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CONGRATULATIONS to Savannah Oglesby who entered as a state finalist for Florida and competed in Acting, Runway Modeling, and Top Model (a photo shoot) competitions. She won 4th runner-up in Top Model which means she is eligible to compete at the National American Miss competition in California; she was also in the top 15 out of 103 girls which gives her the opportunity to go to California and compete for the Nationals pageant in late November.



CHOKOLOSKEE CHURCH OF GOD VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Director Lessie Raffield and Assistant Director Hazel Mitchell held a Vacation Bible School at the Chokoloskee Church of God beginning Monday, July 22. Crew leaders were Diane Smith, Candy Powell, Craig Daniels Jr., Betty Campbell, Ruby Stiltner, and Hazel Mitchell. Nightly snacks were served to all by Shannon Mitchell and Zoanne Zinda. Assistants were Sierra Dungan, Jasmine Lucas, Wendy Lynn Raffield, Destany Vanleeuwen, Stephanie and Jerry Pablo, Emily Brown, Savannah and Shy Humphrey. Jeff Lewis was sound man, Owen Mitchell drove the Church van and was also the nightly performer in the Bible Plays. Amy Fouchea and Donnelle Richards worked in crafts. Lynnette Morris was in charge of Vacation Bible School photos and attendance, recording 47 on the second night.

*Picture & Article Courtesy of
Lynnette Morris, Associate Pastor*

ORV TRAILS NOW OPEN



On Friday, August 2, the 60-day annual recreational off-road vehicle closure will be lifted in Big Cypress National Preserve.

However, numerous trails in the Turner River and Corn Dance Units of the Preserve will remain closed for recreational ORV access until further environmental analysis of the trails is completed.

People wishing to access the modified trail system should carefully review the most up-to-date maps of open designated trails. Maps can be seen at www.nps.gov/bicy (click on Plan Your Visit) or picked up from the ORV office at the Oasis Visitor Center (695-1201).

Big Cypress Comments Due on ORV Trails Plan

A draft *Wetlands Statement of Findings* has been prepared by Big Cypress National Preserve as one of the steps to implement a designated off-road vehicle (ORV) trail system which will include approximately 130 miles of primary trails that have been in place since before the NPS acquired the Addition. To see draft: <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/document.cfm?parkID=352&projectID=11164&documentID=54196>.

Comments will be accepted through **Wednesday, August 21** and may be made electronically or mailed to Superintendent, Big Cypress National Preserve, 33100 Tamiami Trail East, Ochopee, Florida 34141. For more info, call 695-1158.

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If you have news, photos, announcements, or articles ... email mulletrapper@gmail.com or phone 695-2905.

AUGUST 2013

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Aug 31-Sept 2: Butcher Labor Day Weekend
Nov 5: BigC ORVs
Dec 7: Swamp Heritage Festival

Sept 14: Mobile Pet Vet
Nov 22: Nostalgia Night "JFK 50th: Where Were You?"
Dec 14: Art-in-the-Glades

Sept 28: Blessing of the Crab Fleet

THRIFT SHOP: Closed in 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: Office Hours posted in City Hall

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OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

- 07/16/13: Emerg. Medical, 71 MM I-75
- 07/16/13: Emerg. Medical, Everglades City
- 07/17/13: Emerg. Medical, Ochopee
- 07/19/13: Emerg. Medical, 77 MM I-75
- 07/20/13: Emerg. Medical, Everglades City
- 07/20/13: Vehicle Accident, 63 MM I-75
- 07/20/13: Emerg. Medical, Plantation Island
- 07/21/13: Power Line Down, Everglades City
- 07/21/13: Emerg. Medical, Port of the Islands
- 07/22/13: Vehicle Accident, 70 MM I-75
- 07/22/13: Vehicle Fire, 63 MM I-75
- 07/24/13: Unknown Medical Problem, Chokoloskee Bridge
- 07/25/13: Public Assist, Port of the Islands
- 07/25/13: Emerg. Medical, Everglades City
- 07/25/13: Vehicle Accident, 67 MM I-75
- 07/26/13: Vehicle Accident, 75 MM I-75
- 07/26/13: Emerg. Medical, Copeland
- 07/27/13: Emerg. Medical, 71 MM I-75
- 07/28/13: Emerg. Medical, Ochopee
- 07/28/13: Vehicle Accident, 63 MM I-75

Ochopee Fire Control District Advisory Board will not meet in August. The next meeting is on **Monday, September 9**, at 4:00 p.m. The venue will be announced closer to the date.

DOCTOR'S CLINIC

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



MOBILE PET VET

Dr. Lopez will be visiting Everglades City on **Saturday, September 14**. For more info and appointments in Naples, phone 777-7387 or see www.naplesmobilepetvet.com.



Little Gator Clinic

The free walk-in clinic for youngsters is closed for summer.



THRIFT SHOP HOURS

The Thrift Shop is closed for vacation during August and will re-open in September. For a family emergency, call Helen at 695-3298.

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

Everglades Area Hot Lines

- Narcotics Anonymous (NA) 239-216-1208
- Alcoholics Anonymous (AA) 313-530-3395
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IDLE-SPEED AREA

Everglades National Park announced the seasonal extension of the Jimmy's Lake idle-speed area in Snake Bight Pole and Troll Zone through **October 31**, taking into account historic high summer water levels in the area.

Tennis Camp

REGISTER TODAY!

The free Tennis Camp for youngsters ages 6 through 13 will take place during the week of **August 12-15** but you must register by **Friday, August 2**. Parents should phone Marcia at Lely Resorts on 298-5775. Permission slips are available at City Hall, Island Café, and Chokoloskee Post Office.

The camp starts each day at 9:30 a.m. in the Community Center and includes a swim in the Rod & Gun pool. For info, phone Helen at 695-3298.

SALES TAX HOLIDAY

To get ready for back-to-school, Florida shoppers will be able to buy computers, children's clothing & shoes, and school supplies without having to pay sales tax from **August 2** through **August 4**.

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



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IMPORTANT DATES

August 16 Student Orientation, 3:00 – 5:00 pm
August 19 School Year Begins

Students & Parents

Be sure to attend the Student Orientation and Meet Your Teacher on **Friday, August 16**, from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.



photo above thanks to Sue Gentry

Summer Campers decorated hats and then wore them with their green Junior Deputy Club Tshirts on a trip to Naples Zoo thanks to CCSO.

Reach Out Summer Camp



Helen Bryan presented certificates and goodie bags for Perfect Attendance during the two weeks of Summer Camp.



Campers were kept busy with arts & crafts but also had some active time and some quiet time. Photos by Helen Bryan.



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Off the Shelf Book Review

“Backcountry Lawman; True Stories from a Florida Game Warden”

by Bob H. Lee

Reviewed by Marya Repko

This new book tells about the author's adventures as a game warden chasing illegal fishermen and hunters in the St. Johns River region from 1977 to 2007. He admires some of the outlaws who were polite to him and clever enough not to get caught. He was first employed by the Game & Fresh Water Fish Commission but that merged in 1999 with the Florida Marine Patrol to become the FWC (Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission) which has hundreds of law enforcement officers (who have full police powers and statewide jurisdiction).

Although he grew up in Lutz, near Tampa, and received a degree in criminal justice from USF, his ambition was to “catch bad guys and work in the outdoors.”

This is an easy read with lots of exciting incidents. The book is available in the Collier County Public Library and can be delivered by request to the Everglades City branch.

Collier Area Transit Plan

The Collier County Alternative Transportation Modes Department announced a 45-day public comment period for the draft Public Participation Plan (PPP) which serves as an outline to the public involvement process with regard to public transit related activities. The plan identifies the process by which the public will have full access and participation in public transit activities. The PPP is designed to ensure opportunities for the public to express their view on public transit issues and to become an active participant in the decision making process.

The Draft PPP is on display at Everglades City Hall. The public comment period will close on **September 1**.

For more info, contact Public Transit Manager Trinity Scott at 252-5832 or Alternative Transportation Modes Dept. Director Michelle Arnold at 252-5841 or michellearnold@colliergov.net.

Recipe for Good Eating

Shrimp and Polenta

Submitted by Patricia Huff



Ingredients:

- 1 cup Polenta
- 8 slices Bacon (better to use thick-cut)
- 2 bunches Green Onions (stem and ends cut off)
- 3 cloves of Garlic, chopped
- 1 lb Shrimp (uncooked, peeled and deveined)
- ½ cup White Wine (dry)
- 2 TBS Butter
- 4 oz. Cheddar Cheese, grated

Boil polenta in 3½ cups water (add ½ tsp of salt to water), stirring continuously. Reduce heat, cover and simmer for 25 minutes, stirring every 5 minutes.

Cook bacon in a separate frying pan until crisp. When done, remove bacon and pat with paper towel to remove grease.

Leaving 1 TBS of bacon fat, cook onions until soft; remove from pan and set aside, keeping warm. In the same pan, add chopped garlic and sauté for one minute. Add shrimp until pink (2 minutes); add white wine and cook another 2 minutes.

Add butter, cheese and bacon pieces to polenta and transfer to serving plate. Top with shrimp mixture (including sauce). Serve with green onions on the side.

Although I was a “Girl Raised In The South” and love my grits, this is a nice variation of the standard recipe. .

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



California Flora

by Patricia Huff

California Redwoods (*Sequoia sempervirens*)

While visiting my daughter and grandchildren in Marin County, north of San Francisco, I spent a morning walking through Muir Woods, enjoying the majestic redwood trees. The tallest of these trees in Muir Woods is over 252 feet and the widest over 14 feet. Although most are

500 to 800 years old, several are 1,000 years old. Many of the old growth redwood trees were logged in the 1800s. To protect these magnificent trees, a local

businessman William Kent and his wife Elizabeth purchased this land in 1906. They then donated it to the federal government, and in 1908 President Theodore Roosevelt proclaimed the area as a National Monument. At Mr. Kent's request, the area was named in honor of conservationist John Muir. Kent served in the U.S. House of Representatives in 1916 when he introduced legislation to create the National Park Service. In 1945 delegates from the United Nations met in San Francisco and traveled to Muir Woods to honor the memory of President Franklin D. Roosevelt who believed in the value of the National Parks as a source of inspiration and that good forestry practices and sustainable development of natural resources were keystones to lasting peace around the world.

I was able to photograph this spotted owl which inhabits the area along with bats, raccoons and a variety of birds. Also, the Redwood Creek that flows to the Pacific supports one of the last wild populations of coho salmon to survive in their natural habitat on the central California coast.



Fishing Report

by Captain Bill Lindsay

If you're going to fish all day at this time of year, start at daybreak. If you're going to fish the flats, most fish will be in cooler water during the middle of the day. If you're fishing for Snook, you almost have to cast into the shade or fish deep water. Redfish don't seem to mind warm water. I have been told that they can be caught in water close to 90 degrees. Tarpon can still be taken in the rivers and passes. On calm days, Permit fishing on shallow Gulf wrecks can be great. Sometimes they will even come into shallow water. I have seen them mixed in with Snook and Redfish. Tripletail seem to be in good supply this year and are great eating. August is also one of the best months for Red Grouper out on the shallow ledges and rocks out in the Gulf. Try not to get caught in our afternoon thunderstorms.

Capt. Bill Lindsay lives in Chokoloskee and has been fishing in the Everglades National Park for over 33 years. In 1992 he was Master Angler of the MET Tournament. Captain Lindsay's telephone number is (239) 695-0314.



Chase Daffin, 8 years old, with his 20-inch redfish caught off the deck at City Seafood.



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)

Indigo Bunting (*Passerina cyanea*) Other names: indigo bird, swamp bluebird / Status: FL=stable, IUCN=LC / Life span: to 9 years / Length: 4.7-5.1 in. (12-13 cm) / Wingspan: 7.5-8.7 in. (19-22 cm) / Weight: 0.4-0.6 oz (12-18 g) / Nests: from northern Florida to the northern edge of the lower forty-eight / Found: All Counties, coastal, near coast, mainland / Months found: **jfmAMjjASOnd** (lower case indicates its time spent north or south of Florida).



A neo-tropical traveler, the indigo bunting is most commonly seen in late April and May and again in August through October as it flies to and from its northern nesting grounds. The indigo bunting winters in the Caribbean, southern Mexico, and Central America. It is a joy to see, but as is the case with so many passerines, it is best observed through a pair of binoculars.



An interesting characteristic of the indigo bunting is that it migrates at night. Scientists believe this tiny bird has somehow learned to navigate by starlight. Another fascinating aspect is its song. Each individual bunting's song is unique to its locale. Males as close together as a few hundred yards have different songs, sometimes retaining these through two or three generations, then slowly changing them over the decades.

The indigo bunting is an omnivore, eating a variety of seeds, grains, and wild berries, as well as insects and larvae. It is semi-monogamous and a solitary nester. Because it forages around fields, it is vulnerable to pesticide and fertilizer poisoning. It also suffers from cowbird parasitism and habitat loss.

Top photo by Bob Gress; lower photo by David Siebel

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 5th) is reprinted in memory of Gary Pettit who passed away on April 22.

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. If you take a ride to Otter Mound today, you can see these walls terraced just as Mr. Otter and I left them. As a result of these terraces and the gardens within, the gardens bloomed with good fruits and vegetables for the family table. No wonder Mrs. Otter was such a good cook.

The birds also helped spread the seeds and I remember the roads up and down the island covered with little cherry tomatoes. I just thought they were growing wild they were so numerous.

I have a special memory of a trip I took by boat with my grandfather to see the hermit on the nearby Island called Horr's Island. At the time Horr's Island was only accessible by boat. So that day we rowed over to see the hermit. We tied our boat at the dock and walked up the path to the old Horr House, abandoned now with the second floor partially collapsed. The hermit was cooking a pot of stew in a large kettle over a big open fire. What I didn't know at the moment was that he was cooking Rattlesnake soup! He invited us to join him for lunch. Gulp! That was my first time eating Rattlesnake.

There were other hermits that lived on various islands in the Ten Thousand Islands. It was not unusual to find 3 or 4 on different parts of an island. They often made a few dollars by collecting shells and taking them to my grandfather's store near the fish camp and selling them to travelers. The money they made gave them enough to buy their staples from the general store at Caxambus or other small island stores.

My early childhood experiences laid the foundation for my life of interest and study in all aspects of marine science and education. My early teachers, the local folks and my family taught me the joy and value of this land I called home.

MUSEUM NEWS

August: Museum of the Everglades

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

August: Marco Island Historical Museum

Photography Exhibit:
Shorebirds of South Florida & Birds of Prey
by Marie Adams (photo right)



August: Naples Depot Museum

Exhibit: *"Contemporary Art of Jessica Osceola*

August 6: Marco Island Historical Museum at 1 pm

Movie: *Little Shop of Horrors*

August 6: Marco Island Historical Museum at 7 pm

Program: *Marco in the Making, Filmography of Marco*
by Bill Hughes

August 7: Collier County Museum at 2 pm

Program: *How the Tamiami Trail Got Its Name:
The History of Collier County Place Names*

August 8: Collier County Museum at 1 pm

Movie: *Cross Creek*

August 13: Marco Island Historical Museum at 1 pm

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August 15: Collier County Museum at 1 pm

Movie: *My Pal Trigger*

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

The **Marco Island Historical Society** will have introductions to their free afternoon films by Robert Messier, author of the very informative book *100 Years of Thrillers and Chillers 1912-2012*. The Museum is at 150 S. Heathwood Drive, next to the Library, and is open 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday. The society has a new website themih.com with a calendar of events, an overview of the Museum, and much more. For info, call (239) 642-1440.

The **Collier County Museum** is in Government Center in Naples and is open 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. For info about all the museums in the County system, see www.colliermuseums.com or 252-8476.

The **Museum of the Everglades** at 105 W. Broadway 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.

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.

If you want to join the Friends, contact Helen at 695-3298 or see our website www.evergladesmuseum.org where you can download a form to send with your check.

Florida Tales

“Talk Up, Can’t Hear You”

by Chester Keene



It was at a meeting of a political matter, but before it really got started it drew such a large crowd it was decided to move to a larger Hall. One of the speakers had much to say, but was poor on delivery. His voice was not strong and did not carry well, and this caused him some difficulty at times. On this occasion the hall was much larger than he was accustomed to and did not have a public address system installed. He began pitching his voice as high as he could, but was unable to reach the remote parts of the hall. A man standing in the rear called out for the speaker to speak louder. The speaker ignored his request, being he was doing the best he could. The man in the rear called again and again for him to speak "Louder". Finally an old gentleman seated well to the front, wearied of the repeated call from the voice behind stood up. He looked back where the disturber was standing and said, "can't you hear back there"? "No I can't", bellowed the other man. "Well" said the old man, "just stay where you are and thank the Lord".



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



FWC News

A 10-year plan for the Fisheating Creek Wildlife Management Area (WMA) will be presented at a public hearing at 7 p.m. on **Thursday, August 1**, at the Glades County Commission Chambers, 500 Avenue J in Moore Haven. Hunting and fishing regulations are not included in this plan or meeting; those are addressed through a separate public process. To obtain a copy of the draft land management prospectus, call Diana Kilgore at (850) 487-7063 or David Alden at 850 487-9588, or email Diana.Kilgore@myfwc.com.

The two-day spiny lobster recreational season began July 24. The regular commercial and recreational lobster season starts **August 6** and runs through March 31.

The Florida FWC will hold a public meeting **August 8** in Gainesville to discuss possible options for minimizing the risk of chronic wasting disease (CWD) coming into Florida. CWD is not known to affect people but is a contagious neurological disease affecting deer, elk and moose. The disease is always fatal, and there is no known cure or vaccine. So far, the disease has been discovered in 22 states, two Canadian provinces and South Korea. For more information, contact Curtis Brown at Curtis.Brown@MyFWC.com or (850) 617-9490. For more information on CWD, go to www.CWD-info.org.

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

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

Angler Tag Return: 800-367-4461.



From Savannah's Eyes

I have always been fascinated by birds, big or small. I just love how they fly free and can go anywhere they want. They can travel the world without a care. I especially love baby birds and birds that have little families of their own. The other day I was at my RV with my dad and he told me "Hey Savannah, come over here. I want to show you something." So I went over to this tree he was standing by and I was so surprised to see the little present in it. One of the limbs was carrying a baby bird's nest with three baby birds inside! My dad then put his finger over the nest and they immediately jumped up and stuck out their little necks and started squeaking. They thought he was trying to feed them! I was so amazed I just kept staring at them while my dad went inside to get something. I started making videos of them jumping up trying to get my finger. They were so cute it was endearing! Yet little did I know the mama bird was watching me from the road. I heard a squawk so I jumped out of the tree and looked around until I saw her on the road. She was turned around facing the other way and was calling the dad I'm guessing because he flew into the tree beside her. She then turned around to face me and squawked one more time, this time towards me! I jumped and ran towards the RV because I was afraid she was going to attack me! When I came back out she was in the nest with the dad feeding the birds but she would stop almost every three seconds and look in my direction. At the time I was scared but now I think about it and laugh so hard that I was afraid of a bird.

At my house in one of our trees there is another baby bird's nest! But this one is too far up in the tree to see them. They belong to two adorable Pigeons that love each other very much! I know this because each day I always see them walking side by side looking for food, flying together in harmony, or either sitting by each other on a wire by our house. They are the cutest couple I've ever seen! I always take pictures of them whenever I see them because it's so beautiful how nature works and how love is found in everything even animals.

Looking for baby birds! 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

The Sheriff's Office reported that there was a vehicle burglary off of US-41 during the week of July 16. The owner was hiking for four hours and his vehicle was parked in a secluded area. Please be sure to lock your automobiles at all times.

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.

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

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



Thanks to Helen Bryan for this photo of a beautiful Chokoloskee sunset.

TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER

Lat: 25.87°N Long: 81.37°W

<http://TIDESANDCURRENTS.NOAA.GOV>

08/02	Fri	02:26am	2.1	H
08/02	Fri	07:19am	0.9	L
08/02	Fri	12:18pm	2.9	H
08/02	Fri	08:15pm	0.1	L
08/03	Sat	02:23am	2.1	H
08/03	Sat	08:07am	0.9	L
08/03	Sat	01:05pm	3.0	H
08/03	Sat	08:58pm	0.1	L
08/04	Sun	02:35am	2.2	H
08/04	Sun	08:50am	0.8	L
08/04	Sun	01:45pm	3.1	H
08/04	Sun	09:36pm	0.0	L
08/05	Mon	02:59am	2.3	H
08/05	Mon	09:28am	0.8	L
08/05	Mon	02:22pm	3.2	H
08/05	Mon	10:12pm	0.0	L
08/06	Tue	03:26am	2.5	H
08/06	Tue	10:04am	0.7	L
08/06	Tue	02:56pm	3.2	H
08/06	Tue	10:45pm	0.0	L
08/07	Wed	03:56am	2.6	H
08/07	Wed	10:40am	0.6	L
08/07	Wed	03:29pm	3.2	H
08/07	Wed	11:17pm	0.0	L
08/08	Thu	04:27am	2.6	H
08/08	Thu	11:15am	0.5	L
08/08	Thu	04:01pm	3.1	H
08/08	Thu	11:48pm	0.1	L
08/09	Fri	04:57am	2.7	H
08/09	Fri	11:53am	0.5	L
08/09	Fri	04:36pm	3.0	H
08/10	Sat	12:19am	0.2	L
08/10	Sat	05:27am	2.8	H
08/10	Sat	12:34pm	0.4	L
08/10	Sat	05:17pm	2.8	H
08/11	Sun	12:50am	0.3	L
08/11	Sun	05:55am	2.8	H
08/11	Sun	01:20pm	0.4	L
08/11	Sun	06:08pm	2.6	H
08/12	Mon	01:23am	0.5	L
08/12	Mon	06:25am	2.8	H
08/12	Mon	02:16pm	0.3	L
08/12	Mon	07:14pm	2.4	H
08/13	Tue	01:59am	0.6	L
08/13	Tue	07:03am	2.8	H
08/13	Tue	03:23pm	0.3	L
08/13	Tue	08:38pm	2.2	H
08/14	Wed	02:45am	0.8	L
08/14	Wed	07:56am	2.9	H
08/14	Wed	04:38pm	0.2	L
08/14	Wed	10:11pm	2.1	H
08/15	Thu	04:05am	0.9	L
08/15	Thu	09:10am	2.9	H
08/15	Thu	05:50pm	0.1	L
08/15	Thu	11:44pm	2.1	H



You Can Take the Girl Out of the City ...

by Deanna Ford

“You can take the girl out of the city, but you can’t take the city out of the girl,” a famous saying that proves very true to me in recent weeks. My name is Deanna Ford I am your average High School student who lives right here in Florida, but I have not always. I grew up in Denver, Colorado, the famous mile high city! Needless to say when I came here to Florida and was brought down to the Everglades it was quite the culture shock.

All it took was a 3 hour drive from my current town, Lakeland, to bring me to a place where I almost could have used a passport. I remember entering the tiny town of Ochopee, Fl. and thinking “Wow! I have never seen so much green and blue in my life!” The sky was so clear and the tall grasses so crisp. A form of beauty I had only seen and heard of in books and magazines.

I remember being so shocked and disappointed in my outdoor experiences. I never imagined something so mysterious. To many all it is, is flat land covered in water but to me it was a mysterious place to be discovered. That is exactly what I did. I discovered!

From the smallest post office to my first starry night, nothing beat my experience in the swamp. The most interesting of all events being my trip to the Skunk Ape research facility- Bigfoot of the South as I called it. The people of Ochopee gave me so many memories enlightening me on how it is living in a place that is their paradise.

I was taken from the city and placed in another world. While I wish I had had more time, it was enough to leave me craving more. I look forward to returning again and again showing friends and family, and hopefully one day a family of my own. The Everglades is a sweet taste of the past and the beauty of the world we live in. Teenagerwrites.com

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and www.nhc.noaa.gov for storms

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Notary Public Services

Denise Johnson, By Appointment
308 Storter Ave South
Everglades City, 239-465-1580

Job Wanted: Pressure cleaning homes, boats, RV, store fronts, etc. Call Justin at 695-5930.

WANTED: Automotive Window Tinter
Certain Requirements Apply. Call 695-3667.

Part-Time Position

Port of the Islands Everglades Adventure Resort is looking for a part-time team member for their Guest Services department! Please see website for a full job description. <http://www.sunstream.com/careers>. Resumes cannot be substituted for the online application but may be included with completed application.

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