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Older kids were treated to "Teen Night" at Island Café this summer. Besides dressing up from the Thrift Shop grab bag and playing games, they heard John Tummon of FCD who has been visiting from Boston.

One aim of FCD (Freedom from Chemical Dependency) is to teach children that drugs are dangerous. Being part of a group helps to reinforce drug-free behavior and older teens are advised about how to help their younger siblings and friends.



Photo Courtesy of Sue Gentry

Reach Out Summer Camp



Summer Camp director Donnell Richards and assistant director Angela Story Nicholson were joined recently by John Tummon of FCD and Susan Petr from Collier County Libraries (see page 5). The free camp is organized by Reach Out Everglades & COPS, our neighbor charity. *Photo thanks to Helen Bryan.*



Kids and adult volunteers went to Escape Zone in Ft Myers on the bus, thanks to the Sheriff's Office. Other CCSO trips are planned.



The CCSO helicopter swooped down for a visit and campers got a chance to sit inside it.. *Photo above thanks to Sue Gentry.*



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JULY / AUGUST 2013

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Aug 19: Back to School
 Sept 28: Blessing of the Crab Fleet
 Dec 7: Swamp Heritage Festival

Aug 28: BigC ORVs
 Nov 5: BigC ORVs
 Dec 14: Art-in-the-Glades

Aug 31-Sept 2: Butcher Labor Day Weekend Open House
 Nov 22: Nostalgia Night "JFK 50th: Where Were You?"

THRIFT SHOP: Closed July and August
 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, 7/30 (10-11 am) *see notice outside office door for August dates*

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Florida shoppers this August will get to buy computers and children's clothing without having to pay sales taxes. Gov. Rick Scott reauthorized the state's popular back-to-school sales tax holiday. This year's sales tax holiday will take place from **August 2 to August 4**.

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**. 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>.

CONGRESSIONAL VISIT

Karen Harmon, the District Representative in Collier County at the office of Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart, will meet with constituents in City Hall on **Tuesday, August 6**, at 3:00 p.m. For info, phone 348-1620.

CITY COUNCIL

The first meeting of the City Council after the summer recess will be at 5:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, August 6**, in City Hall. If you would like to speak, sign up before the meeting starts.



HOT SUMMER NIGHTS

The Collier County Sheriff's Office is hosting a series of events for youngsters over the summer and will be in ECity on **Friday, July 19**, at McLeod Park with a variety of family-fun activities from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. Everyone is invited!



Harry Chapin Food Bank

Mobile Pantry at McLeod Park
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
**July 23
August 13**

**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.

THRIFT SHOP HOURS

The Thrift Shop is closed for vacation for July and August and will re-open in September. If you have an urgent family need, phone Helen at 695-3298.

PLEASE do not leave donations on the porch when the shop is closed!

OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

- 07/02/13: Vehicle Accident, SR-29 & Janes Scenic Drive
- 07/03/13: Emergency Med, Everglades City
- 07/04/13: Emergency Med, Copeland
- 07/04/13: Emergency Med, Ochopee
- 07/04/13: Emergency Med, Ochopee
- 07/05/13: Vehicle Accident, 66 MM US 41
- 07/05/13: Vehicle Accident, Ochopee
- 07/05/13: Vehicle Accident, 63 MM I-75
- 07/05/13: Emergency Med, Plantation Island
- 07/06/13: Emergency Med, Everglades City
- 07/06/13: Emergency Med, Ochopee
- 07/06/13: Vehicle Accident, 52 MM US 41
- 07/06/13: Emergency Med, Everglades City
- 07/06/13: Fire Alarm, Port of Islands
- 07/08/13: Emergency Med, Copeland
- 07/08/13: Emergency Medical, Copeland
- 07/08/13: Air Boat Accident, Everglades City
- 07/08/13: Emergency Medical, Chokoloskee
- 07/09/13: Commercial Fire Alarm (Mutual Aid), Marco Island
- 07/10/13: Emergency Medical, Port of Islands
- 07/10/13: Emergency Medical, Ochopee
- 07/11/13: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 07/11/13: Vehicle Accident, 74 MM I-75
- 07/12/13: Vehicle Accident, 53 MM I-75
- 07/12/13: Vehicle Accident, 73 MM I-75
- 07/12/13: Emergency Medical, Copeland
- 07/12/13: Emergency Medical, Port of Islands
- 07/12/13: Emergency Medical, Ochopee
- 07/12/13: Vehicle Accident, 52 MM I-75
- 07/12/13: Vehicle Accident, 69 MM I-75
- 07/12/13: Vehicle Accident, 58 MM I-75
- 07/13/13: Vehicle Accident, Everglades City
- 07/13/13: Emergency Medical, Chokoloskee
- 07/13/13: Vehicle Accident, Ochopee
- 07/13/13: Fire Alarm (Mutual Aid), Marco Island
- 07/14/13: Structure Fire (Mutual Aid), Naples
- 07/15/13: Emergency Medical, Port of Islands
- 07/15/13: Unknown Problem, Plantation Island

Ochopee Fire Control District Advisory Board will meet **Monday, August 12**, at Port of the Islands at 4:00 p.m.

DOCTOR'S CLINIC

Dr. Kirk DeMartino of Marco Island will return to Everglades City to see patients next season. You can visit him in Marco Island by phoning (239) 642-5552 for an appointment.

MOBILE PET VET

Dr. Lopez will not be visiting Everglades City until August or September. For more info and appointments in Naples, phone 777-7387 or see www.naplesmobilepetvet.com.

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IMPORTANT DATES

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

NEW TEACHERS

Principal Bob Spano has announced that a new Middle School teacher has been hired to teach Language Arts. Her name is Shana Secory. She is coming to us from Immokalee High School. Also joining our team is Joan Brendle as a part-time Pre-K Assistant and Aaron Bartlett as a Middle School Math Assistant.

Collier County Schools District Profile

Mission/Vision: By providing exceptional educational opportunities that motivate and engage each student, all students will complete school prepared for ongoing learning as well as community and global responsibilities. The School District of Collier County has 48 schools and in 2012-13 served a total student population of 43,793. There are 29 elementary schools, 10 middle schools, 8 high schools, and one PreK-thru-12 school (Everglades City School). There are also 12 Alternative School Programs.

The school district and all of its schools are accredited by AdvancED, the parent organization for the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACS CASI).

The Collier district is a recognized leader in Florida when it comes to technology. There are approximately 27,000 networked computers in use district wide, with nearly 22,000 accessible by students – giving us a 1.98-to-1 ratio.

The District School Board of Collier County is the five-member elected policy-making body of the school district. Members serve staggered four-year terms. The School Board elects a Chair and a Vice-Chair annually in November and appoints the Superintendent of Schools who administers the operations of the schools and the school district. Current School Board Members are: Barbara Berry (Chair), Pat Carroll (Vice-Chair), Kathleen Curatolo, Julie Sprague, and Roy M. Terry. Superintendent of Schools: Dr. Kamela Patton



Summer Activities Schedule

July 18	CCSO trip to Sun 'n' Fun Lagoon
July 19	Hot Summer Nights
July 25	CCSO trip to Naples Zoo

BUILD-A-CHAIR



Volunteers (and McGruff, the dog) helped local youngsters during the CCSO program to build a chair.



Susan Petr (above and left) from Collier County Libraries brought boxes of books, including some clever "pop-ups" to Summer Camp. She also helped young ones with crafts.



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Off the Shelf Book Review

“The Longest Road”
by Philip Caputo
reviewed by Patricia Huff

The subtitle “*Overland in Search of America, from Key West to the Arctic Ocean*” depicts the journey of Pulitzer Prize winner Philip Caputo and his adventures along the back roads of the U.S., Canada and Alaska. Philip originally considered traveling coast to coast at the end of a 1996 hunting / fishing trip in the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge. He spotted an American flag at a school and reflected on how the Inupiat children pledged allegiance to the same flag as did the schoolchildren in Key West (many of them immigrants). Besides this similarity, he wondered what it was that Americans had in common, diverse as we are and representing every race on earth; what is it that keeps us united.

The official expedition began in Key West with Philip, his wife Leslie and their two dogs. From the Keys, they headed west along the Tamiami Trail to our part of the world. Not much is mentioned about our historic little Everglades City (except for the past). Many of the highlights of the book involve talking to the locals, learning about their culture and what’s current. So, when they camped in their airstream at Outdoor Resorts in May of 2011, Philip heard about the developers Florida-Georgia Grove, LLC, and their fencing off of Mamie Street, denying access to the historic Smallwood Store and Museum.

Their trip continued north through Florida, traversing the small towns in the South, Midwest, the Rockies and up to the Pacific Northwest. It was a long journey, filled with stories of the boom and bust of various areas of our country, the farmers, the immigrants, the pioneers and the American people.

I found this book very interesting, especially since it reminded me of my own adventures with my husband when we bicycled through many of the same locations and countryside as Philip and his wife. Our experiences and impressions of the beauty of this great county and its people were very much the same.

The Longest Road is very well written, full of wit and some wisdom and a pleasure to read. It was just released on July 16 so is available at all bookstores.

Recipe for Good Eating

Blueberry Tart

Submitted by Patricia Huff



Ingredients:

- Crust: 1½ cups flour, 6 TBS butter, 2 TBS vegetable shortening,
1 TBS sugar, 3 TBS ice water
Glaze: 1 jar of apricot preserves (11-oz), ¼ cup orange liqueur
Filling: 2 cups blueberries
Sauce: 2 cups fresh blueberries, ½ cup sugar with ½ tsp cornstarch added, ¼ cup
fresh lemon juice, 1 TBS red currant jelly, 1 tsp grated lemon peel
Topping: whipping cream

Blueberries are wonderful summer treats. When visiting my grandchildren in California, my son-in-law fixes a great tart that his mother used to make for him. The crust is made from scratch and the apricot glaze adds a special taste.

To make crust, combine flour, butter (cut into pieces), shortening and sugar. Mix well, add ice water and stir until it is coarse. Shape into ball and knead; dust with flour and wrap in wax paper. Refrigerate for one hour. When done, roll out dough into a 9-in circle. Place into tart pan (or pie plate) and press into bottom and up sides, trimming excess. Prick bottom of pastry with a fork and chill for one hour.

Heat oven to 400°. Line pastry with wax paper and fill with dried beans or rice. Bake 10 to 12 minutes until golden brown. Discard paper and beans (or rice) and let crust cool.

In a saucepan, combine 2 cups blueberries, sugar (mixed with cornstarch), lemon juice, jelly and lemon peel. Bring to a boil and stir for about 10 minutes until thickened. Cool completely, then transfer to a bowl and chill in refrigerator.

For the glaze, combine preserves and liqueur and puree in a blender. Brush a thin layer over the tart shell, spread 2 cups of blueberries filling on top, then add sauce on top. Chill again until it is set. Just before serving, add whipped cream. Seems like a lot of work but worth the effort! Enjoy!!

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



Health, Wellness, and Green Living

by Shannon Snyder

Popsicles

Nothing says Summertime like Popsicles. They come in every flavor imaginable and are even yummiest when you make them yourself. With just a few ingredients and a little imagination you and your kids can make delicious homemade frozen treats to enjoy all Summer! Here is the recipe for a super simple watermelon Popsicle. Makes 8 Popsicles.

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|------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| 2 1/2 cups cubed seeded watermelon | 1 tablespoon lemon juice |
| 1/4 cup white sugar | 1/2 cup fresh raspberries |

1. Place the watermelon, lemon juice, sugar, and raspberries into a blender, and blend on High speed until the sugar has dissolved and the mixture is smooth.
2. Pour the mixture into ice pop molds, and insert sticks or handles. Freeze until firm, several hours or overnight.

Paper cups and wood sticks from the craft store work just as well if you don't have Popsicle molds. Just peel the paper away when ready to eat. Enjoy!!

Shannon Snyder lives in Everglades City with her husband Billy, their two sons and their dog Ruby. She is the owner of Driftwood Spa offering massage therapy and spa services (closed for the summer).



FWC News

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has reopened Banana Grove Road, the boat ramp entrance road and the campground at the Fisheating Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA). These areas were temporarily closed because of high water levels at the WMA.

FWC seeks public input on south Florida deer management. Public meetings were held July 15-17 to discuss a project establishing deer management units throughout Florida. If you missed the meeting, you may attend a webinar that will provide information about the new DMU plans. One webinar is July 23 from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m., and the other will be held July 25 from 1 to 2 p.m. For more information, contact Cory Morea at (850) 617-9487.

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

Ten year old Robert Bembury "Tucker" Hanks, named after his great-great Uncle Rob Storter is pictured above with his recent catch: The True Black was 75-85 lbs. and Tuck fought without any help! Other species caught included Scamp, Mutton, American Red Snapper and Tile Fish. Captain "Uncle George" aboard 34' Fishy Pursuits. Pulley Ridge is a newly discovered atoll, and the deepest coral reef known.



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)

Belted Kingfisher (*Ceryle alcyon*) Other names: eastern belted kingfisher / Status: FL=stable to a slight decline, IUCN=LC / Life span: to 5 years / Length: 11-13.8 in. (28-35 cm) / Wingspan: 18.9-22.8 in. (48-58 cm) / Weight: 4.9-6 oz (140-170 g) / Nests: from northern Florida to the northern tier of North America from Alaska to Newfoundland / Found: All Counties, coastal, near coast, mainland / Months found: **JFMamjjASOND** (lower case indicates breeding season).



The distinctive loud and rattling call of the belted kingfisher generally announces its arrival or departure from a roosting site. A plunge diver that often hovers in the air studying its potential meal before diving, the kingfisher prefers freshwater to saltwater environments. This is a bird that has taken advantage of human activities and can readily be found along highways where drainage swales and ponds have been dredged. The kingfisher is often spotted sitting on a telephone pole or power line over these small bodies of water waiting for an errant minnow or tadpole to get close to the surface.

The belted kingfisher is one of only a handful of avian species in which the female is more brightly colored than the male. There are 93 different species of kingfishers worldwide, including the famous Australian kingfisher, the kookaburra. The best places to find these birds locally are around inland lakes or along the banks of the rivers and streams.

The kingfisher lives year round throughout most of the United States, but some do migrate south during the winter months. Its nests are robbed by grackles, various snakes, and tree-climbing mammals, while the adult is taken by alligators and falcons. The kingfisher is unusual in that, like the cliff swallow, it digs tunnels and makes cavities in riverbanks where it builds its nests and raises its offspring. It is adapting well to human-designed changes in the landscape, and despite some regional losses, it is fundamentally successful.

Photo by Bob Gress

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 4th) is reprinted in memory of Gary Pettit who passed away on April 22.

My grandmother's home had screens on every window... my grandmother would remove the screens from the window and paint over the screen with a mixture of motor oil and turpentine. That smelly combination was helpful in keeping out the "no see ums" that could easily slip through an untreated screen. Then each morning I would help my grandmother remove the screens that were covered over with insects stuck to the mixture and scrub the screens clean before setting them back into the window for the next day. As a child I just got used to the mosquitoes and sand flies. As I recall it was just part of my summer experience. We got used to it.

Sometimes we took a trip to Naples. I remember my grandfather's first car. It was a Model A Ford. A trip to Naples took my family an entire day to travel there, do our business and return home. A trip to Ft. Myers would necessitate an overnight stay as it would be impossible to go and return in the same day.

My grandmother had a second home in Ft. Myers. This was necessary when my father and uncle were young because the schools in Collier Co. were not accredited by the state. My grandmother would spend the school year in Ft. Myers with my dad and uncle. As soon as school was out in the spring, she and her sons would rejoin my grandfather at the fish camp for the summer. I attended school at Caxambus and my first and second grade teacher was Mrs. Otter, my favorite neighbor mentor.

During several of my summers, Mr. Otter asked me to help him build a wall terracing this mound with Lightning Whelks and shells to help drainage so that his gardens wouldn't wash down the hillsides during the heavy summer rains. I was about seven years old at this time. I felt very proud to be part of building these walls even if I just hauled and handed the Whelks to him to shove into the hillside. Mr. Otter would gather huge piles of large shells anytime he dug anywhere because the mound where the Otter's house stood was on top of a 1500 year old shell kitchen midden, or as we would describe a huge Indian landfill or dump of the shells of mollusks that they ate. One can imagine the tons of leftover shells from these earlier peoples who lived near this place.

To be continued in upcoming issues...

MUSEUM NEWS

July 23: Marco Island Historical Museum at 1 pm
Movie: A Farewell to Arms

July 25: Collier County Museum at 1 pm
Movie: Sherlock Holmes and the Secret Weapon

July 30: Marco Island Historical Museum at 1 pm
Movie: Sherlock Holmes and the Secret Weapon

July 30: Marco Island Historical Museum at 7 pm
Program: Marco in the Making, Filmography of Marco
by Bill Hughes

July 31: Collier County Museum at 2 pm
Program: SW Florida Hurricane History

August: Marco Island Historical Museum
Photography Exhibit: Shorebirds of South Florida & Birds of Prey
by Marie Adams

August 1: Collier County Museum at 1 pm
Movie: Little Shop of Horrors

Mennello Museum of American Art in Orlando through January 5
Exhibit: Never No More: Storter's Southwest Florida
The Rob Storter Traveling Exhibit was organized by the Friends of the Museum of the Everglades and the Collier County Museums.
For more information, visit www.mennellomuseum.com/events

August: Museum of the Everglades
Exhibit: Native Art of Everglades City School
An Artistic Journey through the Eyes of Local Children

Museum of the Everglades 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 fee but donations are welcome. If you want to join the Friends of the Museum, contact Helen at 695-3298 or see www.evergladesmuseum.org where you can download a form to send by post.

Now that winter visitors are gone, the Museum needs volunteers to greet visitors at the front desk. You don't need to be an expert – just have a friendly smile. For information, stop in and talk to Martha or phone her at 695-0008.



FLORIDA FLORA

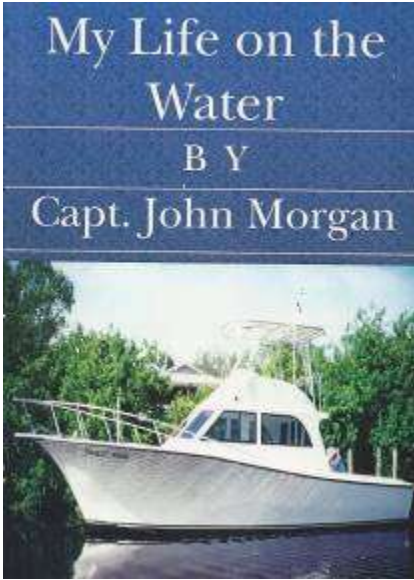
FERNANDOA

(*Fernandoa Magnifica*)

by Patricia Huff

During a trip to Fairchild Botanical Gardens earlier this summer, my husband and I came across this very rare plant which is said to be one of the most beautiful trees in the world.

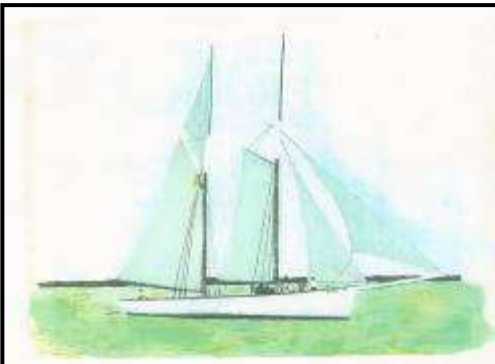
It is a small tree that displays its bright red/orange flowers from long cords hanging from its branches. The flowers are chalice-like with yellow throats and cover the tree when blooming in the Spring. It is a native of west Africa.



Florida Tales
“The Schooner Eureka as told by Capt. John Morgan”
 by Chester Keene

The schooner "Eureka" was built in 1898 by the Collier Brothers on Marco Island, Fl. She was skippered by my

Granddad Capt. Jack Collier, one of the youngest brothers. She was 65-ft. long, 18-ft. wide and drew 4-ft. of water. Her frames were natural crooks from Maderia, (Fl. Mahogany) Her planking was Georgia Pine. By natural crooks we mean tree limbs that are construed to the sides and bottom, built for the coastal trade between Key West and New Orleans, La. The cargo would mostly be fish and produce such as pineapples, tomatoes, etc. On her return trip she would be loaded with canned goods, hardware, furniture and sometimes passengers. The railroad came in and there was no more need for sail boats. The "Eureka" was sold to Capt. Ferguson Hall, an old friend of the family. Capt. Ferg installed a 75 horse power diesel engine and made several trips to Cuba and Honduras. He brought back crocodile hides and mahogany lumber. He modified her sailing rig by taking off her topmast and cutting off her bowsprit. He claimed she had too much sail area for the Caribbean, as it blows much harder and the seas are much bigger down there. The "Eureka" was once again active between Ft. Myers, Fl. and Key West, Fl. towing bargages to Key West for the Army during WWII. The barges were built in Ft. Myers by the Ship Building Company. By the end of the war the "Eureka" was sold to some Cubans. They took her down to Cuba and started a freight business there. Soon after that she was wrecked on a reef off the Cuban coast. The "Eureka" had a long and fruitful life of about fifty years. She was still a strong and sound vessel when she came to her death on that coral reef. These and many more stories are recorded by Capt. John Morgan in his book (*My life on the Water*). He was kind enough to let me share this one with you.



Sketch and book by Capt. John Morgan

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



From Savannah's Eyes

It's the middle of the summer and the sun is blazing hot. One of the best things I love about summer is the sunset every night that I get to see. For the past week my parents and I have been going out on the boat at night to watch the sunset on Jewel Key and in the wide open ocean. Most all of the sunsets down here are gorgeous as usual yet one of them caught my eye and I will never forget this particular sunset. We were at our RV in Chokoloskee staying for the night, and my dad was outside cooking dinner on the grill. Well I went outside to get my flip-flops, that's when I looked up at the sky and saw over campers and Palm trees clouds overlapping each other with orange and pink water colored tones to them. I ran back inside to quickly ask my mom if I could run real quick and take a picture of the sunset. She said she would come with me but she was washing off the squash for dinner so she said sure but don't go too far. I was running towards the front of the resort trying to catch the sunset before it fell, only planning to take one picture and run back to the RV until I caught a glimpse of the rest of the sunset. It was so breathtaking I can't even describe how beautiful it was! All you could see is a painting of colorful clouds and a bright burning orange sun diving deeper into the ocean. I could see black silhouettes of people on the island watching it on the other side of where I stood. I took a bunch of pictures and ran around the whole resort trying to get better glimpses of it. To top it off I looked up and saw the north star shining brighter than I've ever seen it shine directly over where the sun was setting. I then noticed I had to gasp for air because I literally had stopped breathing; it literally took my breath away (or stopped it at least). Ever since that day I always go outside to watch the sunset. Because this world has so much beauty in it and the little things just make it even more stunning. If you ever get a chance to go watch the sunset, even if it's by yourself, with family, or inside looking out the window or even out on the boat. I highly recommend to pay more attention to the little things in life.

Watching sunsets,
 Love,
 Savannah

Savannah Oglesby is a student in the 11th grade at Everglades City School and a regular contributor to this paper.



SHERIFF'S REPORT

A home located on Gator Lane in Chokoloskee was burglarized sometime between June 20 and 29. Numerous items were removed from the residence. Should you have any information concerning this burglary please contact the Collier County Sheriff's Office Detective Mike Stevenson at 252-9838.

As always please report any suspicious activity immediately to the Collier County Sheriff's Office.

Please remember not to leave unattended fishing equipment in boats. This type of property is an easy target for would-be thieves.

Also, remember to help us keep our neighborhoods safe by reporting any suspicious activity immediate to the Collier County Sheriff's Office at 252-9300 or in emergencies by dialing 911.

Don't let yourself become an easy victim – always remember to lock your doors.

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
Closed for the summer

Triad Seafood (695-2662):
Closed for the summer

Right Choice Supermarket (695-4535):
9:00 am – 7:00 pm, daily



Grimm's Stone Crab (695-3222):
Closed for the summer



Loco's Fresh Produce (239-462-7050):
ECity Post Office parking lot
7:00 am - 4:00 pm; Friday

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

Chokoloskee Church of God
10 am Sunday School (all ages)
11 am Sunday Worship

Copeland Baptist Church
10 am School, 11 am Sunday Worship

Everglades Community Church
11:00 am Sunday Worship

Everglades First Baptist Church
9:45 am School, 11 am Sunday Worship



Linda Chinn, age 68, passed away on July 5 after suffering from brain cancer. She and partner Bob Crider lived on Plantation Island and were regular participants at Art-in-the-Glades where Linda sold the lighthouses and other crafts that she made. Linda was predeceased by her husband Alvin and daughter Kelly.

TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER

Lat: 25.87°N Long: 81.37°W

<http://TIDESANDCURRENTS.NOAA.GOV>

07/19	Fri	01:06am	2.2	H
07/19	Fri	06:56am	0.9	L
07/19	Fri	11:58am	3.2	H
07/19	Fri	08:10pm	-0.2	L
07/20	Sat	02:01am	2.3	H
07/20	Sat	07:56am	0.8	L
07/20	Sat	12:54pm	3.4	H
07/20	Sat	09:02pm	-0.4	L
07/21	Sun	02:46am	2.4	H
07/21	Sun	08:52am	0.7	L
07/21	Sun	01:46pm	3.6	H
07/21	Sun	09:52pm	-0.4	L
07/22	Mon	03:27am	2.5	H
07/22	Mon	09:45am	0.6	L
07/22	Mon	02:35pm	3.6	H
07/22	Mon	10:39pm	-0.4	L
07/23	Tue	04:06am	2.6	H
07/23	Tue	10:35am	0.5	L
07/23	Tue	03:25pm	3.6	H
07/23	Tue	11:23pm	-0.4	L
07/24	Wed	04:44am	2.7	H
07/24	Wed	11:25am	0.4	L
07/24	Wed	04:15pm	3.4	H
07/25	Thu	12:07am	-0.2	L
07/25	Thu	05:24am	2.7	H
07/25	Thu	12:14pm	0.4	L
07/25	Thu	05:09pm	3.2	H
07/26	Fri	12:49am	0.0	L
07/26	Fri	06:04am	2.8	H
07/26	Fri	01:06pm	0.3	L
07/26	Fri	06:06pm	2.9	H
07/27	Sat	01:32am	0.2	L
07/27	Sat	06:47am	2.8	H
07/27	Sat	02:02pm	0.3	L
07/27	Sat	07:07pm	2.5	H
07/28	Sun	02:16am	0.4	L
07/28	Sun	07:33am	2.8	H
07/28	Sun	03:05pm	0.4	L
07/28	Sun	08:13pm	2.2	H
07/29	Mon	03:06am	0.6	L
07/29	Mon	08:22am	2.7	H
07/29	Mon	04:15pm	0.4	L
07/29	Mon	09:26pm	2.0	H
07/30	Tue	04:07am	0.8	L
07/30	Tue	09:18am	2.7	H
07/30	Tue	05:26pm	0.3	L
07/30	Tue	10:58pm	1.9	H
07/31	Wed	05:16am	0.9	L
07/31	Wed	10:20am	2.7	H
07/31	Wed	06:31pm	0.3	L
08/01	Thu	01:53am	2.0	H
08/01	Thu	06:22am	0.9	L
08/01	Thu	11:22am	2.8	H
08/01	Thu	07:27pm	0.2	L

OBITUARIES



Dorothy Marie (Mimi) Bruckert, age 87, passed away on June 23. She had lived on Plantation Island and was a

member of Everglades Community Church to which she donated the Dresden Bell that is rung in the Narthex every Sunday. She was predeceased by her husband Henry and daughter Susan; she is survived by sons Conrad (Donna), Kenneth, and Rolf plus granddaughter Anita. There will be a memorial service at Everglades Community Church on **Sunday, July 21**, at 1:00 p.m. Donations in her name can be made to the Everglades Community Church (P.O. Box 177, Everglades City, FL, 34139).



Jennie Kurrle, age 99, passed away on July 12 at her daughter's home in Iowa. She and her late husband Jim had wintered on

Plantation Island near their son and daughter-in-law Jim & Leanne for many years. Jennie attended Everglades Community Church where she was a member of the choir. Services were held in Iowa but donations in her name can be made to the Everglades Community Church Memorial Garden (P.O. Box 177, Everglades City, FL, 34139).

John Bouma, age 71, who had lived at Outdoor Resorts since 1992, passed away on July 6 after a short battle with cancer. He and wife Peggy summered in Six Lakes, Michigan. He is also survived by two step-daughters.

Robert Wiley II, age 35, passed away on June 26 after being struck by lightning on a construction site in Golden Gate. He is survived by his fiancée Dana Higgins and their unborn son. His sister Patty Jo Jenkins-Demere lives in Everglades City. Donations for his memorial fund may be sent to Patty Jenkins, P.O. Box 853, Chokoloskee, FL, 34138.

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and www.nhc.noaa.gov for storms

Everglades Area Hot Lines

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Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)	313-530-3395
AIAnon	239-263-5907

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