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What's Happening in the Everglades City Area

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SEAFOOD FESTIVAL



Thanks to the Festival Committee, headed up by Tammy Gervais, and to everyone in the community who made the event such a success. The raffle for the Museum quilt was won by Dick & Myrna Baier and the kids all had a great time on some new amusements.



CITY COUNCIL REPORT

by Patricia Huff

On Tuesday, February 8, Mayor Sammy Hamilton reported at the monthly City Council meeting that he had met with South Florida Water Management District and that the City has secured a grant to clean up the water system, although this may take another year and a half. The Mayor also said that the new Water Plant Operator, Jim Vaughn, who had 31 years of service in the Air Force, has started working on the problems by changing the filters and getting the pumps to work again.

Councilwoman Tammy Gervais reported that the auditors are reviewing all the Seafood Festival revenue and expenses and she will have a report at the next Council meeting. She noted that the Betterment Association started out with a deficit of \$40,000 and their goal was to break even this year. She believes that this was accomplished but will have a full report shortly. Councilman Parker Oglesby thanked all the volunteers, especially Terry Smallwood and everyone else for picking up the trash. Councilwoman Elaine Middelstaedt reported that all of the non-profit organizations, as well as Everglades City School, benefited from the large turnout of visitors to the Seafood Festival. She thought it would be important to get a full accounting from the area organizations to see how well they did; a portion of their proceeds are to come back to the Betterment to cover certain costs.

The next City Council meeting will be on **Tuesday, March 1**, at 5:30 p.m. A representative from Congressman David Riviera's office will meet with constituents that afternoon. Commissioner Jim Coletta will not be here but can be contacted at 252-8391.



SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sgt. Todd Taylor reported at the City Council Meeting that there have been no serious crimes since the last Council meeting. Representatives with the Department of Transportation were here in January to ride with the deputies and looked at certain safety issues along US-41, specifically the vegetation at the corner of SR-29 and the Tamiami Trail. He stated that it may be necessary to install a stop light (rather than a blinking light) at this intersection. The DOT also noted the cars pulling off the road near Big Cypress Bend to fish or watch the wildlife. The Sheriff's department hopes that they will install signs to discourage travelers so the officers can enforce a no-stopping law.

The Seafood Festival went very smoothly with no fights; there was a report of a missing purse but it was found by one of the vendors and a golf cart had been moved. The only incident was that two coolers belonging to the Betterment Association were missing. He also mentioned that many officers throughout the County volunteered their time to come on their day off to help with making the Festival safe.

If you have information about criminal activity or see anything suspicious, call 695-2007 right away, no matter what the hour. In emergencies, call 911.

MARJORY STONEMAN DOUGLAS FESTIVAL
at the Museum of the Everglades, February 22-25. See page 9.

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

FEBRUARY 2011

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
13 Jammin' in the Hammock <i>see p.3</i>	Valentines 14 Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm	15 Reach Out City Hall, 8:30 am	16 Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8 am	17 SAC mtg School, 3 pm Lions Club Depot, 5:30 pm	full moon ● 18 RAPPER	19 ORA Bazaar Car Wash Pancake Fly-In Paddle-In <i>see p.3</i> Muck-About <i>see p.8</i>
20 Muck-About <i>see p.8</i>	MLK Day 21 Hour of Prayer Copeland Baptist Church 7 pm Muck-About <i>see p.8</i>	22 MSD Festival <i>see p.9</i>	23 Ladies Coffee Havana Cafe 8 am MSD Festival <i>see p.9</i> BigC ORVs <i>see p.8</i>	24 MSD Festival <i>see p.9</i>	25 Marine Talk <i>see p.3</i> MSD Festival <i>see p.9</i> MSD Talk <i>see p.9</i>	26 Fakahatchee SAFARI <i>see p.3</i>
27	28 Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm	MAR 1 City Council City Hall, 5:30 pm David Riviera Staff, City Hall <i>see p.1</i>	2 Ladies Coffee Ruth Hefflefinger's Home 8 am FME mtg <i>see p.9</i>	3 Booster Club 6:30 pm	new moon ○ 4 RAPPER	5 Pet Vet <i>see p.11</i>
6 Pet Vet <i>see p.11</i>	7 Hour of Prayer Holy Family Catholic Church 7 pm ESHPP mtg City Hall, 8:30 am OFCD Bd Fire Sta, 6 pm	8	9 Ladies Coffee Island Cafe 8 am BigC Plans <i>see p.8</i>	10	11	12 Homes Tour <i>see p.11</i> Art-in-Glades <i>see p.11</i>
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Mar 20: Fak Coastal Cruise Apr 17: ROGG Bike Tour Apr 30: Museum Birthday, Fly-In
 May 5: Natl Day of Prayer May 14: 911 Cookout June 3: graduation July 2: Independence Day Parade/Fireworks

THRIFT SHOP: Tues, Wed, Thurs, Fri, Sat; 11:00 am to 3:00 pm SKATING RINK: Fri & Sat, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.
 MUSEUM: Tues-Fri; 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Sat; 9:00 am to 4:00 pm SMALLWOOD STORE: Daily, 10:00 am to 5:00 pm
 FOOD PANTRY: Sat, 8:30 to 10:30 am DR DEMARTINO: Fri, 1:30 to 4:30 pm LITTLE GATOR CLINIC: 3/22, 3/29
 ALCOHOLICS ANON: Wed, 5:00 pm, Community Church NARCOTICS ANON: Sat, 11:00 am, Community Center

SHERIFF AT CITY HALL: Tues, 2/22 (9-10 am) Fri, 2/25 (1-2 pm) *see the notice outside the office for March hours*

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ORA BAZAAR

Come to Outdoor Resorts in Chokoloskee from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on **Saturday, February 19**, for the annual bazaar which features a fresh vegetable market, rummage sale, silent auction, raffle, arts & crafts booths, and lunch. For info, call Dave at 695-2281.

PANCAKE FLY-IN



The next free pancake breakfast at Everglades Airpark on **Saturday, February 19**, is hosted by Wings 10,000 Islands Tours from 10:00 a.m. to noon. For info, phone Chuck at 695-3296.

CAR WASH

The Kids of Copeland are having a Car Wash, rummage sale, and bake sale on **Saturday, February 19**, from 10:30 a.m. in McLeod Park. Donated items and baked goodies are welcome. For info, phone Casey at 289-9889 or Angela at 269-7593.

PADDLE-IN



Capt. Charles Wright and Everglades Area Tours hold their annual Paddle-In on **Saturday, February 19**, which culminates in a party at JTs in Chokoloskee. For info, phone 695-3633 or see www.evergladesareatours.com.

CITY HALL CLOSED

City Hall will be closed on **Monday, February 21**, in honor of Martin Luther King, Jr, Day.



A huge selection of auction items, including this photo donated by special guest Clyde Butcher, is up for bids at the Fakahatchee SAFARI on **Saturday, February 26**, when you can enjoy a day of swamp walks, tram rides, a photo workshop, Art & Nature Gallery, BBQ Cookout with sunset bonfire, and more. The cost for the day is \$125 per person and proceeds help our local state park. Reservations required! Book online at www.orchidswamp.org or phone Marya at (239) 695-2905.

MARINE TALK

Boat operators and employees are invited to a free presentation about Marine Casualty and Boating Accident Reporting on **Friday, February 25**, at 9:00 a.m. in City Hall. The session is sponsored by the Coast Guard, FWC, and CCSO. For info, phone City Hall at 695-3781.

MORE News & Events on page 11.

OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

- 02/02/11: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 02/05/11: Emergency Medical, Ochopee
- 02/05/11: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 02/05/11: Brush Fire, Bear Island
- 02/05/11: Vehicle Accident, 5 Miles West of SR-29 on US-41
- 02/05/11: Brush Fire, US-41 and Miller Extension
- 02/05/11: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 02/05/11: Brush Fire, US-41 & Loop Road
- 02/05/11: Emergency Medical, Plantation Island
- 02/06/11: Emergency Medical, Copeland
- 02/06/11: Emergency Medical, Chokoloskee Island
- 02/06/11: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 02/06/11: Emergency Medical, Chokoloskee Island
- 02/06/11: Emergency Medical, Ochopee
- 02/06/11: Vehicle Accident, Copeland
- 02/07/11: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 02/07/11: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 02/07/11: Brush Fire, Ochopee
- 02/07/11: Emergency Medical, Chokoloskee Island
- 02/08/11: Emergency Medical, Copeland
- 02/09/11: Emergency Medical, Chokoloskee Island
- 02/10/11: Emergency Medical, Port of the Islands
- 02/10/11: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 02/10/11: Emergency Medical, SR-29 and US-41
- 02/10/11: Vehicle Accident, 80mm I-75
- 02/11/11: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 02/13/11: Vehicle Accident, 72mm I-75
- 02/14/11: Vehicle Accident, 52mm I-75
- 02/14/11: Vehicle Accident, 72mm I-75
- 02/15/11: Emergency Medical, Collier Seminole State Park
- 02/15/11: Emergency Medical, Everglades City

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see www.weather.gov for weather


TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER

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

02/18/2011	Fri	01:51AM	3.0	H	09:38AM	-0.4	L	02:50PM	2.5	H	09:47PM	0.1	L
02/19/2011	Sat	02:39AM	2.9	H	10:18AM	-0.3	L	03:21PM	2.6	H	10:34PM	-0.1	L
02/20/2011	Sun	03:30AM	2.8	H	10:57AM	-0.2	L	03:53PM	2.7	H	11:23PM	-0.2	L
02/21/2011	Mon	04:26AM	2.5	H	11:35AM	0.1	L	04:28PM	2.7	H			
02/22/2011	Tue	12:16AM	-0.2	L	05:30AM	2.2	H	12:15PM	0.3	L	05:07PM	2.7	H
02/23/2011	Wed	01:14AM	-0.2	L	06:42AM	1.9	H	12:56PM	0.5	L	05:54PM	2.6	H
02/24/2011	Thu	02:22AM	-0.2	L	08:07AM	1.7	H	01:50PM	0.7	L	06:55PM	2.5	H
02/25/2011	Fri	03:37AM	-0.1	L	11:40AM	1.6	H	03:17PM	0.8	L	08:16PM	2.5	H
02/26/2011	Sat	04:51AM	-0.1	L	12:50PM	1.8	H	04:48PM	0.8	L	09:43PM	2.5	H
02/27/2011	Sun	05:57AM	-0.2	L	01:23PM	1.9	H	06:01PM	0.7	L	10:58PM	2.5	H
02/28/2011	Mon	06:52AM	-0.2	L	01:41PM	2.0	H	06:59PM	0.6	L	11:56PM	2.5	H
03/01/2011	Tue	07:38AM	-0.2	L	01:43PM	2.0	H	07:46PM	0.5	L			
03/02/2011	Wed	12:41AM	2.5	H	08:18AM	-0.2	L	01:47PM	2.1	H	08:26PM	0.4	L
03/03/2011	Thu	01:19AM	2.6	H	08:53AM	-0.1	L	02:02PM	2.3	H	09:03PM	0.3	L
03/04/2011	Fri	01:54AM	2.5	H	09:26AM	-0.1	L	02:23PM	2.4	H	09:38PM	0.2	L

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

IMPORTANT DATES

Thurs, Feb 17:	SAC, 3:00 p.m.
Mon, Feb 21:	Presidents' Day, no school
Tues, Feb 22:	Baseball HOME, 4:30 p.m.
Mon, Feb 28:	Baseball HOME, 5:00 p.m.
Mar 1-4:	FCAT Writing
Fri, Mar 4:	Softball EAGLE LAKE, 4:30 p.m.
Fri, Mar 4:	Baseball HOME, 4:30 p.m.



From Savannah's Eyes

This past weekend was the Seafood Festival, and it was a lot of fun! I loved riding the rides and hanging out with my friends plus playing all the games. Friday was the most fun day for me, probably because of all the rides and shopping at the booths! I wish that the Seafood Festival was still here because I would be riding all the rides!

I would like to ask everyone to please pray for my aunt Lynn. She has small cell lung cancer and needs all the prayers she can get. She is such a sweet aunt and I pray for her every minute of the day for her to get better. The doctor says she only has 6 months to live, but my family and I think she will live for a long time. We visited her in the Gainesville hospital this weekend and she was not doing well. Please pray for her and our family. Thank you.

Hope everyone had a great Valentine's day I sure did!

♥, Savannah

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



Literacy week at the end of January was celebrated by having various guest readers come to the classrooms including park rangers, teachers on staff, volunteers, and the media center director.



Grades 4 through 6 who scored a 3 or greater on both reading and math FCAT last year were able to go to King Richards today. Hailey Mitchell and Stephanie Pablo-Ramirez about to rock climb. Haleigh Ellington and Jasmine Lucas at the games. Students had a great time and were served pizza for lunch!

Thanks to Trina Mitchell for photos and reports.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It is my pleasure to introduce our new Assistant Principal. Mr. Brown has been an educator in the Collier County Public Schools since 1970. He was a teacher at Naples High and Lely High in the 1970's and became an assistant principal at Naples High in 1978. He was an AP for 15 years and became principal at Naples High in 1993. He retired in December 2004 but returned to CCPS as an administrative substitute in 2006.

His wife Sandy was also an educator in CCPS as an elementary teacher, high school math teacher, and guidance counselor. She retired in 2002 and continues to work part-time in a private Christian school and tutors algebra and geometry. The Browns have two grown children—Barb and Jeff—who are married and live in Collier County. They both graduated from Naples High School. The Browns are blessed with three grandchildren—Alex, 8; Shelby, 7; and Ryder, 3.

Mr. Brown's responsibilities will be attendance and discipline in addition to middle and high school curriculum which includes middle and high school teacher observations and assessments.

He said, "I am excited to be able to work with the students, parents, and staff at Everglades City School. I went to a school like EVG and had twelve in my high school graduating class. I love small, community schools."

GREAT GATORS

Pre-K – Gavyn Williams, Stevie Markley

K – Stella Sine, Brandon Purvis

1 – Taylor Richards, Lindsey Lamphere

2, 3 – Brandy Bowen, Destany Vanleeuwen

4 – Bailey Richards, Ricardo Cangas

5 – Austin Lewis, Ashlyn Goff

6 – Brandon Steffen, Triston Kibodeaux

7 – Tawny Wood, Alex Thompson

8 – Ana Roldan, Casi Emmerich

High School – Meggan Harrington, Ashley Wooten

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Recipe for Good Eating



Jalapeno Cheese Grits

submitted by Rena Magolnick based on a recipe from www.foodtv.com

- 2 cups quick-cooking grits
- 2 ½ cups grated extra-sharp Cheddar cheese
- 1 tablespoon hot sauce (eg, Tabasco)
- 1 jalapeno, finely diced
- ¼ tsp ground red pepper
- Garlic salt, salt & pepper to taste
- ½ stick unsalted butter
- 3 large eggs, well beaten
- ¼ cup canned chopped green chiles

Preheat oven to 350°F. Cook the grits according to the directions on the back of the package. Remove from the heat and add next 6 ingredients. Stir well and season to taste. Pour into a buttered 9x13-inch baking dish and bake for 1 hour. Let cool slightly before slicing and serving. Enjoy!

This dish was made for Ladies' Coffee at Mary Ford's house. If you have a favorite recipe to share, please phone or email us.

Florida Tales
Taking Care of Business
 by Chester Keene



Growing up during post-WWII days, I spent my summers with my grandparents in DeSoto County. I remember hanging out at my friend's dad's fish market where he got fresh mullet from Placida, FL, shipped in wooden barrels packed with ice. He also was trading in cow hides and gator skins. I went on many a trip in an old Model "A" car cut down for a flatbed truck. The body was wood to keep the salt brine from the hides rusting it out. He went out on the prairies to collect hides. Sometimes he had his wind-up Victrola record player with him. He would play songs to the crowd at a pre-designated place and time. After the music stopped, all the trappers put their products out. He would start bargaining for the prices. Sometimes a live rattlesnake was offered for sale to Ross Allen's Reptile Gardens. After taking care of business, we headed back to town.

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



The 1951 Cub Scout Troop in Copeland: Clyde (Buster) Clifton, Jr, Jerry Fountain, Jim Bob Singletary, Jimmy Webb, Norman Rawls, Tommie McCullough, Eddie Harvin, Donnie Janes, Marvin Smith. The girl with her back to the camera may be Jo Carolyn McClean.

Photo courtesy of Virginia Smith Benfield, sent to us by Chester Keene.

“Muck-About”

There will be swamp walks and an open house at the Butchers' Big Cypress Gallery in Ochopee over Presidents' Day Weekend, **Saturday-Monday, February 19-21**. To make reservations, call 695-2428 or see website www.clydebutcher.com.

The gallery is open daily from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and features Clyde's famous black & white photography.

BigC ORVs

The Off-Road Vehicle Advisory Committee will meet on **Wednesday, February 23**, from 3:30 to 8:00 p.m. in the new Big Cypress Swamp Welcome Center at 33000 Tamiami Trail East, Ochopee. For info, phone 695-1107 or see www.nps.gov/bicy/parkmgmt.



Ladies, Let's Go Fishing

Early registration for this annual event on March 11-13 in Naples is only \$99 if you sign up by **February 25**. After that, it will cost \$135. To find out more, see www.ladiesletsstofishing.com or phone (954) 475-9068.

WILD HOG BBQ

The annual Wild Hog BBQ on the Loop Road will be held on **Saturday, February 26**. Gates open at 11:00 a.m.

BigC Plans

Big Cypress is considering eight off-road trail heads or access points and five turn lanes along US-41. Improvements at trail head locations would include aggregate parking surface for trailer and/or auto parking, single vault toilet, refuse containers, information boards, signage, gates, backcountry permit stations, sodding, and/or planting. The NPS will hold a public meeting on **Wednesday, March 9**, from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Big Cypress Swamp Welcome Center in Ochopee. Written comment will be accepted up to **March 15**. For more info, see www.parkplanning.nps.gov or phone 695-1158.



FWC News

During the Spring Turkey Hunting Season, March 5 to April 10, FWC passed a rule restricting guns to shotguns and muzzle-loading shotguns (using shot no larger than No. 2) and allows bows and crossbows in WMAs. All rifles, pistols, buckshot and slugs are prohibited.

The restoration of Lake Trafford was celebrated on February 12 with the release of rescued juvenile yellow-crowned night herons. FWC reports that water clarity, native vegetation and the number of small fish have improved since it was dredged. Largemouth bass fingerlings stocked last year are growing well. Anglers seeking crappie are catching and releasing the bass.

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



FLORIDA FLORA

by Patricia Huff

Angel Trumpet Plant (*Brugmansia*)

Spectacular is the word that comes to mind when you see this beautiful South American native shrub in full bloom with its strong fragrance in the evening. Also known as Angel Star, its leaves are about 10" long and 6" in diameter with the flowers, similar in shape to a trumpet, growing up to 12". This photo was taken in a neighbor's yard and the flowers are white but can also be yellow or pink. They usually bloom in the rain forests of Brazil but do well in our climate in South Florida, year round, and more often when the nights are cool and the days are hot. It is important to water the plant often, especially if you keep it in a pot. This particular plant was grown from a cutting of a shrub planted by Avery Sumner years ago at JT's in Chokoloskee, but they are usually grown from seeds. Be careful when handling the seedpods since there is a concentration of poison inside; it is best to handle them with gloves. Definitely, a beauty for your garden.

RECYCLED WATER

The re-use water system that the City has been providing to homeowners has been out of service for some time. The Mayor has stated that they are working on the problem and hopefully it will be fixed soon. If you have been using the re-use water, you may need to water your plants for awhile until the problem has been resolved.

GIANT FLEA MARKET

St Mark's Episcopal Church in Marco Island on North Collier Blvd (east of Bald Eagle Road on the way to the CR-951 bridge) is holding its annual jamboree on **Thursday, February 24**, with great bargains and delicious food for sale, including fresh strawberry shortcake, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For info, phone (239) 394-7242.

LOCAL HISTORY

MSD Talk

Imagine being a lively 108-year-old and all the changes you can recall in Florida over 80 years! Marjory Stoneman Douglas



used to go bird watching at the Dade county line before the Tamiami Trail was built and then attended the grand opening in ECity in 1928. She was also here for the National Park ceremonies with President Harry S Truman in 1947.

You can learn more about her life at an illustrated lecture by Marya Repko on **Friday, February 25**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Oyster House Restaurant. The event includes dinner from the menu and a brief annual meeting of the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation. Reservations are required. Phone 695-2905.

Marjory in Marco

The Marco Island Historical Society presents Janina Bertolo portraying Marjory Stoneman Douglas at their monthly meeting in the Rose History Auditorium in the Museum on **Tuesday, March 1**, at 7:00 p.m.

The Marco Island Historical Museum at 180 South Heathwood Drive (next to the Collier County Public Library) is now open on Tuesday through Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. For info about monthly programs and exhibits, see www.themihs.org.

HAPB Booklet Online

The Historical and Archaeological Preservation Board of Collier County has completed an online booklet describing specific historic sites for visitors and residents.

It is the intent of the Preservation Board to increase awareness of the importance and significance of the county's heritage by protecting, preserving and perpetuating Collier County's artifacts, sites, districts, structures, buildings and properties.

To see a complete listing, visit website <http://www.colliergov.net/Index.aspx?page=861>.

MUSEUM NEWS

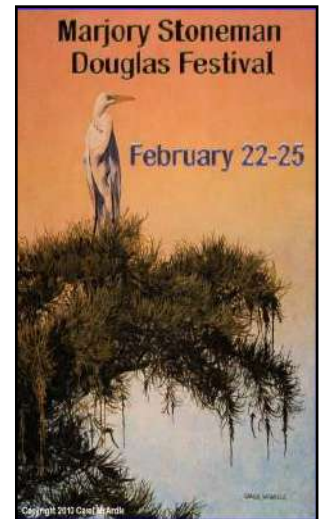
The **MSD Festival** kicks off at the Seafood Depot on **Tuesday, February 22**, with a talk by Joel Curzon whose photos are on display in the Museum this month, followed by the Annual MSD Luncheon and a presentation about the Life & Times of Ed Guthrie. On **Wednesday, February 23**, there are talks about the Everglades environment by photographer Connie Bransilver, historian Cesar Becerra, and several park rangers. **Thursday, February 23**, is a day for tram tours, canoe trips, and walks plus a talk about the future of the Big Cypress by Joe Browder and a lecture about the Fakahatchee by biologist Mike Owen. Finally, on **Friday, February 25**, Rick Cruz will conduct a photography workshop, there are several guided tours, and a last presentation about the Big Cypress watershed.

If you're wondering how this is all relevant to Marjory, she helped to save the Big Cypress from development as a Jetport in 1968 by founding the Friends of the Everglades and then campaigned for improved water flow to the Everglades.

Don't miss out! Call 695-0008 for reservations and more information or see www.evergladesmuseum.org.

The Museum is open on Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. It will also be open on the Sunday of Seafood Festival. There is no admission charge but donations appreciated. For more info, phone 695-0008.

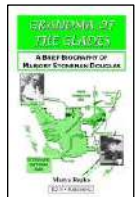
The next Friends of the Museum of the Everglades will be on **Wednesday, March 2**, at 9:00 a.m. in the Museum. Members are welcome.



Off the Shelf – Book Review

Grandma of the Glades; A Brief Biography of Marjory Stoneman Douglas by Marya Repko

reviewed by Patricia Huff



The 7th Annual Marjory Stoneman Douglas Festival is being sponsored by the Friends of the Museum of the Everglades this week and so it is appropriate to discuss Marya Repko's new book about the life of one of our cherished crusaders of the Everglades, Marjory Stoneman Douglas. Many may wonder why the title "*Grandma of the Glades*" when Marjory had no children during her brief early marriage to Kenneth Douglas, a journalist in New Jersey. It was in 1993 that Marjory, at the age of 103, was given the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Bill Clinton called her the "Grandmother of the Glades."

This concise biography of Marjory is full of interesting bits of information about her early life, her parents, her move to Miami and her work as a writer, long before she became involved in the her passion to protect the Everglades from developers. It wasn't until she was 57 years old that *The Everglades: River of Grass* was published. Little did she realize that she would live another 50 years to continue her campaign.

This "brief" biography with historical photos captures all of those wonderful years and has a handy time-line on the back page to remind us of what else was happening. There is also a list of Further Reading and numerous footnote references.

Copies are available for \$10 each at the Museum of the Everglades, Win-Car Hardware, Chamber of Commerce Welcome Center, Smallwood Store, Everglades National Park Boat Tours, Ivey House, JT's, or online from www.ecity-publishing.com.

TRIBUTE TO JANE WALLACE



On April 4, 2009 at a dinner for Bob Carter.



At National Day of Prayer on May 5, 2010 and May 7, 2009.



At the Tamiami Trail 80th Anniversary & Museum 10th Birthday on April 27, 2008, where Jane gave the invocation.

Mary Jane Southwick Wallace, 81, of Naples, died on Friday, February 11, at Hospice House of Naples. Formerly of Louisville, KY, she had been a resident of Naples since 1984. She was the daughter of Lewis Arthur Southwick and Ruth Landis Weldon of Louisville. She graduated from Kentucky Home School for Girls, Louisville, KY in 1947, and from The Ward Belmont School in Nashville, TN, in 1949 where she majored in pre-medical studies. She became a dental assistant following graduation. She was a "cradle Episcopalian" and a member of St. Mark's Episcopal Church, Louisville. She was President of the Episcopal Women at St. Mark's for nine years and elected President of the Women of the Diocese of Kentucky 1970-73, served as Key Woman of the Fourth Province of the Episcopal Churchwomen, and delegate to three Triennial Meetings of the Church, 1967, 70, 73. She served a three year term on the Executive Council of the Diocese of Kentucky and was the first woman in the history of that diocese to sit on a committee to change Canon Law of the diocese in order to elect a bishop coadjutor. She became Assistant General Convention Manager of the Episcopal Church as Meeting Planner and Meetings Coordinator for the General Convention and the House of Bishops together with all the boards, agencies and committees of the Episcopal church 1972-83.

After moving to Naples in 1984 she became Manager of the Gulf Stream Club, a private bank of NCB bank. She served a two year term of office as president of the Board of Directors of The Symphony Women of the Southwest Florida Symphony Orchestra and on the Board of Directors of the Orchestra 1987-89. She was elected to a three year term of office to the Board of Directors of St. Matthew's House in Naples. She also served as Secretary-Treasurer, Vice-President and President of the Greater Naples Ministerial Association 1997-99. She also served with her husband as an ordained minister to The Greystone Church, The Hitching Post Church and Lely Palms Retirement Community.

She is survived by her husband, The Rev. Dr. Bob N. Wallace, Pastor of Everglades Community Church; her three sons Lewis S. Taber, Paul C. Taber and Tom F. Taber; her three daughters Ruth A. Wilder (Gary), Bonnie L. Wallace and Christy T. Gordon) Anderson; her brothers George C. Southwick (Brenda), Ned B. Southwick (Penny); her two sisters Betty S. Jennings and Ruth W. Sams; ten grandchildren, one great grandchild; seven nieces and seven nephews; and many loving friends all over the world. She will be sorely missed.

Jane Wallace was a pastor's wife but she was also an ordained minister in the Episcopal Church herself and joined in local functions in that capacity.

A memorial service took place on February 14 at the Everglades Community Church. Fr. Tim Navin said she was a "person of faith" and that she thought "music was the voice of God". Pastor Morris Dantin said that he "thanked God that Jane crossed my path".

Our thoughts are with Pastor Bob Wallace who hinted at their close relationship in his novel *The Convention*.

RESTAURANT NEWS



- Camellia Street Grill (695-2003):**
12:00 noon – 9:00 pm; daily
- City Seafood (695-4700):**
6:00 am – 9:00 pm
Fish Market also open
- Everglades Seafood Depot (695-0075):**
10:30 am - 10:00 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
"mic 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 - 11:30 am; daily (breakfast)
11:30 am – 3 pm; daily (lunch)
5:00 – 10:00 pm; 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
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Right Choice Supermarket:
9:00 am – 7:00 pm, Mon-Sat
9:00 am – 6:30 pm, Sun



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

YARD SALE

There will be a yard sale at 103 Allen Avenue on **Saturday, March 5**, from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. with "treasures" for men, women and children, all at great yard sale prices.

HOMES TOUR



Join us for a repeat of the very popular Everglades Homes Tour on **Saturday, March 12**, when there will be different buildings to visit. You can buy the ticket booklet for \$20 in City Hall or at www.evergladeshistorical.org. For info, phone Jane at 695-0333 or Jean at 695-0202.

ART-IN-THE-GLADES

Our informal arts & crafts sale on **Saturday, March 12**, in McLeod Park from will also be the headquarters for the Everglades Homes Tour. If you would like to set up a table, phone 695-2905.

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OBITUARIES

Gary G. Merritt, 72, of Plantation Island passed away on February 11 only 7 months after his wife Marlene died. He had lived in this area since 1976 and was an avid outdoorsman, fisherman, and bird watcher. Gary is survived by his sons, Patrick (Mistie), Charles, Michael (Dyana), and Timothy (Ginger); sister, Jackie Butler; many grandchildren; one great-grandchild; many nieces, nephews and members of his extended family. A memorial service will be held on **Saturday, March 5**, at Fuller Funeral Home, 4735 Tamiami Trail East, Naples. Donations may be sent to the Humane Society of Collier County, 370 Airport Road North, Naples, FL, 34104.

Mary Jane Wallace, see page 10.

DOCTOR'S CLINIC



Dr Kirk Demartino of Marco Island will see patients in Everglades City on Friday afternoons from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the clinic behind the fire station. He accepts Medicare and insurance. For info and appointments, call (239) 642-5552.

Little Gator Clinic



The free walk-in clinic for youngsters 18 and under will not be open until Tuesday, **March 22**, while GB & Kathy Bernard take a well-earned vacation. There are no drugs at the clinic.

MOBILE PET VET



Dr Baker will visit the area next on **Saturday, March 5**, 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, March 6**, by previous appointment only. For info, phone her at 777-PETS (7387) or see www.naplesmobilepetvet.com.

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Congratulations to Barbara Lewinski, "the cat lady" who takes care of the pets no one else wants. She was honored by the Humane Society of Naples with their Animal Advocate Award on February 12.

Send us your Pet Pics by email or post.

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Port of the Islands Resort & Marina is hiring multiple FT and PT positions for servers, bartenders, hostess and bussers. Visit www.sunstream.com/employment to apply or apply in person at 25000 Tamiami Trail E, Naples, FL 34114.

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