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Mamie Street Update

Despite a court order requiring Mamie Street to be returned to its original state, access to the historic Smallwood Store & Museum in Chokoloskee remains unpaved. Equipment was on-site on November 14 and 15 to fill in the trench on the Indian mound that was destroyed during the construction of the boat basin.

The second Judge Cynthia Pivacek assigned to the case has also recused herself. On **Wednesday, November 30**, at 2:30 pm Collier County Judge Lauren Brodie will hold a status conference hearing in her chambers in the County Court House in East Naples.



Chokoloskee got ready for the holidays with the Fall Festival on November 19 at the Church of God. Besides bake and plant sales, raffles, auctions, yard sale, and delicious fish fry, there were pony rides for the kiddies.



At a moving service to honor veterans on November 13 at Everglades Community Church, Col. David Pond, USAF, and LtCol Sherry Hemby, USAF, joined Millie & Pastor Bob Wallace. The USAF couple have just returned from the Iraq-Afghanistan battle front and spoke about their experiences in this war. He is Fran Tiff's son (brother of Lisa Marteeny); she is his fiancée.

Free Thanksgiving Dinner for the whole community!

We would like to give thanks to you for your continued support and thoughtfulness. Please come join us from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm on **Thursday, November 24**, for a free Thanksgiving dinner.

*From our family to yours,
Billy and Crystal Potter
Everglades Seafood Depot*

TURKEY SHOOT

Come to the Everglades Lion's Club Annual Turkey Shoot on **Saturday/Sunday, December 3/4**, from 12 noon to 5 pm at South Copeland Avenue next to the Tower across from the Everglades National Park.

There will be hourly raffle drawings each day. Grand Prizes of a shotgun, gas BBQ grill, and a fishing rod & reel will be drawn on Sunday at 5 pm.

Proceeds from this event will be donated to the Everglades City "Freedom from Drugs" program. For tickets and more information, call 695-2695.



ART-IN-THE- GLADES



Have fun doing your holiday shopping!

Join us on **Saturday, December 10**, from 10 am to 2 pm in McLeod Park for an arts & crafts sale, live music, and hotdogs. Visit the booths displaying local talent while the kiddies play on the swings.

There is no charge to set up a table. Phone Marya at 695-2905.

Butcher Darkroom Demo



Spend a day with Clyde Butcher in his darkroom in Venice on **December 4/5**. To register and for more info, call (941) 486-0811 or see www.clydebutcher.com.

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NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2011

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
NOV 20	21 Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm	22 City Election	23 Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8 am	24 <i>Thanksgiving</i>	new moon ○ 25 RAPPER Butcher Signing <i>see p.3</i>	26 Pancake FlyIn <i>see p.3</i> Butcher Signing <i>see p.3</i>
27 Holy Family Mass, 10:30 am	28 Hour of Prayer Copeland Baptist Church 7 pm	29 Kids' Clinic 5-7 pm, <i>see p.11</i>	30 Ladies Coffee Island Café 8 am	DEC 1 Lions Club Depot, 5:30 pm	2 BigC Exhibits <i>see p.10</i> BBQ Dinner ECC, 5 pm <i>see p.3</i>	3 Lion's Club Turkey Shoot <i>see p.1</i> BigC Exhibits <i>see p.10</i>
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11	12 Hour of Prayer Holy Family Catholic Church 7 pm	13	14 Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8 am	15 Packages for Troops Deadline <i>see p.7</i>	16 Santa Arrives Christmas Tree Lighting	17 Pancake FlyIn <i>see p.3</i>
18	19 Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm	20 Reach Out City Hall, 8:30 am Kids' Clinic 5-7 pm, <i>see p.11</i>	21 Ladies Coffee Island Café 8 am	22	RAPPER 23	new moon ○ 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service ECC, 7 pm

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 Aficionados Feb 21-24: MSD Festival
 Feb 24: ESHP Dinner/Talk Feb 25: Fak Coastal Cruise Feb 26: Everglades Bicycle Ride Mar 10: Art-in-Glades, Homes Tour

THRIFT SHOP: Wed, Thurs, Sat; 11 am to 3 pm SKATING RINK: Fri, Sat; 7-10 pm DR DEMARTINO: Friday, 1:30 to 4:30 pm
 LITTLE GATOR CLINIC: Tues., Nov. 29, Dec 20 & 27, 5-7 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, 11/29 (10-11 am) Fri, 12/2 (10-11 am) Mon, 12/5 (1-2 pm) Thurs, 12/8 (9-10 am)

SHERIFF: 695-2007 CITY HALL: 695-3781 PUBLIC LIBRARY: 695-2511 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: 695-3941
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BUTCHER SIGNING

Join Clyde Butcher for a book signing or go on a Swamp Walk after Thanksgiving on **Friday/Saturday, November 25/26**, at the Big Cypress Gallery in Ochopee. For info, see www.clydebutcher.com or phone 695 -2428.

PANCAKE FLY-IN



The first Pancake Fly-In of the season will take place on **Saturday, November 26**, from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Airport, thanks to Chuck Gretzke of Wings 10,000 Tours which offers flights around the area. For info, call Chuck at 695-3296.

BBQ DINNER

The Ladies Auxiliary of Everglades Community Church will be serving BBQ pork with side dishes on **Friday, December 2**, from 5 to 7 p.m. Cost is \$10 (\$5 for kids under 10). For tickets, stop in at City Hall or Chokoloskee Post Office or call 695-2223.



Hanging of the Green

First Baptist Church of Everglades City invites the community to a traditional "Hanging of the Green" service on **Sunday, December 4**, at 6:00 p.m. when the sanctuary will be decorated by the congregation. The Christmas story will be read so that children of all ages may appreciate the true meaning of Christmas. All are welcome.



ESHP TALK

Learn about "Monroe Station and the Tamiami Trail" at a free talk on **Friday, December 9**, at 5:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall at Everglades Community Church.

Speaker Bob DeGross is Chief of Interpretation and Public Affairs at Big Cypress National Preserve and has studied this unique building which is owned by the Preserve. It was the scene of early transportation rest stops and then a social center for Gladesmen.

This illustrated presentation is hosted by the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation and is open to the public.

Your stories about stopping at Monroe Station will be welcome during the Question & Answer session after the talk.

For info, phone Marya at 695-2905 or see www.evergladeshistorical.org.

BigC ORV Meeting



The Off-Road Vehicle Advisory Committee will meet on **Tuesday, December 6**, at the Big Cypress Swamp Welcome Center in Ochopee, from 3:30 to 8:00 p.m. For more info, phone 695-1107 or visit website www.nps.gov/bicy/parkmgmt.

OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

- 11/08/11: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 11/09/11: Vehicle Accident, 79 MM I-75
- 11/09/11: Emergency Medical, Chokoloskee
- 11/09/11: Median Fire, 66 Mile Marker I-75
- 11/09/11: Emergency Medical, Ochopee
- 11/09/11: Vehicle Accident, 71 MM I-75
- 11/11/11: Vehicle Accident, 59 MM I-75
- 11/12/11: Vehicle Accident, 64 MM I-75
- 11/12/11: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
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- 11/14/11: Emergency Medical, Ochopee

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**

Closed for Thanksgiving

Waste Management will not pick up trash. The Thrift Shop will be closed. City Hall will be closed until Monday.

Santa Lists

Let Santa know what your kiddies want by filling in the form at City Hall before **Friday, December 2**.



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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>

11/25/2011	Fri	01:01AM	3.5	H	09:24AM	-0.5	L	03:08PM	2.6	H	09:21PM	0.8	L
11/26/2011	Sat	01:43AM	3.5	H	10:12AM	-0.5	L	03:57PM	2.5	H	10:08PM	0.8	L
11/27/2011	Sun	02:28AM	3.5	H	10:59AM	-0.4	L	04:46PM	2.5	H	10:56PM	0.8	L
11/28/2011	Mon	03:17AM	3.3	H	11:47AM	-0.3	L	05:35PM	2.5	H	11:46PM	0.8	L
11/29/2011	Tue	04:14AM	3.0	H	12:35PM	-0.1	L	06:23PM	2.4	H			
11/30/2011	Wed	12:43AM	0.7	L	05:24AM	2.7	H	01:26PM	0.1	L	07:09PM	2.4	H
12/01/2011	Thu	01:52AM	0.7	L	06:40AM	2.5	H	02:21PM	0.3	L	07:54PM	2.5	H
12/02/2011	Fri	03:08AM	0.6	L	07:57AM	2.3	H	03:19PM	0.4	L	08:40PM	2.5	H
12/03/2011	Sat	04:20AM	0.5	L	09:16AM	2.1	H	04:18PM	0.6	L	09:26PM	2.5	H
12/04/2011	Sun	05:21AM	0.4	L	10:37AM	2.1	H	05:13PM	0.7	L	10:11PM	2.6	H
12/05/2011	Mon	06:11AM	0.2	L	11:49AM	2.1	H	06:03PM	0.7	L	10:53PM	2.7	H
12/06/2011	Tue	06:56AM	0.1	L	12:42PM	2.2	H	06:48PM	0.8	L	11:32PM	2.7	H
12/07/2011	Wed	07:37AM	0.0	L	01:21PM	2.3	H	07:30PM	0.8	L			
12/08/2011	Thu	12:08AM	2.8	H	08:16AM	-0.1	L	01:56PM	2.3	H	08:08PM	0.8	L
12/09/2011	Fri	12:42AM	2.9	H	08:54AM	-0.2	L	02:31PM	2.4	H	08:45PM	0.8	L

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SCHOOL NEWS

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website: www.collierschools.com/evg

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov 21-25	Thanksgiving Break
Mon, Dec 5	Booster Club
Thursday, Dec 8	Great Gator Luncheon
Dec 22 – Jan 4	Winter Holiday Break

From Savannah's Eyes



Thanksgiving break is coming up and we have 9 days off from school. I love Thanksgiving because I just love the thought of family coming together to give thanks. Plus, did I mention I love the food! My mom cooks the best meals in the whole world! Turkey, cranberry sauce, stuffing and all that good stuff.

Our first basketball game is on Monday the 28th at 4:30 pm in Marco Island. I am so excited for our first game and so are the cheerleaders and basketball players. We have been practicing a lot and have a lot of cheers prepared so be ready to stand up and shout GO GATORS!!

In art class at school my class and I painted a picture of a beach on a canvas and it looks beautiful and great! I am so glad to have a great art teacher like Mr. Tribble to teach us the great techniques of art. He is a wonderful painter and I hope to paint as well as he does one day!

Can't wait till our first game!
Love, Savannah

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

HONOR ROLL

Congratulations to Tawny Wood, Mark Brown, Kristin McMillin, and Savannah Oglesby.



Youngsters started their Thanksgiving holiday at the Chokoloskee Church of God Fall Festival where they signed up optimistically for the free raffle drawing.

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

PRACTICE TIMES

	<u>Basketball</u>	<u>Cheerleading</u>
Varsity	3:00 – 4:30 p.m.	3:00 – 5:00 p.m.
JV	4:30 – 6:00 p.m.	4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

SAC NEWS

At the meeting on November 17, new By-Laws were adopted before SAC considered giving students experience within the community as part of their education. For example, they could learn about the environment by helping in local parks. Further details of this exciting program will be discussed at the January meeting.

Please email any questions, concerns, thoughts and ideas, and agenda items to the SAC Chair at evgsac_chair@yahoo.com. Agenda items must be submitted in writing for inclusion on the agenda 7 working days prior to the scheduled SAC meeting. There will be no meeting in December because of the holidays.

GREAT GATORS

- Pre-K – Kaylee Henry
- K – Stevie Markley
- 1 – Trey Bee
- 2– Alyssa Story
- 3,4 – Brandy Bowen
- 5 – Ricardo Cangas
- 6 – Davonte Detweiler
- 7 – Caleb Morris
- 8 – Dalton Stokes
- High School – Colman Strickland

Monthly Great Gator Luncheons occur on the **second Thursday** of every month during lunchtime. Parents and family are invited to attend with their Great Gator; you may bring lunch or buy school lunch and sit at a special table. There is a special treat for being a Student of the Week! Next luncheon is **Thursday, December 8**.

BOOSTER CLUB

Booster Club Meetings are on the **FIRST MONDAY** of every month at 6:30 pm in the Culinary Arts room. The next Meeting is **December 5**.

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Recipe for Good Eating
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by Vicky Nagle



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| 2 cups half & half or whole milk | ½ stick butter (salted or unsalted to taste) |
| 2 TBS cornstarch | chopped parsley to taste |
| 6 egg yolks | 1 cup fresh Meyer or other lemon juice |
| 2 qts homemade basic chicken stock
(recipe for homemade below)* | 1 TBS grated lemon peel to taste |
| 3/4 cups orzo (Greek pasta) | salt and pepper to taste |
| | 1 small chicken (cooked) |

Pick and shred the chicken from the bones used to make a basic stock* or from a rotisserie chicken and set aside. Stir the half & half and cornstarch together then beat in the egg yolks. Set aside. Bring the stock to a boil in a 4-quart soup pot and add the orzo. Cook covered until the orzo is tender, about 20+ minutes. Remove the soup from the heat and add the half & half and egg mixture, stirring carefully. Continue to cook a few minutes until all thickens. Add the picked chicken. Remove from the heat and add the butter, chopped parsley, and lemon juice. Stir. Add salt, pepper, and grated lemon peel to taste.

*Basic Chicken Stock

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1 small chicken | 1 medium yellow onion, peeled and quartered |
| 4 long ribs celery | 12 whole peppercorns |
| 6 carrots, unpeeled, thick sliced | 3 quarts water |

Place chicken and all the other ingredients into in stock pot and add 3 quarts cold water. Bring to a simmer and cook for 2 hours (Do not season which will be added later in recipe to taste). Strain out solids and reserve liquid

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



Off the Shelf – Book Review
**“Hidden Seminoles, Julian Dimock’s Historic
Florida Photographs”**

by Jerald T. Milanich & Nina J. Root
reviewed by Patty Huff

A hundred years ago the Everglades were visited by New York financier Anthony Weston Dimock and his son Julian who was pursuing his interest in photography. In 1905 they arrived at George Storter’s store in the town of Everglade in a houseboat. This is where they befriended the Seminoles and were invited into their Indian camps to photograph the tribe and children.

There are 124 black and white photographs included in this book and which are stored at the American Museum of Natural History in New York. The author Jerald Milanich is curator emeritus of the Florida Museum of Natural History and contributing editor at Archaeology magazine. Nina Root is director emerita of the Research Library at the American Museum of Natural History. Both have compiled and written a beautiful book about the early settlers of Southwest Florida in the late 1800s and early 1900s. The clothing worn by the Seminoles during this time period is very elegant with men wearing stylish hats and homemade appliquéd shirts while the women and children wore beautifully patterned long dresses. The stories include the journey of the Dimock’s first trip to the Everglades and their subsequent visits; all very interesting with captivating photographs.

Christmas Packages for Troops

The Sheriff’s office is working with the American Red Cross to send stockings to the troops this year. If you have items you would like to donate, please drop them off at the Sub-station in Carnestown by **Tuesday, December 15**. For info, call Christa at 252-2900.





Fishing Report

by Captain Bill Lindsay

Strong Northeast winds and less rain will lower water levels in the backcountry and can improve Snook fishing. It also makes it a challenge to get around in a skiff. Cold fronts move down the coast, pushing schools of Cobia, Mackerel, Pompano and even Bluefish with them. Look for birds moving with these fish. Cobia can be found on the Park boundary markers, shallow wrecks or just swimming on the surface. Most people use live bait, but artificials work well. This year Redfishing has saved many a day for fishing guides and recreational anglers. On the low phases of the tide you can "sight" fish them with small jigs on fly tackle. Once the tide gets a little higher, a shrimp on a popping cork will do the trick. If you run out of shrimp a "chunk" of Ladyfish will often catch the bigger Reds in the school. Blackdrum, Trout and Sheepshead are mixed in with these fish. Some people target Sheepshead by using fiddler crabs they catch on the sandy beaches around Chokoloskee. If you want to catch some black mullet with a cast net, there are plenty around. Blue crabbing is a great way to enjoy the backcountry if you're net fishing.

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.



FWC News

The FWC reminds boaters to slow down and watch out for the cold-sensitive manatees who migrate to warmer waters this time of year.

In the 1970s, there were as few as 300 Florida black bears but the population has rebounded to approximately 3,000 bears. The FWC has released a new draft management plan and is asking for public input. There will be a public workshop in Naples on **Tuesday, November. 29**. For more info, visit www.MyFWC.com/Bear.

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

NEW SEATROUT REGULATIONS

by David H. Martin



Statewide studies showing increased spotted seatrout fish stocks led the FWC at the Key Largo meeting November 16/17 to expand 2012 seasons and limits for both recreational and commercial fishing.

Spotted seatrout remains catch-and-release-only in Southwest Florida during November and December 2011. Commencing February 1, 2012, the new rules will eliminate the November-December closed seasons in Southwest Florida. FWC split the state into four management areas with the ECity area in the Southwest Region.

The daily bag limit here will remain four trout with three fish having an overall length of not less than 15 inches and not more than 20 inches, and one fish only greater than 20 inches.

Commercial fishing seasons will increase from three to five months on a regional basis with staggered dates, including June 1 through October 31 in Southwest Florida. The FWC authorized commercial sale of seatrout 30 days after the close of the regional commercial season. Additionally, the daily catch of spotted seatrout per vessel increases from 75 to 150 when at least two commercially licensed fishermen are aboard.

David H. Martin is owner and operator of "Yippee Kayak Fishing" and "Myakka Kayaka" Paddle Tours, serving Sarasota/Southwest Florida.

FLORIDA FLORA

by Patricia Huff

Yuraguano

(Coccothrinax borhidiana)

This rare palm is native to a small coastal area in north Cuba where it is threatened with extinction. It was named after a well-known Hungarian botanist Atila Borhidi by O. Muniz a Cuban botanist who only discovered the palm in 1970. It is considered to be the most sought after palm in all of the *Coccothrinax* family. This fan palm only grows six to eight feet tall with a dense "skirt" that gives it a distinct appearance (similar to the "petticoat" palm). The dark green leaves are closely spaced and very rigid. It also has closely woven fabric of fibers surrounding its trunk. A long flowering stalk appears in the wet summer months with rounded purple-black fruit.



2011 Sawfish Abundance Survey in Everglades National Park a Success

by: Dana M. Bethea

NOAA Fisheries Panama City Laboratory
Panama City, FL

As the sampling season ends, Smalltooth Sawfish Abundance Survey scientists are excited about the great year they had capturing, tagging, and tracking several neonate and small juveniles in the Ten Thousand Islands Backcountry Region.

The season ended with a bang on October 22. While fishing on the west-side of Hwy 29 and Chokoloskee Island, researchers captured 12 new animals and recaptured 5 previously tagged animals. *Naples Daily News* reporter Eric Staats joined the team and was able to witness first hand how research operations are conducted. For his full article, see:

<http://www.naplesnews.com/news/2011/oct/30/NOAA-FSU-endangered-smalltooth-sawfish-everglades/>

Researchers with the Smalltooth Sawfish Abundance Survey will be back in Everglades City at the end of March 2012 to begin their fourth field season.

If you see or encounter a smalltooth sawfish, please contact the National Sawfish Encounter Database at (352) 392-2360. Input and cooperation from the general public is greatly valued. Remember, exercise caution when untangling the animal from fishing line and never remove the saw.



This research follows permits EVER-2011-SCI-0010, ESA-13330, and ESA-1475 and is funded through the NOAA Fisheries Service Southeast Regional Office in St. Petersburg, FL.

Photo caption: A juvenile smalltooth sawfish is ready for release on the west-side of Chokoloskee Island, FL, on October 22, 2011.

Photo credit: Dana M. Bethea, NOAA Fisheries Panama City Laboratory



A Modern Day Thanksgiving
by Faye A. Brown

As I sit next to my warm fire place, sipping on a cup of black coffee, I am reminded that Thanksgiving is just around the corner. With more of my family now deceased rather than living, I ponder how my Holiday this year may be spent. I recall one Thanksgiving while living in Naples that our dad decided to take me and my sister Hilda out into the cypress swamp to kill a Turkey. We rode on a buggy with some local loggers who dropped us off to hunt while they went further on to fell and cut logs. The place where we hunted is all developed now, but we began our journey into the woods at the place where Home Depot is located at the corner of Davis Blvd and Airport Rd. The year was 1956; I was about fifteen and Hilda was twelve. After traveling a good ways into the swamps, down trails that only swamp buggies could navigate, the loggers stopped and we all got off to stretch our legs. It was a somewhat cool morning, damp and foggy. I was standing in the center of the logging trail when some one shouted "Stop!". I froze in my tracks and there was a large Pygmy Rattler, coiled and ready to strike me at my heels. One of the men jumped off the back of the buggy, picked up a stout stick at the edge of the road, and killed the snake. We all breathed a sigh of relief as we loaded back onto the buggy and went into the area near where CR-951 (Collier Boulevard) and Davis Boulevard now meet. The loggers stopped to let us down and we were off to get a big Gobbler. The fog had lifted some by then and we could see better as we waded in water half way up our knees. Hilda and I were following closely behind our daddy in Indian fashion. Daddy was carrying his 12 gauge shot gun, loaded with bird shot, propped over his shoulder, when suddenly, looking alarmed, he motioned for us to follow him quickly. We were at the mouth, or rather entrance, of an Alligator cave! Daddy led the way behind the cave and just as we got on the back side, he jumped backward and lowering the barrel of the gun, shot and killed a very large and fat Cottonmouth Moccasin. Afraid that if an Alligator were nearby, the blast of that gun would only anger it, he said to us, "Let's get out of here!" Daddy, by this time, most likely knew that our chances of seeing a Turkey would be slim.

to be continued in the next issue ...

MUSEUM NEWS

The Friends of the Museum of the Everglades Annual Membership meeting and luncheon will be held on **Monday, December 5**, at 12 noon. Local residents Bob and Vicky Wells will be the guest speakers and there will be drawings of various prizes including a Clyde Butcher print. Please make your reservations early by calling 695-0008 and ask for Martha. Cost of the luncheon is \$15 per person and checks can be mailed payable to FME at P.O. Box 677, Everglades City, FL 34139.



The current exhibit featured in the Pauline Reeves Gallery is entitled "A Walk through the Everglades" with photographers Tyler McDonald and Bruce Hitchcock, seen here with his mother and 102-year-old grandmother at the reception on 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.

ESHP NEWS

The next meeting of the Everglades Society for Historical Preservation is on **Monday, December 5**, at 8:30 a.m. in City Hall.

And, don't forget our first event of the season, a historical talk about Monroe Station. See page 3 for details.



LIBRARY NEWS

The continued joint use agreement between Everglades City Library/Tax Collector was formalized by the Board of County Commissioners on November 8. The library has shared space at Everglades City Hall with the Tax Collector for more than 20 years.

INVESTMENT INSIGHTS

by Darcie Guerin, CFP® Raymond James & Associates, Inc.



In 1986, the American Farm Bureau Federation began tracking the cost of a traditional Thanksgiving dinner for ten people and it was \$28.74 for all the fixings. By 2010, the price rose to \$43.37. This year it jumped 13 percent to \$49.20, representing the largest percentage increase since 1990. Meanwhile the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS)* reports that overall prices are only up 3.5% - 4.5% this year.

A few reasons why the cost of Thanksgiving dinner rose almost ten percent more than the average inflation rate are that unusual weather drove many commodity prices higher and energy costs are up 28 percent this past year. This contributes to inflated production and transportation expenses. Although grocers may want to offer lower prices on traditional Thanksgiving dinner ingredients, many stores can't afford to absorb their increased costs. John Anderson, a senior economist with The Farm Bureau, believes the Thanksgiving Day dinner price study "is a good barometer of the rising trend in food prices this year."

The inflation index you use for your financial planning calculations matters. A close look at the monthly consumer price index (CPI), quoted in the media as a "cost-of-living" index, shows these general numbers are imperfect and apply to no one in particular. "Core" inflation figures don't reflect reality. The reason is that food and energy costs aren't part of core inflation although these costs represent a large portion of our expenditures. Stay focused and invest accordingly.

*Material obtained from outside sources believed to be reliable.

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SHERIFF'S REPORT

Nov 11: Three vehicle burglaries were reported at approx. 3 pm within a 45-minute period in parking areas along US-41. One was at Kirby Storter Boardwalk and two others were at Wooten's Airboat Tours.

Nov 16: Vice Narcotics Bureau arrested a local man and charged him with 1 count of attempt to purchase drugs.

Area businesses are reminded that tourist season presents opportunities for criminals. Keep an eye out for suspicious vehicles or persons; criminals may have more than one vehicle and use one to keep surveillance. If you see suspicious behavior, phone the Sheriff's office at 695-2007.

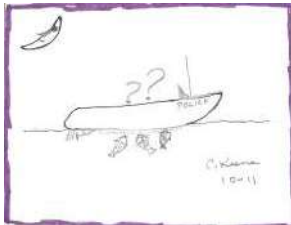
Florida Tales

Strange Sounds on Boat at Stake-Out

by Chester Keene



We had a Police Boat that was donated to us to use as a test boat, and it was docked at the Out Board Marine Corporation on 10th St. South in Naples. When we first got it, used it all the time. But as the newness wears off like any new toy. It was never hardly used and we needed it one night for some undercover work. Noticed it was sluggish on the top speed but we got to where we were going. Anchored up and waited in the dark for the event to unfold. The mosquitoes were bad along with the No-See-ums. We heard the boat approaching, it cut its engine and all got quiet. You could hear the occupants talking as the wind was offshore. Even smell the cigarette smoke and see the glow. After a while we decided to lay down and rest on the floor. Then we noticed these strange noises from under the boat, they got louder and louder. Surely they could hear this in the boat we were watching. It was a crunching scraping sound. This went on the whole time we were there. Well, the event didn't happen. We thought something was wrong with the bottom "like was it breaking up"? We headed back to OMC and docked. Next morning we asked some Commercial Fishermen at the dock if they knew what it was. They started laughing at us. What? Why the laughing. They said "the boat lays up here alongside the dock so long before the bottom gets



cleaned and the Barnacles have become home to a school of Sheepshead Fish. They got homesick when ya'll left the dock, followed the boat and started eating the Barnacles off the bottom. That's what was making the crunching sound, they were hungry.

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

BigC Exhibits Celebrates Swamp Heritage

The Big Cypress Swamp Welcome Center at 33000 Tamiami Trail East in Ochopee will celebrate "Swamp Heritage Days" on **Friday/Saturday, December 2/3**, where you can see the new historical swamp buggy exhibit and the Rob Storter Collection.

There will be presentations starting at 12:00 noon, including one by Patricia Huff about the life of Rob Storter (1894-1987), the folk artist who grew up in Everglades City and later sketched his memories of fishing and surviving in rural Southwest Florida.

The Center is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. each day. For more info call 695-4758 or visit website www.nps.gov/bicy.



The Living Gulf Coast

by Charles Sobczak

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

American Redstart (*Setophaga ruticilla*) Other names: flamebird / Status: FL = stable, IUCN = LC / Length: 4.3-5.1 in. (11-13 cm) / Wingspan: 6.3-7.5 in. (16-19 cm) / Weight: 0.2-0.3 oz (6-9 g) / Life span: to 10 years / Nests: in the southern U.S. north to Alaska, mostly east of the Mississippi / Found: All Counties: coastal, near coast, mainland / Months found: **JFMamjjasOND** (caps indicate when found in the region).

Aptly nicknamed the flamebird, the American redstart is one of the most colorful and distinctive warblers. Only the male displays the black and Halloween-orange coloring on its tail and wing feathers. The female coloration is much more subdued, and is best described as a pale yellow.



Photo by Bob Gress

The male redstart, perhaps because of his flashy wardrobe, is a bit of a rogue. While many redstarts are monogamous, this boldly patterned warbler has also been known to mate with more than one female simultaneously. He attracts the second mate shortly after the first begins incubating the eggs, and sets up a second nest, generally within 500 meters of the first.

According to some bird books, the only place the redstart winters in Florida is the very southern portion of the peninsula, from southern Collier County, Dade County, and the Florida Keys (Monroe County). That doesn't mean you won't see any of the thousands of redstarts that pass through Southwest Florida on their annual migration from as far north as the Yukon Territory to the Caribbean and Central and South America. The redstart is observed every fall and spring across all six counties covered in this book. The only county it remains in over the winter is Collier.

Predation of this small warbler comes from sharp-shinned hawks, small owls, and domesticated and feral cats. Its northern nests are often raided by red squirrels, blue jays, fishers, chipmunks, and snakes.

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

CONGRATULATIONS!

Charles Sobczak accepted the prestigious gold-medal award for his nature guide of Southwest Florida *The Living Gulf Coast* in the Florida adult non-fiction category. Chris Angermann, President of Florida Publisher's Association, presented the award to the Sanibel author at the annual meeting of the FPA in Sarasota on November 5.



RESTAURANT NEWS



- Camellia Street Grill (695-2003):**
12 Noon – 9:00 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):**
11:00 am – 5:00 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 Café (695-2214):**
7:00 am – 3:00 pm; daily
Dinner 5 - 8 pm; Fri and Sat only
- Island Café (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 Café (695-2682):**
11:00 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 – 10:00 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

Loco's Produce (near ECity Post Office)
7 am to 2 pm; Fri, Sat, Sun



Thanks to the Sheriff's Office for holding Operation Medicine Cabinet on November 12 when unwanted drugs were disposed of safely. There is also a medical drop box inside City Hall which is open on weekdays during normal office hours.

DOCTOR'S CLINIC

Dr Kirk Demartino of Marco Island will see patients on Fridays from 1:30 to 4:30 pm in the clinic behind the Fire Station. He accepts Medicare and insurance. For info, call (239) 642-5552.



Little Gator Clinic

The free walk-in clinic (behind the Fire Station) for youngsters will be open Tuesdays, November 29, December 20 and 27 from 5 to 7 pm.



MOBILE PET VET

Dr Lopez will visit the area on Saturday, December 10, at McLeod Park from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For info, phone him at 777-PETS (7387) or visit the website online at www.naplesmobilepetvet.com.



Fresh Veggies

Visit Loco's Produce outside Everglades City Post Office on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.



THRIFT SHOP OPEN 3 DAYS

The Reach Out Thrift Shop is now also open on Wednesday, as well as Thursday and Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

PROPERTY TAXES

If you did not receive a Notice of Property Taxes from the Collier County Tax Collector in your mail recently, you can request a copy and pay it in City Hall in the library. The amount is discounted each month before the deadline in March. For info, call 695-2511.

LAST HOLIDAY POSTING DATES

- Dec 3: Military (Iraq, Afghanistan)
- Dec 10: Military (other)
- Dec 12: Europe, first class
- Dec 15: USA, parcel post
- Dec 20: USA, first class
- Dec 21: USA, priority

Visit www.usps.gov for more info.



OBITUARY

Doris M. Naske, age 81, passed away on November 9. She was born in Newburgh, NY, and moved to Naples in 1990 from Steamboat Springs, CO. She was a faithful member of the Everglades Community Church where a memorial service was held on November 19. She is survived by her husband David, daughter Wendy Bryant, son Kim Alessi; and four grandchildren.

Contributions may be made in her name to the Everglades Community Church, P.O. Box 177, Everglades City, FL 34139. For online condolences, visit website www.fullerfuneralhome.com.

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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.

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