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Smallwood Store Update

The Smallwood Store & Museum opened its doors for the first time in six months on October 16. Visitors were once again able to drive down Mamie Street after FL-Georgia Grove LLP removed the fence and opened the road to the public. Unfortunately, they did not pave the road, nor widen it, so it is difficult to drive a car there especially when it is necessary to pass another one. The court hearing regarding the motion to disqualify Judge Hugh Hayes was held on October 24, and Judge Hayes recused himself.



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SHAMROCK BANK

On a rainy October 17 evening, about 15 residents showed up in City Hall to hear the president of Shamrock Bank Colleen Kvetko talk about the future of the Everglades City branch.

She said that, after over two years, she would have expected total deposits to be at least \$5 million. She realized that we need a bank here and promised Mayor Hamilton that she would make a commitment. The bank has hired Nancy Daffin, who is no stranger to successful business, as its local employee and good-will representative.

Shamrock is determined to remain as a "community bank". Colleen feels that it can give better service by concentrating on Collier County where the staff become personally acquainted with their customers. The other advantages of remaining small is that the bank can decide itself about issues: loan policy, charges for debit card transactions, and good interest rates on checking accounts.

The Open House lasted for over an hour with everyone asking questions, contributing ideas, and munching on Hallowe'en cookies.

For info, stop into the branch in City Hall any Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or phone 919-5199.



Pastor Bob Wallace and his new bride Millie celebrated their return to Everglades City with a reception and dinner given on October 22 by the Everglades Community Church congregation. Congratulations!



Stone crab season started on Oct. 15. This seafood delicacy is available for purchase at the following local markets:

- City Seafood
- Grimm's Stone Crab
- Triad Seafood

NOVEMBER 2011

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
OCT 23	24 Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm	25	new moon ○ 26 Ladies Coffee Havana Café 8 am	27	<u>RAPPER 28</u> Hallowe'en Party <i>see p.3</i>	29 Florida Panther Festival <i>see p.3</i>
30	31 Hour of Prayer Copeland Baptist Church 7 pm	NOV 1 Congressional Visit Commissioner Coletta Visit City Council <i>see p.3</i> Copeland Civic 7 pm	2 Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8 am FME mtg <i>see p.9</i> Big Cypress Mtg <i>see p.3</i>	3 Lions Club Depot, 5:30 pm	4	5
6 <u>Clocks Change</u>	7 Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm ESHP mtg <i>see p.9</i> Booster Club School, 6pm	8 Kids' Clinic 5-7 pm, <i>see p.3</i>	9 Ladies Coffee Island Café 8 am	full moon ● 10	<u>RAPPER 11</u> <u>Veterans' Day</u>	12 Museum Reception <i>see p.9</i> Pet Vet <i>see p.11</i>
13	14 Hour of Prayer Holy Family Catholic Church 7 pm	15 Reach Out City Hall, 8:30 am Kids' Clinic 5-7 pm, <i>see p.3</i>	16 Ladies Coffee Havana Café 8 am Veterans Talk <i>see p.11</i>	17 SAC School, 6 pm <i>see p.5</i> Lions Club Depot, 5:30 pm	18	19 Chokoloskee Church of God Festival
20	21 Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm	22 City Election Kids' Clinic 5-7 pm, <i>see p.3</i>	23 Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8 am	24 <u>Thanksgiving</u>	new moon ○ 25 <u>RAPPER</u>	26

Dec 3: Fak Talk Dec 5: FME luncheon Dec 6: BigC ORVs Dec 9: ESHP Talk Dec 10: Art-in-Glades
Jan 8: Deaconess Feast Day Jan 20: ESHP Film Night Jan 21: Art-in-Glades, Fak Coastal Cruise, Everglades Ultras

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: Tues, Nov 8, 15, 22, 29 FOOD PANTRY: Sat, 8:30-10:30 am, Community Church
ALCOHOLICS ANON: Wed, 5:00 pm, Community 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: Daily 10 am to 5 pm

SHERIFF AT CITY HALL: Tues, 11/1 (4:30 – 5:30 pm) Fri, 11//4 (9-10 am) Mon, 11/7 (1-2 pm) Wed, 11/9 (9-10 am)
 Tues, 11/15 (10-11 am) Fri, 11/18 (9-10 am) Tues, 11/22 (9-10 am) Tues, 11/29 (10-11 am)

SHERIFF: 695-2007 CITY HALL: 695-3781 PUBLIC LIBRARY: 695-2511 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: 695-3941
AIRPORT: 695-2778 MUSEUM: 695-0008 NATIONAL PARK: 695-3311 BIG CYPRESS: 695-2000 FAK: 695-4593
CURBSIDE TRASH PICKUP (FRIDGES, WASHING MACHINES, TVS): 252-2380 COLLIER COUNTY: 252-8999

CONGRESSIONAL VISIT

Monica Aranegui, the District Representative in Collier County for Congressman David Riviera, will meet with constituents in City Hall on **Tuesday, November 1**, at 3:00 p.m. For information, phone 348-1620.

COLETTA VISIT

Collier County Commissioner Jim Coletta will be in Everglades City on **Tuesday, November 1**, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., to meet with constituents at City Hall. He will attend the City Council meeting and then have dinner at the Seafood Depot. To make an appointment, phone 252- 8097.


CITY COUNCIL

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 1**, at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall. If you would like to speak during Public Comments, you can sign up before the meeting starts. This is the last meeting before the election on November 22.

BIG CYPRESS Meeting

A proposal to increase fees at various campgrounds will be presented on **Wednesday, November 2**, at the Oasis Visitor Center, 52105 Tamiami Trail East in Ochopee from 5 to 6:30 pm. Call 695-1107 or visit www.parkplanning.nps.gov

CLOCKS FALL BACK

 Put your clock back one hour over the night of **November 5/6**.



The Community Hallowe'en Party is on Friday, October 28 in McLeod Park. The schedule is:

Neighborhood Trick-or-Treat 5-8 pm
Free Cookout at Park 6-8 pm
Water Balloons 8-9 pm

Bed & Breakfast Open House 6-9 pm
Island Café Party (for adults) 8 pm

Saturday, October 29
Camellia St "Big Cypress" Band 6 pm
Leebo's "Hot Country" Band 9 pm
Everglades Seafood Depot Party 10 pm

Florida Panther Festival

The first annual Florida Panther Festival will be held on **Saturday, October 29**, from 10 am to 4 pm at North Collier Regional Park at 15000 Livingston Road in Naples. Admission is Free. For more information, call 353-8442, ext. 229 or visit www.FloridaPantherFestival.com.

Activities include presentations, a Living with Wildlife Pavilion, interactive walks, fun and educational activities for children, livestock pen demonstration, live bluegrass music, food vendors, and information from various conservation agencies and organizations.

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 see www.weather.gov for weather
 and www.nhc.noaa.gov for storms


OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

- 10/14/11: Vehicle Accident, 75 MM I-75
- 10/15/11: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 10/15/11: Vehicle Accident, 44 MM I-75
- 10/17/11: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 10/17/11: Vehicle Accident, 74 MM I-75
- 10/17/11: Emergency Medical, 76 MM I-75
- 10/18/11: Vehicle Accident, 71 MM I-75
- 10/19/11: Vehicle Accident, SR-29 and I-75
- 10/20/11: Emergency Medical, 80 MM I-75
- 10/21/11: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 10/21/11: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 10/21/11: Emergency Medical, Chokoloskee
- 10/22/11: Emergency Medical, Plantation
- 10/23/11: Emergency Medical, 75 MM I-75
- 10/23/11: Vehicle Accident, 72 MM I-75
- 10/24/11: Emergency Medical, 61 MM I-75
- 10/24/11: Vehicle Fire, 76 MM I-75
- 10/24/11: Emergency Medical, 52 MM I-75
- 10/24/11: Wash Down, Copeland


Swamp Buggy Races

Florida Sports Park
 8250 Collier Blvd in Naples
Saturday, October 28, at 10:30 am
Sunday, October 29, at 10:00 am
www.swampbuggy.com

DOCTOR'S CLINIC

Dr Kirk DeMartino of Marco Island will see patients on Friday afternoons by appointment only 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 will be open on Tuesdays from 5 to 7 pm beginning November 8. 


TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER

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

10/28/2011	Fri	03:01AM	3.6	H	11:25AM	-0.4	L	05:01PM	2.8	H	11:25PM	0.8	L
10/29/2011	Sat	03:41AM	3.6	H	12:14PM	-0.3	L	05:59PM	2.7	H			
10/30/2011	Sun	12:10AM	0.8	L	04:26AM	3.4	H	01:06PM	-0.2	L	07:00PM	2.5	H
10/31/2011	Mon	01:00AM	0.9	L	05:24AM	3.2	H	02:01PM	-0.1	L	08:01PM	2.5	H
11/01/2011	Tue	02:01AM	0.9	L	06:44AM	2.9	H	03:03PM	0.2	L	09:02PM	2.4	H
11/02/2011	Wed	03:21AM	0.9	L	08:14AM	2.7	H	04:09PM	0.3	L	10:01PM	2.5	H
11/03/2011	Thu	04:46AM	0.8	L	09:38AM	2.5	H	05:13PM	0.4	L	10:52PM	2.5	H
11/04/2011	Fri	05:58AM	0.7	L	10:59AM	2.5	H	06:11PM	0.5	L	11:33PM	2.5	H
11/05/2011	Sat	06:54AM	0.5	L	12:10PM	2.5	H	07:02PM	0.6	L			
11/06/2011	Sun	12:08AM	2.7	H	06:41AM	0.4	L	12:05PM	2.5	H	06:46PM	0.6	L
11/06/2011	Sun	11:40PM	2.8	H									
11/07/2011	Mon	07:21AM	0.3	L	12:48PM	2.5	H	07:26PM	0.7	L			
11/08/2011	Tue	12:10AM	2.9	H	07:59AM	0.1	L	01:25PM	2.6	H	08:03PM	0.7	L
11/09/2011	Wed	12:38AM	3.0	H	08:36AM	0.1	L	01:59PM	2.6	H	08:37PM	0.8	L
11/10/2011	Thu	01:06AM	3.1	H	09:12AM	-0.1	L	02:35PM	2.6	H	09:09PM	0.8	L
11/11/2011	Fri	01:31AM	3.1	H	09:48AM	-0.1	L	03:13PM	2.6	H	09:40PM	0.8	L

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SCHOOL NEWS

Everglades City School

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website: www.collierschools.com/evg

IMPORTANT DATES

Monday, Nov 7	Booster Club Meeting, 6 pm
Thursday, Nov 10	Great Gators' Luncheon
Friday, Nov 11	Veterans Day
Thursday, Nov 17	SAC Meeting, 6 pm

First Basketball Game is scheduled for Friday, Dec. 2
at home, JV vs LaBelle at 4 pm and
Varsity vs Gulfcoast at 5 pm



From Savannah's Eyes

Halloween is coming up and there is fear up in the air! The Halloween dance is on Saturday, October 29! It's going to be at City Seafood in the upstairs part of the restaurant. Last year's dance was amazing and spooky! Everyone was dressed in awesome costumes.

I was Alice in Wonderland last year and my outfit this year is going to be a surprise! I love dressing up and going to the Halloween dances, and it is all thanks to the Booster Club on profiting and making our dances happen. Thanks a lot, Booster Club; we appreciate you! Also we have such awesome people in surrounding areas who give out candy that everyone loves! Including me.

I wanted to thank everyone who sent cards and messages to my family about the loss of my Aunt Lynn. I love you very much Aunt Lynn and we all miss you a lot. I know you're up in Heaven and looking down on me cause your my Angel.

On October 20 we played our last home games and We Won three out of the four games. It was fantastic!! Go Gators!

On October 22 there was an Alumni game for the past volleyball players.
Love, Savannah

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

SAC ELECTION RESULTS

At the School Advisory Council meeting on October 20, the following officers were elected:

Chair – John Gilmore

Vice-Chair – Rudy Oglesby

Secretary/Treasurer – Lisa Marteeny

Other SAC members are: Cherise Brummer, Paul Tribble, Julio DeLarosa, Tina Collins, Vicky Wells, Beth White, Marcus Dungan, Salem Louwsma, and Bryce Kish

The next meeting will be on **Thursday, November 17**, in the Media Center at 6:00 p.m. Members of the community, as well as parents, are welcome. SAC has its own website which includes the agenda, approved minutes, forms and announcements. To learn more, visit www.collierschools.com/evg/SAC.htm.

Everglades Kids Karate

Every Tuesday and Friday, 5 to 6 pm
Seafood Depot in the back room



Come on in and try a class for FREE. This month only sign up and receive a FREE uniform! Help your children become more focused, learn self discipline, time management, get physically fit and much more while learning to defend themselves and have fun! New location changing soon. For more information please call 285-2947.



AVID students from middle and high school performed musical numbers during their AVID Idol program on October 14. Pictured from left to right: Savannah Oglesby, Mackynzie Redmond, Miranda Rincon and students holding signs: A – Madison Brummer, V – Tawny Wood, I – Jasmine Lucas, D – Lilian Pablo-Jeronimo

GREAT GATORS – Congratulations!!

Pre-K – Gena Collins, Adam Potter

K – Wyatt Sylvest, Gabriel Herrin

1 – Addy Martinez-Valdes, Steven Ray Demere

2 – Ivan Kibodeaux-Aranda, Trenton Mayberry

3,4 – Damien Taft, Kyle McMillin

5 – Brandon Beaty, Natalie Thompson

6 – Bryan Sanders, Tori Wells

7 – Josh Rincon, Courtney Jim

8 – Megan Williams, Madison Brummer

High School – Salem Louwsma, Kendyl Smallwood

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Recipe for Good Eating

Carrot Soup

by Patty Huff



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| 2 TBS Butter | 1 pkg (about 20) of Small Peeled Fresh Carrots |
| 2 TBS Chopped Onions | 1 tsp Grated Lemon Peel |
| 1 TBS Chopped Ginger | 2 cups Chicken Stock |
| ½ tsp Minced Garlic | Lemon juice, salt and pepper to taste |

In a saucepan, melt butter and sauté onions. If you have leftover cooked carrots, use them or simmer fresh carrots for 20 minutes. In a food processor combine ginger, garlic, lemon peel and carrots. Pour mixture into saucepan with onions and add chicken stock; bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer until cooked through. Pour into blender and mix until smooth. Should be warm enough to pour into soup bowls. Squeeze a small amount of fresh lemon juice; add salt and pepper to taste.

Note: Ingredients may be increased/decreased according to your taste. Keep ginger fresh by storing in the freezer and shave off amount needed with a knife (rather than chopping).

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



Off the Shelf – Book Review

“Guy LaBree, Barefoot Artist of the Florida Seminoles”

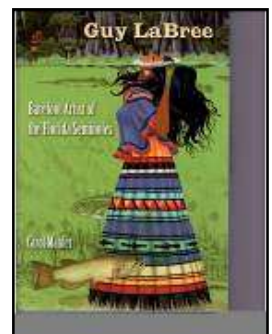
by Carol Mahler

reviewed by Patty Huff

Carol Mahler has taken an interesting approach to write about the Seminole Tribe. It is through the eyes of Guy LaBree, a well respected artist who grew up and attended school with several tribal families in the Dania area. In her interviews with the artist and his wife Pat she tells the story of dozens of his paintings which are beautifully illustrated in this historical book.

Guy LaBree is one of the few white men who was accepted into the Seminole community to capture their history on canvas. He was commissioned to paint the way of life of the older tribal members to encourage the younger generation to seek answers to the stories that were being depicted in the art work. Chairman James Billie wrote in the Forward: “Guy LaBree is a unique person in that he has lived with our people ... To this day, Guy far surpasses all well-known artists in painting the ways of the Seminole Indians.”

In addition to learning about the Seminole Tribe, you discover Guy LaBree, the person, the artist, the musician, the storyteller, the husband, the father, and the man. He has had a fascinating life but his love of Florida, its culture, its wildlife and his true friendship (since his childhood) of the Seminoles is what makes this book so unique. There have been a lot of misunderstandings about tribal traditions. Through Guy LaBree’s stories about his paintings, the myths have been clarified and a better understanding into the culture of our South Florida neighbors has been brought to light in Carol Mahler’s book. Her format in writing down Guy LaBree’s memories and stories about each painting makes this volume so entertaining and thorough in its interpretation of our land, and why we cherish nature and all that it has to offer. I believe anyone interested in Florida history would find this book a must read.



WANTED: The Culinary Class at the School would like donations of powdered milk, eggs, vegetable oil, cupcake cups, cream cheese, pecans, and canned sweet potatoes/yams
Please take donations to the school office or contact Stacia at 695-2561



Fishing Report

by Captain Bill Lindsay

As I write this, the first cold front of the year is moving down on us. Lots of fishermen like to fish just before the front arrives, before the wind picks up

out of the Northwest and after, when it blows out of the North. During the summer months, fishing in the middle of the day can be slow. During the cooler months, we often have our best fishing during the middle of the day when the sun warms the water up a little. In the last few weeks Snook fishing has improved and some nice fish have been taken in the backcountry by fishermen casting plugs. Most of the Snook seem to be in the backcountry; but on my last trip, I caught three slot-size fish in Rabbit Key Grasses. Redfishing has been great this year and should continue through November. It is not unusual to take as many as 20 nice Red's a day fishing the coves and points on the edge of the Gulf. Trout fishing can also be productive. In short, it's a nice time of year to fish.

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. Telephone 695-0314.

FISHING TOURNAMENT



The 18th Annual RedSnook Fishing Tournament sponsored by the Conservancy of Southwest Florida was held from **October 21-23** with 45 teams competing. The tournament raised \$110,000 to support water quality and juvenile fish research. Winners were Bait Division: Bill Sullivan and Chris Crossin with Capt. Bruce Jackmack; Unguided Bait: Larry Birt and Robbie Biles; Fly Division: Aaron Adams and Steve Leisman with Capt. Kevin Mihailoff; Guided Artificial Bait: Andrew Dolwick and Keith Sullivan with Capt. Bill Faulkner. Unguided Artificial Bait: Jeff Ball and Derek Pruitt; Largest Snook (41 inches) Alex Cabada; Largest Redfish (28 inches) Bruce Botts; Top Junior Angler: Alex Zaiser; Top Female Anger: Jessica Williams; Top Corporate Team: Florida Weekly with Sandy Waite and Jessica Williams with Capt. Joey Benko. Congratulations to all anglers and guides.



FWC News

Four years after adopting Florida's first Gopher Tortoise Management Plan, the Florida FWC is asking the public to share its thoughts on improving conservation of the gopher tortoise, a state threatened species. Florida has exceeded the 10,000-acres-per-year goal of restoring and managing gopher tortoise habitat. Additionally, more than 4,000 gopher tortoises were humanely relocated from sites slated for development. Loss of habitat is the main threat to the gopher tortoise's survival. Citizens with suggestions can review the plan and submit their ideas online at <http://share.myfwc.com/GT2/Lists/Input> on Revisions to the GT Mgmt Plan. Public input will be accepted through Nov. 28.

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



FLORIDA FLORA

Needle Palm

(*Rapidophyllum hystrix*)

by Patricia Huff

This Florida native palm is found throughout the southeastern United States but is considered a rare find in its natural habitat. It is one of the smaller palms, hardly ever exceeding five feet. The Needle palm does well in both shady and partly sunny areas and is thought to be one of the most hardy of all native palms, enduring temperatures below zero in some locations. The flowers have small yellow or purple blooms, growing in clusters on a foot-long spike. The fruit is also purple. As the photo shows, the leaves are deeply divided, dark green on the top and silver on the bottom. The distinguishing feature, and where it derives its name, is the mass of long needles in the trunk base. The Needle Palm is very slow growing and would be a nice addition to your yard. Be sure to take care of the needles and location when planting.

BIG CYPRESS PRESERVE

ORV Advisory Committee



The Off-Road Vehicle (ORV) Advisory Committee (ORVAC) met on Tuesday, October 18, at the Big Cypress Swamp Welcome Center in Ochopee. Prior to the meeting, the Department of the Interior reappointed the following committee members: Laurie Macdonald, John Adornato, Edwin Everham, Karl Greer and David Denham and appointed new members Jenny Richards and Dennis Wilson. Other members of the committee include Franklin Adams, Robin Barnes, Jim Coletta, Brad Cornell, Manley Fuller, Jorge Gutierrez, Chuck Hampton, Wayne Jenkins, Barbara Jean Powell, and Curt Witthoff.

The ORV Advisory Committee was established pursuant to the Preserve's 2000 Recreational Off-road Vehicle Management Plan and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 to examine issues and make recommendations regarding the management of ORVs within the Preserve.

For more details about the ORVAC, meeting agendas and minutes, or to submit agenda items, see:

<http://www.nps.gov/bicy/parkmgmt/orv-advisory-committee.htm>

LOCAL HISTORY



Historic Home

This pile of rubble was once the home of novelist Allan Eckert who received an Emmy Award for "Mutual of Omaha's Wild Kingdom" for which he wrote more than 225 episodes and who recently died in July at the age of 80.

In the 1950s the property was the site of The Everglades Lodge where the famous Rod & Gun Club Bavarian chef "Snooky" Senghaas lived. After the building was destroyed by Hurricane Donna in 1960, local realtor Paul Lees purchased the lot in 1969 and then sold it to the Eckert's.

Other owners were Bob and Judy Tuff of the former local newspaper *The Everglades Echo*, well-known community members Cheryl Henderson and Claudia Davenport, and Glenn and Bonnie Tucker.

In 2003 the Friends of the Museum of the Everglades published a book *Historic Buildings around Everglades City* to record the many homes and buildings and to bring awareness of our heritage. The book is available for purchase at the Museum of the Everglades.



ESHP News

At the next Board meeting of the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation on **Monday, November 7**, at 8:30 a.m. in City Hall, samples of historical signs will be discussed. Members and guests are welcome! For info, phone Marya at 695-2905.

MUSEUM NEWS

The Friends of the Museum of the Everglades hosted a reception for Tyler McDonald (pictured here) on October 22. Tyler's photographs will be on exhibit through November and December as well as the art work of Bruce Hitchcock whose reception will be held from 1:00 to 3:00 pm on **Saturday, November 12**.

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' Board meeting will be on **Wednesday, November 2**, at 9:00 a.m. in the Museum. Members are welcome. For events, see the FME website www.evergladesmuseum.org.

Selected prints of the Storter Collection will be exhibited at the Big Cypress Swamp Visitor Center in Ochopee during the months of November and December.



Investment Insights

by Darcie Guerin, Financial Advisor, WMSTTM
Raymond James & Associates, Inc.

"Money is only a tool. It will take you wherever you wish, but it will not replace you as the driver." Ayn Rand, Writer, 1905-1982.



One of the largest costs investors face is taxes. While we can't control tax rates, we can try to anticipate the timing of certain transactions. First, determine if income has changed and if it needs to be accelerated or decelerated. Then see if you're taking advantage of funding qualified plans and IRA's. Also factor in Required Minimum Distributions (RMDs) which may increase taxable income.

Next, decide if you need to realign your portfolio to better match your goals and risk tolerance. There may be capital gains and/or losses to be realized. For 2012 the ability to convert a traditional IRA to a Roth IRA exists, which historically was based on an adjusted gross income (AGI) level. That threshold is no longer in place. More people have the ability to look at the benefits of a Roth IRA.

Another consideration is cost-basis regulation changes. As of January 1, 2011, legislation requires broker/dealers, banks, custodians and transfer agents to capture and report detailed information on securities sales to the IRS. The legislation is complex and we're happy to provide explanations.

Focus on what you can control. Changes in tax laws or regulations may occur at any time and could substantially impact your situation. While we're familiar with tax provisions for the issues presented, we're not qualified to give advice on tax or legal matters. Discuss any tax or legal matters with the appropriate professional.

Send your questions to Darcie Guerin, Financial Advisor & Branch Manager of Raymond James & Associates, Inc. at 606 Bald Eagle Dr. Suite 401, Marco Island, FL 34145. Phone (239)389-1041 or email darcie.guerin@raymondjames.com Website: www.raymondjames.com/Darcie.

PREVENTION PLANNING

by Lisa Marteeny

"A Global Recovery Community" has a website for individuals seeking help in recovery and for their families and friends: <http://www.intherooms.com>.

It contains information on meetings, on-line chats, speaker tapes, daily meditations, forums, blogs, newsletters, web radio broadcasts and much more! There are seventeen different groups included in this recovery community including AA, NA, Al-Anon, CoDa (CoDependents Anonymous) ACA (Adult Children of Alcoholics) EA (Emotions Anonymous) and many others.

Thanks to Renee Soulis from FCD who forwarded this on-line resource to our community!



SHERIFF'S REPORT

Some time between the evening of October 19 and the morning of October 20, person(s) unknown stole fuel from an outside storage tank located at Jungle Erv's off of US-41. Please help us by reporting any suspicious activity immediately to the Collier County Sheriff's Office at 695-2007.

Florida Tales

Old Dog New Trick

by Chester Keene



Knew this Sheriff back in the day that had this bloodhound for tracking criminals, escapees, lost people, etc. Well, the dog "Old Blue" was like the Sheriff, putting on a few pounds and lazy. He had a friend who asked him one day if he could take "Old Blue" out and run him with his bird dogs. Sheriff agreed; he didn't want to exercise himself or Blue.

Hunting quail is quite a sport; dogs casting and pointing on birds. This went on all quail season; Blue was liking the fast action of the pointers and losing weight. One day the old Sheriff told his deputy to find Blue because of an escaped convict. He put Old Blue on the trail and next thing you know, he didn't bay or bark; he had cornered the culprit. When the Sheriff got there Old Blue, the tracking bloodhound was on point, like a covey of quail ready to flush. Seems like he was around them bird dogs too long and picked up their habits.



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

GLADES DAZE

by Patricia Huff



These photos tell the story of how recent rains have brought out the wildlife with lots of ibis feeding in our yards.

We have also been experiencing some beautiful sunsets.

Cool weather has arrived just in time for all the Halloween parties!



The Living Gulf Coast

by Charles Sobczak

Excerpt from *The Living Gulf Coast* now available at the Chamber Welcome Center

Bobcat (*Lynx rufus*) Other names: wildcat / Status: FL=stable, IUCN=LC // Length: 28-47 in. (70-120 cm) / Height: at shoulder, 20-24 in. (50-60 cm) / Weight: 16-30 lb (7-14 kg) / Life span: to 8 years / Reproduces: breeds in the winter with the kittens born in the spring or summer, one litter per year with three to four kittens born in each litter / Found: All Counties: coastal, near coast, mainland / Months found: **JFMAMJJASOND** (lower case is breeding season).



An estimated 700,000 to 1.5 million bobcats live in North America. In the far north the bobcat is replaced by the slightly larger Canadian lynx, which has longer legs, huge padded feet, and denser fur, all of which are helpful for surviving in the often snow-

covered boreal forests of northern Canada. The male bobcat commonly grows to 30 pounds; the largest ever recorded in the wild was 48.9 pounds. The bobcat is a game animal in Florida, trapped and hunted for its fine-quality fur. (Photo by Alan Maltz)

Unlike many of the world's cats, the bobcat population is not in trouble. In a few states, such as Ohio, Indiana, and New Jersey, the bobcat is considered endangered, but for the most part this feline is thriving. Because of protections now in place across North America, the bobcat is steadily returning to its entire original range.

Southwest Florida has a healthy bobcat population. Although most sightings occur at dawn and dusk, the bobcat can sometimes be spotted midday. Its fur pattern varies by region; there have even been 10 confirmed cases of melanistic (black) bobcats in Florida. Like most wild cats, the bobcat is a carnivore and operates as an adept ambush predator. It is capable of jumping yards into the air, sometimes plucking waterfowl right out of the sky in flight. During lean times it has been known to take down white-tailed deer weighing eight times more than does the bobcat. It kills innumerable rats, mice, raccoons, opossums, armadillos, birds, snakes, feral and domestic cats, and just about anything else that can supply the daily calories it requires for survival.

Only a handful of predators feed upon the bobcat. While bobcat kittens may be taken by coyotes, male bobcats, raccoons, and fox, adults need only to fear wolves, panthers, and large alligators. The bobcat has been known to attack people, but in most cases it involves a mother attempting to protect her litter. There has never been a recorded fatal bobcat attack in North America. (Photo by Sandy Ramseth)



It breeds year-round, but tends to favor April through September. On average it has one litter per year, with one to six kittens per litter. The bobcat is not capable of being domesticated. It will readily injure itself if caged and will bite and scratch its handlers without warning.

Charles Sobczak lives and writes on Sanibel Island. To find out more about the author and his books, visit www.indigopress.net.

RESTAURANT NEWS



- Camellia Street Grill (695-2003):**
12 Noon – 9 pm; daily
- 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):**
11 am – 5 pm; daily
- 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):**
7 am – 3 pm; daily
- 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 am – 4:00 pm; Thurs - Mon
- 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):**
Closed for the Fall
- 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):**
10:30 am – 5:00 pm; daily
Fish Market also open

Right Choice Supermarket:
9:00 am – 7:00 pm, Mon-Sat
10:00 am – 6:30 pm, Sun



Grimm's Stone Crab Market (695-3222):
8:00 am – 6:00 pm Mon- Saturday



CONGRATULATIONS! to Jim & Helen Bryan who celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on October 26.



Pastor Morris and Martha Dantin were honored on October 23 during Pastor Appreciation Day for serving 15 years at Chokoloskee Church of God.

RESTAURANT NEWS

Havana Café opened on October 15 with a new look. The interior has been redecorated and there is a new pass through window from the kitchen to the outside patio. Stop by and check it out!

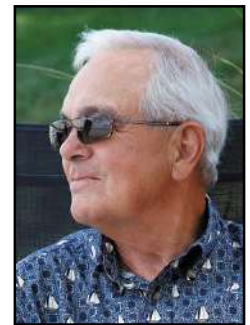
Sandy Dampier re-opened the **Everglades Scoop** this year with her wide selection of ice cream flavors. She is no longer offering a luncheon menu but drop by any day of the week from 11:00 am to 5:00 pm for a nice cold treat.

Camellia Street Grill opened on Friday, October 21, for lunch and dinner. Same great menu with fresh ingredients.

VETERANS CENTER

On **Thursday, November 16**, Eric Ashley, Team Leader of the new Naples Veterans Center, will give a presentation at noon in the Everglades Community Church Fellowship Hall. The Center provides services to veterans and their families and friends.

OBITUARY



Max Schultz, 76, passed away on October 18 at a Hospice Care Center with his family by his side. Max, with his wife Jean, has been spending the winter months in Chokoloskee since the mid-1990s. He spearheaded the "Everglades for Everyone" Committee to ensure that the waters were open for all to use, including kayakers, canoeists and fishermen. In more recent years, Max wrote the book, "The Big Picture," which is currently being published.

To watch a short video of Max's story and to write condolences, visit the following website:

www.caringbridge.org/visit/maxlschultz.

MOBILE PET VET



Dr Lopez will visit the area on **Saturday, November 12**, at McLeod Park from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. (or until needed). For info, phone him at 777-PETS (7387) or visit www.naplesmobilepetvet.com.



WALK FOR ALZHEIMER

An Everglades City family and friends joined other walkers in Naples on Saturday, October 15, to raise funds for Alzheimer's disease. The idea came from Cameron Foss, age 10, who told his mother that he would like to do something to help others. Since his great grandmother (Marcella Bowen) had Alzheimer's, he organized Team Marcella and they raised \$500 for this important cause. The team included his brothers Logan, age 12, and Carson, age 5. Other team members were Braxton Kidder, age 12, June Robinson, Mary Engle and his mother Carol. Well done, Cameron and friends!

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FOR RENT: Office at 102 Buckner Ave South, phone 695-4535.

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

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PET PICS

Nick and Mari Varallo have been traveling this summer and feel very blessed to have this new addition to their family. Her name is Molly.

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