very clear skies so you can see what you're not catching. The body metabolism of the fish is greatly reduced and often making a snook respond can be difficult. The wild hogs are running at Lostman's River. The redfishing can be great and they are much more cold hardy than snook and will continue to bite readily.

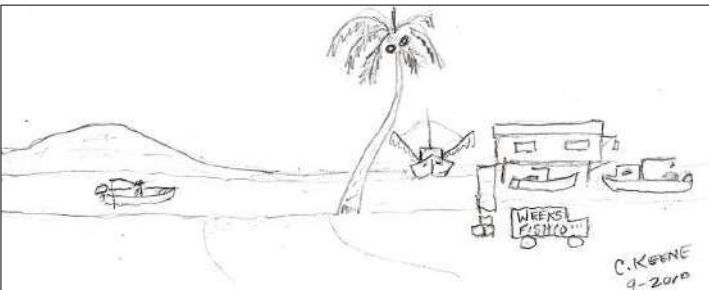
**Florida Tales**

**Coconut, FL**

by Chester Keene



To some people it was a wrong turn on a road that went nowhere. To others it was home, happiness, and family, a small fishing community of personal pride. In the distance, Mound Key was on the horizon. A home and way of life to be experienced by few and abandoned by many. A place called "Coconut". Life was simple but hard, things taken for granted were not often found here. Family was close and loved. I have a few friends that grew up here. They are deep-rooted in the history of this small fishing village on the Gulf Coast. On a scrub pine ridge is the cemetery where their ancestors who settled this area are resting in eternal sleep, away from the mosquitoes and ever-hungry sand gnats.



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



**FLORIDA FLORA**

by Patricia Huff

**Broad Thatch Palm  
(*Thrinax excelsa*)**

Although we don't have the typical, traditional "Christmas" trees in south Florida, we do have interesting palms that display their beauty at this time of year. This tropical species (endemic to Jamaica) is showing off its infructescence with white beads looking like Christmas ornaments.

The trunks can grow up to 35 feet tall and 8" in diameter with large circular deep green fronds five to six feet. The *Thrinax excelsa* does require more water since it is not drought or cold tolerant. It does grow faster than other palms and is considered to be the most tropical looking due to its large leaves.

The first Christmas was celebrated surrounded by palm trees so it is appropriate that we highlight one of the most beautiful palms this time of year.



**FWC News**

As temperatures drop, manatees come to warmer waters. The FWC warns boaters to look out for these gentle giants.

FWC met on December 1 and 2. Among the items considered were a youth program and changes to the hunting regulations in managed lands plus changes in commercial fishing in Gulf waters.

Derelict or "At Risk" vessels in state waters will be entered into an FWC data base after they are reported by marine patrols. Owners will be contacted and the vessel will be tagged. FWC can charge the cost of removal if the owner does not correct the situation.

For general wildlife info, see [www.myfwc.com](http://www.myfwc.com). Wildlife Alert Hotline: 888-404-FWCC (3922)





## LOCAL HISTORY

Members and friends of the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation attended an interesting presentation on December 3 about Marco Island early history. Speaker Craig Woodward said that he came to the island with his parents in 1968 and can remember empty beaches.

Earlier homesteaders settled in Caxambas where J. M. Barfield bought what is now the Barfield sub-division in 1919. He married Tommie Stephens (the "Queen of Marco") who helped Barron Collier purchase much of the land. The couple operated the Heights Hotel and Mrs. Barfield's mother ran the Stephens Boarding House.

At the other end of the island, in Olde Marco, W. T. Collier established the Lodge to take in visiting anglers. He and his son Captain W. D. Collier had a store and boatyard and built the Old Marco Inn.

The informative evening revealed that there are still some older buildings on the island which are used as private houses plus a cemetery on Bald Eagle Drive.

### ESHP Meeting

ESHP started to make plans for the coming winter season at the Board Meeting on December 6. Among the events on the calendar are:

Jan 22: Antique Air Aficionados Fly-In

Mar 12: Everglades Homes Tour

Elections for Board members will take place in February. If you would like to be a candidate, phone Marya at 695-2905.

### Naples Talk

There will be a talk about the early history of Naples on **Friday, December 17**, at 3:00 p.m. at Naples Preserve. The speaker is Lila Zuck who is working on a book about the development of the city. For info, phone 261-4290.

The lecture is followed by the Tree Festival (see page 11).

## MUSEUM NEWS

Over 40 members and guests attended the Friends of the Museum Annual Luncheon on December 6. After delicious salads and desserts, they heard Everglades Citizen of the Year (1991) Harold Hall speak about the difficulties of surveying the land in the swampy Fakahatchee.



At a brief business meeting, outgoing President Patty Huff announced the election of Board members Jimmy Brewer, Helen Bryan, Tina Collins, Barbara Portz, and Vicky Wells plus officers. Renee Rau is taking over as president, Patty Huff will act as vice-president, Jane Rackley remains as secretary, as does Virginia Kanning as treasurer. The next Board meeting will be on **Wednesday, January 5**, at 9:00 a.m.



The current exhibit (through January) in the Pauline Reeves Gallery is "Murder and Mayhem, the Life and Times of E. J. Watson." This year is the 100th anniversary of the death of the notorious Mr. Watson and you're sure to learn something new while visiting this interesting exhibit.

In February the drawing for the beautiful Seafood Festival T-shirt Quilt will take place; a great keepsake so don't wait for the last minute to purchase your winning ticket. The quilt is on display in the Museum where you may buy tickets at \$10 a piece or 3 for \$25.

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

#### “The Cruellest Miles”

by Gay Salisbury and Laney Salisbury

reviewed by Steve Huff

I happened on this book in my closet the other day, a gift from a friend which I had set aside and forgotten, at least for awhile.

*The Cruellest Miles* is a non-fiction account of an incident in Alaska that captivated the national news in February 1925. Ice bound Nome is besieged with a diphtheria epidemic. Caught with an insufficient quantity of antitoxin to combat this child-killing disease, it appears disaster is imminent.

The antitoxin is located in Seattle, transported by ship and train to Fairbanks and then by dogsled the final 675 miles through countless blizzards and minus 70-degree temperatures in a race to save children's lives. This is truly a testament to the human spirit and man's humanity to his fellowmen.

A great and inspirational story. It also gives a glimpse of how far we have come with medicine and technology in less than a century. It describes in detail the remarkable animals that pull these sleds. Their ability to follow a trail in a total white out even when the driver cannot even see his dog team.



### Marco Museum

The new museum on South Heathfield Drive (next to the Collier County Public Library) is now open on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and features an exhibit about plume hunters. See [www.themihs.org](http://www.themihs.org).



# HOLIDAY NEWS



## SHOP LOCAL!

by Patricia Huff

'Tis the Holiday Season and, during this festive time, shoppers are out and about. Don't forget about all of our local places to shop. You'll avoid the big city crowds and really be surprised on the variety of gifts just here in the Everglades area, and everyone likes something from the 'glades. For example, Win-Car is like shopping in a department store with so many ideas for all ages. They are having a sale on "Crocs" (I found one pair for me and two for my grandchildren). We sometimes forget there are gift shops in all the park outlet stores, and the two museums in our area. The Museum of the Everglades has the Seafood Festival T-Shirt Quilt displayed for the February Raffle; stop by and buy a ticket for a friend! Clyde Butcher has signed books available as Christmas gifts and don't forget gift certificates for stone crab or your favorite restaurant.

If you don't want to face the traffic or crowds, you'll find lots of opportunities close to home for your holiday shopping. Happy Shopping!

Big Cypress Swamp Welcome Center, Ochopee, *books, videos, souvenirs*

Camellia Street Grill: *Everglades folk art*

Captain Doug's: *souvenirs, tshirts*

Chamber Welcome Center: *books, tshirts, souvenirs*

City Hall: *bricks, cards*

Clyde Butcher Big Cypress Gallery: *books, photos*

Everglades Island Boat Tours: *souvenirs, gifts*

Gator Express: *souvenirs, tshirts*

Glades Haven: *fishing, wines, spices & hot sauces*

Ivey House: *books, art, tshirts*

JT's: *gifts, books*

Museum of the Everglades: *books, prints, T-shirt Quilt raffle*

National Park: *books, videos, souvenirs*

National Park Boat Tours: *books, souvenirs, tshirts*

Oasis Visitor Center: *books, videos, souvenirs*

ORA: *books, fishing*

Parkway: *fishing*

Right Choice: *tshirts, wine*

Shealy's: *souvenirs*

Smallwood Store: *books, souvenirs*

Thrift Shop: *clothes, toys, books*

WinCar Hardware: *books, tshirts & clothing, fishing, household goods*

Wooten's: *books, souvenirs*

## CITY HALL CLOSED

City Hall will be closed in observance of the Christmas holiday on **Friday and Monday, December 24 and 27**. The Everglades branch of the Collier County Public Library will also be closed.

## Live Nativity & Christmas Eve Service

Everglades Community Church will have a special service on Christmas Eve, **Friday, December 24**, at 7:00 p.m. The celebration will feature the singing of carols and communion.

Before that at 6:00 p.m. there will be a Live Nativity on the Church lawn when real people will re-enact the Nativity in front of the Manger.



## Chokoloskee Pageant

The title of the Chokoloskee Church of God Christmas Program on **Sunday, December 19**, at 6:30 p.m. is "What Christmas Means To Me". It features the children of the church and the teenage youth under the direction of Shannon Mitchell, Lisa Goff and Lynette Morris. Everyone is invited to help celebrate The Reason for the Season.



## Holy Family Mass

Holy Family Catholic Church will have Mass on Christmas Day, **Saturday, December 25**, as well as on **Sunday, December 26**, and **Sunday, January 2**, at 10:30 a.m. There will be a pot-luck after Mass on **Sunday, December 12**.



## New Year's Eve Service

Everglades Community Church will hold a Night Watch Vigil and Covenant Renewal on **Friday, December 31**, at 7:00 p.m. The service includes communion.



## HOLIDAY RESTAURANT INFO

Camellia Street Grill: closed Dec 24/25, Dec 31, Jan 1

City Seafood: closed Dec 25

Everglades Seafood Depot: close 3:00 pm Dec 24, closed Dec 25

Everglades Scoop: closed Dec 24/25

Gator Express: closed Dec 25

**Glades Haven: open 6:00 am to 2:00 pm on Dec 25**

Grimm's Stone Crab: open until 2:00 pm on Dec 24, closed Dec 25

Havana Cafe: closed Dec 23/24/25

Joanie's: call 695-2682

Leebo's: closed Dec 25, party with music Dec 31

Oyster House: closed Dec 25

Port of the Islands: call 239-394-3101

Right Choice Supermarket: closed Dec 25

Right Choice Pizza: closed Dec 24/25

**Rod & Gun: open on Dec 25 and Jan 1**

**Susie's Station: open on Dec 25 and Jan 1**

Triad: closed Dec 24/25 and Jan 1

**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
  - 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; daily
  - Leebo's Rock-Bottom Bar (465-9521):**  
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  
4:30 -6:30 pm – Early Bird Specials
  - Port-of-the-Islands (239-394-3101):**  
7:00 - 11:00 am; daily (hot buffet)  
11:30 am – 2 pm; daily (lunch)  
5:00 – 9:00 pm; Thurs, Fri, Sat
  - Right Choice Pizzeria (784-5385):**  
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 – 5:00 pm; Sun - Thurs  
10:30 am – 8:30 pm; Fri, Sat
- 
- Right Choice Supermarket:**  
9:00 am – 7:00 pm, Mon-Sat  
9:00 am – 6:30 pm, Sun



A group of folk went on a swamp buggy adventure recently with Big Cypress Swamp Buggy Tours, owned and operated by Chris Hancock. The outing was organized by some of the Wednesday Ladies' Coffee Group and included a few husbands to meet the minimum of 12 people. The Big Cypress is much more fun while trundling through the back roads than just passing by on Hwy 41. The Cypress trees, various plants, variety of birds, water sources, and the stories told by the natives of early adventures in the area were entertaining and educational. Chris is building another swamp buggy so that he can accommodate larger groups. See [www.swampbuggytours@gmail.com](http://www.swampbuggytours@gmail.com).

**TREE FESTIVAL**

Naples Preserve is hosting its first festive Open House during the week of December 13:

- Wed, 12/15, 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Thurs, 12/16, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- Fri, 12/17, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- Sat, 12/18, 4:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- Sun, 12/19, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.



There will be decorated table-top trees, boardwalk tours, critter tales for kids of all ages, refreshments, and holiday music. It is all free and everyone is welcome. The Preserve Eco-Center is at 1690 Tamiami Trail North (corner of Fleishmann Blvd, near Coastland Mall). For more info, phone 261-4290.

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

**OBITUARY**



**Veronica (Ronnie) Kincaid**, 65, passed away suddenly after a heart attack on November 23 in Chokoloskee where she spent the winters. She is survived by her husband Daniel, daughter Anna, son Barry, and six grandchildren. She grew up in Bolton, NY, where she lived most of her life. Ronnie enjoyed cooking, gardening, and fishing. Donations can be sent in her name to your local EMS station.

**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, December 11**, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in McLeod Park and from 2 to 4 p.m. in Copeland. There will be surgery on **Sunday, December 12**, by previous appointment only. For info, phone her at 777-PETS (7387) or see [www.naplesmobilepetvet.com](http://www.naplesmobilepetvet.com).



**SEAFOOD FESTIVAL**

The deadline for food and craft booth applications is **December 15**. If your are accepted, the organizers can send you a link to PayPal for credit cards or you can pay by check. To get an application, see [www.evergladesseafoodfestival.com](http://www.evergladesseafoodfestival.com) or stop in at the office behind Everglades Island Properties.

The next meeting of the Festival Planning Committee is on **Tuesday, December 14**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Island Cafe. For info call Tammy at 695-4100.

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**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 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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<b>MEXICO</b>	Dec 10
<b>EUROPE</b>	Dec 10
<b>CENTRAL AMERICA</b>	Dec 3

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**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:** Live-aboard Slip, Naples, starting at \$300/mon. For info, phone 239-289-3143.

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