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What's Happening in the Everglades City Area

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The Christmas tree in front of City Hall was decorated and lit on December 17.



Reach Out, our neighborhood charity, coordinated the distribution of gifts to needy parents. Some of the items were bought with donations from local businesses. Others were given by St. Finbarr's Catholic Church in Naples from where a parishioner wrote "I had such joy in being able to share in your happiness ... kiss your baby for me".



The winning float at the Light Parade on December 11 was a Texas Swamp Buggy by Meredith Bond and Brian Javor with Everglades National Park, Gulf Coast Visitor Center. Thanks to Jane Rackley for photo and report.



Later on the evening of December 11 there was a parade of festively decorated boats up the Barron River.



The City was presented with a check on December 15 for over \$18,000 as a refund from the Florida League of Cities which provides disaster insurance for municipalities. Seen above is Andrew Hanson with Mayor Sammy Hamilton and accountant Raquel Pines.



Santa paid a visit on December 17 and handed out presents to the kiddies, thanks to generous donations to the Mayor's Christmas gift fund.

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

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

DECEMBER 2010 / JANUARY 2011

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
19 Chokoloskee Church of God Pageant 6:30 pm	20 Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm	full moon ● 21 Reach Out City Hall, 8:30 am Kids' Clinic 5-7 pm	22 Ladies Coffee Havana Cafe 8 am	23	RAPPER 24 Live Nativity & Christmas Eve Service Comm Church <i>see p.3</i>	25 <u>Christmas</u> Holy Family Mass, <i>see p.3</i>
26 Miccosukee Arts Festival <i>see p.3</i>	27 Hour of Prayer Copeland Baptist Church 7 pm	28 Kids' Clinic 5-7 pm, <i>see p.11</i>	29 Ladies Coffee Island Cafe 8 am Bike Rodeo <i>see p.3</i>	30	31 New Year's Eve Service <i>see p.3</i>	JAN 1 <u>New Year Day</u>
2	3 Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm	new moon ○ 4 Median Dedication Congressional Visit City Council <i>see p.3</i>	5 Ladies Coffee Havana Cafe 8 am	6 Booster Club 6:30 pm	RAPPER 7	8 Pet Vet <i>see p.11</i> Deaconess Feast Day <i>see p.9</i>
9 Pet Vet <i>see p.11</i>	10 Hour of Prayer Holy Family Catholic Church 7 pm ESHIP mtg City Hall, 8:30 am OFCD Bd Fire Sta, 6 pm	11 Festival Plans Island Cafe, 6 pm <i>see p.11</i>	12 Ladies Coffee Pat Rinkevich's Home 8 am Red Cross Class <i>see p.9</i>	13 Museum Lecture <i>see p.9</i>	14 Red Cross Class <i>see p.9</i>	15 Copeland Cleanup
16	17 Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm	18 Reach Out City Hall, 8:30	full moon ● 19 Ladies Coffee Island Cafe 8 am	20 SAC mtg School, 3 pm Lions Club Depot, 5:30 pm	RAPPER 21	22 Pancake Fly-In Antique Air Art-in-the- Glades <i>see p.11</i> Fak Cruise <i>see p.8</i>

Jan 26: Red Cross

Jan 28: Red Cross

Feb 4/5/6: Seafood Festival

Feb 12/13: Jammin' in the Hammock

Feb 22-25: MSD Festival

Feb 23: BigC ORVs

Feb 26: Fak SAFARI

Mar 12: Art-in-the-Glades, Homes Tour

THRIFT SHOP: Tues, Wed, 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: 12/28, 1/4, 1/11, 1/18, 1/25

NARCOTICS ANON: Sat, 11:00 am, Community Center

SHERIFF AT CITY HALL: Thurs, 12/23 (9-10 am)

Tues, 12/28 (10-11 am)

Wed, 12/29 (noon -1 pm)

Tues, 1/4 (4-5:30 pm)

Thurs, 1/6 (9-10 am)

SHERIFF: 695-2007

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COLLIER COUNTY: 252-8999

CITY HALL CLOSED

City Hall will be closed on **Friday & Monday, December 24 & 27** and on **Monday, January 3**.

Christmas Eve Service

Everglades Community Church will have a live nativity at 6:00 p.m. and a service at 7:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve, **Friday, December 24**.



Holy Family Mass

Holy Family Catholic Church will have Mass on at 10:30 a.m. Christmas Day, **Saturday, December 25**, as well as on **Sunday, December 26**.



BIKE RODEO

There will be a Bicycle Safety Rodeo in McLeod Park on **Wednesday, December 29**, from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Kids should bring their own bikes and helmets but there will be a few extra available provided by the CCSO Youth Relations Bureau. For info, phone 793-9260.



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.



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see www.weather.gov for weather



Thanks to Bill Mesce for this photo of gators basking in the sun along the Trail during the cold weather.

CONGRESSIONAL VISIT

Monica Aranegui, the District Representative in Collier County at the office of Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart, will meet with constituents in City Hall on **Tuesday, January 4**, at 3:00 p.m. For info, phone 348-1620.

MEDIAN DEDICATION

The planting on the median in Broadway in front of the Captain's Table will be formally dedicated at 5:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, January 4**. Guests will include representatives from the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD) who provided the City with the drought-tolerant specimens.

CITY COUNCIL

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, January 4**, at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall. For info, phone 695-3781.

OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

- 12/08/10: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 12/13/10: Brush Fire, Ochopee
- 12/14/10: Vehicle Accident, 75mm I-75
- 12/14/10: Vehicle Accident, 74mm I-75
- 12/15/10: Vehicle Fire, US 41 and Union Road
- 12/15/10: Emergency Medical, Janes Scenic Drive
- 12/16/10: Emergency Medical, Copeland
- 12/16/10: Median Fire, 81mm I-75
- 12/17/10: Vehicle Accident, 81mm I-75
- 12/18/10: Vehicle Accident, US-41 2 Miles East of Port of the Islands
- 12/21/10: Emergency Medical, Port of the Islands
- 12/21/10: Emergency Medical, Port of the Islands
- 12/21/10: Vehicle Accident, 73mm I-75
- 12/21/10: Emergency Medical, Oasis Ranger Station on US-41
- 12/21/10: Vehicle Accident, SR-29 and Janes Scenic Drive
- 12/22/10: Vehicle Accident, 73mm I-75

Indian Arts Festival



The annual Indian Arts Festival at the Miccosukee village on the Tamiami Trail takes place from **Sunday, December 26**, through **Sunday, January 2**. Featured activities include native dancing, craft displays, fashion shows, food vendors, and live music.

The event is open from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. each day and the cost is \$13 per adult, \$9 per child. For more info, phone (305)-223-8380 or see the tribe's website at www.miccosukeefestivals.com.

MORE News & Events on page 11.


TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER

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

12/24/2010	Fri	03:14AM	3.0	H	11:46AM	-0.4	L	05:31PM	2.5	H	11:51PM	0.5	L
12/25/2010	Sat	04:12AM	2.7	H	12:30PM	-0.2	L	06:11PM	2.5	H			
12/26/2010	Sun	12:50AM	0.5	L	05:25AM	2.5	H	01:17PM	0.0	L	06:52PM	2.5	H
12/27/2010	Mon	01:59AM	0.4	L	06:52AM	2.2	H	02:09PM	0.3	L	07:34PM	2.5	H
12/28/2010	Tue	03:14AM	0.2	L	08:24AM	2.0	H	03:07PM	0.5	L	08:20PM	2.6	H
12/29/2010	Wed	04:26AM	0.1	L	10:06AM	1.9	H	04:12PM	0.6	L	09:11PM	2.7	H
12/30/2010	Thu	05:32AM	-0.1	L	12:00PM	1.9	H	05:17PM	0.7	L	10:08PM	2.8	H
12/31/2010	Fri	06:30AM	-0.3	L	01:23PM	2.1	H	06:18PM	0.8	L	11:04PM	2.9	H
01/01/2011	Sat	07:23AM	-0.4	L	02:02PM	2.1	H	07:16PM	0.8	L	11:59PM	2.9	H
01/02/2011	Sun	08:12AM	-0.4	L	02:34PM	2.1	H	08:07PM	0.7	L			
01/03/2011	Mon	12:45AM	3.0	H	08:57AM	-0.4	L	02:57PM	2.2	H	08:53PM	0.7	L
01/04/2011	Tue	01:27AM	3.0	H	09:39AM	-0.4	L	03:20PM	2.2	H	09:37PM	0.6	L
01/05/2011	Wed	02:06AM	2.9	H	10:17AM	-0.4	L	03:46PM	2.2	H	10:17PM	0.5	L
01/06/2011	Thu	02:45AM	2.8	H	10:54AM	-0.3	L	04:15PM	2.3	H	10:57PM	0.5	L
01/07/2011	Fri	03:25AM	2.6	H	11:29AM	-0.2	L	04:48PM	2.3	H	11:38PM	0.5	L

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SCHOOL NEWS

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

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec 20 – Jan 3: No School, Winter Break
 Thurs, Jan 6: Basketball HOME, 5:00 p.m.
 Thurs, Jan 6: Booster Club, 6:30 p.m.
 Mon, Jan 17: MLK Day, no school



From Savannah's Eyes

Merry Christmas! It's that time of year again. I love Christmas, it's my favorite holiday of the year (minus my birthday). There has been a lot of exciting things that have been going on this month. Like the lighting of the Christmas tree at City Hall which was a lot of fun! My dad and I, plus a few other kids, sang Christmas carols. And one of the carols my mom made up and it was called The Twelve Days in Everglades! It was such a funny song and I had a lot of fun singing it! A few days ago my parents and I went to my aunt's for an Early Christmas lunch. It was very fun and the lunch was delicious!! I can't wait till we get back to school because I miss cheerleading!! Plus, all the cheerleaders because we're all like sisters! This year since I'm finally 13, I get to babysit now. I baby sit my little cousin Hannah who is 2 years old. She is the cutest and sweetest baby in the world! I love little kids, they are so cute to me. I'm glad I can finally baby sit! I hope all the little kids in the world get what they want for Christmas!

Peace on Earth,
Savannah

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



On December 8, high school AVID students took a trip to Florida Gulf Coast University to tour the campus and gather information about enrollment.

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.



December 15 was the DARE (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) graduation ceremony for 5th grade in Mrs. Mitchell's room. Tori Wells received a medal for the best essay describing what she had learned from DARE and Hailey Mitchell received a medal for most outstanding student. DARE officer Corp. Ray Trujillo (back row, right) presided over the ceremony. The full list of graduates is Emily Brown, Davante Detweiler, Haleigh Ellington, Ashlyn Goff, Bryce Kish, Austin Lewis, Jasmine Lucas, Rachel McMillin, Hailey Mitchell, Scout Morris, Bryan Sanders, Damian Strickland, and Victoria Wells.

GREAT GATORS

PK- Danny Pablo-Ramirez, Katie Collins
 K- Daneli Alvarado-Cruz, Madison Forbes
 1 – Faith Brown, Charlie Rain
 2,3 – Micheal Rain, Destany Vanleeuwen
 4 – Bailey Richards, Claybrook Story
 5 – Jasmine Lucas, Bryce Kish
 6 – Enrique Roldan, Travis Daniels
 7 – Savannah Humphreys, Alicia Martinez
 8 – Savannah Oglesby, Theo Thomas
 High – Angelica Martinez-Valdes, Shaina Norris



December 9 was the elementary school "The Night Before Christmas" music program. There was a good turn out with many parents and grandparents in the audience. Students did a great job singing numerous Christmas songs and reciting story lines from the play.

Thanks to Trina Mitchell for photos and reports.

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Cinnamon Sour Cream Coffee Cake
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| 1/2 cup butter, softened | 1 cup sugar |
| 1 large egg | 1 1/4 cups flour |
| 1/2 tsp baking powder | 1/4 tsp salt |
| 1/2 cup sour cream | 1/2 tsp vanilla extract |
| 1/2 cup chopped pecans or walnuts | |
| 1/4 cup brown sugar, firmly packed | |
| 1 TBS sugar | 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon dash of nutmeg (optional) |

Beat butter until creamy and then gradually add 1 cup sugar, beating well. Add egg, beating until blended. In a separate bowl, combine flour, baking powder and salt; add to butter mixture, alternating with sour cream, beginning and ending with flour mixture. Beat at low speed until blended. Stir in vanilla. Combine pecans and remaining 3 ingredients. Pour half of batter into a greased and floured loaf pan; sprinkle with half of pecan mixture. Pour remaining batter into pan; top with remaining pecan mixture. Bake at 350° for one hour or until done. (if need be, cover with aluminum the last 15 minutes). Cool in pan for 10 minutes before serving.

CHAMBER ELECTION

New officers of the Everglades Area Chamber of Commerce were elected at the meeting on December 20. President remains Gene Wooten, vice-president is Orlo Hilton, and secretary/treasurer is Elaine Middelstaedt. Other directors are Myrna Baier, Bob Miller, Billy Potter, Terri Rementeira, Bill Shelburn, and Charles Wright. For info about the Chamber and how to become a member, phone 695-3172.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Community Safety Team is starting an after-school program on Mondays from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. and needs volunteers to help out. Students will be divided into groups according to age. For info, phone Patty at 695-2397.



Photo by Kristi Lester, CCSO

SHOPPING WITH A PAL

More than 20 Everglades area children purchased gifts for their families during the sixth annual "Shop With A Cop" on December 11. Sue Gentry, CCSO Crime Prevention specialist, organized the event which was sponsored by the Collier County Police Activity League (PAL). The children received \$100 each to select items for their parents, siblings, and a gift for themselves. CCSO members helped them to pick out items.

CCSO and PAL would like to give a special thanks to Everglades residents Matt Van, Owen Mitchell, Dottie Joiner and Carol Foss for chaperoning the children, Chokoloskee Church of God for providing the transportation and the friendly staff at Johnny's Diner for their generosity.



SHERIFF'S REPORT

Chokoloskee Island area, sometime between April 15 and December 10: a homeowner on Smallwood Drive reported that persons unknown attempted to remove an outboard motor from a boat stored at his residence.

Lee Cypress/Copeland Area, sometime between December 11 and 17: a homeowner on Janes Scenic Drive reported that a burglary occurred to their residence. Numerous electronic items were removed including power tools, VCR, stereo and a Nintendo Wii gaming station and games. This is the second residential burglary off Janes Drive in a 4-week period.

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



On December 9, Corporal Darrel Kehne from the Collier County Sheriff's Department spoke with the high school about DUI, seat belts, aggressive driving, and texting while driving. Dairean Williams, ninth grader, stated, "The videos they showed of the devastating crashes about the people who did not wear their seatbelt has encouraged me to wear my seatbelt every time I enter a vehicle."

Florida Tales

Goodland Bridge

by Chester Keene



The first time I went to Goodland was with the new City of Naples attorney, later a Collier County judge. I had just become one of the first breathalyzer operators along with three other county law officers. The attorney had a speaking engagement for a group's luncheon on Marco Island. The only way across was by boat or by the Goodland wooden-planked bridge on highway 92. Anyway, he wanted me to go along to demonstrate the breathalyzer on some of the more than willing attendees.

After the engagement, we slowed down on the way back to Naples. The old bridge was showing its age. A new one was being built at the Marco to Isles of Capri Road. When the new bridge was built, the old one was used for a fishing pier with the swing-turn span removed. The public would go out at night and someone built a fire on top of the asphalt top road and wooden timbers. The bridge caught fire and water would not put it out. It kept smoldering for several days. One construction company that had a blasting permit said they could blow it out like a "Red Adair" oil well fire. The charges were planted, the explosion took place, and did blow the fire out with some of the bridge. I haven't been there in years, but I do remember Goodland as a friendly place.

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

Rouge Plant (*Rivina humilis*)



This beautiful red berry plant bears fruit throughout the year but is especially showy at Christmas time. The dark green oval leaves are pointed with wavy edges. This Florida native is found primarily in central and south Florida, growing in bright sun and shady areas. It grows only three to five feet in open woodland areas. You'll enjoy this colorful border plant and the birds it attracts.



FWC News

If you see dead fish because of the cold weather, phone the FWC Fish Kill Hotline at 800-636-0511.

Recreational alligator hunting season is from August 15 to November 1 and is restricted to one hour before sunset and one hour after sunrise. FWC wants opinions about daylight hunting. You can fill in a survey online at www.myfwc.com/alligator or phone 850-488-3831.

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

FISHING SEMINAR

Anglers might be interested in the Salt Water Sportsman National Seminar Series, which will be held in Fort Myers on **Saturday, January 15**, at Bishop Verot High School's Performing Arts Theater. To register, phone 1-800-448-7360.

CORRECTION



The article about Big Cypress Swamp Buggy Tours in the *Rapper* on 12/10/10 should have said that the minimum trip is for 6 people in 1 buggy. For info, phone 734-0084.

Fakahatchee Cruise

The Friends of Fakahatchee are sponsoring a Coastal Cruise to Fakahatchee Island on **Saturday, January 22**. An Everglades National Park Boat Tours craft will transport the group to the island where they will walk up to the cemetery, observing the many rare plants along the path. Cost is \$75 per person. For info, phone 695-2905 or see www.orchidswamp.org where you can book online with a credit card. Places are limited.



GALLERY CLOSED

Clyde Butcher's Big Cypress Gallery will be closed for the holidays on December 24/25 and January 1.

LOCAL HISTORY



THE BIG CYPRESS JETPORT

It has just been announced that the State of Florida is transferring ownership of about 29,000 acres to the Big Cypress National Preserve.

Big Cypress was the first national preserve to be established within the National Park Service. That happened in 1974 after much controversy.

In 1967 the Dade County Airport Authority started buying up land north of the Tamiami Trail near the Collier County line to create a massive jetport covering some 39 square miles. The plan included a supporting city of up to a million people, a high-speed transportation corridor to Miami, and runways 6 miles long. The first sod was turned by Governor Claude Kirk in September, 1968.

Environmentalists were concerned that the development in pristine wilderness would destroy wildlife habitat and further stop the flow of water into Everglades National Park. The airport enthusiasts stated they were more interested in people than alligators.

The issue came to the attention of the federal government. The Department of the Interior commissioned the influential report "Environmental Impact of the Big Cypress Swamp Jetport". President Nixon came out in favor of stopping the jetport and protecting the landscape.

A compromise was reached; the federal government would help the Dade Authority to find a new site and the existing runway would be used for training and emergencies only.

ESHP Meeting

The next meeting of the Board of the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation will be at 8:30 a.m. on **Monday, January 10**. Members are welcome to attend. For info, phone Marya at 695-2905.

MUSEUM NEWS

The Feast Day for Deaconess Harriet Bedell is **Saturday, January 8**, and the Friends of the Museum will host a reception from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. with cookies and punch to mark the day. Everyone is welcome. Don't be surprised if the "Deaconess" is also there!



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. There will be an illustrated presentation and reception on **Thursday, January 13**.

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. For info, phone 695-0008 or see www.evergladesmuseum.org.



THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop behind the fire station is now open five days a week but will be closed for the Christmas and New Year holidays. Stop in for great bargains in clothing and household goods. You'll also notice that the Book Nook has been reorganized so you can find your favorite authors neatly piled up on the shelves.

Marco Society Visits ECity



The Marco Island Historical Society will hear a lecture about Everglades area history at their regular monthly meeting at 7:00 p.m. on **Tuesday, January 4**. They will follow this with a field trip to Everglades City on **Friday, January 7**, which will include the Museum and City Hall with lunch at Camellia Street Grill.

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.themih.org.

RED CROSS CLASSES

The Collier County chapter of the American Red Cross is offering classes in Everglades City this winter. They will take place at 3:30 p.m. in the Community Center.

The schedule during January is:

Wed, Jan 12 – First Aid for Children

Fri, Jan 14 – Babysitter Training (\$60)

Wed, Jan 26 – CPR for Professional Rescuer, Healthcare Provider (\$75)

Wed, Jan 26 (at 6:30 p.m.) – CPR/AED for Adult, Infant & Child (\$60)

Fri, Jan 28 – Standard First Aid (\$45)

If you take CPR/AED for Adults and Standard First Aid, the combined cost is only \$75.

For info, phone (239) 970-2426 or email rgill@colliercountyredcross.org.



REVIEW OF 2010



There was prolonged cold weather in January & February, including some nights with frost.



There was a ribbon-cutting ceremony on April 19 for the new hangars at Everglades Airpark.



The Everglades City School Fall Festival on October 16 was fun for all the family.



Seafood Festival drew crowds on the first weekend in February.



Major renovation at Everglades Community Church began in June.



Virginia Klotz was presented with a Key to the City on November 10 before she moved away from the area.



The second annual Music Fest at ECity School on March 11 was a great success.



A show of student art featured over the summer at the Museum.



Ochopee Fire Control District opened a new station with a fire engine at Port of the Islands.



Summer Campers took part in the Independence Day parade.

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

- Helen Brewer
- Nina Johnson
- Sarah Collier Rindy
- Louise Collier Jinkins
- Jeanne Weimer
- Bobbie Dianne Braman Mitchell
- Keith Hyry
- Aubrey Rogers
- Odalph Stokes
- Linda Markel
- Claude "Capt Tommy" Addison, Jr.
- Malcolm Smith
- Johnny Jones
- Cheryl Lynn Rain
- Dana Masey
- Helen Gilchrist
- Marlene A. Merritt
- Cheryl Asher
- Jim Mudd
- Sam Vinikoff
- Josephine Carter
- Katherine "Kappy" Kirk
- Bruce Jenkins
- Veronica "Ronnie" Kincaid
- Joseph Wendell Wooten

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 – 9:00 pm; daily
- 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 (695-3663):**
5:00 - 9:00 pm; Thurs- Mon (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



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



Ladies' Coffee celebrated the festive season on Wednesday, December 15, at their traditional Christmas breakfast at Jan Brock's home.



SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

The star-studded array of performers for the 2011 Festival has just been announced and includes headline groups Let's Hang On, Big Bottom, Josh Gracin, Joey & Rory, and LoCash Cowboys. Supporting them will be Jessie Thompson Project, The Gruv Monstrz, Casey Weston, Weathered Souls, and Wild-Eyed Country Boys. See the festival website for times at www.evergladesseafoodfestival.com.

The next meeting of the Festival Planning Committee is on **Tuesday, January 11**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Island Cafe. For info call Tammy at 695-4100.

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
- Island Cafe: closed Dec 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

OBITUARY



Joseph Wendell Wooten, aged 41, passed away on December 20. He is survived by his wife Alicia, three daughters, and many relatives. Services will be held on Thursday, December 23 at the Everglades Community Center 11:00 a.m.

PANCAKE FLY-IN



The next free pancake breakfast hosted by Wings 10,000 Islands Tours will be on **Saturday, January 22**, from 10:00 a.m. to noon at Everglades Airpark. For info, phone Chuck at 695-3296.

ART-IN-THE-GLADES



There will be an arts & crafts sale on **Saturday, January 22**, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with live music and hotdogs for lunch. There is no charge to set up a table. For info, call 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 28**, and every Tuesday in January 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, January 8**, 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, January 9**, by previous appointment only. For info, phone her at 777-PETS (7387) or see www.naplesmobilepetvet.com.

DOCTOR'S CLINIC



A new medical clinic will open in ECity after the holidays on Friday afternoons. For info, call (239) 642-5552.

Marco Art Walk

The Artists' Colony at the Esplanade is having an Art Walk on **Wednesday, December 29**, from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. See www.marcoislandartistscolony.com.

SNOOK CLASSIFIED

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/month 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/month 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/month or \$1000/2-wks, (utilities included). For info call Nick at 239-261-9592 or 508-677-5136.

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PET PICS

Thanks to **Natasha Nelson** for this photo and email:

Wishing everyone a happy holiday season from Augustus Pierre, Weiner-Pug Extraordinaire! He loves chasing butterflies, sniffing flowers, and saying hello to everyone he encounters on his walks.

Send us your Pet Pics by email or post.

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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/month. For info, phone 239-289-3143.

FOR SALE: 19' Gumman Canoe, square transom for outboard. Excellent condition, \$900 or best offer. Call 954-778-4339.

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