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Congratulations to Tim Brock and Allison Nist!

The following is a message from Governor Rick Scott to Florida State Employees. Tim and his wife Kathy own a home in Everglades City. Allison has served on the Board of the Friends of Fakahatchee.

"I want to applaud Tim Brock, Utility Engineer of the Florida Department of Transportation, for leading the District Four Engineering Program to being awarded the 2013 American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) Value Engineering Award by saving more than \$32 million on a major road and bridge project. This national recognition demonstrates Tim and his team's commitment to providing the most efficient services to our state."

and

"I would also like to acknowledge Dr. Allison Nist, senior physician with the Florida Department of Health, for being honored with the Naples Daily News Heroes in Healthcare Award for Physician Excellence. This annual award was given to Dr. Nist for her exemplary 25 years of work in Collier County."



Celebrate with Us!

The Sons of the Confederacy will start off our Independence Day Celebration on **Saturday, June 29**, with a blast from their cannon at 10:00 a.m. in front of City Hall before the Opening Ceremony.

That is followed by the Patriotic Parade around town. The theme this year is "Stars & Stripes" and there are prizes for the best golf cart, swamp buggy, and other categories. For more information and to sign up, call Elaine at 695-2695.

The schedule for our family-fun day is:

- 10:00 Opening Ceremony
- 10:30 PARADE
- 11:00 Booths Open (food, music)
- 11:30 Parade Winners Announced
- 1:00 Kiddies' Best-Dressed Contest
- 2:00 Raffle Winners Picked
- 9:00 FIREWORKS

Donations are still welcome for the Fireworks Fund. You can put your money in the collection boxes around town or drop it off at City.



EVERGLADES POST OFFICE MEETING & NEWS

by Marya Repko

"I am not here today to close Everglades City Post Office" said Richard Barber, Operations Manager of the 341 zip code area and Post Master of Naples, at the public meeting on June 13.

He explained that the Post Office had financial worries (e.g., higher fuel costs, less business because of email) and would be trying to minimize administrative time but there were no plans for job cuts.

Mr. Barber said that post offices are measured by the money they take over the counter and by the number of items that they receive from the sorting office.

The meeting was called, in a routine exercise, which is taking place all over the country to streamline postal operations. Survey forms had been sent to each box-holder last month.

Since then, the Post Office has published the results of their review process. As from July 27, the Everglades City office will have window service on Monday through Friday for six hours daily from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with a break for lunch from 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.

The Chokoloskee Post Office hours will remain the same from 9:00 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

If you have questions or comments, talk to your local postmaster.

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JUNE / JULY 2013

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
16	17 Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm	18 Reach Out City Hall, 8:30 am	19 Ladies Coffee Island Café 8 am	20	<u>RAPPER 21</u>	22
full moon ● 23	24 Hour of Prayer Holy Family Catholic Church 7 pm Build-a-Boat	25	26 Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8 am	27	28	29 PARADE! <i>see p.1</i> Last Day of Thrift Shop until Sept. <i>see p.3</i>
30	JULY 1 Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm Build-a-Chair	2	3 Ladies Coffee Island Café 8 am	4 <u>Independence Day</u>	<u>RAPPER 5</u>	6
7	new moon ○ 8 Hour of Prayer Copeland Baptist Church 7 pm Summer Camp OFGD Mtg <i>see p.3</i> Chamber Mtg	9	10 Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8 am	11 Lions Club Depot, 5:30 pm	12	13
14	15 Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm Summer Camp	16	17 Ladies Coffee Island Café 8 am	18	<u>RAPPER 19</u> Hot Summer Nights	20

July 23: Food Bank Aug 6: City Council, National Night Out Aug 13: Food Bank Aug 19: Back to School Aug 28: BigC ORVs
 Aug 31-Sept 2: Butcher Labor Day Weekend "Muck-About" Sept 28: Blessing of the Crab Fleet

THRIFT SHOP: Thurs, Sat, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm through June
 DR DEMARTINO: Closed for summer
 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: Closed for summer
 AA: Wed, 5:00 pm, Community Church
 NA: Sat, 11:30 am, Community Center (Skating Rink)
 SMALLWOOD STORE: Daily, 11 am to 5 pm

SHERIFF AT CITY HALL: Tues, 7/2 (10-11 am); Tues, 7/9 (10-11 am); Tues, 7/16 (10-11 am); Tues, 7/30 (10-11 am)

SHERIFF: 695-2007 CITY HALL: 695-3781 PUBLIC LIBRARY: 695-2511 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: 695-3941
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Viva 500: The Hidden History of the Dry Tortugas
 Dry Tortugas National Park will join the State of Florida in commemorating 500 years of history since Ponce De Leon landed in Florida. All are invited to enjoy special programs by archaeologists and park rangers from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on **Friday June 21**. The Yankee Freedom III has arranged for an informal interpretive program on the boat to Dry Tortugas (800-634-0939). If you're not up to the boat trip to the park you can enjoy a series of fascinating lectures at the Florida Keys Eco-Discovery Center at 33 East Quay Road in Key West on **Saturday, June 22**, from 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

NATIONAL LIGHTNING SAFETY AWARENESS WEEK
 The week of **June 19-25** has been designated by NOAA's National Weather Service as *Lightning Safety Awareness Week. When Thunder Roars, Go Indoors!* The months of June, July, and August are the deadliest months for lightning strikes in South Florida. Lightning safety tips for inside the home include:
Avoid contact with corded phones.
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Avoid contact with plumbing. Do not wash your hands, take a shower, wash dishes, or do laundry.
Stay away from windows and doors; stay off porches.
Do not lie on concrete floors nor lean against concrete walls.
 For more information visit website www.lightningsafety.noaa.gov.

ART-IN-THE-GLADES
 Support our local vendors at Art-in-the-Glades on **Saturday, June 29**, in McLeod Park from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. during our Independence Day Celebration. Everyone is welcome to set up a table at no charge so if you have craft works to sell, phone Marya at 695-2905.

INDEPENDENCE DAY
 City and County offices, as well as the post offices, will be closed on **Thursday, July 4**, in observance of Independence Day.

Harry Chapin Food Bank
 Mobile Pantry at McLeod Park
 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
July 23 and August 13

Annual ORV Closure
 The 60-day recreational ORV closure for all units of Big Cypress National Preserve that allow for wheeled ORV access will be lifted on **Friday, August 2**. This annual closure allows a period free from resource pressures related to ORV use. Landowners, and their guests, that hold special use permits to access private properties will retain continued access to property along approved routes. Updated maps of the designated trails within each unit of the Preserve may be found at - <http://www.nps.gov/bicy/planyourvisit/designated-trail-implementation.htm>.

CAMPGROUNDS SUMMER CLOSURE
 Through **August 16** camping will be available at the Midway Campground and the "loop" in the Bear Island Campground. All other established campgrounds operated by Big Cypress National Preserve will be closed. For more information, call 695-1107 or visit www.nps.gov/bicy.


Community TV Channel
 Thanks to the efforts of Mayor Hamilton, our Community Channel is back up and running on Comcast Channel 98. Non-profits are asked to provide any and all current information and any up-coming events in a timely manner. Area for-profit organizations' advertising is available for \$25 per week. Email event information, desired clip art or photographs to lmarteeny@cityofeverglades.org. Basic information changes/requests can be received by phone at 695-3781.

COLLIER COUNTY TV
 Collier Television, Collier County government's information channel, is now available on most smart phones and computer tablets, providing live coverage of meetings and workshops. It also televises programs and videos 24 hrs/day, 7 days a week. To access, visit www.colliergov.net. For more information, call Mike Sheffield or Troy Miller at 252-838.

OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

- 06/07/13: Emergency Med, Plantation Island
- 06/06/13: Emergency Medical, Ochopee
- 06/06/13: Power Line Down, US 41 & Union Rd
- 06/06/13: Power Line Down, US 41 & SR 29
- 06/06/13: Emergency Med, Plantation Island
- 06/07/13: Emergency Med, Plantation Island
- 06/07/13: Emergency Med, Janes Scenic Drive
- 06/07/13: Vehicle Accident, 60 MM I-75
- 06/07/13: Emergency Med, Port of the Islands
- 06/07/13: Emergency Med, Plantation Island
- 06/07/13: Vehicle Accident, 53 MM I-75
- 06/07/13: Emergency Med, Plantation Island
- 06/07/13: Emergency Med, Plantation Island
- 06/07/13: Vehicle Accident, 54 Mile Marker I-75
- 06/08/13: Emergency Med (mutual aid), Marco
- 06/08/13: Vehicle Accident, 66 MM I-75
- 06/08/13: Vehicle Accident, 67 Mile Marker I-75
- 06/09/13: Vehicle Accident, 77 Mile Marker I-75
- 06/10/13: Emergency Medical, Chokoloskee
- 06/10/13: Vehicle Accident, 78 MM I-75
- 06/11/13: Emergency Med, Everglades City
- 06/12/13: Vehicle Accident, 71 MM I-75
- 06/13/13: Emergency Medical, 63 MM I-75
- 06/13/13: Emergency Med, Plantation Island
- 06/13/13: Power Line Down, Everglades City
- 06/13/13: Emergency Med, Port of Islands
- 06/13/13: Emergency Med, Copeland
- 06/14/13: Median Fire, 74 MM I-75
- 06/14/13: Vehicle Fire, 75 MM I-75
- 06/14/13: Emergency Medical, Ochopee
- 06/15/13: Vehicle Accident, 54 MM I-75
- 06/15/13: Emergency Medical, Copeland
- 06/15/13: Vehicle Accident, East of Port of Islands on US 41
- 06/15/13: Vehicle Accident, 70 MM I-75
- 06/16/13: Vehicle Accident, 69 MM I-75
- 06/16/13: Public Assist, Plantation Island
- 06/16/13: Vehicle Accident, SR 29& US 41
- 06/17/13: Vehicle Accident, CR92 & US 41


Ochopee Fire Control District Advisory Board will meet **Monday, July 8**, at Port of the Islands at 4:00 p.m.

DOCTOR'S CLINIC 
 Dr. Kirk DeMartino of Marco Island will return to Everglades City next season. You can call for an appointment in Marco Island at (239) 642-5552.

MOBILE PET VET 
 Dr. Lopez will return in August or September. For appointments in Naples, phone 777-7387 or see www.naplesmobilepetvet.com.


THRIFT SHOP NEWS
 The Thrift Shop will close for vacation at the end of June for two months (July and August). It will be open through **Saturday, June 29**, (our Independence Day Celebration). The Thrift Shop operates behind the Fire Station on Thursday and Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. *Please do not leave donations on the porch when Thrift Shop is closed.*

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SCHOOL & VACATION NEWS

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IMPORTANT DATES

June 17 – July 25 Summer School
August 19 School Year Begins

Message from the Superintendent



It is hard to believe another school year is complete! We are proud of our nearly 2,900 students who participated in high school graduations held on May 31, 2013. It was a thrilling experience for me to see all of the smiling faces and proud family members at the Gulf Coast High and Immokalee High school graduations I attended. I know that the school board members and cabinet members who attended graduations at our other high schools felt the same. I also enjoyed attending my third Project Graduation. We would like to thank the community partners that support our seniors with both their time and donations to make Project Graduation such a wonderful experience for our seniors! We know that learning does not stop when the class bell rings. Summer months provide rich opportunities to keep students engaged, excited, and inspired. You can find reading and other learning resources as well as information about summer programs, enrollment, and more on our Summer Information page on our website. Have a safe and happy summer. I am looking forward to another successful school year beginning when students return to school on August 19, 2013.

~ Dr. Kamela Patton

P.S. It should also be noted that Everglades City School, a K-12 school, earned higher scores at most school levels for the FCATs and End-of-Course assessments. To see more information about the test results, please visit the district's website at www.collierschools.com/about/testresults.asp.

Message from a School Board Member



The end of each school year is a mixture of what we have accomplished and planning for what we can do in the future. Over the past month all of our schools recognized the accomplishments of their students. The elementary schools held moving-on ceremonies and recognized all of those who excelled over the past year. Middle schools prepared for incoming fifth or sixth graders, recognized the eighth grade students, and prepared them for their transition to high school. High schools recognized student achievement for the year and then celebrated the graduation of the class of 2013. Needless to say, this is a gratifying time in our schools. The State Legislature is wrapping up its business in Tallahassee. The district has been given their budget for next year and changes have been made to state laws and mandates. We are thrilled that the support for education increased this year, although it is still way below 2007 levels. A lot of the new money is mandated to specific programs, so flexibility by local school districts is not available. SB 1076 provides some major changes to the education landscape. In the area of testing, passing an end-of-course test in Civics is no longer required to move on to the ninth grade. The test will now count for 30% of the student's grade. All high school end-of-course tests will count for 30% of the student's grade and are not required to pass the course, with one exception. Students will still be required to pass the Algebra I end-of-course test in order to pass the class. Another area impacted by SB 1076 is the pathway to graduation. There are now two routes a student can follow to qualify for a high school diploma. One is the original academic pathway and the other is a career pathway. The Florida Department of Education will provide further clarification this summer. I want to thank all school personnel for their hard work this school year. I would also like to particularly thank our students and their teachers for a job well done.

~ Roy M. Terry

Summer Activities Schedule

June 24	Build-a-Boat (High School)
July 1	Build-a-Chair (Middle School & High School)
July 8	Summer Camp (K-5th), \$20/week, 9 am-2 pm
July 11	CCSO "Escape" trip
July 15	Summer Camp (K-5th), \$20/week, 9 am-2 pm
July 18	CCSO "Fun & Sun" trip
July 19	Hot Summer Nights



1st Baptist Church Bible School

Young Reader's Award Program

The Sunshine State Young Reader's Award program is a statewide reading program for students in grades 3-8. The Purpose of the Sunshine State Young Reader's Award Program is:

- to encourage students to read for personal satisfaction
- to help students in understanding, relating to, and enjoying life through experiences with literature
- to help students become discriminating readers in their personal selection of books
- to develop an awareness of outstanding literature for children and young people
- to encourage cooperation among administrators, library media specialists, and teachers in broadening reading experiences
- to give recognition to those who write books for children and young people.

Take the Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge!

Throughout this summer, write down the books you read on the tracking sheets that you can download from the school's media center website. Scholastic also provides a list of age appropriate books from which to choose.

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These talented musicians always gather up a group for our Art-in-the-Glades to enliven the atmosphere and they don't charge a penny. They also play at the Everglades Community Church on Sunday morning before the main worship service. And, they provided the music and sound system for National Day of Prayer on the City Hall porch, despite the rain. We miss them in the summer when they leave the area but are grateful that they are here in the busy "season". Thanks, Joe Stem and Mitch Mitchell, for being so a generous of your time in our community.



SHERIFF'S REPORT

The Sheriff's Office reported on June 6 the theft of fishing equipment from a boat docked along North Storter Ave. Please help us deter this type of theft by not leaving your fishing equipment unattended. In a separate incident Deputies took a report of an outboard motor that was removed from a boat on a trailer located at a residence on Smallwood Drive in Chokoloskee. It has since been recovered and the investigation continues.

On Sunday, June 9, persons unknown damaged several picnic tables at the McLeod Park Picnic Pavilion in Everglades City. Detectives are following through with leads. Between June 14 and 15, a home located in the 200 block of Smallwood Drive was burglarized and property taken. There were no signs of forced entry. The investigation continues. Don't let yourself become an easy victim – always remember to lock your doors.

The Sheriff's Office is warning residents of a cell phone scam. If you receive a call and hear an automated voice stating that "Your debit card has been locked and to press 1 to unlock," this is a scam.

Please remember to help us keep our neighborhoods safe by reporting any suspicious activity immediately to the universal non-emergency dispatch number for the Collier County Sheriff's Office at 252-9300 or in emergencies by dialing 911. If you have any information on crimes, you are encouraged to call the Sheriff's Office at 252-9300.

Recipe for Good Eating

Lulu's Brownies

by Adelaide Skoglund



Ingredients:

- 3 squares (1 oz each) unsweetened chocolate
- 1 piece (no more than 1 oz) bittersweet chocolate (optional) (Ghiradelli is good)
- 1 stick butter
- 2 eggs (extra large or jumbo)
- 1 ¼ cups sugar (heaping)
- ½ cup flour (heaping)
- Pinch of salt
- 1 tsp vanilla

Melt chocolate and butter. Mix flour, sugar and eggs and salt. Combine chocolate mixture and flour mixture. Add vanilla. Grease an 8 x 8 metal, non-stick pan with PAM or butter. Pour mixture into pan and bake at 350° for 23 minutes. Check if done, depending on oven. Continue baking 2 or 3 more minutes until cracks appear on surface. DO NOT OVER BAKE. Enjoy!!

Note: My daughter-in-law in the Keys offered me one of these brownies (can't eat just one) and I just had to have the recipe from her friend. You'll love them! Patty

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

Off the Shelf Book Review

"Miss Dreamsville and the Collier County Women's Literary Society"

by Amy Hill Hearth

reviewed by Marya Repko



Here's an interesting new novel loaded with nostalgia for the 1960s in our area but with some poignant social comment about women's social position and civil rights then.

Glamorous and sophisticated Bostonian Jackie comes to Naples because of her husband's job and starts a reading group with the cooperation of the County librarian. The narrator of the story is a young divorcee working in the Post Office who joins along with an elderly woman who has served prison time for allegedly killing her husband, a quiet "Plain Jane" whose brain and writing skills are alert, a young man who advises on interior décor for Sears, and a Negro maid from a big house.

Among the books they read are Rachel Carson's *Silent Spring*, Betty Freidan's *The Feminine Mystique*, and Zora Neale Hurston's *Their Eyes Were Watching God* – all of them thought-provoking in those days. And, it affects their lives by opening up new ideas about the world around them.

They share a growing friendship and get into some crazy situations, led by Jackie who has no respect for the Southern conventions of the area and times. Little by little, they reveal their secret past lives to each other.

The finale is staged at the Swamp Buggy Races in a farcical tableau and the Postscript sees three of the main characters heading off to new futures on the Greyhound bus. They "all found their places in the world", even the other three who stayed in Naples but with different horizons.

The author went to the University of Tampa and married a man from Naples whom she acknowledges as helping her with some of the local color. The writing is fast-paced and easy to read. One passage I noted was about Yankees "being scared to death to drive the part of the Tamiami Trail between Naples and Miami. At 75mph ... you'd better not let your mind wander ... you could end up as alligator chow if you made the smallest mistake." The book is available at our public library by request.



FWC News

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission reviewed the current status of snook populations at its June 12 meeting before deciding to allow the recreational harvest of Gulf of Mexico snook to reopen this September. The harvest of snook in Gulf of Mexico has been closed since early 2010, when a cold snap negatively impacted the population. In 2012, the Commission extended the temporary closure through August 31, 2013, in an effort to further protect this important species and give it more time to recover.

When the Gulf recreational harvest reopens **September 1**, all bag limits, size limits, gear restrictions and closed seasons will be in effect. This includes the one-fish-per-person, per-day bag limit, the 28- to 33-inch total length slot limit and the two annual closures in Gulf waters, which are from December 1 through the end of February and May 1 through August 31. The next stock assessment for snook is scheduled for 2015.

For wildlife info and regulations, see www.myfwc.com.

Wildlife Alert Hotline: 888-404-FWCC (3922)

Angler Tag Return: 800-367-4461.



FLORIDA FLORA

by Patricia Huff

QUEEN OF THE NIGHT

(*Selenicereus grandiflorus*)

We have featured this night blooming cereus cactus several times, but these photos submitted by Helen Bryan of Chokoloskee just had to be shared.

It's difficult to determine the exact species since many are hybrids and some bloom only once a year (always at night). However, the cacti in our yard bloom several times a year and worth the late night trip!



Living Gulf Coast

by Charles Sobczak

(Excerpt from *The Living Gulf Coast* available at the Chamber Welcome Center and the Big Cypress Swamp Visitor Center)

Brahminy Blind Snake

(*Rhynchophis braminus*)

Other names: flowerpot snake, worm snake / Status: FL=invasive,

introduced and thriving, IUCN=LC

/ Length: 2.5-6.5 in. (6.35-16.5 cm)

/ Weight: 1-4 oz (28-113 g) / Life

span: to 2 years / Nests: unknown, it

lays eggs or may be live bearing — all individuals are females and

reproduce unisexually without sperm from a male. Up to eight

genetically identical females are born / Found: All Counties,

coastal, near coast, inland / Months found: **JFMAMJJASOND**

(note: this small snake breeds year round).

Originally introduced into the Miami area from Asia, this very

small, completely blind snake is easily mistaken for a black

earthworm. One of the primary reasons for its success at

establishing itself on every continent except Antarctica is that it is

parthenogenetic, meaning it reproduces asexually. A rare

characteristic in vertebrates, shared by Komodo dragons, Nile

monitor lizards, some sharks, and a handful of other reptiles and

amphibians, parthenogenesis allows a single individual to

establish a beachhead in any given environment by essentially

cloning itself, though the process is far more complex than that.

The Brahminy blind snake lives most of its life underground.

It feeds on larvae, eggs, and the pupae of ants and termites. It is

eaten by moles, armadillos, and opossums. Because of its

subterranean habitat, it is very unlikely that you will find a

Brahminy blind snake, but it has become fairly well established

here and is thriving somewhere beneath us.



Florida Brown Snake (*Storeria victa*)

Other names: brown snake /

Status: FL=stable, IUCN=NE /

Length: 12-19 in. (30-46 cm) /

Weight: unknown / Life span: to 7

years / Nests: gives live birth to 3-

18 offspring / Found: All Counties,

coastal, near coast, inland / Months found: **JFMamjjaSOND**

(lower case: breeding season).

The second-smallest terrestrial snake in Southwest Florida, the

Florida brown snake, is only slightly larger than the ring-necked

snake. It has a distinctive pattern, and some adult brown snakes

have a light tan marking that rings the back portion of the head. It

prefers a moist or aquatic habitat and can be found around ponds,

drainage ditches, or homes where there is a source of water such

as air conditioning units and garden hoses, but it is not a common

sighting. When captured this tiny snake will flatten its body and

strike repeatedly, but its head and teeth are too small to inflict a

serious bite. In time it does well in captivity and is commonly

kept as a pet. The brown snake feeds on earthworms, slugs, and

small invertebrates such as crickets and roaches. It is fed upon by

other snakes, birds of prey, and small mammals such as rats.

Photos by Kemy Krysko

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



ORAL HISTORY

A Little Trip Back in Time at Caxambus by Gary Pettit

This article (the 2nd) is reprinted in memory of Gary Pettit who passed away on April 22.

I was born in Lee Memorial hospital but I lived in Marco with my parents and grandparents at the fish camp

Because there weren't many kids here on the island, I followed all the adults around. I had a little red wagon that I pulled around with me and busily collected shells, small things and some creatures to be preserved in a jar. My neighbor, Mrs. Otter, was a school teacher and loved kids. Seeing my interest in collecting, she often invited me up to the mound and she would teach me things. I was then about 4 years old. I think my little collections were the beginnings of my lifelong love for and interest in Marine Biology.

I went to school up the road at a school called Scripps School. It had two stories. There were four big classrooms. Grades 1 thru 3 in one room, 4 thru 6 in another. Upstairs were the upper grades and the high school. You can imagine that the number of students was quite small.

Walking up the road to school in those days was like walking in an overgrown hammock. I often saw panther, bobcat, raccoon and other animals around me. It was typical of Caxambus at this time.

Caxambus wasn't always as small a place as it was during my youth. Barron Collier owned a lot of property on the island and there was a clam factory near the bay which employed many of the residents. My grandmother and grand-dad also worked there. My grandfather was employed to find buttonwood trees and provide wood for cooking the clams before they were canned and shipped out to other ports.

The island had a flourishing little economy.

To be continued in upcoming issues...

Note: Above photo of Lawrence Pettit's large white house was taken in the 1970s after the Pettit's vacated the Fish Camp (photo courtesy of Craig Woodward).

MUSEUM NEWS

Collier County Museum in Naples: June 19 - *The Unconquered Seminole People and their Traditions.* The lecture elaborates on the culture, customs and legends of the Seminole people. Program will begin at 2 p.m. For more information, call 252-8476.

Collier County Museum in Naples: July 3 - *The Florida Crackers: Pioneer Life in Southwest Florida.* The discussion informs audiences about the early pioneers that had to live in the Florida wilderness without air conditioning, bug control or paved roadways. Program will begin at 2 p.m. For more information, please call 252-8476.

Marco Island Historical Museum: July 11 - *Shore Birds of South Florida* by Marie Adams. Since 2007 Marie Adams has been capturing Southwest Florida's shorebirds and birds of prey in all seasons and in every light level, from dawn to dark. The photographs depict the lives of these birds in their natural environments, documenting flight and landing, mating rituals, nest building, feeding their young, seasonal plumage and more. For more information, please call (239) 642-1440.

The Mennello Museum in Orlando (www.mennellomuseum.com) is featuring an exhibit based on the memoirs of Rob Storter (1894-1987), an early pioneer of the Everglades area. Stop by the Museum when traveling this summer.

The Museum of the Everglades continues to exhibit the art work of the Everglades City School Students through August. The Museum is open every 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 fee but donations are welcome. For information, call 695-0008.

GONE WITH THE WIND

'Twas the night before "Donna" as I fondly surveyed
My orderly house with the mortgage just paid.
Possessions were stacked to the ceiling with care
In hopes that tomorrow the roof would be there.

Norm with a raincoat and me without rations
Took off for Manhattan's twelve-foot elevation.
We listened with ire as the wind mounted higher,
My house on the river – I once had a buyer!

Then outside and in -- there 'rose such a clatter
I dropped my highball and my glass – it was shattered.
Away to the window I flew like a flash –
No window, no shutter, not even a sash!

Through the hole in the wall wild things did appear –
My aluminum runabout and part of the pier.
The stump of a palm hit me full in the teeth
And a toilet seat circled my head like a wreath.

She ripped up the shrubbery – took my lawnmower in tow,
This spawn of a witch was no lady, you know.
Off with the rooftops, down with the walls,
Now bashaway, crashaway bedrooms and halls.

Her fury continued and then a brief calm,
Respite from ruin? – It didn't last long.
From the other direction, she lashed us with rain
Then screamed with delight at this leveled terrain.

But I heard her exclaim as the tidal wave hovered,
"Happy Chaos to all, rising water's not covered."
(with apologies to an unknown Naples poet)

This poem was found on the back of a Rod & Gun Club menu, written after the devastating hurricane hit the area in September 1960.

Florida Tales

“The Adventures of Chill Williams”

by Chester Keene



Charles Stratton Williams, alias "Chill" as he is now called; one time a waitress waiting on the table was calling him "Charley". She served us our mullet and grits at the usual gathering of us old timers, we kept calling him Chill, she said "I

thought his name was Charles; we said it is but his street name is Chill." She still shakes her head when we go in there. Chill is a legend around Naples, he came here in 1949 from N. Ft. Myers, FL. Born in Slater, Florida, at the sawmill community in 1928, he also built the first Swamp Buggy Jail. The first jail was a Bear cage on loan from the Everglades Wonder Gardens and hauled around on Leon McCormick's trailer. The jail was a money making thing for the Naples JCs for charity and other projects. If you didn't have a beard you were put in the jail and it cost a dollar to bail out during the Parade events, swamp buggy Days and swamp buggy races. It was all in fun and no one got out of jail even a Judge. The favorite places they patrolled were the bars. Chill tells about one time when he was a Chevrolet man and he bought a new one and everybody that could pile in would. They would go roller skating and to the movies. They had a skating rink in LaBelle, FL; most of the girls liked to skate and square dance on the weekends. He also used that Chevy for other activities than just riding around in. He would take his old dog he called Spot; dog didn't have a spot on him. Anyway he and a few of his friends would take old Spot out for exercise, starting at the Courthouse in E. Naples and letting him trot alongside of the trail all the way to Royal Palm Hammock. He'd trot along about 10 miles an hour and if a raccoon ran across the road it would tree it. They had a cane fishing pole and would prod the raccoon out. "We'd watch the coon and dogfight and then put him in a cage to sell. Sometimes we'd get 10 coons to sell at a dollar apiece, that was our entertainment and gas money".

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



SWAMP BOYS

The Swamp Boys of AMikids Big Cypress visit the Bentley Village Retirement home almost every week as part of their Adopt-a-Grandparent program. The retirees love it and miss them as much as their own grandchildren when they are not there. The boys love it, too! One of the boys recently returned to visit after he had graduated.



From Savannah's Eyes

Yes! Summer has officially begun, and I have already had a great start to mine! I went with my parents for almost two weeks traveling out of state looking for adventure.

First we started out at Disney World where my dad and I went to the Magic Kingdom to ride all the new rides in Fantasyland which were recently added in the fall of last year. We went to Magic Kingdom and Animal Kingdom for two days, then it was off to find another adventure.

We ended up in Savannah, Georgia, and stayed there for 3 nights. I found out that it was the most haunted city in America so I only slept one night out of the three, haha! We stayed at the Hyatt Hotel which had the best breakfast I've ever had in my entire life! Everything that is made to eat in Georgia will make your mouth water about every second of the day. Which also leads me to this: my parents and I went and had lunch at Paula Deen's restaurant there which is called "The Lady and Sons" and I have never eaten anything more delicious ever (excluding the breakfast at the hotel). You could order from the menu but most everyone (including us) got the buffet which had everything from fried chicken to mashed potatoes, to collard greens. I was so full from eating in Georgia I think I added on a few extra pounds to my weight!

From Georgia we went to Maggie Valley, North Carolina, and stayed with my Uncle who has a house there. Each day was filled with something exciting; for instance, one day we went horseback riding up one of the mountains all the way to the top and back down for two hours; it was a gorgeous trek through the wilderness. Speaking of wilderness, another thing that I checked off my bucket list is zip lining through the mountains in



Pigeon Forge, Tennessee, with my Dad. I loved it and want to go again someday, maybe down a bigger mountain!

After North Carolina we started back towards Florida and went to St. Augustine where we went to the Fountain of Youth. There were peacocks roaming everywhere, and they were so tame that I walked up to one and was about two feet away and it didn't even move! I also drank from the fountain of youth twice! I'm going to live forever! That same day we headed over to Lake City to visit my family from my Mom's side, and I was able to see my cousins that I haven't seen in a while.

Then it was time for us to go home, and I was so ready to see my cats again; I missed them so much! And when we pulled up into the yard, I hopped out of the truck and called Peanut Butter's name and he came galloping towards me as I scooped him up into my arms.

I loved my vacation and it's only beginning! Can't wait to see what happens next! Love, Savannah

Savannah Oglesby will be entering the 11th grade at Everglades City School and is a regular contributor to this paper.

RESTAURANTS



- Camellia Street Grill (695-2003):**
Closed for the summer
- City Seafood (695-4700):**
6:00 am – 6:00 pm; daily
Fish Market also open
- Everglades Seafood Depot (695-0075):**
10:30 am - 9:00 pm; daily
- Glades Haven Deli (695-2091):**
6:00 am – 6:00 pm; Sun thru Thurs
6:00 am – 9:00 pm; Friday-Saturday
Deli closes one hour earlier daily
- Havana Café (695-2214):**
Closed for the summer
- 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 – 5:00 pm; Thurs thru Mon
- Oyster House Restaurant (695-2073):**
11:00 am – 9:00 pm; Sun thru Thurs
11:00 am – 10:00 pm; Fri, Sat
- Rod & Gun (695-2101):**
11:30 am - 9:00 pm; daily
- Subway at Gator Express (695-3937):**
7:00 am – 7:00 pm; daily- \$5 specials
- Susie's Station (695-2273):**
11:00 am - 5:00 pm; daily
- The Catch at Port of the Islands**
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- Triad Seafood (695-2662):**
Closed for the summer
- Right Choice Supermarket (695-4535):**
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- Grimm's Stone Crab (695-3222):**
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- Loco's Fresh Produce (239-462-7050):**
ECity Post Office parking lot
7:00 am - 4:00 pm; Friday



CONGRATULATIONS to Margaret Webb who turns 92 on June 28. She is seen here in April during the Tamiami Trail 85th Anniversary Celebration where she enjoyed greeting old friends.

TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER

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06/21	Fri	02:09am	2.3	H
06/21	Fri	08:14am	0.8	L
06/21	Fri	01:06pm	3.4	H
06/21	Fri	09:18pm	-0.4	L
06/22	Sat	02:59am	2.4	H
06/22	Sat	09:07am	0.8	L
06/22	Sat	01:51pm	3.5	H
06/22	Sat	10:08pm	-0.5	L
06/23	Sun	03:47am	2.5	H
06/23	Sun	09:58am	0.7	L
06/23	Sun	02:37pm	3.6	H
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06/30	Sun	10:01pm	2.0	H
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07/04	Thu	08:39pm	0.0	L

IN MEMORY

Alice T. Morrow
03/02/1939 - 06/25/2012

"I miss you so much; it seems like your passing was yesterday!"

Myron H. (Moose) Morrow



Carolyn Thompson would like to express her gratitude to everyone who sent kind thoughts after her mother passed away.

Celebrating Father's Day
Everglades Community Church
June 16



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