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Virginia and Stan Kanning were thanked by Everglades Community Church on December 18 for all their hard work and dedication during the renovations. Virginia is Treasurer and Stan is Chairman of the Board of Governors (and a talented carpenter). Before the service, winter visitors gathered to provide the congregation with music.

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Happy Holidays in the Everglades



Mayor Sammy Hamilton turned on the Christmas tree lights in front of City Hall on December 16 after the kiddies decorated it.



The youngsters from First Baptist Church rode on their float with a manger and lighted tree in the Light Parade on December 16.

The Christmas Pageant at Chokoloskee Church of God was performed by the children who acted out the "Birth of Christ" in their beautiful costumes.



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

DECEMBER 2011 / JANUARY 2012

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
18 Church of God Program	19 Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm	20 Reach Out City Hall, 8:30 am Kids' Clinic 5-7 pm	21 Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8 am Christmas Play	22 School Holiday begins Christmas Play, Copeland	<u>RAPPER 23</u>	new moon ○ 24 <u>Christmas Eve</u> Candlelight Service <i>see p.3</i>
25 <u>Christmas Day</u>	<u>Public Holiday 26</u> Hour of Prayer Copeland Baptist Church 7 pm Miccosukee Arts Fest starts <i>see p.3</i>	27 Kids' Clinic 5-7 pm, <i>see p.3</i>	28 Ladies Coffee Island Café 8 am Build-a-Chair <i>see p.3</i>	29 Build-a-Chair <i>see p.3</i>	30 Build-a-Chair <i>see p.3</i>	31 <u>New Years Eve</u> ECC service <i>see p.3</i>
JAN 1 <u>New Years Day</u> Miccosukee Arts Fest ends <i>see p.3</i>	<u>Public Holiday 2</u> Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm Booster Club <i>see p.5</i>	3 Congressional Visit City Council City Hall, 5:30 pm Chamber <i>see p.7</i> Kids' Clinic 5-7 pm, <i>see p.3</i>	4 Ladies Coffee Havana Café 8 am FME mtg <i>see p.9</i>	5 Students Return	<u>RAPPER 6</u>	7 Lion's Club Turkey Shoot <i>see p.3</i>
8 Lion's Club Turkey Shoot <i>see p.3</i>	full moon ● 9 Hour of Prayer Holy Family Catholic Church 7 pm ESHPP mtg OFCD Bd	10 Kids' Clinic 5-7 pm, <i>see p.3</i>	11 Ladies Coffee Camellia St Grill 8 am	12 Great Gator Luncheon <i>see p.5</i>	13 Lasagna Dinner ECC, 5-7 pm	14 Mobile Pet Vet <i>see p.3</i>
15	<u>MLK Day 16</u> Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm Early Voting starts	17 Kids' Clinic 5-7 pm, <i>see p.3</i>	18 Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8 am	19 SAC School, 6 pm	<u>RAPPER 20</u> Film Night	21 Pancake FlyIn Art-in-Glades Ultras Coastal Cruise

Jan 31: Primary Feb 4-6: Seafood Fest Feb 11/12: Jammin' in the Hammock Feb 18: Antique Air Feb 21-24: MSD Festival
Feb 24: ESHPP Dinner/Talk Feb 25: Fak Coastal Cruise Feb 26: Everglades Bicycle Ride Mar 10: Art-in-Glades, Homes Tour

THRIFT SHOP: Wed through Sat; 11 am to 3 pm
DR DEMARTINO: Friday, 1:30 to 4:30 pm
FOOD PANTRY: Sat, 8:30-10:30 am, Community Church
AL-ANON: Thurs, 12 noon, Community Church
MUSEUM: Tues-Fri; 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Sat; 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

SKATING RINK: Fri, Sat; 7-10 pm
LITTLE GATOR CLINIC: Tues., 5-7 pm, in January
AA: Wed, 5:00 pm, Community Church
NA: Sat, 11:30 am, Community Center (Skating Rink)
SMALLWOOD STORE: Daily; 10 am to 5 pm

SHERIFF AT CITY HALL: Thurs, 12/22 (1-2 pm) Tues, 12/27 (9-10 am) Thurs, 12/29 (1-2 pm)
see the notice outside the office for dates in January

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CITY HALL CLOSED

City Hall will be closed in observance of the Christmas holiday on **Friday and Monday, December 23 and 26** and on **Monday, January 2**. The Everglades branch of the Collier County Public Library will also be closed.

Christmas Eve Service

Everglades Community Church will have a special service on Christmas Eve, **Saturday, December 24**, at 7:00 p.m. The celebration will feature the singing of carols and communion.

Regular Sunday morning worship will take place at 11:00 a.m. on Christmas Day.

Holy Family Mass

Holy Family Catholic Church will have Mass on Christmas Day, **Sunday, December 25**, as well as **Sunday, January 1**, at 10:30 a.m..

New Year's Eve



Everglades Community Church will hold a Night Watch Vigil and Covenant Renewal on **Saturday, December 31**, at 7:00 p.m. The service includes communion.

There will be parties with live music at Camellia Street Grill and Leebo's Rockbottom Bar.

HOLIDAY RESTAURANTS

- Camellia Street Grill: closed Dec 24/25 and Jan 1 party with music Dec 31
- City Seafood: closed Dec 25
- Everglades Seafood Depot: close 4 pm Dec 24, closed Dec 25
- Everglades Scoop: closed Dec 24/25
- Gator Express: closed Dec 25 and Jan 1
- Glades Haven: open 6 am to 4 pm on Dec 24; open 6 am to 12 noon on Dec 25
- Grimm's Stone Crab: open until 1:00 pm on Dec 24, closed Dec 25
- Havana Cafe: close 3 pm on Dec 23; closed Dec 24/25
- Island Café: close 9 pm on Dec 24 closed Dec 25
- Joanie's: closed until Dec 28
- Leebo's: closed Dec 25 party with music Dec 31
- Oyster House: close 4 pm on Dec 24; closed Dec 25
- Right Choice Supermarket: closed Dec 25
- Right Choice Pizza: call 695-3663
- Rod & Gun: open on Dec 25 and Jan 1
- Susie's Station: closed on Dec 25
- Triad: closed Dec 24/25 and Jan 1



The Ladies' Wednesday Coffee group met at Jan Brock's home for a holiday breakfast on December 14. Some of these gals volunteer to keep the roadside on CR-29 tidy. See article on page 9.

Micosukee Arts Fest



The 37th annual festival starts on **Monday, December 26**, and runs through **Sunday, January 1**, from 9:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the tribe's village at mile-marker 70 on US-41. For info, see www.micosukee.com and click on Events.

BUILD-A-CHAIR

The BUILD-A-CHAIR program will be held in the Community Center on **December 28-30**. Middle school students should register in advance by phoning Lt. Mark Milligan at 253-5031. Adult volunteers are also welcome!

TURKEY SHOOT!



The Everglades Lion's Club Turkey Shoot will be held on **Saturday/Sunday, January 7/8**. Prizes of 2 shotguns (20 & 12-gauge), gas BBQ grill, and a fishing rod & reel will be offered to benefit the Everglades Lions Club "Pass It On" fund. For tickets and more info, call 695-2695.



Little Aria Mitchell is ready for her first Christmas. She was born in February to Wesley & Shannon Mitchell.

OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

- 12/07/11: Vehicle Accident, 56 MM I-75
- 12/07/11: Vehicle Accident, 63 MM I-75
- 12/08/11: Vehicle Accident, 63 MM I-75
- 12/08/11: Vehicle Accident, Ochopee
- 12/09/11: Emergency Medical, Ochopee
- 12/09/11: Vehicle Accident, 59 MM I-75
- 12/10/11: Vehicle Accident, 73 MM I-75
- 12/11/11: Vehicle Accident, 74 MM I-75
- 12/12/11: Vehicle Accident, SR29 & US41
- 12/12/11: Emergency Medical, 63 MM I-75
- 12/12/11: Vehicle Accident, 75 MM I-75
- 12/15/11: Emergency Medical, Chokoloskee
- 12/15/11: Emergency Medical, 57 MM I-75
- 12/15/11: Emergency Medical, Ochopee
- 12/16/11: Emergency Medical, Port of Islands
- 12/06/11: Emergency Medical, 63 MM I-75
- 12/17/11: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 12/17/11: Vehicle Accident, 63 MM I-75
- 12/17/11: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 12/18/11: Emergency Medical, Chokoloskee
- 12/18/11: Emergency Medical, Ochopee
- 12/19/11: Vehicle Accident, 67 MM US41
- 12/19/11: Emergency Medical, Chokoloskee

Ochopee Fire Control District Advisory Board will meet **Monday, January 9**. Details in the next issue of the *Rapper*.

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 **Tuesday, Dec 27**, and **Tuesdays in January from 5 to 7 pm**. There are no drugs on the premises but **Dr. Barnard can write prescriptions**.

MOBILE PET VET




Dr Lopez will visit the area on the second Saturday of each month. The next visit will be on **Saturday, January 14**, 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.

NEW TIDE TABLE!

If you're looking for the Tide Table, turn to page 11. The old horizontal format has been discontinued by NOAA so we are now publishing the data as a list.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Everglades City School

phone: 377-9800 or 695-2561

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

Dec 22 – Jan 4	Winter Holiday Break
Mon, Jan 2:	Booster Club, 6:30 p.m.
Fri, Jan 6:	Basketball HOME, 4:00 p.m.
Thurs, Jan 12:	Great Gator Luncheon
Fri, Jan 13:	Early Dismissal
Mon, Jan 16:	MLK Day, no school

**From Savannah's Eyes**

Christmas break is coming soon and I am so excited! My family and I already have our lights up in our yard, and a blow up Frosty the Snowman, Santa, and Santa and his reindeer playing cards! Christmas is my favorite holiday ever! I love it because it is a giving holiday. Plus the food and family just makes it so comforting! As they say "It's the

most wonderful time of the year!"

Do you already have a New Year's resolution for this coming year (2012)? My New Year's resolution is defiantly peace on Earth! There are a lot of other things, too, like have my family be happy and healthy this upcoming year, have no more pollution that affects our world, and many, many more. I can't believe it is the end of the year 2011 already. It seems as if it were just yesterday I was soaking up the hot sun in the summer! Oh well, good bye 2011, hello 2012!

I would like to thank everyone who bought Christmas wreaths from the cheerleaders. We finally got our warm-ups and they look amazing! We wear them every single time we have a game from now on! They are so cute and everyone loves them a lot. Thanks so much!

Thank you all for reading my articles too! I really appreciate it and love writing. It is one of my vast interests and I enjoy it! Thanks!

Hope everyone has a great Christmas! I know I will!

Love, Savannah

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

SALSA Program Here

by Lisa Marteeny

The community was delighted to welcome back FCD (Freedom from Chemical Dependency) representatives courtesy of the Walrus Foundation grant. In addition to training events, Rob and Renee worked with 20 high school students as part of the "Students Advocating Life without Substance Abuse" (SALSA) program which is an activity and support group for students who choose not to use alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. SALSA goals include: to provide positive reinforcement for students who refrain from alcohol and other drug use; to train students to be role models for others; and to raise visibility within the school community of non-use as a "normal" and acceptable choice for students to make.

**BASKETBALL
HOME GAMES**

The next home game is on **Friday, January 6**. Take a look at the EVG website for Athletics information where you will find the schedules, announcements, requirements, forms, contact information, and more. Check back often for any changes to schedules or announcements! You can also download the "Great Gators Newsletters". See <http://www.collierschools.com/evg>.

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.

GREAT GATORS

- Pre-K – Hannah Gilmore, Gena Collins
- K – Teddy Smallwood, Pallas Pike
- 1 – Billy Smallwood, Cayla Starr
- 2– Morgan Herrin, Brady Bowen
- 3,4 – Gracie Emma Brown, Alexis Hendrickson
- 5 – McBeth Collins, Stephanie Pablo-Ramirez
- 6 – Damian Strickland, Emily Brown
- 7 – Braxton Kidder, Enrique Roldan
- 8 – Lilian Pablo-Jeronimo, Sierra Dungan
- High School – Meggan Harrington, Reagan Richardson

BOOSTER CLUB

We will meet on **Monday, January 2**, at 6:30 p.m. in the Culinary Arts classroom. Thanks to everyone for participating in and helping with the Light Parade! For more info, call Diana at 280-8178.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Please Consider Volunteering

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Level 2 volunteers needed for Elementary School classroom help and lunch/recess supervision, about 1.5 to 3 hrs per day.

Please call Mrs. Gilmore at 695-2561 or visit www.collierschools.com/evg/volunteer.htm.

The Culinary Class needs cooking items. Contact Stacia at the School 695-2561 for a list of items wanted.

NOTICE TO PARENTS from the School

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Recipe for Good Eating



Lemon Souffle Pancakes

by Selena Raney

Captain John Quincy Adams House (Bed & Breakfast)
Port Townsend, Washington

Ingredients:

- | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 3 eggs, separated | ½ tsp salt |
| 1 cup cottage cheese | 2 tsp baking powder |
| 2 TBS Maple syrup | Juice and zest of one lemon |
| 1/8 cup vegetable oil | ½ cup flour |

Directions:

Place all ingredients, except egg whites, in food processor and blend just enough to combine. Transfer batter to a bowl. Beat egg whites until stiff and fold into the batter. Cook over medium heat on a lightly oiled griddle. Serve with Maple syrup.

My husband and I were traveling around the Olympic Peninsula when we stayed at this Bed & Breakfast. The pancakes were delicious and so light that I thought it would be a good Christmas morning breakfast dish to serve before (or the morning after) a traditional Holiday dinner. If you have a favorite recipe to share, please phone or email us. Patty Huff



Off the Shelf – New Books

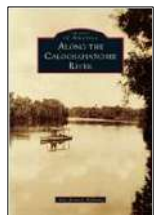
“Along the Caloosahatchee River”

by Amy Bennett Williams

“J.N. ‘Ding’ Darling Wildlife Refuge”

by Charles LeBuff

reviewed by Marya Repko



Arcadia Publishing is known for its “Images of America” series of local history books with their brown cover (don’t be fooled by imitations). Two of the latest releases are about Southwest Florida.

One is by Amy Bennett Williams, editor of “Tropicalia”, the weekend magazine in the “Fort Myers News-Press”, and a broadcaster on WGPU public radio. The Caloosahatchee is in the news because of the damaging outflow of fresh water into the Gulf but here is a look at the past when the ships regularly used the waters to transport freight and people. The surrounding area was thriving with vegetable farms (rather than the fiefdom of big sugar) and pioneers struggled to make a living.

The other book is the work of Charles LeBuff who is well-qualified to describe the historic photos because he lived on Sanibel in the lighthouse quarters while working at the “Ding” Darling refuge and is also a prolific writer.

Both books are available at www.arcadiapublishing.com or from the public library in Everglades City Hall.

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE NEWS

At its last meeting, the Everglades Area Chamber of Commerce elected the following Board members: Gene Wooten (Pres), Orlo Hilton (VP), Myrna Baier (Treas), Bill Shelburne (Sec), Billy Potter, Bob Miller, Elaine Middelstaedt, Terri Rementeria, Charles Wright, and Corey Billie. The new Official Everglades Area Chamber of Commerce 2012 Visitors Guide is now available for \$5.00 at the Welcome Center in Carnestown. The next meeting of the Chamber will be **Tuesday, January 3**, at the Everglades Seafood Depot at 6:30 p.m.



FLORIDA FLORA

by Patricia Huff
Gardening in the Glades



When you read stories from "Cracker in the Glades" and other historical books about this area, you know that the early settlers lived off the land. The Barron River was known first as Potato Creek because of all the wild potatoes growing along the banks. There was a tomato cannery in Ochopee; sugar cane and all types of vegetables were grown in Everglades City. The photo of this raised garden in Chokoloskee is representative of what is possible in the winter season: peppers, tomatoes, onions, potatoes, eggplant, herbs, raspberries, strawberries, and even peanuts. Try it and see what you can grow (even in pots if space is limited).

SAWFISH REPORTS

If you see a sawfish, please report it to:

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

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

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

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Florida Tales

Busted by "Buster"
by Chester Keene



Reading the story about the hunter getting shot in the backside by his dog while duck hunting reminded me of this tale you won't hear told to the outside crowd. Old Buster was about as friendly of a dog you would want to meet. He had been dropped off at the Vets Office to have his annual checkup and shots. Here's what you won't hear. Two Law Enforcement Officers (LEOs) were on their way to observe some suspicious activity at this location and were told the suspects may be armed. They took their 12 Ga. Dept. Issued Pump Shotgun out of the trunk and put one in the chamber and placed it in the middle of the seat, business end facing the floor. While on the way there, one of the LEOs got a call from his wife to remind him to pick up Buster, if not they would have to pay a night's boarding. It's running late and he didn't want the extra expense knowing that LEO pay wasn't the best back then, plus it was on the way. They stopped by, picked up Old Buster and both got a good licking from him. He was happy to be out of that place. They got to where they were going, fed Buster their Donuts to quiet him down and exited the vehicle. About halfway where they were going to observe from, Buster wanted another Donut or something and jumped from the back seat to the front. Well it seems like old Buster tripped the loaded shotguns trigger and it discharged going through the floorboard and firewall hitting the starter and exit by way of the radiator. Needless to say the persons being observed fled and left the LEOs on foot. A tow truck was called and, after struggling with the report of "Why", Old Buster made it home to his nice quite bed.

Photo by Phil Kosanke

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



The Living Gulf Coast

by Charles Sobczak

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

Yellow-rumped Warbler (*Dendroica coronata*) Other names: myrtle warbler, Audubon's warbler / Status: FL=stable, IUCN=LC / Life span: to 8 years / Length: 4.7-5.5 in. (12-14 cm) / Wingspan: 7.5-9.1 in. (19-23 cm) / Weight: 0.4-0.5 oz (12-13 g) / Nests: throughout Canada and in the Rocky Mountains during the summer / Found: All Counties, coastal, near coast, mainland / Months found: **jfmaMJJASond**. Photo by Bob Gress



Far and away the most abundant wintering warbler in Florida, the yellow-rumped warbler is a common sighting from October through April. A clue to its abundance lies in one of its nicknames, the myrtle warbler. It is the only warbler able to digest the waxes found in bayberries and wax myrtle trees, both of which are a common shrub across Southwest Florida.

An extremely versatile feeder, the yellow-rumped warbler takes advantage of a wide array of habitats and the various foods it might encounter there. Sometimes found on beaches picking through the rack line, sometimes skimming insects from the surface of rivers and ponds, and even gleaning insects from piles of manure, this warbler is adept at taking a meal anywhere it can.

Its summer breeding plumage is much more colorful than its plainer winter coats, but it seldom molts into that plumage before arriving in its nesting area. That being said, its yellowish rump can still be found during the winter months, though it is far more subdued in color. Like all smaller birds, most predation occurs at the nest, both to the chicks and eggs, and the adult yellow-rumped warbler is occasionally taken by kestrels, merlins and small owls. Overall this very adaptable bird is thriving and is not likely to be placed on any threatened lists anytime soon.

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



SHERIFF'S REPORT

Over the night of Dec 10-11 a homeowner in the Harmon Terrace area reported that their storage shed was burglarized. The thieves removed frozen fish and blue crabs from the freezer.

Over the night of Dec 12-13 thieves broke into a newspaper storage box located at 195 Smallwood Drive, damaging the box and taking the money.

On Dec 14 approximately 4:30 pm a victim reported that the window to his pickup truck was shattered, possibly by a BB or pellet gun, while parked near 1150 Hamilton Lane.. The vehicle was occupied but no one was injured. Investigation continues.

On Dec 14 deputies charged a juvenile for the theft of a firearm that was reportedly taken from an Everglades City residence last month.

As always, please remember to secure your premises. Keep valuables out of sight when you leave your car and be sure to lock it. Report any suspicious activity immediately to the Collier County Sheriff's Office at 695-2007.



LOCAL HISTORY

The Indian Gift Shop at Big Cypress Bend dates back from 1956 when it was on the other side of the road near Weaver's Station. It later moved to left of the entrance of the Fakahatchee Boardwalk.

The shop has just re-opened after the building burned down completely in June, probably due to an electrical fault. It offers native arts and crafts for sale. Stop in on your way to Naples ...

ESHP News

The next meeting of the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation will take place on **Monday, January 9**, at 8:30 a.m. in the Historical Library in City Hall. The agenda will include nominations for candidates to the board. For info, phone 695-2905. To learn more about ESHP, see www.evergladeshistorical.org.

Marco News

Paintings from the "Highwaymen" feature in the new exhibit in the Marco Island Historical Museum at 180 S. Heathwood Drive. For info, call (239) 642-1440.

There will be a free lecture about "Primitive Skills of the Calusa" on **Tuesday, January 3**, at 7:00 p.m. as part of the monthly program hosted by the Marco Island Historical Society.

The big event this month is a nostalgic "Night at the Proms" on **Saturday, January 28**. For info, see www.theMIHS.org or phone the Museum gift shop at (239) 389-6447 for tickets.

Smallwood Store

There will be a court hearing on **Thursday, December 29**, at 2:00 p.m. in Judge Lauren Brodie's chambers at Government Center in Naples. All are welcome to attend.

MUSEUM NEWS

If you are interested in supporting our Museum of the Everglades, become a member of the Friends of the Museum by completing the membership form online at www.evergladesmuseum.org or by calling Helen Bryan at 695-3298.



The current exhibit in the Pauline Reeves Gallery through December is "A Walk through the Everglades" with photographers Tyler McDonald and Bruce Hitchcock.

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.

ADOPT-A-ROAD

The Trash-Talking Folks Are At It Again!

CR-29 is our main project but, many of the winter and year-round residents pick up trash while getting their exercise around town. We have seen positive results. Fewer items discarded.



Please consider joining the group. We usually work in twos and visit (make another friend) while we take care of our assigned area. The Road (CR-29) is divided into six one-half mile sections that are assigned to the volunteers. The guardrail on the east side of the road is marked with orange tape and a number. We had twelve people helping in 2010-2011. The more involved – the easier the task. Most of the group clean up on Friday about 8 o'clock in the morning. You can choose your day with your friend depending on your plans for the week. If you wish to get involved, and need more information, please call Pat at 695-4642.

Maintaining the freshness of the Everglades is important to the success of businesses and the residential community.

INVESTMENT INSIGHTS

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

"In spite of the cost of living, it's still quite popular."

Kathleen Norris, 20th Century Writer.



The 1843 Charles Dickens classic, "A Christmas Carol" centers on the transformation of Ebenezer Scrooge, a miserly and lonely old man. Jacob Marley, Scrooge's deceased business partner acts as Scrooge's tour guide on this epic journey through Christmas Past, Present, and Christmas Yet to Come.

Financial advisors are much like Mr. Marley guiding clients through their financial past, present and future. It's not too late to make changes and start building the foundation for your financial future. Even failures offer learning opportunities.

Speaking of failures, you've probably heard about the collapse of MF Global Holdings Ltd. The company's executives, including former New Jersey Governor Jon Corzine, are being questioned why the firm failed to keep customer money separate, as required by law, from company money which was used for failed Eurozone investments. In the financial industry, public trust and confidence are important. Like Scrooge or Jon Corzine, people make regrettable decisions. Understand the consequences of choices you make concerning your financial well-being.

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REVIEW OF THE YEAR, 2011



Brandon Steffen won first place at the Collier County Math and Science Fair. 2/4/11



Bernard Blackburn, building inspector, and Jim Vaughn, water plant manager, join ECity staff. 3/4/11



Youngsters enjoyed the new Little League program in the ball field behind Holy Family Catholic Church. 4/15/11



Access the Smallwood Store was denied on Mamie Street when developers dug up the road. Court cases followed before the fence was moved and the Store opened again on October 16. 4/29/11, 10/28/11

dates in italic refer to Rapper issue



Work progressed on the new Louise Collier Jinkins Fellowship Hall behind Everglades Community Church. 6/10/11



Another successful Build-a-Boat project for teens took place, thanks to CCSO, Everglades Lions Club, and volunteers. 6/24/11



A fire on Pleasure Island damaged several homes but no one was hurt. 7/22/11



Five weeks of free Summer Camp was sponsored by Reach Out Everglades, our neighborhood charity. 8/5/11



Neighborhood Watch signs were installed in the area. 8/19/11



A Prescription Drug Drop Box was installed in ECity Hall. 8/19/11



Superintendent Dr. Kamela Patton held an open house at ECity School. 9/2/11



Dwain Daniels was honored for rescuing Margaret Webb from an alligator attack in late August. 9/30/11

GONE BUT NOT FORGOTTEN

- Anneliese Fragiaco (2/4/11)
 - Terry W. Browning (2/4/11)
 - Gary G. Merritt (2/18/11)
 - Mary Jane Wallace (2/18/11)
 - Auburn Mae Burgess (3/18/11)
 - Lucille Divine Browning (3/18/11)
 - Deborah Stokes (3/18/11)
 - Jearl Carl Brown (4/19/11)
 - Earlie B. Smith (5/13/11)
 - Marjorie Gooch Collins (5/13/11)
 - Terry Barry (6/24/11)
 - Frances W. Pasiuk (6/24/11)
 - Frank Secrest (6/24/11)
 - Earl Kenneth Dampier (8/5/11)
 - Sara Hedgepeth Osceola (9/2/11)
 - David Douglas Fogle (10/14/11)
 - Max Schultz (10/28/11)
 - Walter Gorecki (11/11/11)
 - Hubert Potter (11/11/11)
 - Bernie Decko (11/11/11)
 - Doris M. Naske (11/25/11)
- dates in italic refer to Rapper issue*

RESTAURANT NEWS



- Camellia Street Grill (695-2003):**
12 Noon – 9:00 pm; daily
6:–9 pm; Fri, Sat: Country Music
- 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
5:00 – 8:00 pm Dinner; Fri, Sat
- 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
- 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 – 6:00 pm; Sun-Thurs
10:30 am – 7:00 pm; Fri, Sat
(beginning Dec. 30)
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 (Fri, Sat, Sun)**
7:00 am - 2:00 pm; ECity Post Office
2:00 – 4:00 pm; outside ORA (Sun)



The Missions Committee of Everglades Community Church prepared and delivered festive holiday baskets, including fresh hams, for some local elderly residents.

TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER
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<http://TIDESANDCURRENTS.NOAA.GOV>

12/23	Fri	12:07am	3.3	H
12/23	Fri	08:25am	-0.6	L
12/23	Fri	02:27pm	2.3	H
12/23	Fri	08:19pm	0.8	L
12/24	Sat	12:55am	3.4	H
12/24	Sat	09:14am	-0.6	L
12/24	Sat	03:07pm	2.3	H
12/24	Sat	09:09pm	0.7	L
12/25	Sun	01:41am	3.3	H
12/25	Sun	09:59am	-0.6	L
12/25	Sun	03:44pm	2.3	H
12/25	Sun	09:56pm	0.7	L
12/26	Mon	02:27am	3.2	H
12/26	Mon	10:43am	-0.5	L
12/26	Mon	04:21pm	2.3	H
12/26	Mon	10:43pm	0.6	L
12/27	Tue	03:14am	3.1	H
12/27	Tue	11:25am	-0.4	L
12/27	Tue	04:57pm	2.3	H
12/27	Tue	11:30pm	0.6	L
12/28	Wed	04:05am	2.8	H
12/28	Wed	12:06pm	-0.2	L
12/28	Wed	05:35pm	2.4	H
12/29	Thu	12:20am	0.5	L
12/29	Thu	05:01am	2.5	H
12/29	Thu	12:47pm	0.0	L
12/29	Thu	06:14pm	2.4	H
12/30	Fri	01:16am	0.5	L
12/30	Fri	06:03am	2.2	H
12/30	Fri	01:29pm	0.3	L
12/30	Fri	06:54pm	2.4	H
12/31	Sat	02:20am	0.5	L
12/31	Sat	07:11am	1.9	H
12/31	Sat	02:15pm	0.5	L
12/31	Sat	07:37pm	2.4	H
01/01	Sun	03:25am	0.4	L
01/01	Sun	08:28am	1.7	H
01/01	Sun	03:13pm	0.6	L
01/01	Sun	08:29pm	2.4	H
01/02	Mon	04:40am	0.3	L
01/02	Mon	09:53am	1.6	H
01/02	Mon	04:16pm	0.7	L
01/02	Mon	09:21pm	2.5	H
01/03	Tue	05:38am	0.1	L
01/03	Tue	11:28am	1.7	H
01/03	Tue	05:18pm	0.8	L
01/03	Tue	10:15pm	2.5	H
01/04	Wed	06:29am	0.0	L
01/04	Wed	12:40pm	1.8	H
01/04	Wed	06:12pm	0.9	L
01/04	Wed	11:06pm	2.6	H
01/05	Thu	07:14am	-0.1	L
01/05	Thu	01:16pm	1.9	H
01/05	Thu	07:01pm	0.8	L
01/05	Thu	11:51pm	2.7	H

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