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Everglades Community Church is continuing to work on its new Memorial Garden. More landscaping will soon be added.

Pastor Bob Wallace and Millie invite all to join them in Sunday services (see page 11).



Free Matinee Movies at the Museum

Helen Bryan reported on the first movie of the summer shown at the Museum of the Everglades. She said: "A wonderful Movie Matinee was enjoyed by all Wednesday, July 16, especially by my husband Jim who usually naps at 1 p.m.; his favorite actor, Gary Cooper, was featured so it was a big "hit."

On **Wednesday, August 6**, at 1:00 p.m. the Museum will feature *The President's Lady*, filmed in 1953, starring Charlton Heston as President Andrew Jackson and Susan Hayward as Rachel Donelson Robards. Andrew Jackson served as the first military governor of Florida from March 1821 to November 1821.

On **Wednesday, August 13**, the film *The Palm Beach Story* (1942) stars Claudette Colbert who divorces her struggling husband and supports him by marrying a millionaire. If you're looking for some cool air conditioning, a good movie, and to stay out of the rain, stop by at 1 p.m.

For a complete listing of the **free** movies, visit the Friends' website www.evergladesmuseum.org.



The Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park biologist Michael Scott Owen was honored this summer by the Florida Wildlife Federation at their 77th Annual Conservation Awards Banquet.

The FWF recognized his work at Fakahatchee for the past 20 years, documenting the great diversity of plants and animals and measuring water levels that provide important data which will help show benefits of Everglades restoration. In addition, he has always been a great spokesperson for the Fakahatchee - his enthusiastic efforts to educate the public by doing talks and guided swamp walks have brought the wonders of the place to so many groups and individuals.

Most recently, he has partnered with several botanical gardens in an effort to halt the destruction and possible loss of the rare and endangered Giant "air plants" which are actually in the Bromeliad family (the same family as pineapple plants) and to restore some of the lost orchids of the Fakahatchee. He has even traveled to Cuba to locate several orchids with the goal of replacing species that used to be found in the park

The FWF stated:

"For his deep love of nature and tireless efforts on behalf of this very special place, the Federation is delighted to name Mike Owen as Forest Conservationist of the year."

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AUGUST 2014

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
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Aug 30-31: Clyde Butcher Open House
Sept 27: Blessing of Crab Fleet

Sept 16: Mobile Mammogram Program
Oct 7: ORV Meeting

Sept 20: Fakahatchee Fishing Clinic

THRIFT SHOP: Saturday, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
DR DEMARTINO: *Closed for the summer*
FOOD PANTRY: Sat, 8:30 to 10:30 am, Community Church
AL-ANON: Thurs, 12 noon, Community Church
MUSEUM: Mon – Sat, 9 am to 4 pm
VA SUPPORT: Fri, Aug 1, Aug 15, Aug 29; 10 am
CARNESTOWN Recycle and Trash: 2nd Sat, 9 am to 1 pm

SKATING RINK: Fri, Sat, 7-10 pm
LITTLE GATOR CLINIC: *Closed until October*
AA: Wed, 5:00 pm, Community Church
NA: Sat, 11:30 am, Community Center (Skating Rink)
SMALLWOOD STORE: Daily, 11 am to 4 pm
WEIGHT LOSS: Tues, 5 to 6 pm, Community Church

SHERIFF AT CITY HALL: Office Days/Hours (*see schedule on office door 2nd floor City Hall*)

POST OFFICE HOURS: Everglades City 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 to 4:30 p.m.; Sat: outside pick-up 3:30 p.m.; Chokoloskee 9 a.m. to 12 noon; 1 to 3 p.m. Sat: outside pick-up 3:30 pm; Ochopee 8 to 10 a.m.; 12 noon to 4 p.m. Sat: Open for service 10 to 11:30 a.m.

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ORV Closure Lifted

The 60-day recreational ORV closure for all units of the Preserve that allow for wheeled ORV access will be lifted on **Friday, August 1.**

SALES TAX HOLIDAY

Take advantage of the opportunity to save! From **August 1 - 3** Florida's sales-tax holiday gets underway in time for back-to-school shopping.

CONGRESSIONAL AIDE

Enrique Padron will be meeting with constituents in Everglades City from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in City Hall on **Tuesday, August 5.** Come greet our new aide to Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart. To schedule an appointment, telephone 348-1620.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

The first meeting of City Council members after the summer break will be on **Tuesday, August 12,** at 5:30 p.m. Anyone wishing to speak will need to sign up before the meeting.

Harry Chapin Food Bank

Wednesday, August 13
11 am - 12:30 pm
McLeod Park, Everglades City

T-Shirt Contest

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Voting Schedule

Primary Election – August 26

Early Voting

August 14 - 23 - 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

General Election – November 4

Early Voting

Oct. 23 – Nov. 1 - 9:00 am - 7:00 pm

FAKAHATCHEE

Free Youth Fishing Clinic

Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park together with the Friends of Fakahatchee will sponsor a free youth fishing clinic from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on **Saturday, September 20.** Kids ranging in ages from 6 to 17 years old are invited to participate. Organizations are also encouraged to partner with the Fakahatchee and set up an exhibit booth at the event. Deadline for agencies to sign up is **Wednesday, August 20.** Email Steven.Bass@dep.state.fl.us or call 695-4593 for more information.

**Big Cypress Gallery
Annual Labor Day Weekend
Open House**

Saturday and Sunday, August 30-31
Meet Clyde and Niki Butcher

Clyde Butcher will be unveiling his new photographs of Florida and available for book signings. Special guests will be the Big Cypress National Preserve Rangers for the Preserve's 40th Anniversary. Telephone 695-2428 or visit website www.clydebutcher.com.

**Art of the Swamp at Big
Cypress Visitor Centers**

During the humid months of summer there is much to see and do at Big Cypress National Preserve. Stop by the two visitor center auditoriums to take in the beauty of big cypress-while indoors!

August through October the centers will feature paintings by Tom Weinkle, resident artist in 2012. The Big Cypress Swamp Welcome Center is located at 33000 Tamiami Trail East and the Oasis Visitor Center is at 52105 Tamiami Trail East, Ochopee, FL 34141. Both centers are open daily, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**Chokoloskee Bridge
Replacement Project**

This project will replace the existing bridge on the causeway to Chokoloskee Island with a new wider structure. Construction is scheduled for the fall of this year with planned completion the spring of 2016. For more information and to receive the Project's newsletter, contact Connie Deane at 252-8365 or email conniedeane@colliergov.net.

OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

- 07/15/14: Mutual Aid, North Blocks
- 07/15/14: Emergency Med, Ochopee
- 07/16/14: Boat Accident, Everglades City
- 07/16/14: Vehicle Fire, 76 MM I-75
- 07/17/14: Emergency Med, 63 MM I-75
- 07/17/14: Emergency Medical, Copeland
- 07/17/14: Emergency Medical, Copeland
- 07/17/14: Emergency Med, Plantation Is
- 07/18/14: Vehicle Fire, Ochopee
- 07/18/14: Vehicle Fire, 75 MM I-75
- 07/18/14: Hazmat, Ochopee
- 07/18/14: Hazmat, Port of the Islands
- 07/18/14: Emergency Med, Everglades City
- 07/19/14: Vehicle Accident, 59 MM I-75
- 07/19/14: Vehicle Accident, 63 MM I-75
- 07/20/14: Vehicle Accident, 55 MM I-75
- 07/20/14: Vehicle Accident, 77 MM I-75
- 07/20/14: Brush Fire, US 41 & Miller Road
- 07/21/14: Public Assist, Port of the Islands
- 07/21/14: Smoke Investig., Port of Islands
- 07/22/14: Vehicle Accident, 78 MM I-75
- 07/22/14: Vehicle Accident, 81 MM I-75
- 07/23/14: Vehicle Accident, 52 MM I-75
- 07/25/14: Vehicle Fire, US 41
- 07/26/14: Emergency Medical, Ochopee
- 07/26/14: Vehicle Accident, 53 MM I-75
- 07/27/14: Emergency Medical, Ochopee
- 07/27/14: Emergency Med, Port of Islands
- 07/27/14: Emergency Med, Everglades City
- 07/27/14: Vehicle Accident, 70 MM I-75

The OFCD Advisory Committee will not be meeting during the summer months. The next meeting will be **October 13** at 4 pm in Port of the Islands Fire Station at 525 Newport Drive #C in Naples.

DOCTOR'S CLINIC

Dr. Kirk DeMartino's clinic in Everglades City is closed for the summer. Call (239) 642-5552 for info.

THRIFT SHOP HOURS

The Thrift Shop is open on **Saturday** only from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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Veterans Support Group

Meetings are held every other Friday at 10 a.m.: **August 1, 15 and 29.** Veterans and family members of veterans meet in the Jinkins Fellowship Hall at the Everglades Community Church. Please join us & thank you for your service!


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IMPORTANT DATES

August 15	Meet the Teachers, 3:30 – 5 p.m.
August 18	Back to School
September 18	SAC Meeting, 6 p.m., Media Center



TAYLOR'S CORNER

I apologize for not writing the last edition since this summer has been busy and exciting!!

We saw two fireworks displays; my brother built a boat; we went fishing, had sleepovers, went to the beach, and even explored Mound Key where the Calusa Indians lived - even the chief lived there!!

Now my brother and I are in California with mom visiting family and we are having so much fun. We

went to the beach; we are going to see all of our friends, and we are even going camping in Kings Canyon National Park!

We went to Seattle last week to see all of our family there for our aunt and uncle's 50th anniversary. We went to the Space Needle and to Pike Place Market where they throw big fish through the air. It was so fun and exciting to see the city and all our family!!

School starts on August 18. Orientation is on August 15, and I can't wait to meet my new 5th grade teacher, Mr. Todd.

More to come on school stuff in my next article.

Taylor Dahlke is 10 years old and will be entering the 5th grade at Everglades City School this month.

MEET THE TEACHERS

All students and parents are invited to come meet your teachers and walk-through their classroom on **Friday, August 15**, from 3:30 – 5:00 p.m.

NEW TEACHERS

Two new teachers have joined the staff. They are Jill Whitcomb who will be teaching 4th grade and Todd Zuk who will be the 5th grade teacher. Both come from Mike Davis Elementary School in Naples. Welcome!! Also, Ryan Roberts will be teaching at Lely and a new teacher will be assigned.

Update on Mr. Tribble

Mr. Tribble is on the road to a complete recovery. Mr. Spano reports that his spirits are high and he appears to be doing well. Thanks for all your prayers and well wishes.

Don't forget to stop by the Museum of the Everglades and see the exhibit of the Everglades City School art students.

CCSO PHOTOS

Build-a-Chair Project

Photo by Sue Gentry



Patty Jo Jenkins-Demere took this photo of her daughter "Olivia with a Skunk" during Hot Summer Nights on July 18 sponsored by the Collier County Sheriff's Office

CCSO Trip to the Naples Zoo



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Sat., Sept. 13, 2014 * 10:00 AM * 340 Kellar Rd., Chillicothe, OH 45601 * 40 x 60 Pole Barn/ Garage plus Block 2 Story garage * \$30,000 Minimum Bid! Two 1940 CHEVY's, 1934 PLYMOUTH hot rod * 1962 Biscayne * 1953 CHEVY Pickup * Joyce Cox, Owner

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LOCAL HISTORY "Flying in Fort Myers"

by Marya Repko

I found an interesting article at the official Fort Myers airport website (www.flylcpa.com) which was written to commemorate the 10th anniversary in 1993.

The first aircraft landed on Ft Myers Beach in 1918 on a special strip. By 1924 the City of Fort Myers had bought land for a golf course and designated some of it for an airport. Besides facilitating airmail and passenger services, the "Dawn Patrol" delivered newspapers to the outlying islands.

The City deeded the airport to Lee County in 1939 and several years later it was renamed in honor of Channing Page. He was a World War I aviator who met his demise in 1920 when flying his seaplane. George Storter described the incident "... they headed to Everglade, where they could land on the nearby Barron River ... the plane hit an air pocket and suddenly swerved ... and fell to the earth."

During World War II, Page Field was taken over by the military who improved it. They also built a gunnery school in Buckingham east of Fort Myers. After the war, Page Field expanded and by 1965 there was a daily jet service to New York. The need for a new airport was obvious in 1973 when the search for a site began.

Southwest Florida Regional Airport opened in 1983 and is unique in having been built from the ground up with its own fire and police departments. It became international in 1992 and even saw the British Concorde fly in once. Since then, the terminal area with multi-story parking lot has been built and the entry is now via Tree Line Avenue off Daniels Parkway but an exit from I-75 is being constructed. Aviation has come a long way since those landings on the beach almost 100 years ago.

Public Safety Center on Alligator Alley

Collier County Bureau of Emergency Services announced that the construction of the long-awaited Public Safety Center Fire Station facility on Alligator Alley at Mile Marker 63 is nearing completion and anticipates beginning services by the 4th quarter of this year.

Recipe for Good Eating

Sea Grape Jelly

submitted by Marya Repko

By the time you read this, the Sea Grapes will be getting ripe and turning "grape" colored instead of green.

They are abundant here and were historically used by locals for munchies or to preserve as jelly.

This recipe is from an old Captiva native: Just put in enough water to barely cover them, boil until the skins get soft, and then go over them with a potato masher to break the outside skins. Strain to get out the juice, throwing away the skin and large seed. Boil vigorously with equal parts of sugar (eg, 1 quart of juice to 5 cups of sugar), stirring all the time for a few minutes. If you include some green grapes, you will not need pectin. Pour into jelly jars and seal.



If you have a favorite recipe to share, please email us at mulletrapper@gmail.com.



EVERGLADES BOOK CLUB

Time to start reading for next season!

Beginning in November, the Everglades Book Club will meet the 3rd Thursday of each month at 9:30 a.m. (location to be announced).

The following is a list of dates and the books to be discussed:

November 20: *What Happened To Ochopee?* by Jeff Wichello;

December 18: *Agent Zigzag* by Ben MacIntyre;

January 15: *Salem Falls* by Jodi Picoult;

February 19: *The Leopard* by Guiseppe di Lampedusa;

March 19: *A House in The Sky* by Amanda Lindhout & Sara Corbett;

April 2: *A Land Remembered* by Patrick D. Smith.

Look for more information in upcoming issues of *The Mullet Rapper*.

TAXING THINGS

by Mike the Tax Guy



Tax Facts if You Sell Your Home

Often retirees will move into Everglades City on a seasonal basis, but later they may at some point decide to sell their former home. If so, there are a few items to keep in mind.

Do you know that if you sell your home and make a profit, the gain may not be taxable? That's just one key tax rule that you should know in addition, if you claimed the first-time homebuyer credit when you bought the home, special rules apply to the sale.

If you have a capital gain on the sale of your home, you may be able to exclude your gain from tax. This rule may apply if you owned and used it as your main home for at least two out of the five years before the date of sale. There are exceptions to the ownership and use rules. Some exceptions apply to persons with a disability. Some apply to certain members of the military and certain government and Peace Corps workers. The most gain you can exclude is \$250,000. This limit is \$500,000 for joint returns.

If the gain is not taxable, you may not need to report the sale to the IRS on your tax return; however, you must report the sale on your tax return if you can't exclude all or part of the gain. And you must report the sale if you choose not to claim the exclusion. That's also true if you get Form 1099-S, Proceeds From Real Estate Transactions.

Generally, you can exclude the gain from the sale of your main home only once every two years. If you own more than one home, you may only exclude the gain on the sale of your main home. Your main home usually is the home that you live in most of the time. And of course, if you sell your main home at a loss, you can't deduct it.

After you sell your home and move, be sure to give your new address to the IRS. You can send the IRS a completed [Form 8822](#), Change of Address, to do this.

Mike, The Tax Guy, provides income tax services. His phone number is 695-0595.



August Fishing Report

by Captain Bill Lindsay

Fishing has been very good this month and should only improve in August. Two times a day, dawn and dusk, consistently give up the most redfish and snook. Many fishermen consider August the best month of the year for trout. They can be caught on the grass flats with jigs or on the oyster bars with live shrimp. There are still plenty of small black drum around. And, of course, big tarpon can show up at any time.

Offshore, permit fishing can be great. They can be finicky fish, known to turn their nose up at flies and other artificials. Fish schooling on the wrecks often swim on the surface with dorsal fins and tails out of the water. Small live blue crabs are the best choice, with a large live shrimp a good solid second choice.



FLORIDA FISH & WILDLIFE

by Patty Huff



Photo of Jon Dodrill and Jessica McCawley with the Marine Fisheries Management Division of the Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission

During the recent ICAST Fishing Show July 16-18 in Orlando, I had the opportunity to meet several FWC staff members and to learn more about new programs and information available on their website. FWC's Mission is managing fish and wildlife resources for their long-term well-being and the benefit of people. The FWC protects and manages...more than 575 species of wildlife, more than 200 native species of freshwater fish, and more than 500 native species of saltwater fish. Visit www.MyFWC.com for more information.

To be unveiled this fall are Florida Saltwater Angler Recognition Programs which will cultivate interest in fishing, expand the experience for seasoned fishing veterans and strengthen conservation ethics and encourage anglers to target more than one species. To learn more about this program, visit AnglerRecognition@MyFWC.com.

Turner River Paddle Route & Zone 4 Airboat Access Now Open

Water levels within Big Cypress National Preserve have rebounded to allow for canoe/kayak access along the Turner River and airboat access into Zone 4 of the Stairsteps Unit. Access to both areas of the Preserve resumed as of July 21.

Information on designated trails open to airboat use within Zone 4 can be found at - <http://www.nps.gov/bicy/planyourvisit/stairsteps-unit-designated-trails.htm>. Information on the Turner River Trail, and other canoe/kayak trails in the Preserve is at - <http://www.nps.gov/bicy/planyourvisit/canoeing-kayaking.htm>

The Turner River is one of the more popular canoe routes within the national preserve, and at times can be crowded. Those interested in paddling the route are encouraged to consider doing so on weekdays to avoid high levels of visitation. Additionally, to avoid potential crowds it's suggested that visitors consider the Halfway Creek route as an alternative.



Living Gulf Coast

by Charles Sobczak

Chuck-will's-widow (Caprimulgus carolinensis)

Other names:

Dutch whip-poor-will, Spanish whip-poor-will

/ Status: FL = stable, IUCN = LC /

Length: 11-12.6 in. (28-32 cm) /

Wingspan: 22.8-24 in. (58-61 cm) /

Weight: 2.3-6.6 oz (66-188 g) /

Life span: to 15 years / Nests: in

north FL and the SE U.S. / Found:

All Counties, coastal, near coast,

mainland / Months found:

jfmAMJJASond (lower case refers to the time the bird is in Central/South America).



Like the chimney swift, the chuck-will's-widow makes Florida and the southeastern United States its summer nesting home. In the winter it returns to feed in Central America and the northern tip of South America, specifically, Colombia and Venezuela. Although this reverse migratory bird is nowhere near as numerous as the species that winter in Florida and spend the summer in the far north, it is among a few equatorial migrants, including the black skimmer and least tern, for which Florida is the far north. The chuck-will's-widow is difficult to distinguish from the similar whip-poor-will except for its slightly different call and its darker plumage, which lacks the white tips of the smaller whip-poor-will.

The name of this bird is onomatopoeic, describing the sound of its nightly call, which is a variation of chuck-will's-widow, with the emphasis on wid. This call can sometimes be repeated through the entire night and well into morning, occasionally mixed in with the similar though distinct call of the related whip-poor-will.

The chuck-will's-widow has unusual stiff, forward-facing feathers called rictal bristles that extend outward on either side of its beak. These are believed to act as a funnel helping the bird take in bugs and moths during its nocturnal foraging. It has also been known to consume small birds such as warblers and white-eyed vireos.

The chuck-will's-widow nests in Florida but doesn't really make a nest. Instead it lays its eggs on the ground or on fallen leaves where its mottled brown coloration makes the adult bird all but invisible when roosting. The eggs are a mottled gray to white. As a ground nester, the chuck-will's-widow leaves its eggs and chicks vulnerable to snakes, rodents, and fire ants. The adult chuck-will's-widow has few natural predators since it is almost entirely nocturnal and extremely adept in flight.

(Author's note: June through August are particularly good months to hear this nighthawk. They tend to begin calling an hour after sunset and will oftentimes continue through dawn. They tend to be especially vocal during full moons.)

This article is from Living Sanibel - A Nature Guide to Sanibel & Captiva Islands. Charles Sobczak lives and writes on Sanibel Island. Visit www.indigopress.net.

Florida Tales



“Florida Marine Patrol Officer Ben Whitehead”

by Chester Keene



Benjamin Columbus Whitehead was born in Cottonwood, Alabama. He lived all his life in the state of Florida and

was called Ben by all those who knew him. He did work as a commercial fisherman but tried carpentry for a while during the boom years. His heart was in fishing and he went back fishing for grouper and snapper hand trolling. It was hard but honest work, pulling the lines by hand with three hooks on each line and baiting them before returning to the water. It could be dangerous with all those hooks and being tossed about by the boat 125 miles off shore in the Gulf.

After a few years Ben moved to Naples in 1953 and started to work for the Florida Marine Patrol. One of his



busiest times was when he was having problems with fishermen striking mullet in the canals where there would be people living on the banks. The fishermen would strike the fish with their nets while bunched up there. They would thump the sides of their boats to scare the fish in the nets with the noise to get them to gill off. This would only last for about 2 months during the run season, but the residents would always call in on them. Ben was in this position for fourteen years and never carried a gun but always had one near where he could get it, if needed. He was one of a kind.

Photos courtesy of David Whitehead Sr.

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



MUSEUM of the Everglades

Jennifer Perry, Manager of the Museum of the Everglades is shown here with the Everglades City Students Art Exhibit now showing through August in the Pauline Reeves Gallery. Don't miss this wonderful exhibit.



Next May the Museum will be collaborating with Marco Island and Roberts Ranch on a Smithsonian traveling exhibit called "The Way We Worked." If anyone has any "local" photographs that reflect the workers in the Everglades area during the 1900s, please drop by the Museum or email digital scans to Jennifer at jenniferperry@colliergov.net (images can be scanned at the museum if needed).



Congratulations to Assistant Manager Martha Hutcheson (third from the right) who was recently honored by the Collier County Board of Commissioners for her service to the county for the past 10 years.

During the month of August, the Museum, located at 105 West Broadway, has revised hours of operation. It will be open every Monday through Saturday with new hours from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



Off the Shelf – Book Review

"Long Key"

by Thomas Neil Knowles
reviewed by Marya Repko

The idea that Henry Flagler had a Fishing Camp among his portfolio of luxury hotels (eg, The Breakers in Palm Beach) prompted me to read this book with the subtitle "Flagler's Island Getaway for the Rich & Famous."

Long Key, between Marathon and Islamorada, may sound like it's off the beaten track but it was a stop on Flagler's Overseas Railroad which went from Miami to Key West. In fact, some of the buildings in the camp had been used by construction workers on the line.

The Fishing Camp included a lodge building with communal lounges where patrons socialized in stormy weather, a dining room, a number of individual cottages, and facilities for the staff. The long L-shaped dock had a gas pump and bait shop. A large shed housed boats in the off-season.

The camp opened in December 1909 and charged \$3.00 per day for room and meals but baths and fishing guides were extra. Fresh water was brought by train in large cypress barrels along with food and other supplies. There was a small Post Office near the station and one telephone. The camp closed every spring in mid-April.

It was a laid-back place that appealed to the rich and famous wanting to relax. Zane Grey, the author who also visited our Rod & Gun Club, fished there often and wrote about it. There was a fishing club which admitted women, some of whom are listed as holding record catches (eg, Mrs. W. Anderson got a 201-lb tarpon in 1927). The club also suggested limits (eg, 5 tarpon, 6 grouper) and advised "Release the Small Fish."

It all came to an end on Labor Day 1935 when a Category 5 hurricane struck, probably right at Long Key. The full-time caretaker described the scene dramatically as the wind howled and water flooded the land. After the storm passed, he walked the 10 miles to Marathon over the viaduct; all the rail tracks had been torn up, some of them twisted, others blown into the water.

This well-written and erudite book delves into the building of the railroad as well as life in the camp. The care-taker's daughter shared her memories of happy times there as a small child. The book has numerous old photos from the archives and private collections and maps by the author. It is available at our branch of the Collier County Public Library in Everglades City Hall.



From Savannah's Eyes

Recently, I went with my parents to Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary! My mother wanted to see the Ghost Orchid after she read that it was blooming.

We woke up early and headed out, carrying our five cameras and loads of water! Arriving around 8:30 a.m., we were among the first people there. At the front desk they said you would definitely find the rare Ghost Orchid since a telescope would be on the boardwalk where it's located. Along the way we passed by large Cypress trees and saw a cute little raccoon passing from one side of the boardwalk to the other, leaving its little wet paw prints on the boards.

Walking ahead of my parents, I stumbled upon two people with binoculars looking up in the trees. Not seeing anything else around, I quietly crept across the boardwalk, thinking they were looking at a bird and not wanting to scare it. When my parents arrived, we discovered that they were looking up at the Ghost Orchid! Around the bend came a lady who worked at the sanctuary carrying a telescope with her. Aha! I thought, now we're in business. However, it was almost a catastrophe when the lady almost knocked it overboard; thank goodness a man helping her had fast reflexes. Finally, it was all set up and I was the first to look. I put my eye up to it but couldn't see anything, so the lady adjusted it and when I looked again, I saw it: the beautiful, 7-bloomed Ghost Orchid, sitting upon a fork in the tree. It looked wild and extraordinary, like nothing I've ever seen before. I took a few good pictures with my phone, then it was my mom's turn to look.

Immediately when she saw it, she started freaking out repeating "Oh my gosh. Oh my gosh!" My mother is completely obsessed with orchids so this was like going to Disney World for her. After that, all you heard was the clicking of her cameras; she took enough pictures to fill up all of her memory card. Once my dad finished looking through the telescope, we went back on our trek to find the other Ghost Orchid. On the way we spot a volunteer, who saw how much my mother loved the Ghost Orchid and decided to show us another orchid, the Clamshell Orchid. It was pretty hard to see what she was trying to show us since everything around was green and we couldn't find a flower anywhere.

We passed by a couple with a fancy camera and told them about it so they followed us. When we finally saw it, it was a little white flower with a tad bit of purple on the top, surrounded by long leaves underneath. It was pretty small, but we finally located it with our naked eyes. Back on the trail again we found the other Ghost Orchid. A volunteer from the Sanctuary told us that this is the youngest one at 30 years old. She said that they only start to bloom at that age because that's when they mature and that the other one on the other side of the boardwalk was around 60 years old! That was an awesome fact to know since I thought they were like any other orchid but rarer. After a few more pictures, we headed out of the trail to our truck.

For lunch we went to dad's favorite place, Popeye's. Located in Immokalee, they have, hands down, the best-fried chicken! I love eating there just as much as he does (then again I'm just like him when it comes to food).

When this article comes out, the Ghost Orchid will be gone until next summer. But, I do recommend Corkscrew Swamp Sanctuary since it is such a beautiful place to view the nature of South Florida. Can't wait until it blooms again next year!

Love, Savannah

Savannah Oglesby is 16 yrs old and will start the 12th grade at Everglades City School.

Note from Avery Sumner:

Clara Louise was born at 3:39 a.m. on July 5 in Perpignan France.



Congratulations !



Glades Daze

Photos of Summer in my Garden by Patty Huff



BUSINESS SPOTLIGHT

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Allure Adventures is located inside City Seafood Restaurant at 702 Begonia Street. For more information, call 695-4454 or visit website www.allureoftheeverglades.com.



SHERIFF'S REPORT

FROM SHERIFF RAMBOSK:

"Earlier this week (July 24) I was honored to administer the oath of office to new members of the CCSO. Say hello to these deputies that will serve in a variety of assignments that include patrol, corrections, communications, and other important roles. We welcome them to our agency and appreciate their commitment and dedication to helping keep Collier County a great and safe place!"



Patrick Ridgway (top row) is a graduate of Everglades City School and the son of Diane Ridgway Smith. Matt Milligan (front row) is a volunteer and son of Lt. Mark Milligan.

RESTAURANTS



- Angler's Cove, Port of the Islands**
(239-642-1025): 11:30 am – 9 pm;
Tues-Sunday *Closed Monday*
- Camellia Street Grill (695-2003):**
5 pm – 9:00 pm; Tues – Sat
Closing mid to late August
- City Seafood (695-4700):**
6:00 am – 6:00 pm; daily
- Everglades Seafood Depot (695-0075):**
10:30 am - 9:00 pm; daily
- Glades Haven Deli (695-2091):**
6:00 am – 9:00 pm; daily
(Marina- Fri-Sat-Sun 6 am-12 noon)
- Havana Café (695-2214):**
Closed until October
- Island Café (695-0003):**
6:00 am – 9:00 pm; daily
- Ivey House (695-3299):**
6:30 – 9:30 am; daily
- Joanie's Blue Crab Café (695-2682):**
11:00 am – 5 pm; *Closed Tues-Wed*
- Oyster House Restaurant (695-2073):**
11:00 am – 9 pm; Sun thru Thurs
11:00 am – 10:00 pm; Fri, Sat
- Rod & Gun (695-2101):**
11:30 am - 9:00 pm; daily
- Step Back in Time (695-0611):**
11:00 am – 8 pm; Fri-Sat-Sun only
- Subway at Gator Express (695-3937):**
7:00 am – 7:00 pm; daily
- Sweet Mayberry's Café (695-0092):**
8:00 am – 3:00 pm; Tues-Sat; Wifi
Closing August 10 for the summer
- Triad Seafood (695-2662):**
Closed until October
- Right Choice Supermarket (695-4535):**
9:00 am – 7:00 pm; daily
- Grimm's Stone Crab (695-3222):**
Closed until October 15
- Loco's Fresh Produce (239-462-7050):**
 Closed until October

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

- Chokoloskee Church of God**
10 am Sunday School, 11 am Sunday
Worship
- Copeland Baptist Church**
10 am Sunday School, 11 am Sunday
Worship
- Everglades Community Church**
11 am Sunday Worship
- Everglades First Baptist Church**
9:45 am Sunday School, 11 am Worship
- St. Finbarr Catholic Church**
8 am (Spanish) and 10 am Mass
- San Marco Catholic Church**
8 am and 10:30 am, 6 pm Sunday Mass



Rudy and Parker Oglesby always have beautiful orchids in bloom at their home this time of year.

TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER

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<http://TIDESANDCURRENTS.NOAA.GOV>

08/01	Fri	01:23am	0.4	L
08/01	Fri	06:49am	2.6	H
08/01	Fri	01:55pm	0.5	L
08/01	Fri	06:44pm	2.4	H
08/01	Fri	06:44pm	2.4	H
08/02	Sat	01:53am	0.5	L
08/02	Sat	07:26am	2.6	H
08/02	Sat	02:55pm	0.5	L
08/02	Sat	07:52pm	2.2	H
08/03	Sun	02:28am	0.7	L
08/03	Sun	08:07am	2.7	H
08/03	Sun	04:07pm	0.4	L
08/03	Sun	09:15pm	2.1	H
08/04	Mon	03:17am	0.8	L
08/04	Mon	08:58am	2.7	H
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08/04	Mon	10:45pm	2.0	H
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08/05	Tue	10:03am	2.8	H
08/05	Tue	06:23pm	0.2	L
08/06	Wed	12:07am	2.1	H
08/06	Wed	06:01am	0.9	L
08/06	Wed	11:11am	3.0	H
08/06	Wed	07:20pm	0.0	L
08/07	Thu	01:10am	2.3	H
08/07	Thu	07:06am	0.9	L
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08/09	Sat	08:57am	0.7	L
08/09	Sat	01:55pm	3.6	H
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08/10	Sun	03:15am	2.7	H
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08/12	Tue	04:23pm	3.5	H
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08/13	Wed	05:08am	2.9	H
08/13	Wed	12:16pm	0.2	L
08/13	Wed	05:18pm	3.2	H
08/14	Thu	12:45am	0.1	L
08/14	Thu	05:50am	3.0	H
08/14	Thu	01:09pm	0.2	L
08/14	Thu	06:17pm	2.9	H
08/15	Fri	01:29am	0.3	L
08/15	Fri	06:35am	3.0	H
08/15	Fri	02:06pm	0.2	L

OBITUARY

William H. Cull, age 86, a frequent visitor to ECity in the 1980s from the rat-race on the east coast, passed away on July 13. His sons Bill, Bob, and Paul have carried on his love of the area by establishing holiday homes here. His leadership and advice will be missed by his children and 5 grandchildren.

Bill was predeceased by his wife Hilda Katherine of 63 years but they are together again now. He is survived by his sister Eleanor Grampa (Bob), three sons Bill (Cheryl), Bob (Terri) and Paul (Janet), and five grandchildren.



Ward Michaels of Chokoloskee caught this Pacific black snook in Costa Rica on a bait casting reel. It was slightly over 62 lbs and has been submitted for an IGFA world record. Great Catch!

Volunteer at the Museum

If you enjoy meeting new people from around the country, and around the world, sign up to volunteer at the front desk of the Museum. It's a lot of fun! Just call Martha at 695-0008 or stop by the Museum of the Everglades if you are interested in volunteering.

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