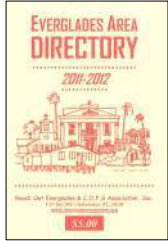


# The MULLET RAPPER

## What's Happening in the Everglades City Area

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### EVERGLADES AREA DIRECTORY 2011-2012

Reach Out is working on a new edition of the “little yellow phone book”. If you want changes to your listing, please fill in the form on page 11. There is no charge to be included.

If you would like to advertise in the new book, pick up a form in City Hall or contact Marya at 695-2905. The rates are only \$25 for a small ad, \$40 for a double, and \$75 for a half page. Supporters may select the \$10 one-line sponsorship.

Reach Out Everglades is our neighborhood charity. It operates the free Summer Camp (see photos on page 5), runs the popular Thrift Shop behind the fire station, and helps local families in time of crisis. To learn more, see [www.reachouteverglades.org](http://www.reachouteverglades.org).

### BACK-TO-SCHOOL

If you have questions about enrolling for school in Collier County, you can phone 377-0505 or see [www.collier.k12.fl.us](http://www.collier.k12.fl.us).



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### CITY COUNCIL REPORT

by Marya Repko

The first Council meeting after the summer break was held on August 2 and was brief. Mayor Sammy Hamilton said that the two good things which had happened to the City recently were the new building inspector Bernie Blackburn and the new water plant manager Jim Vaughn. Drilling of deeper wells (45 feet instead of the present 15 feet) will begin shortly.

Sgt Todd Taylor reported that it had been very quiet. The crime rate from January to August was almost 50% down on the same period last year.

Sue Gentry, Crime Prevention Officer, reminded us that it was National Night Out. She then summarized the CCSO activities over the summer: Build-a-Boat, Build-a-Chair, Hot Summer Nights, outings for Summer Camp, and the distribution of school supplies on August 5. Neighborhood Watch signs had been unveiled in Chokoloskee and Plantation Island earlier that day; another one was being formally dedicated in Copeland / Lee Cypress that evening, and the sign at the entrance to Everglades City would be unveiled soon. She said that there was great community support here and that some of the officers who came down to help with projects wished they could be posted to this area.

The Mayor thanked CCSO for their good work in the community and there was a round of applause for Sue.

The first public hearings for the millage and budget will be held on **Wednesday, September 7**, with the second hearing a week later on **Wednesday, September 14**.



Neighborhood Watch signs were unveiled on the side of the roads entering Chokoloskee and Plantation Island on August 2. The design is new and these are the first ones to be installed in Collier County. The sign reminds would-be criminals that *We report suspicious activity to 252-9300.*

# AUGUST 2011

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
<b>JULY 31</b>	<b>AUG 1</b> <b>Hour of Prayer</b> Everglades Community Church 7 pm	<b>2</b> <b>City Council</b>  <b>National Night Out</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Ladies Coffee</b> City Seafood 8 am	<b>4</b>	<b><u>RAPPER 5</u></b>	<b>6</b>  <b>Pet Vet</b> <i>see p.11</i>
<b>7</b>  <b>Pet Vet</b> <i>see p.11</i>	<b>8</b> <b>Hour of Prayer</b> Copeland Baptist Church 7 pm  <b>OFCD Board</b> <i>see p.3</i>	<b>9</b>  <b>Medical Cabinet</b> <i>see p.3</i>	<b>10</b> <b>Ladies Coffee</b> Island Cafe 8 am	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  <b>Florida Sales Tax Holiday</b> <i>see p.3</i>	<b>full moon ● 13</b>  <b>Florida Sales Tax Holiday</b> <i>see p.3</i>
<b>14</b>  <b>Florida Sales Tax Holiday</b> <i>see p.3</i>	<b>15</b> <b>Hour of Prayer</b> Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Ladies Coffee</b> City Seafood 8 am	<b>18</b>	<b><u>RAPPER 19</u></b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Hour of Prayer</b> Holy Family Catholic Church 7 pm  <b>Back to School</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Ladies Coffee</b> Island Cafe 8 am	<b>25</b>  <b>BigC ORVs Meeting</b> <i>see p.10</i>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>new moon ○ 29</b> <b>Hour of Prayer</b> Everglades Community Church 7 pm	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> <b>Ladies Coffee</b> City Seafood 8 am	<b>SEPT 1</b>	<b><u>RAPPER 2</u></b>	<b>3</b>  <b>Butcher Muck-About</b>

**Future Dates:**

Sept 3-5: Butcher's Muck-About    Sept 8-10: Anglers' Cup    Oct 18: BigC ORVs Meeting    Oct 22: Redsnook Tournament  
 Nov 22: City Elections    Dec 10: Art-in-the-Glades

**THRIFT SHOP:** *closed in August*

**FOOD PANTRY:** Sat, 8:30-10:30 am, Holy Family

**LITTLE GATOR CLINIC:** closed for summer

**DR DEMARTINO:** Fri, by appointment

**SKATING RINK:** Fri, Sat; 7-10 pm

**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:** *see notice outside office on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor*

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**Kids' Tennis**

The annual tennis camp for kids aged 6 to 15 starts on **Monday, August 8**, for a week, thanks to Denny Rager and his team from Lely Resort. Hours are 10:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Drinks and snacks will be available. For info, phone Helen at 695-3298.



NOAA Fisheries Service biological technician Kelcee Smith and intern Ashley Pacicco measure a juvenile smalltooth sawfish on the west-side of Hwy 29 on July 26. Photo by Dana M. Bethea, NOAA Fisheries Panama City Laboratory. See her report on page 8.

**OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT**

- 07/19/11: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 07/19/11: Vehicle Accident, SR-29 & I-75
- 07/20/11: Vehicle Fire, 62mm I-75
- 07/21/11: Public Assist, 73mm I-75
- 07/21/11: Brush Fire, Ochopee
- 07/22/11: Brush Fire, Wagon Wheel & Turner River Road
- 07/23/11: Vehicle Accident, Ochopee
- 07/23/11: Emergency Medical, 57mm I-75
- 07/23/11: Vehicle Fire, 54mm I-75
- 07/23/11: Smoke Investigation, Ochopee
- 07/23/11: Unknown Medical, 68mm I-75
- 07/27/11: Emergency Medical, Copeland
- 07/28/11: Structure Fire, Port of the Islands
- 07/29/11: Unknown Medical Problem, SR-29 and I-75
- 07/29/11: Vehicle Accident, SR-29 and I-75
- 07/29/11: Smoke Investigation, US-41 and Miller Blvd
- 07/30/11: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 07/30/11: Vehicle Accident, 65mm I-75
- 07/31/11: Call Box, 58mm I-75
- 07/31/11: Vehicle Accident, 72mm I-75
- 08/01/11: Vehicle Accident, US-41 and SR-29

**Medical Cabinet Drop Box**

Save up all those old prescription drugs you were going to throw down the drain and bring them to City Hall on **Tuesday, August 9**, at 1:00 p.m. to inaugurate the new Medical Cabinet Drop-Off box that will be opened by Collier County Sheriff Kevin Rambosk and Mayor Sammy Hamilton. And, yes, medicines that you have for your doggie or cats will also be welcomed.

**DRIVING COURSE**



The next Teen Driver Challenge is at Barron Collier High School in Naples on **August 11-12**. Students should bring their own car and register in advance at [www.colliersheriff.org](http://www.colliersheriff.org) (click on "We Can Help", then on "Youth Relations"). There is no charge and participants will be taught advanced driving techniques besides having class work.

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**OFCD Board**

The Advisory Board will meet on the second Monday during the summer. The next meeting is on **Monday, August 8**, at 4:00 p.m. in the Fire Station.

**SALES TAX HOLIDAY**

There is no Florida sales tax on clothing, footwear, accessories, or school supplies over the weekend of **August 12-14**. However, items of clothing must sell for less than \$75 and school supply items must cost less than \$15 to be exempt. Books are not exempt. For details, see [www.myflorida.com/dor](http://www.myflorida.com/dor) where you can download a list or visit City Hall to pick up a copy.

**COUNTY RE-DISTRICTING**

Alternatives for the proposed new boundaries of County Commissioners' territories and school districts are online at [www.colliergov.net/redistricting](http://www.colliergov.net/redistricting). There will be a meeting about District 1 (Donna Fiala) on **Tuesday, August 16**, and one about District 5 (Jim Coletta) on **Monday, August 29**. Public comments are welcome, either at the meetings or online.


**TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER**

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

08/05/2011	Fri	02:04AM	0.5	L	07:10AM	2.9	H	03:07PM	0.2	L	08:28PM	2.3	H
08/06/2011	Sat	02:54AM	0.7	L	08:02AM	2.9	H	04:21PM	0.2	L	10:01PM	2.1	H
08/07/2011	Sun	04:01AM	0.8	L	09:07AM	2.9	H	05:36PM	0.1	L			
08/08/2011	Mon	12:16AM	2.0	H	05:20AM	0.9	L	10:23AM	2.9	H	06:44PM	0.0	L
08/09/2011	Tue	01:57AM	2.2	H	06:33AM	0.9	L	11:38AM	3.0	H	07:44PM	-0.1	L
08/10/2011	Wed	02:34AM	2.3	H	07:35AM	0.8	L	12:40PM	3.1	H	08:36PM	-0.1	L
08/11/2011	Thu	02:54AM	2.3	H	08:29AM	0.8	L	01:31PM	3.2	H	09:22PM	-0.1	L
08/12/2011	Fri	03:07AM	2.4	H	09:16AM	0.7	L	02:14PM	3.2	H	10:02PM	-0.1	L
08/13/2011	Sat	03:23AM	2.5	H	09:59AM	0.6	L	02:52PM	3.2	H	10:39PM	0.0	L
08/14/2011	Sun	03:45AM	2.5	H	10:39AM	0.5	L	03:28PM	3.2	H	11:14PM	0.1	L
08/15/2011	Mon	04:10AM	2.6	H	11:17AM	0.4	L	04:05PM	3.0	H	11:46PM	0.2	L
08/16/2011	Tue	04:37AM	2.6	H	11:54AM	0.4	L	04:43PM	2.9	H			
08/17/2011	Wed	12:17AM	0.3	L	05:07AM	2.7	H	12:32PM	0.4	L	05:24PM	2.7	H
08/18/2011	Thu	12:45AM	0.4	L	05:38AM	2.7	H	01:13PM	0.4	L	06:13PM	2.5	H
08/19/2011	Fri	01:09AM	0.6	L	06:11AM	2.7	H	02:01PM	0.4	L	07:10PM	2.3	H

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## IMPORTANT DATES

- Aug 8-11: Tennis Camp (see p.3)
- Aug 11-12: Teen Driver Challenge (see p.3)
- Aug 12-15: Sales Tax Holiday (see p.3)
- Mon, Aug 16: Teachers Return
- Mon, Aug 22: First Day of School
- Mon, Sept 5: Labor Day, No School
- Wed, Sept 29: Early Dismissal



### From Savannah's Eyes

Imagine, walking for 5 hours straight up and down a gigantic mountain! In Cades Cove, North Carolina, my parents and I walked for 5 hours straight on a small trail to see a waterfall called Abraham Falls. It was a hard climb to go up the mountain. On the sign it said 2.5 miles but after we walked it, it probably was country miles instead of regular miles! You had to go over rocks and up and down hills. Not to mention it being in the middle of the afternoon hot sun! The bad part about being in the sun was that we only had two water bottles and we drank one before we got to the water fall! Sometimes it would be shady walking up the mountain and other times there would be no trees at all. But even though the weather was blazing and the climb was tuff, the view of all the scenery was breathtaking. There were wild flowers everywhere, trees that were extremely large, and a stream that led to the falls. When we reached the top of the mountain there was a cool wind blowing through the trees. It was refreshing from all of the walking that we done. What I thought was funny but kind of aggravating was when every single time a person would pass us coming back from the water fall, we would ask them "How many more minutes till we get there?" and they would answer "Oh about 30 more minutes." and so 30 minutes later or about an hour later we still would be there and the people kept saying "Just 30 more minutes." Finally we got to the waterfall and it was captivating! It looked like something out of a movie or a picture! There were some people swimming in the water and some people taking pictures. So after about 30 minutes of resting and splashing water in our face we dreaded what we had to do next ... go back to the truck! So as we were going back there was barely anyone going to the falls because it was close to 7 or 8 in the afternoon. We saw an attacked bird lying dead on the ground with feathers all around it. My dad saw a snake where my mother was sitting down to rest, and of course it was raining. But the rain felt way better than the sun beaming down on us. Finally we got back to the truck and drank tons of water and sat down for 15 minutes till we left. As we were leaving we all agreed to not do this again anytime soon!

Living life to the fullest!  
Love, Savannah

Savannah Oglesby is entering the 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Everglades City School and is a regular contributor to this paper.

## Summer Camp



Summer Campers had a busy last week when they visited City Hall (seen here at the Shamrock bank with manager Vince) and took a boat trip thanks to Sammy & Brenda Hamilton. On July 28 campers & counselors received certificates before saying good-bye.



Older kids took part in "Build-A-Chair" on July 27, thanks to CCSO and volunteer adults.



Youngster were kept busy at the Chokoloskee Church of God Vacation Bible School which started August 1.

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## Recipe for Good Eating

### Mango Mania by Patricia Huff



'Tis the season of the Mango. Luckily in the Everglades we have wonderful Mango trees, some growing here for generations. We love Mangoes and take advantage of eating them every way possible. We have sliced mango on our cereal in the morning, as a snack at lunch time, Mango chutney over cream cheese appetizer, as a salsa on fish or chicken for dinner and as a dessert over ice cream after dinner. So the recipes are endless.

*If you have a favorite mango-inspired recipe, please send it to us. We'd love to share with our readers.*

### EMAIL FROM IRELAND, July 30th



Dear Friends & Family,

Today we've taken our first day off since we started biking around Ireland. When we arrived on July 13, my old friends from Vanderbilt took us to dinner in Howth, a small fishing village just east of Dublin. It was great seeing them again. Steve and I started our biking tour going south along the Wicklow mountain range to Redcross (camping out), Bunclody and then to the coastal region below Waterford where we took a ferry before biking to Tramore. We traveled on back roads and up and down some very steep hills, getting in shape for what was to come. The beauty of the homes and villages was outstanding with wildflowers growing along the roads; every home had a colorful garden with roses and potted plants. Different shades of green like patchwork in the pastures.

Western Cork along the coastal areas outside of Kinsale, Annewtown, Clonakilty were incredibly beautiful; again lots of steep hills to test our legs (several times I had to walk as Steve continued on). The views were fantastic from the tops of the many coastal roads. Each day brought us more appreciation of the wonders of this island. The cattle are so healthy looking and tons of sheep. The people have been so friendly and go out of there way to give us directions and help in any way. The food is delicious with lots of international flavors in addition to good Irish home cooking. Besides camping, we have been staying at local B&B's and being treated to a full Irish breakfast. For lunch we usually stop at a small cafe or pub for homemade soup and a sandwich. We always seem to find a great little town or village to stop for the night, always with a great pub, Irish music (if we don't fall asleep too soon which we usually do from biking all day).

We headed to the Beara Peninsula which was Steve's favorite; incredible mountain roads, wonderful view of Bantry Bay on the south, then the rock formations on the north side. We circled the entire coastline that was absolutely stunning; some of the most outstanding we've ever seen. Lots of small villages that we could have stayed in for days. We stayed in Kenmare one night before heading up the mountain to Killarney. The day was foggy and misty so we missed a lot of the view from the top but it was a wonderful ride before heading out to the Dingle Peninsula which was perfect; lots of hikers and cyclists who were enjoying the scenery, especially the small Sleah Head route along the cliffs. Again a wonderful B&B in a small village. Next day we was perfectly clear to go up and over Conner's Pass (the highest route in Ireland). The road is very narrow and steep so buses are not allowed. In some places the road was wide enough for only one car (much nicer on the seat of a bike); miles of downhill so it was the highlight of Dingle.

We took the ferry across the River Shannon and biked along the River up to Ennis and Portumna before going northwest to Galway. Last night and tonight we're in a special little village, Cong, in between two lakes. Ashford Castle and surrounding gardens and forest is nearby (our day off was to walk around the grounds of the castle which is a first class hotel now, once the home of the Guinness family but originally built in 1228). It's also a great fishing/hunting area with a crystal clear stream outside our B&B. Tomorrow and the rest of the week we'll bike around the Connemara area in Galway and eventually find our way back to Dublin before we fly home on the 9th of August.

We've enjoyed every minute of this year's biking adventure. Ireland and the Irish people have been wonderful.

Hope everyone is having a wonderful summer ... Patty



## Fishing Report

by Captain Bill Lindsay

August is not my favorite time of year to fish. Afternoon thunderstorms and bugs make fishing a full day difficult.

However, fishing for Redfish can be excellent. On my last charter, we released 10 slot-size fish. Black Drum are also found in good numbers at this time of year. Fishing for small tarpon can also be very good. They can be found rolling in the Barron River or way back in the small creeks and bays. Trout fishing remains good and, if you want some action, put a strip of Ladyfish out for the big sharks that cruise around at this time of year. Snook fishing has been slow for me but I'm sure some nice ones have been caught and released. Permit fishing on the shallow wrecks in the Gulf can be good as long as the weather is calm. Grouper and Snapper in the Gulf is productive and a Cobia might swim up to the boat at any time. Not many anglers go out in August so on many days you have the whole area to yourself.

*Capt. Bill Lindsay lives in Chokoloskee and has been fishing in the Everglades National Park for over 30 years. In 1992 he was Master Angler of the MET Tournament.*

## TOURNAMENTS

**Sept 8-10:** Anglers' Cup, Seafood Depot. For info, call Brad at (863) 634-7315.

**Oct 21-23** RedSnook, see [www.conservancy.org/redsnook](http://www.conservancy.org/redsnook) to apply or phone (239) 403-4219. Profits go to the Conservancy.



## FWC News

Spiny lobster season runs from August 6 through March 31. Recreational fishers must have a saltwater fishing license and spiny lobster permit. The carapace length must be greater than 3 inches and the bag limit is six per person per day. The harvest is prohibited in National Park waters.

Fish kills at this time of year may be due to weather changes. To report them, call (800)-636-0511.

Hunters and hikers are asked to report any sick or emaciated deer they may see or any deer found dead from unknown causes as part of the CWD Watch by calling (866) 293-9282. For background on Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD), see [www.cwd-info.org](http://www.cwd-info.org).

Good news is that no migratory birds monitored by FWC carried the Asian strain of pathogenic avian influence (H5N1).

The 2011-2012 Hunting Season dates have been announced. For the full schedule and permit requirements, see "Hunting" at [www.myfwc.com](http://www.myfwc.com).

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

## Continued Success Locating & Tagging Juvenile Smalltooth Sawfish

by Dana M. Bethea

NOAA Fisheries Panama City Laboratory Panama City, FL

The cooperative acoustic tagging project between the Florida State University's Coastal and Marine Laboratory and the NOAA Fisheries Service Panama City Laboratory has had much success in 2011. Researchers on the Smalltooth Sawfish Abundance Survey have captured and tagged 5 neonate and 20 small juvenile animals this year in the Ten Thousand Islands Backcountry Region. The abundance survey has been funded through 2012.

The acoustic tagging project is slated to continue through November 2011 in the backcountry waters of Everglades National Park from Turner River to Lopez River and inside Chokoloskee Bay. During this project, immature (less than 150 cm or 59 in) smalltooth sawfish will be fitted with acoustic transmitters in order to study movement patterns and habitat utilization. The tag is attached to the first dorsal fin.

In March, five small juvenile animals were caught in Everglades National Park. They were all under 30 inches and too small to tag with an acoustic transmitter. Smalltooth sawfish grow very fast in their first year of life. Data suggests that they grow up to 4 inches in one month. In April, four small juvenile smalltooth sawfish (all over 34 inches) were caught tagged in Mud Bay, Everglades National Park. In May, four more small juveniles (all over 35 inches) were captured in the park – 1 in Mud Bay and 3 near the boat ramp at Outdoor Resorts. In June, 2 small juveniles (both over 37 inches) were caught and tagged on the west-side of Hwy-29. In July, six small juveniles (all over 43 inches) were captured and tagged on the west-side of Hwy-29. As of July 30, there were 10 juvenile smalltooth sawfish tagged with acoustic tags swimming throughout the array. There are plans tag up to 10 more small juveniles this summer and early fall.

The acoustic station array was recently expanded from 16 to 32 receivers. Acoustic stations, which record the acoustic tag number as the individual animal swims by, are now be anchored on the east and west sides of Chokoloskee Island and along Turner River, Hurdles Creek, Mud Bay, Cross Bays, Crooked Creek, and the Lopez River. These stations consist of an acoustic receiver attached to a cinder-block and are marked with a single white float. Please stay clear of all acoustic stations. A map of station locations is located at the boat ramp at Outdoor Resorts on Chokoloskee Island.

In addition to using the acoustic array to monitor movements, a graduate student from the Florida State University has been actively tracking animals. Each acoustic tag emits an ultrasonic "ping" at a unique frequency. Using a hydrophone attached to a receiver and a kayak, she has been able to actively track (or follow) 5 animals for up to 28 hours. On her most recent trip in July, she actively tracked one animal over a 4 days span from July 27-30. Tracking animals in this manner adds fine-scale movement data to the larger-scale presence-absence data collected by the acoustic array.

Researchers with the Smalltooth Sawfish Abundance Survey will be back in Everglades City August 21-28.

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

This research follows permits EVER-2011-SCI-0010 and ESA-13330 and is funded through the NOAA Fisheries Service Southeast Regional Office in St. Petersburg, FL.

**See photo on page 3.**



## LOCAL HISTORY

### MOSQUITOES!



We complain about the “swamp angels” but imagine what it was like in the days before bug repellent. Rob Storter, in his book *Crackers in the Glade*, recalls:

I have seen mosquitoes as bad as they could possibly be, so bad it was impossible to fish at night. One time my brother George and Hub were fishing together, and Lem and I were fishing together. George and Hub went up Chatham Bend River to Chevelier Bay mullet fishing and the mosquitoes ran them out. They told Lem and me that there were lots of mullet in the bay, but it was impossible to fish there for the mosquitoes.

So Lem and I went up there. We made one strike and it looked like the mosquitoes would kill us before we could get up our nets. We just had to give up and get out of there.

There was no mosquito dope in the early days so the men would fill a bucket half full of dirt and black mangrove wood, then burn it. Sometimes they would put a rag in it and pat it down until it got to smoking good. These were called smudge pots. It would drive the “swamp angels” away.

Some of Rob’s sketches are on view at the Marco Island Historical Museum. For a copy of his book *Crackers in the Glade*, visit the Museum of the Everglades where more Storter artifacts are on view.

### SPIRIT OF ‘45

Bring a Veteran to Breakfast at the Naples Hilton on **Saturday, August 13**, from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. to celebrate the heroes of World War II. For more events, see [www.naplesbackyardhistory.org](http://www.naplesbackyardhistory.org) or phone (239) 594.2978.

### NAPLES HISTORICAL

Palm Cottage, at 137 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue South near Naples Pier, is open during August on Wednesday and Saturday from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. The Oral History film begins in the Cottage Theater at 1:00 p.m. There will be a guided tour of the Norris Garden on **Saturday, August 20**. For info and reservations, phone (239) 261-8164 or see [www.napleshistoricalsociety.org](http://www.napleshistoricalsociety.org).

## MUSEUM NEWS

Summer Campers visited the Museum to see the art work by ECity School students which is on display over the summer in the Pauline Reeves Gallery. Tourists are amazed at how talented our local youth are – stop in and see for yourself.



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.

The next Friends of the Museum of the Everglades Board meeting will be on **Wednesday, September 7**, at 9:00 a.m. in the Museum. Members are welcome. For events, see the FME website [www.evergladesmuseum.org](http://www.evergladesmuseum.org).



### Marco Island Historical Museum

Marine scientist and photographer Dr. Richard Murphy, Director of Jean-Michel Cousteau’s Ocean Futures Society, will give a talk on **Thursday, August 4**, at 6:00 p.m. in the Rose History Auditorium.

Pictures from the Storter Collection can be seen at the Marco Island Historical Museum. The 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. Admission is free. For info about monthly programs and exhibits, see [www.themih.org](http://www.themih.org).

## INVESTMENT INSIGHTS

by Darcie Guerin, Financial Advisor, WMS<sup>TM</sup>  
Raymond James & Associates, Inc.



Here's our first question from a reader: “Can you please explain bond ratings and why they're important? There's so much talk about this in the news.”

Bonds allow companies and governments to borrow money. Bonds usually have specific terms; lenders are paid interest on principal repaid at a date in the future. Bond ratings are estimates of the likelihood that an investor will be paid on time.

Companies like *Moody's* and *Standard & Poor's* gather data on the financial strength of bond issuers and assign ratings. Bond issuers pay a fee to these companies to have their bonds rated. U.S. Treasury bonds as obligations of the federal government are assumed to be secure investments and currently have AAA ratings.

For government and corporate bonds the rating services evaluate the financial position of a country, state, city or company. They examine outstanding debt, growth rates, income sources (revenues) and spending. Another consideration is the overall condition of the economy. Comparisons are also made to similar offerings.

*Moody's* and *Standard & Poor's* are the most well-known rating services. They use a letter grade scale for their bond ratings. Moody's uses numbers (1, 2, or 3) with the letters while *Standard & Poor's* uses pluses and minuses. For example, Aaa1 would be *Moody's* highest rating, while AAA+ would be the highest given by the other service.

Presumably these ratings help investors determine how risky or safe a particular bond is. Junk bonds (BB or lower) have the lowest rating and those companies are typically facing financial difficulties. Traditionally the lower the rating the higher the interest rate the issuer would have to pay in order for investors to buy their bonds.

Send your questions to [darcie.guerin@raymondjames.com](mailto:darcie.guerin@raymondjames.com). You can also call (239) 389-1041 or 866-343-0882.

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## SHERIFF'S REPORT

[www.colliersheriff.org](http://www.colliersheriff.org)

On July 19 at approximately 4:45 a.m. a female subject reported she was assaulted on Hamilton Lane in Chokoloskee. The incident is being investigated by our Criminal Investigation Unit and appears suspicious in nature at this time.

CCSO is now using QR (Quick Response) codes to give readers of their literature a short-hand way to access the correct page on the website from a smart phone.



**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.**

## Florida Tales

### The Cabbage Patch Garden

by Chester Keene



While interviewing a person the other day, my wife was talking to their cousin. The conversation I overheard went like this. She was raised country and when she was about eight years old, she was in her grandmother's garden and saw all the big heads of cabbages planted in a row. She had heard that babies were born in the cabbage patch. She went in the house and asked her grandmother, "Who is going to get all the babies out of the garden from under the cabbage leaves?" That's when the grandmother was forced to tell her about the birds and the bees. And, that's how the "Cabbage Patch Dolls" were introduced to the market. Each doll had a birth certificate and adoption papers. Do you remember them?

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



## Hodges Lectures

The Center for Lifelong Learning is holding the last of it's summer season lectures:

- Mon, Aug 8: "Famous Art Heists in History"  
at Barrington Terrace 1-3pm
- Wed, Aug 10: "Florida During Reconstruction"  
at Moorings Park 10-11:30am
- Wed, Aug 10: "Invasion, Exotics in the Everglades"  
at the University 1-3pm  
speaker is Susan Reece from National Park

For reservations, phone (239) 598-6133. For classes this fall, see [www.hodges.edu/lifelonglearning](http://www.hodges.edu/lifelonglearning).

## Artists' Discounts

The Artists Colony, a collection of three galleries at The Esplanade, 740 North Collier Blvd in Marco Island, is offering coupons worth \$25 on purchases over \$100. You can visit on Wednesday to Friday, 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. and on Saturday, 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. To print out a coupon and see the artists, visit [www.marcoislandartistcolony.com](http://www.marcoislandartistcolony.com).



## FLORIDA FLORA

by Patricia Huff

### Pitcher Plants *Sarracenia*

As a follow-up to the Florida Flora in the last issue of *The Rapper*, the other carnivorous plant growing in a pot under our tree is the more common ground-dwelling North American or "trumpet"



Pitcher plant which belongs to the genus *Sarracenia*. These are referred to "New World" pitcher plants and inhabit wet swamps and grassy areas.

The *Sarracenia* are threatened by development and drainage (it is estimated that almost 98% of their habitat has already been destroyed in the southeastern United States). With this Pitcher plant, the entire leaf forms the pitcher (tube) with a spoon-like structure at the tip secreting the nectar which attracts the insects. This genus is also different in that rainwater accumulates in the tube whereas the other genus has a cap protecting it from rainwater. Inside the tube, the insect is trapped by the slippery and waxy surface of the leaf. Also, downward pointing hairs make it impossible for the insect to escape. At the base digestive enzymes are present in the liquid which drowns its prey which is eventually digested.

## BigC ORV Meeting

The Off-Road Vehicle Advisory Committee will meet on **Thursday, August 25**, at the Big Cypress Swamp Welcome Center, 33000 Tamiami Trail East, Ochopee, from 3:30 to 8:00 p.m.



For more info, phone 695-1107 or visit the preserve's website [www.nps.gov/bicy/parkmgmt](http://www.nps.gov/bicy/parkmgmt) where you can see the agenda and past minutes or submit items for discussion at future meetings.

## HUNTING PERMITS

Applications for the random draw of permits to hunt hog, deer, and turkey at Pepper Ranch may be submitted by Collier County residents starting August 1. Youth hunting camps are also being scheduled. For info, call 252-2957 or see [www.colliergov.net](http://www.colliergov.net) (click on Your Government, then on Conservation Collier).

## BigC Volunteers Needed

Big Cypress is looking for volunteers to help with classroom field trips into the Preserve this school year. For info, phone Lisa Andrews at 695-1164. For other volunteer opportunities, see [www.nps.gov/bicy](http://www.nps.gov/bicy) and click on "Support Your Park".

**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  
Cabana Bash, 5:00 pm Sat
- Everglades Scoop (695-0375):**  
*Closed for the Season*
- Gator Express (695-3937):**  
7:00 am – 7:00 pm; Sun - Thurs  
7:00 am – 8:00 pm; Fri, Sat
- Glades Haven Deli (695-2091):**  
6:00 am – 6:00 pm; Sun - Thurs  
6:00 am – 9:00 pm; Fri, Sat
- 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:**  
10:00 am – 7:00 pm, Mon-Fri  
9:00 am – 7:00 pm, Sat  
10:00 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.**



**Earl Kenneth Dampier with grandson Trenton. His family sent this note of appreciation:**

*Our family would like to thank everyone who helped with the memorial – preparing food, sending cards, showing support, and the many prayers.  
God Bless,  
Dampier Family*

**Thrift Shop Closed**

The Reach Out Thrift Shop behind the fire station is closed in August.

*PLEASE do not leave items on the porch when it is closed!*

Phone Helen at 695-3298 or Annie at 695-2009 to arrange for donations.

**WinCar Vacation**

WinCar True Value Hardware is closed for the month of August while Jim, Carolyn and the rest of the staff take a well-earned break.

**New Grocery Hours**

Right Choice Supermarket now opens at 10:00 a.m. except on Saturday. Don't forget to ask for your bonus points when you go shopping.



**DOCTOR'S CLINIC**

Dr Kirk Demartino of Marco Island will see patients by appointment only on Friday afternoon. 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 (behind the Fire Station) for youngsters age 18 and under is closed for the summer.



**MOBILE PET VET**

Dr Baker will visit the area again on **Saturday, August 6**, 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, August 7**, by previous appointment only. For info, phone her at 777-PETS (7387) or see [www.naplesmobilepetvet.com](http://www.naplesmobilepetvet.com).



**NEW PET HOSPITAL**

If your pet needs emergency treatment or an advanced veterinarian procedure, such as an MRI, the Animal Specialty Hospital at 10130 Market Street (west of CR-951, south of Radio Road) is open 24-hours a day. For info, see [www.ashfl.com](http://www.ashfl.com) or phone (239) 263-0480.

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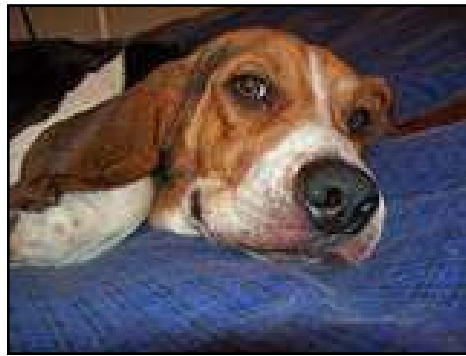
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**WILDLIFE MYSTERIES???**

A British TV producer is looking for unusual stories for a series "Nat Geo Wild" and wonders if anyone has tales of mysterious happenings at home or in the back yard; for example, a furry animal stealing jewelry. If you can help, contact Dan.Huertas@iconfilms.co.uk or visit [www.twitter.com/iconbristol](http://www.twitter.com/iconbristol).

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