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The Annual Turkey Shoot sponsored by the Lion's Club on the weekend of February 7/8 raised over \$5,000.

FESTIVAL NEWS

The beer mugs have been ordered and the City is busy putting up the tents. It's almost Seafood Festival time again!

A new fun music group should appeal to nostalgia fans of all ages. BeatleBeat will be playing old Beatles songs on Friday night and even look like the "fab four".

Old favorites are also back including Florida talent such as the Jessie Thompson Project and the Gladezmen. New this year from Nashville are David Nail and Warren Silvers.

It's going to be better than ever this year!

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SEAFOOD FESTIVAL ENTERTAINMENT – 2012



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 3

- 5:30 p.m. Opening Ceremonies
- 5:30 Sawgrass Boys
- 6:30 Jessie Thompson Project
- 7:30 BeatleBeat
- 9:00 Gruv Monsters
- 10:00 Dirt Road MoJo



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY

- 10:00 a.m. Opening Ceremonies
- 10:30 Hamilton Boys
- 12:00 Dirt Road MoJo
- 1:00 Wild Eyed Southern Boys
- 2:30 Big Bottom
- 4:00 David Nail
- 5:30 Jessie Thompson Project
- 7:00 SowFlo



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

- 11:00 a.m. Opening Ceremonies
- 11:30 Hamilton Boys
- 12:30 Gladezman
- 1:30 Big Bottom
- 2:30 Warren Silvers
- 4:00 LoCash Cowboys
- 5:30 Wild Eye Southern Boys



For more info, see www.evergladesseafoodfestival.com or stop in at the real estate office behind Island Café or call (239) 695-2277.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST. Everglades Community Church will offer pancakes and sausages, with coffee and juice, on **Saturday, February 4**, from 7:00 to 11:00 a.m. Cost is \$6 per adult, \$3.50 kids under 10 years old.

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

JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2012

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
15	<u>MLK Day</u> 16 Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm Early Voting starts	17 Reach Out City Hall, 8:30 am Kids' Clinic 5-7 pm	18 Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8 am	19 ENP Public Meeting SAC School, 6 pm	<u>RAPPER</u> 20 School Career Day <i>see p.5</i>	21 Pancake FlyIn Art-in-Glades E'glades Ultras Coastal Cruise <i>see p.3</i>
22 Gospel Singing Chokoloskee Church of God <i>see p.3</i>	new moon ○ 23 Hour of Prayer Copeland Baptist Church 7 pm	24 Kids' Clinic 5-7 pm <i>see p.3</i>	25 Ladies Coffee Island Café 8 am	26	27 Movie Night <i>see p. 3</i>	28 Early Voting ends <i>see p.3</i>
29	30 Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm	31 Kids' Clinic 5-7 pm, <i>see p.3</i> Primary Election <i>see p.3</i>	FEB 1 Ladies Coffee Havana Café 8 am FME mtg <i>see p.9</i>	2	<u>RAPPER</u> 3 Seafood Fest <i>see p.1</i>	4 ECC Pancakes <i>see p.1</i> Seafood Fest <i>see p.1</i>
5 Seafood Fest <i>see p.1</i>	6 Hour of Prayer Holy Family Catholic Church 7 pm ESHP mtg <i>see p.9</i> Booster Club	full moon ● 7 Congressional Visit Coletta Visit City Council City Hall, 5:30 pm	8 Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8 am	9 Great Gator Luncheon	10	11 Mobile Pet Vet <i>see p.3</i> Jammin' in the Hammock <i>see p.3</i>
12 Jammin' in Hammock <i>see p. 3</i>	13 Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm OFCD Bd <i>see p.3</i>	14 <u>Valentine's Day</u>	15 Ladies Coffee Island Café 8 am	16 SAC School, 6 pm	<u>RAPPER</u> 17	18 Pancake FlyIn Antique Air Butcher Muck-About ORA Bazaar

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, Coastal Cruise Mar 24: Pancake FlyIn Mar 25: Coastal Cruise

THRIFT SHOP: Tues through 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., 5-7 pm, in January
FOOD PANTRY: Sat, 8:30-10:30 am, Community Church AA: Wed, 5:00 pm, Community Church
AL-ANON: Thurs, 12 noon, Community Church NA: Sat, 11:30 am, Community Center (Skating Rink)
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: Mon, 1/23 (9-10 am) Fri, 1/27 (10-11 am) Mon, 1/30 (9-10 am)
see the notice outside the office for dates in February

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 21

EVERGLADES ULTRAS: trail races in the Fakahatchee from early morning. For info, see www.evergladesultras.com or phone Bob at (954) 439-2900.

PANCAKE FLY-IN: open house at Everglades Airpark from 10:00 a.m. to noon hosted by Wings 10,000 Islands Tours. For info, phone 695-3296.

ART-IN-THE-GLADES: arts & crafts in McLeod Park, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. For info or to set up a vendor's table, phone 695-2905.

COASTAL CRUISE: chartered boat trip to historic Fakahatchee Island at 3:00 p.m. from Everglades National Park. For info, see www.orchidswamp.org or phone Marya at 695-2905.

GOSPEL SINGING

Brother Rocky Bratsher with Mercy and Grace Gospel Band will be at Chokoloskee Church of God on Sunday, January 22, at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome! For info, phone 695-3735.

Postal Rates Increase

Rates go up January 22 but the "forever" stamps that were 44¢ are still valid. A first-class letter will now cost 45¢. For info, see www.usps.gov.



MOVIE NIGHT

The film Wind across the Everglades, which was made here in 1957, will be shown on Friday, January 27, in the Jinkins Fellowship Hall, Everglades Community Church, at 7:00 p.m. There will be free popcorn and soda. The event is hosted by ESHP. Everyone is invited. For info, phone 695-2905.

PRIMARY ELECTION

Early voting takes place each day except Sunday in the old council chamber in City Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The last day is Saturday, January 28.

The Presidential Preference Primary is on Tuesday, January 31. The polling station at the Community Center (behind the Fire Station) is open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Only those affiliated with a party can vote. For info, see www.colliervotes.com.



Two new Gift Shops have opened in town across from the National Park.

In the Glades Haven Building the Gift Shop (pictured above) includes hand-painted furniture and other arts & crafts including some floral paintings by local artist Dick Jay.

The Everglades Gift & Souvenir Shop in the Observation Tower & Boardwalk Building is open seven days a week from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and sells T-shirts and other gifts.



EVERGLADES BIKE RIDE

Once again bicyclists from around the State will be coming to Everglades City for the annual Everglades Bike Ride sponsored by Naples Pathways Coalition in support of the River of Grass Greenway (ROGG) and the Friends of Fakahatchee.

If you are interested in volunteering or participating in the February 26 event, phone Patty at 695-2397. For info, visit www.naplespathways.org and click on "Stay and Play Everglades Ride 2012". A continental breakfast and lunch are included in the registration fee.

ORCHID SOCIETY

Join the Naples Orchid Society to kick off their 50th Anniversary celebrations on Thursday, February 2, at 5:30 p.m. at Moorings Presbyterian Church. The event includes dinner and a presentation. For info see www.naplesorchidsociety.org or call 304-6604.

OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

- 01/06/12: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
01/10/12: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
01/11/12: Vehicle Fire, 61mm I-75
01/13/12: Vehicle Accident, Ochopee
01/14/12: Vehicle Accident, San Marco Rd and US-41
01/14/12: Vehicle Accident, 78mm I-75
01/14/12: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
01/15/12: Emergency Medical, SR-29 and I-75

Ochopee Fire Control District Advisory Board will meet Monday, February 13, at 4:00 p.m. in the future fire station at Port of the Islands (525 Newport Drive, unit 5) For info, phone Linda at 695-4114.

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, January 24, 31, February 21 and 28 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, February 11, 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.



Chamber of Commerce

At the last meeting, the recently-elected board members were sworn in by Dottie Joiner. These include new director Corey Billie who operates the airboat tours on US-41 near Collier Seminole State Park. The next meeting is on Tuesday, January 31, at 6:30 p.m. at the Seafood Depot.

Jammin' in the Hammock

The Annual "Jammin' in the Hammock" Bluegrass Festival at Collier Seminole State Park is scheduled for the weekend of February 11-12. See the next issue of the Rapper for more details.

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SCHOOL NEWS

Everglades City Schoolphone: 377-9800 or 695-2561

website: www.collierschools.com/evg

IMPORTANT DATES

Thurs, Jan 19:	SAC, 6:00 p.m.
Fri, Jan 20:	Career Day, 12:30 p.m.
Thurs, Jan 26:	Family Academic Night, 5:00 p.m.
Fri, Jan 27:	Homecoming
Mon, Feb 6:	Booster Club, 6:30 p.m.
Wed, Feb 8:	Early Dismissal
Thurs, Feb 16:	SAC, 6:00 p.m.



From Savannah's Eyes

Nature. It's the most beautiful thing that surrounds us in our local area. I always love to look at the unusual birds, alligators, and trees that no one else has where they live. That's why I love to go to the Big Cypress Bend boardwalk on the way to Naples. My

parents and I always stop there to take a calm and soothing walk. Listening to the birds chirp, the wind blowing the trees, it almost sounds like a song! All throughout the boardwalk are trees that wind around each other, and they stretch so high to the sky! At the end of the boardwalk there are also alligators there and sometimes they have their babies sitting on logs! I love the boardwalk!

Its been so cold the last few days so we've had to bring my cats inside to be warm! But I still love this weather too! Yet now I'm kind of missing the warm weather, it will be back soon before you know it.

Homecoming is coming up soon and the cheerleaders are practicing for their over the top performance this year! Not to mention the basketball players are doing a great job and are doing good this season and are getting warmed up for the game that night! I have a feeling this is going to be the best homecoming yet! If you want to watch the homecoming game or want to see the other games call the school to get more information.

Loving my life, and love being a straight A student!

Love, Savannah

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

CAREER DAY

Everglades City School is delighted to be presenting the 2nd Annual "College 2 Career" Fair in collaboration with the Community Safety Program sponsored by the Collier County Sheriff's Department.

Middle School and High School students will be participating in the program on **Friday, January 20**, from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. in the cafeterium.

There will be presentations from postsecondary programs such as Colleges, Universities, Military, Technology Institutes, Businesses, Fire Department and Sheriff's Department.

BASKETBALL HOME GAMES



Thurs, Jan 19	Golden Gate	4:30 p.m.
Sat, Jan 21	Alumnae	7:00 p.m.
Fri, Jan 27	Marco Academy	4:30 p.m.

The registration fee for the Alumnae Game is \$10 and the concession will be open. For info, call 280-8178 or 289-4200.

The next home game is on **Friday, January 27**, Marco Island Academy at 4:30 p.m. Junior Varsity and 6:00 p.m. Varsity. 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" at <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 – Chandler O'Connell, Hannah Gilmore, Gena Collins
- K – John Mark Gilmore, Teddy Smallwood, Pallas Pike
- 1 – Christian Keefe, Billy Smallwood, Cayla Starr
- 2 – Faith Brown, Morgan Herrin, Brady Bowen
- 3,4 – Jesse Goff, Gracie Emma Brown, Alexis Hendrickson
- 5 – Kalen Kibodeaux, McBeth Collins, Stephanie Pablo-Ramirez
- 6 – Tori Wells, Damian Strickland, Emily Brown
- 7 – Cody Potter, Braxton Kidder, Enrique Roldan
- 8 – Savannah Humphries, Lilian Pablo-Jeronimo, Sierra Dungan
- High School – Brianna Daniels, Meggan Herrington, Reagan Richardson

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

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Recipe for Good Eating

"Shepherd's Pie"

submitted by Mary Morris



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| 1 TBS vegetable oil | 1 tsp chopped fresh rosemary |
| 1 large onion, peeled and chopped | 1 TBS chopped Italian parsley |
| 1 large carrot, peeled and chopped | 2 lbs russet potatoes, peeled and cut |
| 1 pound ground lamb or other meat | 6 TBS unsalted butter |
| 1 cup beef or chicken broth | ½ cup milk |
| 1 TBS tomato paste | Kosher salt to taste |

Preheat oven to 375°F. In a large sauté pan over medium-high heat, heat the oil, then add the onion, carrot, and meat. Cook until browned, 8 to 10 minutes. Drain the fat and add the broth, tomato paste, and herbs. Simmer until the juices thicken, about 10 minutes.

Pour the mixture into a 1½ quart baking dish; set aside. Meanwhile, bring the potatoes to a boil in salted water (or use left-over mashed potatoes). Cook until tender, about 20 minutes; drain. Mash the potatoes with the butter, milk, and salt. Spread them over the meat mixture, then crosshatch the top with a fork. Bake until golden, 30 to 35 minutes. Delicious. Enjoy!

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

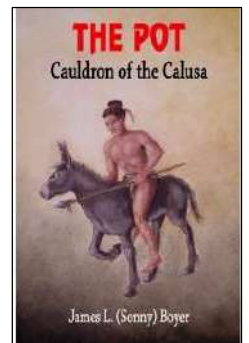


Off the Shelf – New Books

"The Pot: Cauldron of the Calusa"

by James L. (Sonny) Boyer

reviewed by Patty Huff



Sonny Boyer captures the spirit and beauty of South Florida in his first novel which describes the conflict between cultures when a young Calusa brave named Cato finds love with the Spanish maiden Carlota. This is not just a love story but a history book of the era when the Spaniards arrived and encountered the native Indians. Mr. Boyer's presentation of the Calusa's daily lives provides an insight into the culture of our early inhabitants and the challenges they faced. The novel takes the reader on a journey with Cato and his adventures through the Florida wilderness. You'll enjoy the story of the young Indian and learn about the interactions of the various tribal families and their experiences during the changing period when emigrants from Europe came to live in the new world. Read and enjoy!

The Pot is published by Publish America. For more information and to purchase an autographed copy of the book, contact Sonny Boyer at fairplay17@windstream.net or phone (706) 745-2823. See a sample of Sonny's writing on page 10.



Diamonds are a Girl's Best Friend

by Patty Huff

When I was 16 years old, my grandmother gave me a precious gift that I have worn for the last 50 years. It was a diamond ring which she had won in a beauty contest. When the ring needed to be repaired recently, I was very fortunate to be referred to Mattis, Inc. The minute I walked into the jewelry store, I knew it was the right place. Matthew Skis is a 4th generation jeweler and his wife and two sons work alongside him. They are from Poland and originally worked at Tiffany's and Harry Winston's in New York before moving to Naples. Matthew has designed jewelry for several well-known people, including Princess Diana. I was very pleased with the restoration he did on my antique ring and impressed with his professionalism and courtesy. Call for an appointment at 793-4400 or stop by his store at 3627 Tamiami Trail North in the Park Shore Center.



FWC News

The number of panther deaths since the New Year has been tragic. Two were killed by traffic, one died in a fight, and another became fatally ill in the Big Cypress. The good news is that 32 documented kittens were born in 2011 but only 24 panthers died, 9 because of vehicle collisions. If you see an injured or dead panther, call the FWC hotline. For more info, see www.floridapanther.net.org.

FWC reports that manatees are seeking relief from the cold in the Faka Union Canal and other sheltered waters in Collier County. Boaters are urged to watch out for them and obey the speed rules. The Collier Marine Alliance will be increasing patrols.

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

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

The smalltooth sawfish is a protected species.



WOOD STORKS

submitted by the National Park Service

A wooden stork? Not quite.

In an emergency, how fast can you hit the brake pedal? How fast can you react to a curveball? How quickly can you catch a meal? We humans are very slow compared to many other species we share the planet with. Generally humans react much slower than wild animals seen in the speed of a striking snake or the reaction time of a star nosed mole. It turns out that a bird with one of the fastest reaction times on the planet, nests right here in the Everglades! The large and somewhat strange looking wood stork, is known by many names: the wood ibis, flinthead, ironhead, or wood pelican.



The wood stork has a most unusual feeding method. This unique bird shuffles through shallow water with its beak partially open. As soon as movement from a fish is detected, it snaps the beak shut with lightning speed and gulps down its meal. During the breeding season wood storks play out this fast feeding method thousands of times, as a nesting pair and their young can consume more than 400lbs of fish in a single breeding season!

If you could move as quickly as the wood stork catches its prey, you'd be able to hit that brake pedal 30 times faster than the average human and react to a curveball 8 times faster! This remarkable bird, with a wingspan over 5 feet, still nests in south Florida, and just a few other places in the United States; so keep an eye out from October to March for these awesome birds and see if you're fast enough to see them feed.



The Living Gulf Coast

by Charles Sobczak

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

River Otter (*Lutra canadensis*) Other names: common otter / Status: FL=stable but extirpated in 11 states and endangered in 13 more, IUCN=LC / Length: with tail, 26-42 in. (66-106 cm) / Height: n/a / Weight: 11-30 lb (5-14 kg) / Life span: to 20 years / Reproduces: near water in suitable dens; will often use another animal's burrow or find natural holes in riprap and tree roots / Found: AC, coastal, near coast, inland / Months found (otters will breed all year round): **JFMAMJJASOND**. Photo Dick Fortune & Sara Lopez.



There are 12 species of otters worldwide. This mammal appears on every continent except Australia and Antarctica. The largest of the freshwater species is the giant otter of the Amazonian basin, weighing up to 66 pounds; the shorter but heavier sea otter of the north Pacific coastline can weigh up to 90 pounds. Throughout its range, otter populations are declining as a result of habitat loss and the harvesting—often overharvesting—of its meat and fur. The only aquatic member of the weasel family, the otter is renowned for its playfulness. Curious and entertaining to observe, it is a favorite at zoos and aquariums. Children seem to gravitate to the otter naturally, as they do with the dolphin. In the wild, the otter is far less playful but is still known to slide down a muddy embankment repeatedly or engage in other behavior that can only be described as having fun. Aside from primates, the sea otter is the only mammal known to use tools when harvesting food. The diet of the river otter that inhabits all of Southwest Florida is largely made up of fish, both fresh and saltwater species. It prefers slower-moving fish such as gar, panfish, and catfish, but will catch just about any fish it can. It also eats crawfish, horseshoe crabs, frogs, coots, ducks, beetles, and on rare occasions, muskrats and marsh rabbits.

An otter is capable of holding its breath for up to four minutes, diving as deep as 60 feet and swimming as fast as six miles per hour. Its fur is so dense that its skin never gets wet. Young otters, even though they are born with webbed feet and will eventually spend most of their lives in the water, must be taught how to swim by their parents. The otter is very vulnerable to water quality issues and will quickly abandon any polluted lakes or streams. Poor water quality has been a major factor in the otter's decline worldwide. The river otter is slowly being reintroduced into states where it once was plentiful, including Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Nebraska, New Mexico, North and South Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and West Virginia. Over the past few centuries it has been trapped for its high-quality fur, causing localized extinctions. Most states now prohibit trapping and hunting the otter. The otter is preyed upon by alligators, bobcats, coyotes, and wolves. Because of its unusual method of running, arching its back high into the air as it runs, it is very vulnerable to automobile collisions. Oil spills are especially troublesome for the otter. The Exxon Valdez spill in Prince William Sound killed more than 1,000 sea otters and dozens of river otters within days. An offshore spill in Florida would not impact the river otter as severely because it tends to favor freshwater over saltwater or brackish environments. The same cannot be said for the manatee, a species that could literally be wiped out along the gulf should a spill like the Deepwater Horizon occur close to the coastline.

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



LOCAL HISTORY

by Marya Repko

Recently I visited Henry Flagler's "Whitehall" estate, now a museum, in Palm Beach and was reminded that 2012 is the 100th anniversary of the Overseas Railroad that went to Key West. The first train arrived there on January 22, 1912.

As well as the grandiose house, originally built in 1902, you can see Flagler's private railcar (#91) which is described as "A Palace on Wheels". It is housed in a pavilion reminiscent of a Beaux-Arts railway station with cafe.

If you are interested in Florida history and/or railroad history, the Flagler Museum is well worth a visit. For info, see www.flaglermuseum.us.



ESHP News

If you own one of the original Collier Homes, you are eligible to have an historic sign on your house. For more info, phone Mike at 695-2244 or download an order form at www.evergladeshistorical.org.

The Everglades Society for Historic Preservation will meet on **Monday, February 6**, at 8:30 a.m. in City Hall.

Smallwood Store

It's been three weeks since Judge Brodie ordered Florida-Georgia Grove LLC to pave Mamie Street. As of January 17 the road is still in rough condition. The *Rapper* will continue to report on progress. The Store & Museum is open daily.

Museum of the Everglades

The current exhibit in the Pauline Reeves Gallery through January is "A Walk through the Everglades" with photographer Brian Trainor. It's an interesting interpretation of different scenes in the Everglades. 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.



Museum volunteers were treated to coffee and donuts recently in a "meet and greet" social hosted by Museum assistant Martha Hutcheson. Winter residents are invited to spend a few hours a week at the front desk greeting visitors. Call Martha at 695-0008 for more info.

The next meeting of the Friends of the Museum will be held on **Wednesday, February 1**, at 3:30 p.m. in the Museum.

The annual Marjory Stoneman Douglas is scheduled for the week of **February 21-24**. Many of the programs fill up quickly so stop by the Museum at 105 W. Broadway to sign up early and to obtain a brochure. A copy of the schedule is also available at www.evergladesmuseum.org.



Marco Historical Museum

Marco Island Historical Museum features artwork of the "Florida Highwaymen" through February 29. The Museum is open from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at 180 S. Heathwood Drive. For info, call (239) 642-1440 or see www.theMIHS.org.

INVESTMENT INSIGHTS

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

Don't forget until too late that the business of life is not business but living. B.C. Forbes



Typically, investors begin with a mix of stocks, bonds, and cash allocated to match financial goals and risk tolerance levels. If that's all there was to it, my life would be easy, but it doesn't work that way.

Over time, elements of your portfolio gain while others fall back. A 60/30/10 allocation of stocks/bonds/cash can easily transform to 77/16/7. Changes occur because investments don't all move in the same direction at once. This is why monitoring and re-balancing are imperative.

Last year even with higher oil prices and the tragic tsunami and nuclear accident in Japan, stocks reached three-year highs last April. Then Europe began to unravel and political squabbling over the U.S. debt ceiling brought our country close to default prompting tremendous volatility in markets that essentially left indexes flat at year-end. In 2012, investors will focus on employment, corporate earnings, Europe's debt problems, the upcoming US elections, and uncertainties regarding taxes. More volatility may lie ahead.

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FLORIDA FLORA

by Patricia Huff

The **Mamey Sapote** (*Pouteria sapota*) is native to southern Mexico but is cultivated in many tropical areas including South Florida. Its fruit is eaten raw or mixed with milkshakes and ice cream. Some consider the fruit to be an aphrodisiac and many use the oil from the seed for beauty products. This evergreen may grow very tall; up to 60 to 140 feet (this particular tree in Chokoloskee is very high and can be seen from a distance). The skin on the fruit has a brown fuzzy texture with a pink flesh when ripe. Delicious tree for your fruit garden!



Florida Tales

“Cole Slawe and the Basketball Game”

by Chester Keene



Here is one all the old timers know who I am talking bout. The name is changed to protect the innocent.

This is a story about another Living Legend in South Florida by the name of Cole Slawe. Cole was invited to be an Honorary referee at one of his son's basketball game. It was for a fundraising exhibition for travel expenses to another rival town for a game. Word got out and a large crowd formed at the local Gym. He arrived in his old pickup truck he had driven for years with his sons. Cole was known to never wear shoes and the bottom of his feet were tough enough to strike matches on. The crowd cheered as Cole entered the Gym. He walked out to the edge of the Court to put on his striped shirt on as to blend in with the other Referees. He told the crowd, “Y'all know this ain't the only striped shirt I've been known to wear”. The crowd erupted into shouts and cheers. With his new outfit on he headed out to the Court. All of a sudden, the Regular referee blew is whistle and shouted "Stop Cole". He turned around to face the challenge and the Referee said, “You're scuffing the floor with you tough bare feet and you have to put on shoes”. An agreement was made and Cole had to put on socks but no shoes. The game continued and his son's team won the game.

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

MEMORIES

by Sonny Boyer

Our fish fries that we had in the back yard created a lot of entertainment for me because I was able to go with my dad on a lot of his fishing trips. One of my favorites was when we went to Marco to troll for Snook. It was during the war so he had to save up his gas stamps so we could make the trip from Miami.

My dad had managed to acquire a clinker built dory. I was a kid but I remember it as holding just three people so I would guess it to be twelve to thirteen feet long. The motor he had was an old Johnson and not in very good shape. He always had trouble getting it started and it was a source of a lot of welts on my body. To start the motor you had to wind a cord around the fly wheel and pull it through. I remember it would always tax my dad to the point of exhaustion, (both mentally and physically) before Betsy or #%&## would start. What he called it depended on how quick it started. What put the welts on me was that long cord with the knot on the end as was pulled through and would snap me like a buggy whip.

We always launched it near the east end of the canal that ran from Royal Palm to the wooden bridge at the west end. We didn't have a regular boat trailer, just a high side utility trailer and it was a trick to get that heavy boat on and off and in the water with no ramp to launch it from. I don't ever remember seeing an Ice box until after the war. We used a canvas bag with a metal bottom and a drawstring top that I guess was furnished by the icehouse. My dad would fill it up about half way with crushed ice before we started across the trail.

Once in the water we would start trolling toward Marco in that canal with Johnson spoons. His goal was to catch enough fish to have a good fish fry and we always managed to do that. We never caught any big Snook like you can catch around the passes, they were always about five to six pounds. Some days we wouldn't catch a mess until just before dark and I didn't enjoy that experience but I knew not to complain for fear of not going the next time. The mosquitoes and sand flies would just about carry you off around sundown.

We would stop ever so often and behead the fish, gut them and stick them tails up down in that crushed ice. My dad never was greedy about how many fish he would catch.

Some times he would look in that bag and say “I think we have about enough. Let's head on back across the trail”. I guess a lot had to do with we didn't have a refrigerator yet, we still had an old tin lined wooden ice box to keep things cold. One of the things I remember about that canal was the huge alligator we would occasionally see. A man in the store at the Royal Palm end told us he was the one who put two stakes in the ground, sixteen feet apart on the spoil bank where the gator liked to lie. My dad and I saw him there after the man told us that and we could see he was well over sixteen feet. Later in life I wonder if maybe he was a crocodile instead of an alligator as the water in the canal was brackish. The nicest thing about getting old is the memories you have.

James (Sonny) Boyer grew up in South Florida and fished the 10,000 Islands for years, catching a 25-lb Snook when he was 10 yrs old. He had a hunting camp in Immokalee for 25 years. He is now 80 years old and lives in North Georgia but has many memories of this area.

See a review of Sonny's book on page 7.

RESTAURANT NEWS



- Camellia Street Grill (695-2003):**
12 Noon – 9:00 pm; daily
Fri, Sat: Country Music (6:00 pm)
- 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
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11:00 am – 5:00 pm; Wed - Mon
- Leebo's Rock-Bottom Bar (465-9521):**
3:00 pm; Mon-Fri
12:00 noon; Sat, Sun
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
Fish Market also open
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9:00 am – 8:00 pm, Mon-Sat
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2:00 – 4:00 pm; outside ORA (Sun)



Trash along the highway from Everglades City to Carnestown is still being discarded. More volunteers are needed to help the ESHP and Ladies' Coffee teams (and their spouses) who are picking up the litter. If you can spare a few hours a week, phone Pat at 695-4642.

TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER

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<http://TIDESANDCURRENTS.NOAA.GOV>

01/20	Fri	07:23am	-0.5	L
01/20	Fri	01:48pm	2.0	H
01/20	Fri	07:18pm	0.7	L
01/21	Sat	12:09am	3.0	H
01/21	Sat	08:13am	-0.5	L
01/21	Sat	02:18pm	2.1	H
01/21	Sat	08:11pm	0.6	L
01/22	Sun	12:58am	3.0	H
01/22	Sun	08:59am	-0.5	L
01/22	Sun	02:45pm	2.2	H
01/22	Sun	09:00pm	0.5	L
01/23	Mon	01:44am	3.0	H
01/23	Mon	09:41am	-0.5	L
01/23	Mon	03:11pm	2.2	H
01/23	Mon	09:45pm	0.4	L
01/24	Tue	02:26am	2.9	H
01/24	Tue	10:21am	-0.4	L
01/24	Tue	03:40pm	2.3	H
01/24	Tue	10:28pm	0.3	L
01/25	Wed	03:08am	2.8	H
01/25	Wed	10:58am	-0.3	L
01/25	Wed	04:10pm	2.4	H
01/25	Wed	11:10pm	0.3	L
01/26	Thu	03:51am	2.6	H
01/26	Thu	11:33am	-0.1	L
01/26	Thu	04:42pm	2.4	H
01/26	Thu	11:54pm	0.2	L
01/27	Fri	04:37am	2.3	H
01/27	Fri	12:07pm	0.1	L
01/27	Fri	05:17pm	2.4	H
01/28	Sat	12:40am	0.2	L
01/28	Sat	05:29am	2.0	H
01/28	Sat	12:39pm	0.3	L
01/28	Sat	05:55pm	2.4	H
01/29	Sun	01:33am	0.2	L
01/29	Sun	06:29am	1.8	H
01/29	Sun	01:07pm	0.5	L
01/29	Sun	06:36pm	2.4	H
01/30	Mon	02:37am	0.2	L
01/30	Mon	07:39am	1.6	H
01/30	Mon	01:21pm	0.6	L
01/30	Mon	07:24pm	2.3	H
01/31	Tue	03:48am	0.2	L
01/31	Tue	09:03am	1.5	H
01/31	Tue	12:57pm	0.7	L
01/31	Tue	08:23pm	2.3	H
02/01	Wed	04:55am	0.1	L
02/01	Wed	09:31pm	2.3	H
02/02	Thu	05:54am	0.0	L
02/02	Thu	01:31pm	1.6	H
02/02	Thu	05:36pm	0.9	L
02/02	Thu	10:35pm	2.4	H

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PET PICS

Deanna Grimm sent this adorable picture of her little dog "Paris" ready for the cold weather.

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