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CITY ELECTION, NOVEMBER 22 – CANDIDATES



McBeth Collins

McBeth Collins is a graduate of Everglades City High School and served on the City Council from 2001 to 2009. He and his wife Jenny have three young children. McBeth has worked as a commercial fisherman in Everglades City for 16 years and believes that it is important for the commercial fishermen to have a voice on the Council. His parents, aunts, uncles and cousins all grew up here and he believes that the fishing industry is an integral part of the tradition and culture of Everglades City. Other important issues that he would address are water quality and the dock leases.



Parker Oglesby

Parker and his family love living in this small town where the Oglesby's have lived here since the 1950s. His father was one of the first to run the train for the Lee Tidewater Cypress Company in Copeland (train and memorabilia now at the Collier County Museum in Naples). His mother was a cook in the Everglades City School lunchroom; Parker with his wife Rudy and daughter Savannah continue to be very active in school activities.

Parker has served on the City Council since April 2007 when he was appointed by the Mayor and later that year elected by the people of Everglades City. He says that he is running again to serve the community. He adds that he is a working man but does his best to listen to the people of Everglades City wants and needs. Parker comments that "my wife Rudy, Savannah, and my sons Shaun and Jeremy are my life; they mean the world to me, as the residents and the city of Everglades do also." He hopes to continue serving on the Council.



Jim Tankersley

Jim and his wife Lou Ann moved to Everglades City in 2004 after living in Chokoloskee for four years. They purchased an old Collier home and have renovated it and added fruit trees and other native trees to their yard. Jim and Lou Ann have three daughters and a son. Jim is a retired machine operator for General Motors in Flint, Michigan. His interests include reading, working around the house and yard, and fishing. He is an active member of the Community Church. Being retired, Jim feels that he would be a good council member who would be available to attend city and county events to represent our area. Jim believes that his presence would bring a new perspective to the Council.

His hope for the City is to maintain the quality of life here and continue with the local culture and history.

Mayor Sammy Hamilton, whose term expires this year, was unopposed so he will continue as Mayor for another four years.

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

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2011

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
6	7 Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm ESHP mtg Booster Club	8 Kids' Clinic <i>see p.11</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> Medicine Cabinet <i>see p.3</i>
13	14 Hour of Prayer Holy Family Catholic Church 7 pm OFCD Board <i>see p.3</i>	15 Reach Out City Hall, 8:30 am Kids' Clinic <i>see p.11</i>	16 Ladies Coffee Havana Café 8 am Veterans Talk <i>see p.3</i> Absentee Ballot Deadline <i>see p.3</i>	17 SAC School, 6 pm <i>see p.5</i> Lions Club Depot, 5:30 pm	18	19 Chokoloskee Church of God Festival <i>see p.3</i> Book Signing <i>see p.3, 7</i>
20 Homecoming Fundraiser <i>see p.5</i>	21 Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm	22 City Election <i>see p.1,3</i> Kids' Clinic <i>see p.11</i>	23 Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8 am	24 <u>Thanksgiving</u>	new moon ○ 25 <u>RAPPER</u> Clyde Butcher Book Signing <i>see p.11</i>	26 Clyde Butcher Book Signing <i>see p.11</i>
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Dec 16: Santa, Tree Lighting Jan 8: Deaconess Feast Day Jan 20: ESHP Film Night
 Jan 21: Art-in-Glades, Fak Coastal Cruise, Everglades Ultras Feb 4-6: Seafood Fest Feb 11/12: Jammin' in the Hammock
 Feb 18: Antique Air Feb 21-24: MSD Fest Feb 25: ESHP Dinner/Talk

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. in November, 5 to 7 pm 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, 11/15 (10-11 am) Fri, 11/18 (9-10 am) Tues, 11/22 (9-10 am) Tues, 11/29 (10-11 am)

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VETERANS TALK

On **Wednesday, November 16**, Eric Ashley, Team Leader of the new Naples Veterans Center, will give a presentation at 12 noon in the Everglades Community Church Fellowship Hall. The Center provides services to veterans and their families and friends. Open to the public.

Chokoloskee Church of God Festival

The traditional Fall Festival will be held by the Chokoloskee Church of God on **Saturday, November 19**, beginning at 9:00 am until 4:00 pm. A fish fry plate lunch will be served and this year the festival will feature pony rides, plant sales, games for children, an auction, sweet sale, yard sale and clothing, plant sale, cake walk and car wash. Stop by and support the Fall Festival. For info and to make donations, call 695-3735.

CITY ELECTION

Voting takes place at the Community Center, behind the fire station, on **Tuesday, November 22**, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. Bring a picture ID. Last date to request absentee ballot to vote early is **November 16**. Request a ballot online at www.colliervotes.com or call 252-8450.

Two Council members are being elected for a four-year term period. The results will be announced at a special City Council meeting that evening at 7:30 p.m.

City Hall and the County Offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on **Thursday/Friday, November 24/25**.



Amaia Lynn Mayberry born to Naiara Rementeria and Ryan Mayberry on August 26 at 9.6 lb and 20 1/2 inches



A BIG Thank You from Trina Mitchell to everyone who shopped at this year's Book Fair!! She was able to pull a lot of books from the fair as a reward and receive \$500 cash back for purchases.



Beth White and Sandy Brown led 5th grade activities tying red ribbons around trees pledging to be drug free.

OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

- 10/25/11: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 10/25/11: Vehicle Accident, 60 MM I-75
- 10/26/11: Emergency Medical, 63 MM I-75
- 10/28/11: Vehicle Accident, 58 MM I-75
- 10/28/11: Vehicle Accident, SR 29 and I-75
- 10/29/11: Vehicle Accident, SR 92 and US-41
- 10/30/11: Emergency Medical, Copeland
- 10/30/11: Vehicle Accident, 76 MM I-75
- 10/30/11: Vehicle Accident, 64 MM I-75
- 10/30/11: Vehicle Accident, 1 Mile E of SR-29 on US-41
- 10/31/11: Power Line Down, 63 MM I-75
- 11/01/11: Chest Pains, Everglades City
- 11/02/11: Vehicle Fire, SR-29 and US-41
- 11/05/11: Vehicle Accident, 57 MM I-75
- 11/05/11: Vehicle Accident, 52 MM I-75
- 11/05/11: Trash Fire, Chokoloskee Island
- 11/06/11: Emergency Medical, Port of Islands
- 11/06/11: Vehicle Fire, 55 MM I-75
- 11/06/11: Possible Drowning, Everglades City
- 11/07/11: Possible Deceased Person, Ochopee

The OFCD Advisory Board will meet Monday, **November 14**, at 4:00 p.m. in the future Port of the Islands Fire Station, 525 Newport Drive, Unit #5 in Naples.

OPERATION MEDICINE CABINET

Bring your unwanted medicines for safe disposal to City Hall on **Saturday, November 12**, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

BOOK SIGNING

Pamela Fernandez will have a book signing at the Smallwood Store on **Saturday, November 19**, from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. *See the review on page 7.*

EVERGLADES CITY

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

TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER

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

11/11/2011	Fri	01:31AM	3.1	H	09:48AM	-0.1	L	03:13PM	2.6	H	09:40PM	0.8	L
11/12/2011	Sat	01:53AM	3.1	H	10:24AM	-0.1	L	03:55PM	2.5	H	10:09PM	0.9	L
11/13/2011	Sun	02:16AM	3.1	H	11:02AM	-0.1	L	04:42PM	2.5	H	10:40PM	0.9	L
11/14/2011	Mon	02:44AM	3.0	H	11:43AM	-0.1	L	05:34PM	2.5	H	11:17PM	0.9	L
11/15/2011	Tue	03:20AM	2.9	H	12:27PM	0.0	L	06:28PM	2.5	H			
11/16/2011	Wed	12:05AM	0.9	L	04:06AM	2.8	H	01:16PM	0.1	L	07:20PM	2.5	H
11/17/2011	Thu	01:15AM	0.9	L	05:12AM	2.6	H	02:12PM	0.2	L	08:10PM	2.5	H
11/18/2011	Fri	02:44AM	0.8	L	07:03AM	2.5	H	03:14PM	0.3	L	08:58PM	2.5	H
11/19/2011	Sat	04:02AM	0.7	L	08:53AM	2.4	H	04:15PM	0.4	L	09:42PM	2.7	H
11/20/2011	Sun	05:07AM	0.4	L	10:19AM	2.5	H	05:13PM	0.5	L	10:23PM	2.8	H
11/21/2011	Mon	06:03AM	0.2	L	11:32AM	2.5	H	06:06PM	0.6	L	11:03PM	3.0	H
11/22/2011	Tue	06:55AM	-0.1	L	12:34PM	2.6	H	06:57PM	0.7	L	11:42PM	3.2	H
11/23/2011	Wed	07:46AM	-0.3	L	01:28PM	2.7	H	07:46PM	0.7	L			
11/24/2011	Thu	12:21AM	3.4	H	08:35AM	-0.5	L	02:19PM	2.7	H	08:34PM	0.7	L
11/25/2011	Fri	01:01AM	3.5	H	09:24AM	-0.5	L	03:08PM	2.6	H	09:21PM	0.8	L

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website: www.collierschools.com/evg**IMPORTANT DATES**

Fri, Nov 11	No School, Veterans Day
Thurs, Nov 17	Family Academic Night, SAC Mtg
Sun, Nov 20	Fundraiser, 11:30 am – 4:00 pm
Nov 21 through 25	No School, Thanksgiving Break
Mon, Dec 5	Booster Club
Thursday, Dec 8	Great Gator Luncheon

**From Savannah's Eyes**

A lot of things have been happening this week! For instance, we went on a field trip for AVID (a class at our school getting us ready for college) to a country club in Naples called Eagle Creek. The field trip was only for 9th and 10th graders and we got a tour of the place with our own mentor for each of us that went to guide us. After the tour we sat down for brunch in a dining room and the food was delicious! I had such a fun time and it was such a great experience!

This past weekend was Halloween for us in Everglades City and a lot of people dressed up for trick or treating and parties that were happening! The Halloween dance this year was great! Everyone dressed up and danced the night away, especially me! I danced all night and didn't sit down at all. Before the dance a lot of people including me and my parents helped decorate for the party. It took a little while but in the end it was so worth it! I wanted to thank everyone for pitching in and helping out with the dance. We appreciate it a lot!

Cheerleading is starting and I am so excited! The Booster club bought the Varsity new uniforms that are sooo adorable! We have a great squad this year and I can't wait till the games begin so that we can show our school spirit!

With Love,
Savannah

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

Important School Websites

Boys Basketball Team website:

<http://www.collierschools.com/evg/BoysBasketball.htm>

Cheerleaders website:

<http://www.collierschools.com/evg/Cheerleading.htm>

Parents' website:

www.collierschools.com/parents/parents12.asp

FUNDRAISER

There will be a fundraiser on **Sunday, November 20**, at McLeod Park from 12 noon to 4:00 p.m. Come along for a hotdog lunch (only \$5 per plate), bake sale, and car wash to support homecoming.

**BASKET BALL
HOME GAMES**

Fri, Dec 2	Labelle JV 4:00 pm
Fri, Dec 2	Gulf Coast Varsity 5:00 pm
Fri, Dec 9	Donahue JV 4:30 pm Varsity 6:00 pm

Operation Give Thanks

Everglades City School is gearing up for the 10th annual 'Operation Give Thanks' care package campaign to help support those who serve in Afghanistan for the United States Armed Forces. Following items are needed:

DVD movies, disposable cameras, hard candy (no chocolate), snacks (small packages; snack size are best) beef jerky, plastic fruit cups, breakfast bars, trail mix, sunflower seeds, nuts, chips, cookies, popcorn etc., lots of gum, playing cards, travel sized toiletries especially baby wipes, powdered drink mix (small packages), letters/notes of appreciation. cash donations (checks can be made out to Everglades City School) are also being accepted to help purchase needed items and to assist with shipping costs. Local business support is greatly appreciated.

Troops overseas are also assisting an Afghan orphanage and are collecting the following items:

Backpacks, packages of pens and writing tablets, crayons/coloring books/markers, candy and gum

Donations will be collected at the school until **November 18**. For more information, please email Sheri Kleintop at kleintsh@collierschools.com or call 377-2738.

GREAT GATORS

Pre-K – Landon Starr, Emersyn Brown

K – Aulbrey Wooten, Carson Foss

1 – Mackenzie Gibson, Daneli Alvarado-Cruz

2 – Taylor Richards, Candice Ayres

3,4 – Alexis Hendrickson, Emma Brown

5 – Jerry Pablo-Ramirez, George Brummett

6 – Rachel McMillin, Jasmine Lucas

7 – Brandon Steffen, Kiley West, Michael Doster

8 – Dulian Falcon, Tawny Wood

High School – Houston Brown, Miranda Rincon

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Family Academic Night takes place at 5 pm just before SAC on the **third Thursday** of every month. Parents are encouraged to attend

School Advisory Council (SAC) meets on the **third Thursday** of every month at 6 pm in the Media Center. Next meeting is **November 17**.

Booster Club Meetings are on the **first Monday** every month at 6:30 pm in the Culinary Arts room. Next Meeting is **December 5**.

Monthly Great Gator Luncheon occurs on the **second Thursday** of every month during student lunchtimes. Parents and family are invited to attend lunch with their Great Gator. Next luncheon is **December 8**.

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Recipe for Good Eating

Thanksgiving Sweet Potato Pie

by Patty Huff



Crust: 1 1/2 cups King Arthur all-purpose flour 1 tsp salt
1/2 cup vegetable shortening
4 to 6 TBS of ice-cold water
1/4 cup chopped pecans

Mix together flour and salt; add shortening until the mixture forms small-sized lumps. Add water a tablespoon at a time. Add pecans and form into a deep dish ceramic pie plate, pushing up and over the sides. Bake at 375° for 10 minutes; then let cool.

Filling: 3 to 4 large sweet potatoes
1/2 cup sugar 1 tsp ground cinnamon 1/4 tsp ground nutmeg
2 large eggs, slightly beaten
1/2 cup condensed milk
1/2 tsp vanilla extract
2 TBS melted butter
Pecan halves for decoration (optional)

Boil the sweet potatoes until tender. Peel and mash with a potato masher. Add the sugar, cinnamon and nutmeg; then whisk in the eggs, milk, and vanilla. Then, add the melted butter. When well-mixed, pour into the baked pie crust. Bake for 20-25 minutes or until the filling is set and the edges of the crust have browned. Add pecans around edges. This may be served as a side dish to your turkey or with whipped cream or ice cream for dessert. Enjoy!!

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



Off the Shelf – Book Review

“Beside The Still Waters, The Story of the Fernandez Family of Estero”

by Pamela Fernandez

reviewed by Patty Huff

Pamela Fernandez has written a story about her husband’s great-grandparents, Antonio and Maria, who first met each other as children at an orphanage in Portugal and then married in 1892. Six years later, with three young daughters, they traveled across the Atlantic. Although neither spoke any English, they had decided to become missionaries in Florida. After the family transferred in Key West to another ship, the pirate and captain Juan Gomez stole all their belongings and abandoned them on Ft. Myers Beach (then known as Estero Island). Fortunately, they were rescued by a friendly couple who lived on Mound Key, Frank and Mary Johnson, who kindly taught Antonio how to fish and provided them with five acres to build a home. Antonio learned to farm the land and was considered one of the best mullet fisherman at that time. Antonio and Maria had six more children before purchasing land and moving to Estero where their family homestead still stands on Highlands Avenue.

Pamela has filled this little book with lots of family photographs and memoirs of each of the nine children. The chapters are written by their children or grandchildren and many of the stories are first-hand memories of Antonio and Maria. What will interest history buffs is the struggle of this pioneering family who came to the United States without knowing the language or having the skills to survive South Florida in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Antonio not only survived but prospered and became a U.S. citizen 30 years after being robbed and abandoned. He worked hard as a commercial fisherman, raised a large family, built a nice home and continued to purchase land in Estero. Antonio died in 1941, just a year after Maria passed away.

If you enjoy reading about the families who settled this area, Pamela will be at the Smallwood Store on **Saturday, November 19**, 11 am to 3 pm, to sign her book. You’ll have an opportunity to meet her and purchase the book.



FWC News

Hunting licenses are available for Florida residents at \$17. For non-residents, a 10-day license is \$46.50. There is an additional Wildlife Management Area (WMA) permit. Visit the Tax Collector in City Hall or phone 888-HUNT-FLORIDA or see www.fl.wildlifelicense.com.

The next FWC meeting is on November 16/17 in Key Largo where topics of discussion will include increased limits for some fish species and greater public access and hunting.

FWC is seeking public comment for its re-accreditation with the Commission for Florida Law Enforcement. The assessment will take place on December 13. For info, phone 850-617-9521.

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

EVERGLADES RADIO NETWORK

The inspiration for the **Everglades Radio Network (ERN)** started with former Governor and Senator Bob Graham in 1999 as a way to provide motorists with a history and explanation of the Everglades ecosystem and ongoing restoration efforts. A cooperative partnership agreement between the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Department of transportation, and Florida Gulf Coast University brought the low-power FM station to fruition in October 2003. The broadcast originates from the facilities of WGPU on the campus of Florida Gulf Coast University.

The ERN is broadcast along a portion of I-75 known as "Alligator Alley" that traverses the Everglades. You can also listen to segments on their web page at <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/ern/>. The magazine-style continuous broadcast features facts about the Everglades, its wildlife and habitat, along with a history of the Everglades and the natural and man-made forces affecting its future. The broadcast also includes segments that describe the progress being made to implement the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP).

Additional segments highlight federal trust lands including Everglades National Park, Big Cypress National Preserve, Ten Thousand Islands National Wildlife Refuge and Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge.

Look for the signs along the western end of "Alligator Alley" and tune in on FM channel 107.9.

EVERGLADES ULTRAS

Trail Races through the Everglades

Three races: 50 miles, 50 km, and 25 km

Don't forget to sign up for the Everglades Ultras event (deadline for early registration is **November 15**) which involve races through the Fakahatchee Strand along old logging "tram" trails. You'll be running through bald cypress swamp areas, grassland prairies, and more. Race date: **January 21, 2012**, with a limit of 250 runners. Visit website www.evergladesultras.com or call Race Director Bob Becker at (954) 439-2800; email him at bob@ultrasportslc.com.

FLORIDA FLORA

By Patricia Huff

Swiss Cheese Plant (*Monstera Deliciosa*)

This beautiful large leaf member of the Philodendron family is distinguishable by its oblong splits in its bright green glossy leaves which can grow up to three feet in length with stems up to 30 feet. The *Monstera deliciosa* is a native of Mexico and Guatemala and does well in any tropical climate such as we experience here in South Florida. It is named "deliciosa" for its delicious elongated (10 inch) edible fruit that has a banana-pineapple taste and pleasant



aroma that is reported to smell like a fruit salad when ripe. Its flowers are white and can grow up to 12 inches long. The *Monstera deliciosa* should be planted in partial shade or indirect light in well-drained soil. It has a tendency to spread over a large area so plant where you have lots of space.

PARK PROGRAMS

Big Cypress National Preserve will start the winter program, including talks on plants, animals and history, on **November 26**. Guided hikes, canoe trips, boardwalk strolls and evening programs are also being offered. Reservations are accepted up to 14 days in advance of the activity. Call 695-1201 for info and reservations or visit website www.nps.gov/bicy and click on Plan Your Visit.

Everglades National Park will be starting their ranger-led programs beginning in December. These include canoe trips and talks. For a schedule, drop in at the Gulf Coast Visitor Center in Everglades City or phone 695-3311.

Collier-Seminole State Park will be starting their canoe tours on the Black Water River in December. The popular Full Moon paddle starts in January. For info, phone (239) 394-3397 or see <http://www.floridastateparks.org/collierseminole>.

Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park will be having their guided swamp walks on Saturdays beginning **November 12**. This is a "wet walk" and quite strenuous but worth the effort to see some of the rare plants in our local preserve. Reservations are required. Phone 695-1023 or see www.orchidswamp.org where you can watch a walk taking place. Friends of Fakahatchee are also offering four Coastal Cruises to Fakahatchee Island in 2012. You can book on the website.

Stay on the BigC ORV Trails!

NPS staff will be handing out info and enforcing designated trail use for ORVs, especially over the next few weekends. Leaving the trails could result in loss of vehicle and operator's permits for up to one year.



LOCAL HISTORY

The old Bula Missionary Baptist Church in Copeland will be transformed into the Frances Hodge Memorial Garden. Demolition of the condemned building takes place in early November and plans are being made for a community park on the site with acknowledgement of the burials there.

It is thought that the church was built in 1929 and stood on SR-29. It was probably moved to its present site on Janes Scenic Drive in the early 1940s after logging was started by the Lee Tidewater Cypress Company. After de-segregation in the early 1960s, parishioners went to Copeland Baptist, one of the first churches to integrate.

If you would like to help with the Memorial Garden or know more about the history of the building and burials, call Marya at 695-2905.

HISTORICAL SIGNS

If you are proud of your old Collier home, you can soon have an attractive sign near your front door.

At the Board meeting of the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation on November 7, examples of signs for historical homes and public buildings were discussed. To learn more, contact Mike Danosky at 695-2244.

The next ESHP meeting is on **Monday, December 5**, at 8:30 a.m. in City Hall. Members are welcome!

The first event of the season is a talk on **Friday, December 9**, at 5:00 p.m. in the Everglades Community Church annex about Monroe Station by Bob DeGross of Big Cypress National Preserve. Everyone is welcome to attend and share memories of stopping at the old wayside gathering place. For info, phone 695-2905 or see www.evergladeshistorical.org.

MUSEUM NEWS

On **Saturday, November 12**, the Friends of the Museum of the Everglades will host a reception from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. for Chokoloskee resident Bruce Hitchcock whose photographs are on exhibit with those of Tyler McDonald through December.

Bruce was born in South Florida and came to the Everglades 35 years ago. For the past 20 years he has worked as a fishing and photography guide. He enjoys exploring the Everglades backcountry in his kayak and feels this gives him the perspective of seeing nature from the inside as one of its own. His photographs capture the passion he has for this area.

Stop by the Museum of the Everglades located at 105 West Broadway to meet Bruce on November 12 or visit the Pauline Reeves Gallery any day from Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.). There is no admission charge but donations are welcome. For information, phone 695-0008.

The Annual FME Membership meeting and luncheon will be held on **Monday, December 5**, at noon. Call 695-0008 and ask for Martha to make reservations. Visit the FME website www.evergladesmuseum.org for more information on events.

The Storter Collection is now on exhibit through December at the Big Cypress Swamp Welcome Center and the Oasis Visitor Center on US-41. The Center is open every day from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. For more information, telephone, 695-4758.

The Smallwood Store & Museum in Chokoloskee is open daily to the public. Although Mamie Street has not yet been restored to its original paved condition, there is access so you can drop by the Museum any day from 11 am to 5 pm.



INVESTMENT INSIGHTS

by Darcie Guerin, Financial Advisor, WMS™
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There is only one success – to be able spend your life in your own way.
Christopher Morley, American Novelist, 1890-1957.

As unpleasant of a thought as it may be, even the best marriages will come to an end, either by death or divorce. If you are married, it's important for each partner to have some mastery of financial matters. It's not just women who need the education; sometimes men rely on their wives to handle all the money matters and may find themselves in uncharted territory at a most inconvenient time of their lives.

It's important for both spouses to have a working knowledge of their current financial status and to have a plan in place for the future. According to The U.S. Department of Labor 2009 Consumer Expenditure Survey, the average household requires \$50,486 annually or \$1,009,720 over 20 years to meet expenses.

It's natural to want to avoid difficult conversations, and talking about money matters is difficult for many couples. Failure to discuss financial issues throughout a marriage may decrease financial security and overall peace of mind on an individual basis and as a couple.

Focusing on your goals and a vision for the future doesn't need to be uncomfortable. It helps to identify the facts and how they align with your current lifestyle. Then take the necessary steps to reach your goals or adjust your aspirations. Listing those steps brings the discussion back to the present. Stay focused and invest accordingly.

Information obtained from outside sources is believed to be reliable.

Send your questions to darcie.guerin@raymondjames.com. You can also call (239) 389-1041 or 866-343-0882. Darcie Guerin is a Financial Advisor & Branch Manager of Raymond James & Associates, Inc. 606 Bald Eagle Dr. Suite 401, Marco Island, FL 34145. www.raymondjames.com/darcie.



SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sometime between October 1st and 22nd persons unknown burglarized a storage shed located behind a residence located off of Webb Rd. A commercial "Hustler", black and yellow riding lawn mower was taken along with a "Craftsman" air compressor. Should you have any information about this burglary, please do not hesitate to contact the Collier County Sheriff's Office at 695-2007.

Late in the evening of October 29 a male was being taken from a patrol car into the Everglades Substation when he fled from Deputies. Tragically the male ran onto US-41 and was struck by a vehicle and died. FHP and the Sheriffs Office are investigating this incident and more information will be released at a later date.

Sometime between October 19th and 20th person(s) unknown stole 300 gallons of fuel from an outside fuel tank located on the City docks near the school. This is the second fuel theft in the area in the last 2 weeks.

Please remember to report any suspicious activity immediately to the Collier County Sheriff's Office.

Florida Tales

BRANDING IRONS

by Chester Keene



Capt. Lee Kesner was a mechanic and welder. He worked on the Adams Ranch in St. Lucie County. He now operates Bullfrog Airboat Tours on Lake Istokpoga in Lake Placid, FL. He was born in 1952 and learned how to work cattle from his father who was a ranch foreman. When he graduated from high school, Lee went to work on the ranch. He started making branding irons along with his many other jobs he did. Cattle are a big part of Florida's industry. The ranch had "cross seven" which the cattle were branded with; also another brand to identify the five types of cattle of the Bradford breed. Forwards, massives, muscles, rocks and tropicals. Each calf had its own brand with its year of birth. The calves were weaned in the fall and the family number brand was added. Capt. Kesner making branding irons, and he learned fast; plus he enjoyed it, taking a steel bar and making it into a number. You need to read the number and from a way off.



Photo of Lee holding the magazine "Florida Folklife" which published an article about him.

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

UPDATE ON MARGARET WEBB

Margaret continues to improve at a Rehabilitation Center in Naples and is doing very well considering what she went through during a gator attack. The family wants to thank everyone again for their thoughts and prayers. They are working on renovating her home in preparation for Margaret coming home for the holidays.

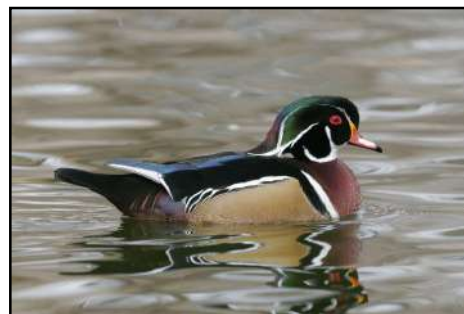


The Living Gulf Coast

by Charles Sobczak

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

Wood Duck (*Aix sponsa*) Other names: summer duck, woodie, squealer, swamp duck, acorn duck, Carolina duck / Status: FL = stable, IUCN = LC / Length: 18.5-21.3 in. (47-54 cm) / Wingspan: 26-28.7 in. (66-73 cm) / Weight: 16-30.4 oz (454-862 g) / Life span: to 22.5 years / Nests: a small, remnant population nests in Florida, most nest north of the Mason-Dixon Line / Found: All Counties, near coast, mainland / Months found: **JfmamjjASOND** (lower case indicates breeding period).



The male wood duck is considered by many birders and photographers to be one of the most beautifully adorned birds in North America. Its distinctive pattern, coupled with a multitude of colors

such as its iridescent green head, white neck, red breast, and buff-colored belly make it an unmistakable sighting in the wild. The female, although also attractive, is nowhere near as flamboyant. *Photo by Bob Gress*

A combination of habitat loss and severe over-hunting brought the population of this bird to the edge of eradication around the turn of the 20th century, roughly the same time that the passenger pigeon and Carolina parakeet vanished.. The demise of the wood duck population at that time helped push through the 1916 Migratory Bird Treaty, followed by the enactment of the Migratory Bird Act of 1918. These new regulations protected the remnant wood duck population, but the bird was given an additional boost in the 1930s with the development of the artificial nesting box. Today, wood-duck nesting boxes are ubiquitous across the U.S. and well up into Canada. In the winter months the resident Florida population swells with migrating flocks, making this an easy bird to add to your life list.

This small duck prefers hardwood swamps, especially flooded oak forests where it dines on acorns, seeds, insects, and berries. It is a cavity nester and can lay as many as 20 eggs per clutch. The newly born chicks jump out of the nest shortly after being hatched; because they are so light and down covered, they have been known to survive falls from as high as 290 feet without injury.

The wood duck has recovered from its brush with extinction and is now a game bird in Florida. The daily bag limit is six ducks per day, and three can be wood ducks. Slightly smaller than the mallard, the wood duck has a similar taste. The adult duck is taken by falcons, owls, and eagles, and the nestlings and eggs are subject to any number of tree-climbing predators.

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

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 (719-0190):
11:00 am - 5:00 pm; daily

Triad Seafood (695-0722 or 695-2662):
10:30 am – 5:00 pm; Sun-Mon
10:30 am – 7:00 pm; Tues-Sat
Serving dinner 5:00-7:00 pm
Fish Market also open

Right Choice Supermarket (695-4535):
9:00 am – 7:00 pm, Mon-Sat
10:00 am – 6:30 pm, Sun



Grimm's Stone Crab (695-3222):
8 am to 6 pm; Mon-Sat

CITY COUNCIL REPORT

by Marya Repko

Mayor Sammy Hamilton showed photos of the new wellhead in Copeland at the meeting on November 8 and said that all new lines would be installed shortly.

He reported that there was progress on the City taking over the Airpark. He also announced that the City has received another grant.

Lt Mark Milligan, CCSO, reported on recent incidents including the tragic drowning of two youngsters from Immokalee who were cast-netting under the Dupont bridge. On a positive note, he said there was no trouble at the Hallowe'en party on October 28 except for "lots of wet people!"

Lisa Marteeny outlined events in the fight against drugs including the visit by Freedom from Chemical Dependency (FCD) on December 16/17. She said that the website www.intherooms.com could be very helpful for information and online meetings.

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH



Holy Family Catholic Church will begin offering Mass on **November 27**. If you are interested in joining the choir, contact Elaine Middelstaedt at 695-2879. The first practice is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 16**, at 6:30 p.m. at the Church.

Open for Thanksgiving



City Seafood: 6 am to 6 pm
Seafood Depot: 10 am to 10 pm
Gator Express: 7 am to 7 pm
Glades Haven: 6 am to 12 noon
Island Cafe: 6 am to 10 am
Right Choice: 9 am to 12 noon
Rod & Gun: 7 to 10 am; 11 am to 7 pm
Susie's Station: 11 am to 5 pm

Butcher Signing

Clyde Butcher will be at the Big Cypress Gallery in Ochopee for a holiday book signing on **November 25/26**.

TURKEY SHOOT



Everglades Lion's Club Annual Turkey Shoot will be on **December 3 and 4**. For tickets and info, call 695-2695.

OBITUARIES

Walter Gorecki will be missed by those who loved him especially his wife Helen and his two poodles Hanna and Abby.



Hubert Potter, 82, passed away on November 3. He was well-loved by many long time residents who enjoyed his southern ways and wit. He is survived by his wife Joy Mae, son Johnnie (Glenna) who is an Everglades City Council member, Billy (Crystal) owner of the Everglades Seafood Restaurant, and Gordon (Mary) as well as many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Memorial services were held on November 6 at the Chokoloskee Church of God. Hubert spent his summers in North Carolina where he will be laid to rest on November 12.



Bernie Decko, of Goodland, who advised about tax matters for many local people, passed away on October 18.

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. 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 open every Tuesday in November from 5 to 7 pm.

MOBILE PET VET



Dr Lopez will visit the area on **Saturday, November 12**, at McLeod Park from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (or until needed). For info, phone him at 777-PETS (7387) or visit the website online at www.naplesmobilepetvet.com.

ART-IN-THE-GLADES

The first arts & crafts sale of the winter season will take place on **Saturday, December 10**. If you would like to set up a table, there is no charge. Call 695-2905.

SNOOK CLASSIFIED

WANTED: 14 to 16 foot welded Jon boat with trailer; motor not necessary. Please email: bobhought@gmail.com

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.

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

FOR RENT: Studio apartment for rent. \$600 a month or 1200 sq ft commercial space with office and handicapped-accessible bathroom with shower plus apartment for \$1000 a month. Call 239-340-4770.

FOR SALE: Fishermen's Paradise Lovely Duplex, 2 beds, 2 baths each unit. Lower level completely redone. Live in one unit; rent out the other. Located in Chokoloskee on a canal, deeded waterfront. REDUCED to \$399,000. Call Bonnie Woodward, Keller Williams Realty 239-860-6369.

FOR SALE: 14" Wood Cutting Band Saw, good condition and a RCA Stereo, CD, AM/FM, iPod port, New Condition, Surround Sound, Cabinet, 4 speakers. Call 695-0243.

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