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“Build a Boat” was a success with 29 teenagers participating. Lt. Mark Milligan said a special thanks goes to members of our Community Safety Team that assisted the youth and have been great role models. Again this year Larry Ammerman and “Mitch” Mitchell were there everyday to help out; Danny Rodgers from YRB said “we could not do this program without their continued help!” Additionally, Pastor Jim Fross from Everglades Baptist Church joined in to help, and we are happy to have him and his wife Ruth Ann as members of our Community and Safety Team. The CCSO would like to thank the Everglades Lions Club as well as the following who provided free lunches each day: the Everglades Seafood Depot, Island Cafe, City Seafood, Glades Haven Marina, Carol Foss and Diane Ridgway.



INDEPENDENCE DAY Saturday, July 2

- 9:30 Opening Ceremony
- 10:00 PARADE
- 11:00 Arts & Crafts booths open
- 11:30 Kiddies' Contest

Join us for a fun-filled family day of celebration. The two boats from the “Build a Boat” project will participate in the Everglades City Independence Day Parade.

After the parade, there will be plenty to do in McLeod Park including a kids' playground and hot dogs for lunch. For info, phone City Hall at 695-3781.



Everglades City 2011 Teen Academy Graduates (see p. 5)

NEW MPO DIRECTOR

Receptions to meet Lucilla Ayer, the new Collier County Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) Director, will be held at the following locations:

Friday, June 24, from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the Collier County Growth Management Division - Planning and Regulation Rooms 609/610, 2800 North Horseshoe Drive, Naples. The regular meeting of the Pathways Advisory Committee (PAC) will be held immediately following the reception at 9 a.m. at the same location.

Monday, June 27, from 8:30 a.m. to 9 a.m. at the Naples City Hall, second floor conference room, 735 8th Street South, Naples. The regular meeting of the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will be held immediately following the reception at 9 a.m. at the same location.

Monday, June 27, from 2:30 p.m. to 3 p.m. at the Collier County Growth Management Division Construction & Maintenance, Main Conference Room, 2885 South Horseshoe Drive, Naples. The regular meeting of the Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) will be held immediately following the reception at 3 p.m. at the same location.

All receptions are open to the public. Members of the Collier MPO's PAC, TAC, and CAC may be in attendance at the receptions. There are no agendas for the receptions. One week prior to the respective MPO committee meetings, the associated agenda packets will be posted on the MPO's Web site at www.colliermpo.net, select the calendar page, scroll down and select the meeting date. For more information, call Interim MPO Director Lorraine Lantz at 239-252-8192.

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JUNE/JULY 2011

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
19 <i>Fathers' Day</i>	20 Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm	21 Reach Out City Hall 8:30 am	22 Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8 am	23	RAPPER 24	25 Pet Vet <i>see p.3</i>
26	27 Hour of Prayer Holy Family Catholic Church 7 pm	28	29 Ladies Coffee Island Café 8 am	30	JULY 1 new moon ○ Hot Summer Nights 6 – 9 pm	2 PARADE FIREWORKS <i>see p.1</i>
3	4 Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm	5	6 Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8 am	7	RAPPER 8	9
10	11 Hour of Prayer Copeland Baptist Church 7 pm	12	13 Ladies Coffee Island Cafe 8 am	14	full moon ● 15	16
17	18 Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm	19	20 Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8 am	21	RAPPER 22	23

Future Dates: July 28: Summer Camp ends Aug 2: National Night Out Aug 22: school starts

THRIFT SHOP: Thurs, Sat; 11:00 am to 3:00 pm SKATING RINK: Fri, Sat; 7-10 pm DR DEMARTINO: Fri, by appointment
 LITTLE GATOR CLINIC: Closed for the summer (June, July, Aug) FOOD PANTRY: Sat, 8:30-10:30 am, Holy Family
 ALCOHOLICS ANON: Wed, 5:00 pm, Holy Family Catholic Church NARCOTICS ANON: Sat, 11:00 am, Community Center
 MUSEUM: Tues-Fri; 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Sat; 9:00 am to 4:00 pm SMALLWOOD STORE: Closed until further notice

SHERIFF AT CITY HALL: Thurs, 6/30 (1-2 pm), Thurs, 7/7 (9-10 am), Mon, 7/11 (10-11 am, Fri, 7/15 (9-10 am), Tues, 7/19 (10-11 am)
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Big Cypress Preserve Bear Island Closure

Road Closure/ Public use Limit Order is in effect for Bear Island Unit. Due to the Oil Pad Complex fire, located in Big Cypress National Preserve, an emergency closure is in effect for the Bear Island unit. The Oil Pad Complex is comprised of several fires caused by lightning burning in Big Cypress National Preserve (a total of six active fires as of 6/22). The fires have burned a total of 10,524 acres. Overall containment of the fires is 85 percent. In addition, a new fire, the Little Fire, was reported a quarter mile west of the Corral Fire but is now fully contained. Firefighters are using low impact fire suppression tactics to protect sensitive animals such as endangered Florida Panthers and threatened Red-Cockaded Woodpeckers. This closure consists of the following trails and access points: Bear Island Access from Turner River Road, and Walk in Access -- Bear Island Grade from Hwy 29. The closure encompasses all of the trails and the Bear Island Campground. Access to the Concho Billie, Windmill Tram, and Burns Lake trails is closed to all backcountry activity. All backcountry activity, including hiking and biking is restricted. The 60-day recreational Off Road Vehicle closure throughout the Preserve remains in effect. For more information, contact Bob DeGross at 695-1107.

The MEDICAL CLOSET at the Thrift Shop has canes, crutches, wheelchairs, walkers, to loan out. Stop by if you need something or phone Helen at 695-3298.

DOCTOR'S CLINIC

Dr Kirk Demartino of Marco Island will see patients in Everglades City for the next two months by appointment only. Please call (239) 642-5552 to schedule an appointment. Dr. Demartino accepts Medicare and insurance.



HOT SUMMER NIGHTS

CCSO is repeating the successful program for kids and families on **Friday, July 1**, in McLeod Park from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come along and enjoy the fun.

MOBILE PET VET

Dr Baker will visit the area again on **Saturday, June 25**, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in McLeod Park and from 2 to 4 p.m. in Copeland. There will be no surgery on Sunday this month. For info, phone her at 777-PETS (7387) or see www.naplesmobilepetvet.com.



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see www.weather.gov for weather

OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

- 06/07/11: Emergency Medical, 63 MM & I-75
- 06/08/11: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 06/09/11: Vehicle Accident, 80 MM & I-75
- 06/13/11: Emergency Medical, Port of the Islands
- 06/14/11: Brush Fire, 72 MM & I-75
- 06/14/11: Brush Fire, Wagon Wheel RD&SR29
- 06/15/11: Brush Fire, Ochopee
- 06/17/11: Structure Protection, Turner River Rd
- 06/18/11: Fuel Spill, 72 Mile Marker I-75
- 06/19/11: Call Box Activation, 58 MM & I-75
- 06/19/11: Vehicle Accident, 61 MiM & I-75
- 06/19/11: Vehicle Accident, 80 MM & I-75
- 06/20/11: Vehicle Fire, 81 MM & I-75
- 06/20/11: Vehicle Accident, Turner River Road & SR 29

TEEN DRIVERS

Teenagers are challenged to learn driving skills at the classes held on **July 14-15** and **August 11-12** at Barron Collier High School. Applicants must have a license and car. For more info, phone 253-3767 or 793-9260 or see www.colliersheriff.org.



Build-A-Chair Project

Everglades youth, ages 11 through 14, will be participating in the CCSO's Build-A-Chair Project to be held at Everglades City School **July 25-28** from 8 am to 4 pm. for more information call CCSO's Youth Relations Bureau at 530-9741 or e-mail summerfest@colliersheriff.org.

Little Gator Clinic

The free walk-in clinic (behind the Fire Station) for youngsters is closed for the summer.



TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER

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

06/24/2011	Fri	04:39AM	0.6	L	09:55AM	2.5	H	05:55PM	0.4	L	10:57PM	1.9	H
06/25/2011	Sat	05:34AM	0.7	L	10:44AM	2.6	H	06:51PM	0.3	L			
06/26/2011	Sun	12:17AM	1.9	H	06:27AM	0.8	L	11:33AM	2.7	H	07:40PM	0.1	L
06/27/2011	Mon	01:23AM	2.0	H	07:16AM	0.8	L	12:18PM	2.8	H	08:26PM	0.0	L
06/28/2011	Tue	02:11AM	2.1	H	08:02AM	0.8	L	01:00PM	2.9	H	09:08PM	-0.1	L
06/29/2011	Wed	02:52AM	2.2	H	08:45AM	0.8	L	01:37PM	3.1	H	09:49PM	-0.2	L
06/30/2011	Thu	03:30AM	2.3	H	09:28AM	0.8	L	02:11PM	3.2	H	10:29PM	-0.3	L
07/01/2011	Fri	04:07AM	2.4	H	10:09AM	0.8	L	02:45PM	3.2	H	11:08PM	-0.4	L
07/02/2011	Sat	04:46AM	2.4	H	10:52AM	0.7	L	03:21PM	3.2	H	11:47PM	-0.3	L
07/03/2011	Sun	05:25AM	2.5	H	11:36AM	0.6	L	04:03PM	3.2	H			
07/04/2011	Mon	12:27AM	-0.3	L	06:04AM	2.5	H	12:24PM	0.6	L	04:52PM	3.0	H
07/05/2011	Tue	01:08AM	-0.2	L	06:43AM	2.5	H	01:17PM	0.5	L	05:52PM	2.8	H
07/06/2011	Wed	01:50AM	0.1	L	07:22AM	2.6	H	02:19PM	0.4	L	07:05PM	2.5	H
07/07/2011	Thu	02:37AM	0.3	L	08:03AM	2.7	H	03:29PM	0.4	L	08:29PM	2.3	H
07/08/2011	Fri	03:30AM	0.5	L	08:48AM	2.8	H	04:44PM	0.2	L	10:00PM	2.1	H

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KIDS' NEWS

Everglades City School

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website: www.collier.k12.fl.us/evg**From Savannah's Eyes**

Summer 2011 is finally here! A whole two months of no school. And it's finally time to relax! Starting the new summer my family and I went to Disney for 5 days and now taking a break to relax. Kids in school have waited all year for it to be summer. But to me it doesn't even feel like its summer; it just feels like the weekend or something to me. Summer means beach time! And family time, too. I think that this is going to be the best summer ever.

Speaking of school, the dress code was finally changed back to the Collier County dress code so now everyone can shop for new clothes for the beginning of school! I know I will be shopping! It has been 3 years since the dress code was changed to polos. But now it is back to the normal dress code. Everyone is very ecstatic and can't wait to start back to school with a fresh new look!

Hope that everyone has an awesome start of the summer!
Love, Savannah

Savannah Oglesby will be entering the 9th grade at Everglades City School in August and is a regular contributor to this paper.

SAC NEWS

In preparation for the 2011-2012 SAC, a list of member vacancies will be posted at least two weeks prior to the beginning of the school year. We will post the vacancies in the *Mullet Rapper*, the Great Gator Newsletter, and school flyers. Please be looking for this information. Council members consist of the following:

1. Teachers (elected by other teachers), Non-Instructional Employees (elected by other non-instructional employees); and the principal;
2. Student(s) shall be elected by the student council. At the middle school level, the student council shall determine if there should be representation by students
3. Parents (elected by other parents)
4. Business and Community Members (representative of the ethnic, racial, and economic community served by the school).

Our first meeting, August 18, 2011, at 6 pm in the Media Center, will have existing voting members as well as officers. Being a member of the SAC requires that you attend all scheduled meetings. Two absences will mean you have withdrawn from the SAC and your vacancy will be posted.

Being part of the SAC is very important. The SAC drives the School Improvement Plan and assists in planning the school's annual budget as well as allocates funding for school projects throughout the year. The August SAC agenda will be posted in the *Mullet Rapper* and on our School's Website 2 weeks before the meeting. We will be reviewing the SAC by-laws, member vacancies, Roberts Rules of Order, and Officer elections. This will be a planning meeting and everyone's input is welcome.

GREAT GATORS Pre-K - Katie Collins; K - Cayla Starr; 2nd-3rd - Michael Rain; 4th - Tyus Fails; 5th - Ashlyn Goff, Bryce Kish; 6th - Brandon Steffen, Haylee Ellison; 7th - Madelyn Mitchell, Lilian Pablo-Jeronimo; 8th - Houston Brown, Dylan Lucas; High School - Levi Robbins, Colton Stokes

Free Meals

Everglades City School will be offering breakfast from 9 - 9:30 am and lunch from noon - 12:30 pm Monday thru Thursday June 20 thru July 28!

**PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**

When parents help their children learn to read, they open the door to a big, exciting world. As a parent, you can begin an endless learning chain like this: You read to your children, they develop a love of stories and poems, they want to read on their own, they practice reading, and finally, they read for their own information or pleasure.

Here are some things you can do this summer:

Read aloud to your child: books, newspaper and magazine articles, the back of the cereal box, labels on cans, or directions.

Read poems aloud together to learn about rhythm and repeated sounds in language.

Point to the words on the page when you read. Move your finger from left to right.

Listen to your child read every day.

Go to the library together and check out books. Be sure to ask the librarian for good books or to help you find what you need.

Have books, magazines, and papers around the house, and let your child see that you like to read, too.

Encourage older children to read to younger children.

Help experienced readers talk and write about what they read.

Make reading special - Turn reading into something special. Take your kids to the library, help them get their own library card, and read with them. Have a favorite place for books in your home.

Talk about what you see and do - Talk about everyday activities to build your child's background knowledge, which is crucial to listening and reading comprehension. Talk to your children while you are cooking, visiting somewhere new, or after watching a TV show. Use the mail or newspaper to find words children know how to read. Cut them out, circle them, or paste them in a notebook to read over and over again.

Let's Read! Have a great summer! Cherise Brummer, Principal

CONGRAUTULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS

Congratulations to the following local graduates from the CCSO's 2011 Teen Academy: Brianna Daniels, Patrick Ridgway, Meggan Harrington, Kendall Smallwood, and Skylar Prickett (*see p. 1*).

Each year the Collier County Sheriff's Office exhibits art work from area students. This year Everglades City School students were honored with a reception held on June 23. The gallery was created to showcase the partnerships developed between the CCSO and community and is located at the administrative offices on the second floor of the Collier County Sheriff's Office, 3319 U.S. 41 East, Bldg. J., Naples. **Visions of Color Exhibit** will run through September. Stop by the CCSO in Naples to view our students' art work.

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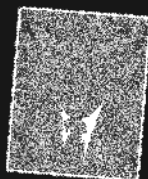
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Recipe for Good Eating

Macaroni Salad

by Karen Cabral

Ingredients:

- 2 cups elbow macaroni
- 2/3 cup chopped celery
- 2/3 cup chopped sweet peppers (mixture of yellow, orange, red)
- 2/3 cup chopped sweet onion
- 1/2 cup chopped fresh basil
- 1 tsp black pepper
- 1 tsp celery seed
- 1 tsp Lowry's garlic salt
- 1 cup Hellman's mayonnaise
- 1/2 cup sour cream

Cook macaroni with a little bit of olive oil in the water and drain with cold water. Add the celery, peppers, onion and basil. Add the celery seed, salt and pepper, mayo and sour cream and mix well. I like my salad a little chunky so I don't chop the veges too fine. You can substitute red onion if you like or even a Vidalia. I always use Hellman's and I like to use a good sour cream, NOT non-fat.

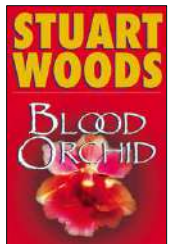
If you have a favorite recipe to share, please phone or email us.



Off the Shelf – Book Review

"FLORIDA FICTION – the Holly Barker series"

reviewed by Marya Repko



I'm on my summer holidays in the land of make-believe but only up the east coast of Florida to the little town of "Orchid Beach" close to Vero. Chief of the Police Department there is Holly Barker, the creation of novelist Stuart Woods whose mystery series also include New York City detective Stone Barrington. Holly is a 40-ish attractive woman who flies an airplane, shoots a gun on target, and battles the Miami FBI to solve crimes they can't. Her ex-Army father Ham helps out unofficially as she battles developers, smugglers, and insurgents. A supporting role is given to Daisy the dog who is superbly trained to "Guard!" with growling teeth when necessary.

We first meet Holly in 1998 when she leaves the Army and joins the police force. In the next book, her fiancé is killed as an innocent bystander in a bank raid just before their wedding. The search for his murderers leads to the shores of Lake Okeechobee, an execution on the edge of the Everglades, and a car chase to the airport at Opa-locka. In other episodes she cleans up a money-laundering gang, joins the CIA as a special agent in New York, and then returns home to Florida.

The books are perfect light summer reading and are available at our Public Library in City Hall. Look for the titles *Orchid Beach*, *Orchid Blues*, *Blood Orchid*, *Iron Orchid*, and *Hothouse Orchid*, all by Stuart Woods on the fiction shelf. To read synopses of the author's books (almost 50 of them!), see www.stuartwoods.com.

HOUSEHOLD TIP

by Marya Repko

I've prepared for hurricane season by going through all the cans of food stored in my special closet and throwing out those which were past their "sell-by" dates. Then I stocked up again and made sure I had Spam, sardines, tinned veggies, and Rama noodles. I've also organized some candles and matches in a waterproof container, checked my flashlights, and made sure I had something to cook on when there's no electricity. And, just in case we get flooded and I have to flee to higher ground, I packed up a bag with an old towel, some toiletries (tooth brush, etc), and copies of important documents. Maybe if we're prepared, it'll never happen!

FLORIDA FLORA

by Patricia Huff



White Geiger Tree (*Cordia boissieri*)

Some time ago I featured the red Geiger tree in my yard, but I was excited to find a "white" one in Chokoloskee. Its common name is the Texas Wild Olive and is a native of Mexico. The Spanish-speaking residents of Texas call it the Anacuhuita, and in South Florida we refer to the tree as the "White Geiger". *Cordia*, the genus, is named for Valerius Cordus, a 16th century botanist and pharmacist from Germany. Bossieri, the species, derives its name from the 19th century botanist Pierre-Edmond Boissier. The word "olive" is used due to the shape of its yellow to purple colored fruit. The name Geiger comes from Captain John H. Geiger who built his home in Key West on Whitehead Street where Audubon assistant George Lehman painted Capt. Geiger's flowering *Cordia* tree. This tree has pure-white flowers, likes full sun and is sensitive to frost. The long dark green leaves are somewhat rough like sandpaper. The fruit has a pleasant fragrance and overall a beautiful addition to your garden.

THANK YOU

The Everglades City School Pre-K class of 2011 graduated on June 6th. It was my great pleasure to have sent off my third class of wonderful children to bigger adventures. I look forward to educating the class of 2012. That would not be possible without all of the help and support of this wonderful community. I would like to extend my most sincere thanks to everyone in our community for believing in our program and the benefits it brings to our children. I love being the Pre-K teacher and I love our kids. Thanks for your continued efforts to keep our Pre-K program and make it a success.

-Liza Wells

FWC News

Campfires Prohibited



In light of significant drought conditions and the increased threat of wildfires, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), in cooperation with the state Division of Forestry and other partner agencies, issued an executive order June 16 prohibiting campfires in wildlife management areas, wildlife and environmental areas and all other lands it manages. The FWC joins the DOF, the Department of Environmental Protection and Florida water districts in this effort. FWC notes that Florida is experiencing inordinately dry conditions for this time of year. "As a result, DOF and FWC have been fighting multiple wildfires within wildlife management areas, wildlife and environmental areas and other lands managed by FWC." If placed openly on the ground, the fire is considered a campfire, and therefore barred. Only cooking fires contained in commercially designed apparatuses are allowed. Any violation is considered a second-degree misdemeanor, punishable by up to a \$500 fine and 60 days in jail. Law enforcement agencies on each respective state property are responsible for enforcing violations.

FWC will host a free hunter safety course on June 23-25 and July 10 in Collier County. People seeking certification must attend all four days, and the course also includes live-firing instruction on a shooting range. Register online at www.myfwc.com/hunter or call 561-625-5122; locations and times will be given to those who register in advance.

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



National Park Service

The National Park Service will evaluate options and potential impacts for acquiring lands owned by the Florida Power and Light Company within the East Everglades Expansion Area of Everglades National Park which will approximately 109,600 acres is to help facilitate the hydrologic and ecological restoration of the Everglades ecosystem. To review detailed project information and to submit your comments online, visit the NPS website www.nps.gov and search "project 37220". A paper copy of the newsletter may be requested by calling the park at 305-242-7700, press "2" then "1" to leave your mailing information. Written comments may also be submitted to: National Park Service, Denver Service Center - Planning Division, Attn: FPL Project Planning Team, P.O. Box 25287, Denver, CO 80225-0287. The public comment period ends **July 10, 2011**. For more information or questions about the project, contact Brien Culhane at 305-242-7717 or email brien_culhane@nps.gov.

SAWFISH REPORTS

If you see a sawfish, please report it:

* Online at: www.flmnh.ufl.edu/fish/sharks/sawfish

* By phone: (352) 392-2360 or (352) 871-8230

* By e-mail: sawfish@flmnh.ufl.edu

The smalltooth sawfish is a protected species.



LOCAL HISTORY

Chester Keene sent the *Rapper* a copy of the 1970 Everglades City Telephone Directory, courtesy of Don Laycock. It belonged to Helen Atkins and the directory was just a little over two pages (8 1/2" x 11") long. Businesses that are gone include (although some now operate under different names):

Airplane Tire Headquarters, Ochopee
 Angler's Motel & Marina, Chokoloskee
 Bayview Travelers Park, Chokoloskee
 Blue Heron Boat Dock & Restaurant,
 Chokoloskee
 Blue Heron Motel, Chokoloskee
 Bragwood Lodge
 Brown's Boat Dock, Chokoloskee
 Brown's Grocery, Chokoloskee
 Brown's Motel, Chokoloskee
 Captain's Building Supply
 Captain's Locker & Docks
 The Collier Company
 Collier Development Corporation
 Carnestown Gulf
 Curt Smallwood's Gulf Service
 Polly Dewey Realty, Trail Town Office
 Evans LP Gas Corp, Ochopee
 Everglades City Property, Inc.
 Everglades Fisheries Grocery
 Everglades Super Market
 Gator Taxi Service, Inc.
 Golden Lion Motor Inn, Ochopee
 Gulf Oil Bulk Plant
 Ernest Hamilton Stone Crab Supply
 Illinois Motel
 Janes & Company
 Janes Restaurant
 Jet Port 66 Station
 Paul Lees & Realtor
 Maintenance Painting, Plantation Island
 Midway Station & Restaurant, Ochopee
 Pinellas Seafood Co. of Everglades
 Shiver Fish Company, Chokoloskee
 Standard Oil Company, Ochopee
 Turner-Florida Land Div. of Turner Corp.
 Williams Standard Service, Ochopee
 Wooten's Lime Rock Dozer & Dragline

Other businesses were listed and still operate under the same name (many with the same phone number):

Ashnoca Apartments
 Brown's Plumbing
 Captain's Table
 Chokoloskee Island Trailer Park
 Everglades National Boat Tours
 Rod & Gun Club
 Win-Car, Inc.
 Wooten's Everglades Airboat Tours &
 Gator Farm

The following information about Helen Atkins was provided by her nephew Don Laycock who was the son of Charlotte Atkins Laycock, the youngest of eight children born to John S. Atkins; Roy Atkins was the oldest and a Collier County sheriff.



“When Helen died in 1972, she was still living in the home built by Collier. This was across the street from Rod and Gun on the corner. It is still there but has been remodeled. We were all living in Southeast Florida (my mother and dad, me and my wife Judy; also Curt and Doris Smith who was Mom's sister). Curt is 96 years and still drives in Tampa. He moved to Everglades City in 1931, and his sister married the Echols who ran the laundry for Collier. Aunt Helen was kin to people who didn't love her. Mom and all the Atkins always considered her like a sister. Anyway, we knew they only wanted the valuable things and would throw everything else out. We drove over and took as much stuff that we could home with all of us. Mom tore out the pages as we left. She knew that Helen's friends

meant so much to her. You can see that she marked all of them in the book. I am the last one except for Uncle Curt and he has given me everything he has or I have copied all he has. Aunt Helen had an old original phone on wall with the ear piece on a cord. The phone number was short and the book was near that phone although it didn't work.”

MUSEUM NEWS

Everglades City School students are currently exhibiting their art work at the Museum of the Everglades located at 105 West Broadway. Please stop by to see their work; the Museum is open Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There is no admission charge but donations are welcome. For info, phone 695-0008.



Please visit the Friends of the Museum's website at www.evergladesmuseum.org for more information on becoming a member. Businesses, as well as individuals, are invited to join the Friends of the Museum which supports various events, receptions and exhibits at the Museum of the Everglades.

The Smallwood Store and Museum continues to be closed until Mamie Street, the only accessible road to the Museum, is rebuilt. A lawsuit has been filed by Collier County and the Smallwood Store against the adjacent property owner Florida-Georgia Grove, LLP, to re-pave and bring back Mamie Street that was bulldozed on April 14.

MAJOR LEAGUE

Fran Tiff's grandson, Josh Pond, has received many honors this spring, including being named to the National College Baseball Writers Association All-American team. This was his sixth postseason honor this year. Josh is a junior at San Bernardino Cal State University and the son of Fran's oldest son Bill. Now, Josh is returning to his hometown after being drafted by the San Diego Padres during the Major League's Baseball 1st-year player's draft in Round #39. At Cal State he finished this season with 16 saves in 17 opportunities and tied the California Athletic Association saves record and tied for the NCAA lead in saves. Congratulations to Josh and Fran's family!



SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sometime between June 10 and the 13th there was a burglary at 150 Smallwood Drive where unknown persons attempted to gain entry into a locked storage shed. No entry was gained. There was an arrest on June 13 for trespassing at a residence on Chokoloskee Island. Separately, two individuals were arrested on Chokoloskee Island on June 14 for outstanding warrants. On June 17 two individuals were arrested in the Lee Cypress/Copeland area for possession of narcotic paraphernalia, and/or drugs and a controlled substance.

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.



Mike's Update

by Lisa Marteeny (Mike's Mom)

Mike was hurt in a gun-truck rollover accident in Iraq on September 2, 2010. After a month at Bethesda Naval Medical Center he was transferred to the Polytrauma Unit in Tampa.

He's made incredible headway during that eight month journey and today he has left Tampa heading to Ft Stuart, Georgia, for his final medical evaluation process before leaving the Army.

His injuries were extensive - trauma to all major organs, compound fractures of both arms and legs, skull fractures and brain trauma. They never did count the number of ribs broken; they just allowed them to heal.

Mike was fitted with a computer chipped right arm and hand and the same technology was used to create the missing fingers of his left hand. Today he's driving, has decided against jogging, and is ready for his next adventure to begin. His spirits are high and his love of God is higher.

We thank you all so very sincerely for your continued prayers, your kind words and your many, many kind deeds.

Above is a photo of Mike taken a short while ago when his First Sergeant [from his unit in Iraq] was home on emergency leave. His unit is due back from their tour in the very near future and Mike will meet them upon their return; they've already promised to 'kidnap' him so they can spend some time together before they all go their separate ways. Be blessed!

Florida Tales

COPELAND

by Chester Keene



J. B. Singletary said they moved to Ochopee in 1944. His father, Charlie Singletary, worked for Lee Tidewater Cypress and ran the steam skidder. They moved back to Perry, FL, till their house



was built at Lee Tidewater Cypress, known as the "logging camp". His Dad worked in the machine shop, also known as the "Red Barn." This was also where the power was generated from 3 to 4 generators; this was provided until Lee County Co-op pulled power to the community. He stated the men were first paid off in silver dollars until the Babbit coins were made which then was how you got paid. His Dad had several jobs for the company. He made lumber tongs, welded, ran various types of machinery, including climbing the water tower to put a light bulb on top that had burned out, or unstuck a froze up valve on the tower top. Quite a feat for his size. Train #16 and #7 were used to pull logs out of the swamp, placed on skeleton cars, pulled to the main track, unloaded and placed on gondola cars. When 40 cars were loaded, strapped down, the big train would take them to Perry, FL, to the mill.

They used batam drag lines to dig the foundation for Janes Scenic Drive and, though they were small in stature, they were enough to "get it done." He said they spent the Hurricane of 1948 in the Red Barn, his Dad left his Model A in their garage; the garage was blown away but the car was untouched. He said Janes Store had a hardware and clothing part, but



most was ordered by Sears and Roebuck catalog. Times were hard but he said they caught fish (Bream), had a pig in the pen all the time and raised chickens, had a kerosene stove and a wood-burning one, also along with an ice box refrigerator. He said the folks ate swamp cabbage and a lot of "sawmill chicken" which was a fancy word for salt pork, fried, boiled or smoked. One neighbor, Enoch Tomlinson, had a bear cub he raised till it got in the barrel of flour and he traded it to Everglades Wonder Gardens for a pistol.

Singletary also stated they didn't log Corkscrew Swamp and it was bought by Audubon. His Dad left in 1958 and J.B. graduated in 1960. The last man to leave was Randolph Swain. Jim went on to a long career with the Collier County Sheriff's Office. He also got married in the Copeland Baptist Church. Copeland's namesake? David Graham Copeland.

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

RESTAURANT NEWS



- Camellia Street Grill (695-2003):**
Closed for the Season
- City Seafood (695-4700):**
6:00 am – 6:00 pm; daily
Fish Market also open
- Everglades Seafood Depot (695-0075):**
10:30 am - 10:00 pm; daily
- Everglades Scoop (695-0375):**
Closed for the Season
- 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):**
Closed for the Season
- 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):**
Noon – 4:00 pm; Thurs - Sun
- Leebo's Rock-Bottom Bar (465-9521):**
3:00 pm; daily
live music all the time
- 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):**
4:00 – 10:00 pm; Thurs-Fri-Sat
in the Lounge
- Right Choice Pizzeria (695-3663):**
5:00 – 8:30 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 or 695-2662):**
Closed for the Season

Right Choice Supermarket:
9:00 am – 7:00 pm, Mon-Sat
9:00 am – 6:30 pm, Sun



Grimm's Stone Crab (695-3222). Open 8 am to 6 pm Monday through Saturday if seafood available. Call in advance.

OBITUARIES



Terry Barry

Theresa "Pocahontas" A. Barry, age 62, passed away on June 9 after a long illness. She had been treated for cancer and was living at Heritage Healthcare and Rehabilitation Center in Naples at the time of her death. Terry lived in the Everglades-Chokoloskee area for 29 years, working first at Outdoor Resorts and the Barron River Resort as head housekeeper, and more recently at Captain Doug's. She was born in Pittsburgh, PA, and enjoyed gardening. As a child Terry traveled and lived in various countries around the world with her father who was a Colonel in the U.S. Army. She graduated in Psychology with a B.A. degree from the University of California at Berkeley. Many locals remember Terry with her long braids, friendly personality, and her smile.

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Plantation Island residents participated in last month's area cleanup with the Collier County Sheriff's Office.

Frances W. Pasiuk

Frances Pasiuk, age 88, of Copeland passed away on June 11. Franny (as most people knew her at Circle K) was born on August 29, 1924, and was loved by all who met her. She is survived by her husband and best friend, Leon J. Pasiuk, and children Sarah L. Robinson (Myles), Leon F. Pasiuk (Michelle), Helen Daniels and Gary Byrd, 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren, Stanford Daniels, Jr. At Franny's request, no funeral services were held. The family would like to thank everyone for their support and love.



Last Flight Out by Mike Klein

Frank Secrest one our most enthusiastic supporters of Everglades Airpark passed away on Flag Day, June 14th. Frank was a member of the Collier County Airport Authority and Advisory Board for many years and he often led the effort for improvements at X01 including the hangar restoration project following Hurricane Wilma – Frank's airplane was destroyed in the hurricane - he consistently monitored the County work program to make sure the job was finally completed and done right. Frank spent his military service in the Air Force as an aircrew member and afterwards he went on to earn Airline Transport Pilot Ratings on Boeing 727, DC10, and Boeing 747-400 aircraft and had also worked as an FAA Air Traffic Controller, and an FAA Traffic Control Certified Weather Observer. Prior to retiring, Frank spent thirty years as a pilot with United Airlines flying primarily the Pacific to Australia, Hong Kong, Shanghai, and the many far flung destinations of the South Pacific. Here in Southwest Florida he was a pilot member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary (Aviation Operations), in addition to being a very active member of the Everglades City Pilots Association. Frank was a good friend, liked by everyone and will surely be missed by everyone.

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

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

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FOR RENT: 1 bedroom / 1 bath condo. \$650.00 monthly. Glades Realty 239-695-4299 or GladesRealty@aol.com

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