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Meet Clyde Butcher Big Cypress Gallery Annual Open House Saturday and Sunday August 30-31

Clyde Butcher will be unveiling his new photographs of Florida; and he, Niki, and Jackie will be giving gallery talks. Clyde will also be available for book signings. Special guests will be the Big Cypress National Preserve Rangers for the Preserve's 40th Anniversary.

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL

Clyde Butcher will be giving away books every two weeks with the next selection of winners on September 5. Telephone (239) 695-2428 or visit website www.clydebutcher.com for more information.



FISH THE EVERGLADES AT FAKAHATCHEE STRAND

Calling All Kids!

You're invited to a Free Fishing Clinic at Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park. Join us for a day of fun and hands-on learning experiences. There will be field demonstrations from local fishing guides and experts as well as exhibits and presentations from parks and agencies! Participants will go through five skill stations: knot tying, tackle, angler ethics, casting and fishing. After completing the stations and instructions, kids will receive a free rod and reel (thanks to a generous grant from Fish Florida *limit 150-first come, first served). Children must be accompanied by an adult. Registration will be on-site the day of the event.

The Fishing Clinic will be held from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on **Saturday, September 20**. The location will be Harmon Lake which is next to the event field, and across from the ranger station at the main entrance to Fakahatchee Strand. Refreshments will be provided. This event is sponsored by Fish Florida and the Friends of Fakahatchee, Inc.

For more information, visit www.floridastateparks.org/fakahatcheestrand or call 695-4593.



Blessing of the Stone Crab Fleet Saturday, September 27

Rod & Gun Club

1:00 pm

Arts & Crafts

Frog Jumping

Guava Cake Contest

Stone Crab Story and

Art Contests

For more information, call Tod at (239) 260-4577 or follow on FaceBook

(<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Blessing-of-the-Stone-Crab-Fleet/102906976439347>)

National Estuaries Day at Rookery Bay!

Saturday, September 27

This event from 10 am to 3 pm will include boat tours, kayak trips, paddle board demonstrations, marine critter touch tank, kids' games and crafts, behind-the-scenes tours of the science labs, films, food, and more.

A special art exhibition by marine life artist Guy Harvey will be on display in the gallery.

Visit www.rookerybay.org for more info or call (239) 417-6310.

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Oct 7: ORV Meeting

Nov 15: FL Panther Festival

Oct 23-Nov 3: Early Voting

Dec 6: Swamp Heritage Festival

Oct 24-26: RedSnook Tournament

Nov 4: General Election

THRIFT SHOP: Re-opening Sept 6, 11 am – 3 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
VA SUPPORT: Alternate Fridays; 10 am
MUSEUM: Mon – Sat, 9 am to 4 pm
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)
WEIGHT LOSS: Tues, 5 to 6 pm, Community Church
SMALLWOOD STORE: Daily, 11 am to 4 pm

SHERIFF AT CITY HALL: 1st Tuesday (4:30-5:30 pm), other Tuesdays (10-11 am) – *see page 3*

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.

SHERIFF: 252-9300

CITY HALL: 695-3781

PUBLIC LIBRARY: 695-2511

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: 695-3941

AIRPORT: 695-2778

FAKAHATCHEE: 695-4593

BIG CYPRESS: 695-2000

EVG NATIONAL PARK: 695-3311

CURBSIDE TRASH PICKUP (FRIDGES, WASHING MACHINES, TVS): 252-2380

COLLIER COUNTY: 252-899

CONGRESSIONAL AIDE

Enrique Padron will meet with constituents in Everglades City from 3 to 5 p.m. in City Hall on Tuesday, September 2. To schedule an appointment, telephone 348-1620.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

City Council will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 3, and will include the first reading of the Everglades City budget. The 2nd reading of the budget is scheduled for Monday, September 8, at 5:30 p.m. See the budget on page 10.

National Wildlife Day Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center

Thursday, September 4

9:00 am – 4:00 pm

11:00 – 11:45 a.m. Slithering Snakes naturalist-led demonstration

12:00 – 2:00 p.m. Painting

Demonstration and "Watercolor Walk"

2:00 – 2:45 p.m. Sea Turtle and Gopher Tortoise lecture

Buy one adult admission for \$5/get one FREE

For info, call (239) 530-5940 or visit www.rookerybay.org/calendar

ANGLERS' CUP TOURNAMENT

2014 Big Snook Challenge & Redfish Classic Tournament at Everglades Seafood Depot

September 4 - Registration 4 pm

Kickoff Party 6:30 pm

Captains Meeting 7:30 pm

September 5 - Tournament Fishing

September 6 - Tournament Fishing

For more information about registration, entry fees and prizes, visit website www.theanglerscup.com or contact Brad Lundy at (863) 634-7315.

LIONS CLUB

Beginning Thursday, September 11, the Everglades Lions Club will meet the second Thursday each month at 6 p.m. at the Oyster House Restaurant. Dinner from the menu will follow a brief business meeting. The Lions Club is an international non-profit which focuses on eye and ear health as well as diabetes. For info, call Vicky Wells at 695-2660.

Are you due for your Annual Mammogram?

Digital Mammography is coming to Everglades City. Reservations are recommended (call 239-936-4068 to schedule appointments); no prescription necessary. Date: September 16, from 3:00 pm to 7:00 pm at the Everglades City Community Center, 205 Buckner Ave. (behind the Fire Station). Most Insurance Plans are accepted. Discount Self-pay Price. For eligibility guidelines, visit www.RadiologyRegional.com.

Naples Vet Center

Our mission focuses on Veterans who served in a war zone or an operation for which an expeditionary medal was awarded. We work with those who were sexually assaulted while on active duty and want to resolve any associated issues. Family members who suffer the loss of a service member on active duty are eligible for bereavement and grief counseling as well.

A core value of the Vet Center Program is to promote access to care by helping Veterans, service members, and families overcome barriers that impede them from using those services.

For example, all Vet Centers have available evening and/or weekend hours to help accommodate the schedules of Veterans, service members, and their families. Over 72% of Vet Center staffs are Veterans, a majority of whom are combat Veterans. This provides a unique understanding of the combat and military experiences. Here in Naples, two of our staff are combat veterans: Iraq and Vietnam. All Vet Center services are without time limitation and at no cost to Veterans Service members and their families as they have been prepaid through the Veterans military service.

Vet Center Outreach focuses on creating face to face connections with Veterans, Service members and their families in the communities in which they live with the purpose of providing access to readjustment counseling and other VA services and benefits.

Our Everglades City group meets every other Friday from 10 to 11 a.m.: August 29, Sept 12 and 26. Veterans and family members meet in the Jinkins Fellowship Hall behind the Everglades Community Church. Call us about this group and our other services at (239) 403-2377. We hope to hear from you.

OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

- 08/12/14: Emergency Med, Everglades City
08/12/14: Fire Alarm, Port of the Islands
08/12/14: Emergency Medical, Chokoloskee
08/14/14: Emergency Medical, 64 MM I-75
08/15:14: Emergency Med, Everglades City
08/16/14: Emergency Med, Plantation Island
08/16/14: Vehicle Accident, 78 MM I-75
08/16/14: Emergency Med, Everglades City
08/17/14: Emergency Med, Everglades City
08/17/14: Vehicle Accident, 66 MM I-75
08/17/14: Emergency Medical, Ochopee
08/18/14: Mutual Aid, Marco Island
08/18/14: Emergency Medical, Chokoloskee
08/20/14: Downed Power Line, US 41
08/20/14: Brush Fire, Copeland
08/20/14: Downed Power Line, US 41
08/21/14: Emergency Med, US 41 &SR 29
08/22/14: Emergency Med, Everglades City

The OFCD Advisory Committee will not be meeting during the summer months. The next meeting will be October 13 at 4 p.m. 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 appts.

THRIFT SHOP

The Thrift Shop, located behind the Fire Station, will re-open on Saturday, September 6, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Please do not leave item on the porch.

SHELTER FOR ABUSED WOMEN & CHILDREN

If you are in an abusive relationship, call the 24-hr crisis line: 775-1101 or TTY (239) 775-4265; the Shelter provides all services free of charge. Visit www.naplesshelter.org for more info.

SHERIFF'S HOURS at CITY HALL

Planned workstation hours are as follows:

*The 1st Tuesday of each month from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. (immediately preceding the monthly Everglades City Council meeting.)

*The 2nd through 4th Tuesday of each month 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

NOTE: Due to circumstances beyond control, these dates may change. In these circumstances, every effort will be made to contact Lisa Marteeny at Everglades City Hall. As always Deputies can be reached 24 hrs a day by calling 252-9300, or in an emergency "911".


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IMPORTANT DATES

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|-----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Mon, Sept 1 | Labor Day, No School |
| Thurs, Sept 18 | SAC Meeting, 6 p.m., Media Center |
| Thurs, Sept 25 | Early Dismissal |



TAYLOR'S CORNER

Summer break is done and everyone is back in school now. Summer was fun but it is nice to be back with all of my friends again.

The first week of school has been very exciting. In science we did an experiment with ultra violet beads, and this week we are going to do an experiment with soda and mentos.

Last weekend we took my friend Alycia and her brother Kalen out to

Panther Key. Alycia and I went to look for pirate treasure but we couldn't find any. We did find turtle nests but unfortunately some raccoons dug them up and ate the eggs. The islands are beautiful, and my brother and I love to go exploring them.

This weekend we have our first three day weekend because of Labor Day so take some time off and just relax.

Girls Volleyball has officially started this week. The next home game is Thursday, September 4, at 5 pm against Ahfachkee. And remember the best way to support the team is to come and cheer them on! Plus it's FUN! That's all for now....I'll see you round the corner.

Taylor Dahlke is 10 years old and is in the 5th grade at Everglades City School.

WHAT IS SAC?

The School Advisory Council (SAC) is a team of people representing the community: parents, teachers, students, administrators, support staff, business/ industry people and other interested community members.

The purpose is to assist in the preparation and evaluation of the results of the school improvement plan and to assist the principal with the annual school budget. Additionally, SAC receives funds "to be used at the discretion of the School Advisory Committee; a portion of the money should be used for implementing the school improvement plan." Each school in the State of Florida must have a SAC. The majority of SAC members (over 50 percent) must not be employed by the school on whose SAC they serve.

Get involved! The School Advisory Council meets the 3rd Thursday of each month. Attend the next SAC meeting on **Thursday, September 18**, at 6 pm in the Media Center. New council members will be nominated for election at the October meeting!

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Students, and Community,

It is great to have our students back in school! What an exciting first week we had seeing everyone return, getting back into our routines, and watching our new students make the adjustment.

We are continuing our dual enrollment program with Florida Southwestern State College, and we have three of our students taking advantage of this golden opportunity. We are also anticipating additional students joining them in the second semester. These students are earning college credits, at no cost to them, and they attend school at FSW two days a week. Thanks to the efforts and cooperation of our School Advisory Council, the transportation for these students is also provided.

We are pleased to say that all of our fish in the Aquaculture Lab survived over the summer. We are grateful to have people like Matt Chappell, Dale Patt and Mitchell Roberts who provided the input and time to make this happen. Our Entrepreneurship Class is going to plan a fish fry sometime in the spring.

The volleyball and cross country teams are preparing for their seasons, and we are looking forward to seeing our student/athletes compete. In addition to boys cross country, we have added a girls cross country team as well this year.

As always, thank you for your continued support and please feel free to call with any questions you may have.

Gratefully yours,
Bob Spano, Principal

SPORTS SCHEDULE

Visit website www.evg.collierschools.com/sports
for a complete schedule

Boys' and Girls' Sub-Varsity Cross Country

Saturday, Sept. 6 at Estero DDD Invitational
Estero HS, 8 am

Saturday, Sept. 13 at Ft. Myers Optimist Invite
Veterans Park, 7:30 am



VOLLEYBALL HOME GAMES

Girls' Varsity Volleyball

Thursday, August 28 vs Golden Gate H.S. 5:30 pm
Thursday, Sept. 4 vs Ahfachkee School at 5:00 pm
Monday, Sept. 8 vs Saint John Neumann Catholic High
School at 7:00 pm



Girls' JV Volleyball

Thursday, August 28 vs Golden Gate H.S. at 4:30 pm
Monday, Sept. 8 vs Saint John Neumann Catholic High
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ESHP NEWS

The Everglades Society for Historic Preservation (ESHP) will meet on **Monday, September 8**, at 8:30 a.m. in City Hall to plan events for the coming winter season, including the Blessing of the Stone Crab Fleet on **Saturday, September 27**. See page 1 for details.

For info, phone Marya at 695-2905 or see www.evergladeshistorical.org.

SALES TAX HOLIDAY

If you are buying appliances that qualify, there will be no sales tax for three days, **September 19-21**, on the first \$1,500 of a new Energy Star or WaterSense product. The exemption is limited to a single purchase having a sales price of \$500 or more. There are no quantity limits on qualifying items with a sales price of less than \$500.

Exempt items include fans, fridges, air conditioners, and even light bulbs plus plumbing supplies. For a complete list of sales tax, call (800) 352-3671 or see www.myflorida.com/dor.



SHERIFF'S REPORT

Theft of Gasoline Everglades City-

A business on Dupont Street reported the theft of approximately 25 gallons of gasoline from their outside storage tank. This theft took place sometime between August 19 and August 20. If you have any information concerning this theft, please contact the Collier County Sheriff's Office at 252-9300. Help deter theft from occurring by always securing your property. Outside tanks should be properly locked (padlock their gas storage tanks) when not in use as well.

Recovered Stolen Bicycles-

As was previously noted two bicycles were found in the water at Outdoor Resorts boat ramp and the Sheriff's Office was called. After sharing the pictures of these bicycles, a Community Safety Team member notified the Sheriff's office of a possible owner. This owner not only identified his bicycle as one of theirs, but also identified the second bicycle's owner as well. Both bikes were returned.

Please remember to report any suspicious activity immediately to the Collier County Sheriff's Office at 252-9300 or in an emergency by dialing 911.

Recipe for Good Eating

TOMATOES

submitted by Patricia Huff



I'm originally from Nashville and every year Middle Tennessee celebrates its number one crop – the tomato. I plant my own tomatoes here in Everglades City, but they don't last through the hot summer months, but I heard that Oakes Farms in Naples carries Tennessee tomatoes this time of year. There are several great recipes that I enjoy: the easiest, just slice them up and eat with just a little touch of salt; make a sandwich with mayo and salt and pepper; toss up a chopped tomato / avocado / onion salad with just oil and vinegar. For an hors d'oeuvres, toast a crusty slice of a baguette, spread with ricotta cheese, and top with roasted tomatoes, and crumbled crispy bacon. If you want to invest more time into more cooking, go online and check out the great tomato-basil soup recipes. Enjoy!

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

TAXING THINGS

by Mike the Tax Guy



IRS Updates Phone Scams Warning

Protecting your privacy is a top priority at the IRS. The IRS uses social media tools to share public information, not to answer personal tax or account questions. You should never post your Social Security number or any other confidential information on social media sites.

The IRS is again warning the public about phone scams that continue to claim victims all across the country. In these scams, thieves make unsolicited phone calls to their intended victims. Callers fraudulently claim to be from the IRS and demand immediate payment of taxes by a prepaid debit card or wire transfer. The callers are often hostile and abusive.

To avoid becoming a victim of these scams, you should know:

- The IRS will first contact you by mail if you owe taxes, not by phone.
- The IRS never asks for credit, debit or prepaid card information over the phone.
- The IRS never insists that you use a specific payment method to pay your tax.
- The IRS never requests immediate payment over the telephone.
- The IRS will always treat you professionally and courteously.

Scammers may tell would-be victims that they owe money and that they must pay what they owe immediately. They may also tell them that they are entitled to a large refund. Other characteristics of these scams include:

- Scammers use fake names and IRS badge numbers to identify themselves.
- Scammers may know the last four digits of your Social Security number.
- Scammers spoof caller ID to make the phone number appear as if the IRS is calling.
- Scammers may send bogus IRS emails to victims to support their bogus calls.
- Victims hear background noise of other calls to mimic a call site.
- After threatening victims with jail time or driver's license revocation, scammers hang up. Others soon call back pretending to be from the local police or DMV, and caller ID again supports their claim.

If you get a phone call from someone claiming to be from the IRS, here's what to do:

- If you know you owe taxes or you think you might owe taxes, call the IRS at 800-829-1040. IRS employees can help you with a payment issue if you owe taxes.
- If you know you don't owe taxes or don't think that you owe any taxes, then call and report the incident to TIGTA at 800-366-4484.
- If scammers have tried this scam on you, you should also contact the Federal Trade Commission and use their "[FTC Complaint Assistant](http://FTC.gov)" at FTC.gov. Please add "IRS Telephone Scam" to the comments of your complaint.

The IRS encourages you to be vigilant against phone and email scams that use the IRS as a lure. Visit the genuine IRS website, IRS.gov, to learn how to report tax fraud and for more information on what you can do to avoid becoming a victim.

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



Fishing Report

by Captain Bill Lindsay

Snook season opens and I can't wait to catch one in the slot and enjoy my first snook dinner of the year. Fish along the beaches and passes where you can find moving water. Sight casters comb the shore lines in tight and approach these fish quietly and cast jigs, top water plugs or even flies to them. While you're catching snook, you're in prime redfish territory so kill two birds with one stone, as they say. Baby tarpon are being caught in small remote creeks at the top of the bays. Black drum and trout are still moving around in the backcountry and out front along the beaches. Offshore, red grouper, Spanish mackerel, permit and cobia could be found on any wreck or rock pile. In short, September is a great month to enjoy this area.

Capt. Bill Lindsay lives in Chokoloskee and has been fishing in the Everglades National Park for over 35 years. In 1992 he was Master Angler of the MET Tournament. Capt. Lindsay's telephone number is (239) 695-0314.

SNOOK RULES

1. slot limit 28 to 33 inches
2. one fish per person per day
3. valid fishing license with current Snook stamp

Open season: September-November, March-April.



Everglades National Park Wilderness Writing Expedition

Join ENP in conjunction with North Carolina Outward Bound School on a trip of a lifetime. College students, age 18-25 and enrolled in journalism, communications or creative writing may apply to the South Florida program. Travel deep into the wilderness of the Everglades, paddle through a maze of mangrove tunnels, and sleep on a canoe platform island surrounded by water. Document your adventure, and hone your writing skills with Everglades' poet, naturalist, writer and teacher, Anne McCrary Sullivan, and park ranger naturalist Sabrina Diaz. After your experience have your written work exhibited in a gallery and your story published in the newspaper! Applications for the Everglades Wilderness Writing Expedition may be submitted through <http://tinyurl.com/EvergladesWilderness> from **August 24 - September 13**. For information, please call (305) 242-7700.



FLORIDA FISH & WILDLIFE

Giving schoolchildren a chance to learn all about Florida black bears is a great way to teach them about wildlife, while sharpening their skills in reading, math, science and problem solving. FWC has updated its Florida Black Bear Curriculum and it is now available online at BlackBearInfo.com. This revised curriculum is free and easy to use. Florida teachers who register on the Florida Black Bear Curriculum website can gain access to additional information. However, anyone is welcome to take advantage of the educational material there.

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

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

Angler Tag Return Hotline: 800-367-4461



Living Gulf Coast

by Charles Sobczak

Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens

1590 Goodlette Road, Naples, FL 34102 / Phone: 239-262-5409 / E-mail: info@napleszoo.org / Website: www.caribeangardens.com / 43 acres / Admission fee charged.

The long history of the Naples Zoo begins with a deep freeze. In the winter of 1917, Dr. Henry Nehrling, a botanist from Milwaukee, Wisconsin, suffered a devastating loss at his Palm Cottage Gardens located in Gotha, Florida (20 miles west of Orlando) because of an exceptionally cold winter. Looking to find a frost-free climate, he purchased some agricultural acreage in Southwest Florida and began planting thousands of tropical plants. Many of his original plants can still be found on the grounds of Caribbean Gardens today. Sadly, after Dr. Nehrling's death in 1929, his gardens went unattended for years, and many of his prime specimens were lost. Julius Fleischmann, heir to the Fleischmann's Yeast and Standard Brands fortune, discovered what was left of the gardens on his first visit to Naples in 1946. After purchasing the land, he began restoring the gardens in 1952. Two years later Caribbean Gardens, complete with parrot shows, was opened to the public.

In 1967 Col. Lawrence and Nancy Jane Tetzlaff, a colorful couple known in Cedar Point, Ohio, as Jungle Larry and Safari Jane, came to Naples in search of a warmer climate for their private collection of exotic animals. After Julius Fleischmann's death a year later, his heirs contacted the Tetzlaffs to see if they would lease Caribbean Gardens for their animals. The creative merger was renamed Naples Zoo at Caribbean Gardens, and on September 1, 1969, once again was opened to the public. For the next 33 years the zoo continued its mission, which is still exemplified by a 1970 quote by Jungle Larry, "Conservation is the name of the game." In 2002, the Fleischmann estate decided to put the 43-acre park and 120 surrounding acres on the market. With Naples real estate hitting record highs, the asking price for the property was, at least for the Tetzlaffs, a prohibitive \$67.5 million. The Tetzlaff family turned to the city of Naples and Collier County for help. After a public referendum on the purchase passed with a record 73 percent voter approval, the county purchased all of the land. The Tetzlaffs remained in charge of the operation, and with Jungle Larry's passing in 1984, his two sons, David and Tim, along with a host of zookeepers and staff, keep the vision of the zoo alive and flourishing.

Today, the Naples Zoo is in the top 10 percent of the nation's zoos accredited by the prestigious Association of Zoos and Aquariums. Its grounds are home to many rare and fascinating animals. While the Naples Zoo has long been renowned for its extensive lemur collection (including brown, red-fronted, white-fronted, and ring-tailed), it also hosts the lemur's top predator, the fosa (*Cryptoprocta ferox*; aka fossa) of Madagascar. This cat-like animal looks like a strange cross between a miniature panther and a jaguarundi. The zoo has an extensive snake and reptile exhibit, including many venomous snakes such as copperheads, cottonmouths, and canebrake, diamondback, and Massasauga rattlesnakes. *This article is to be continued*

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.

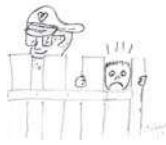
Florida Tales



"Time to come in out of the Sun"

by Chester Keene

The hot days of summer and swimming pools were some places to cool off. I received a call requesting to see the Shift Supervisor which at the time was me. Most of the time you get a call wanting to see the Shift Commander it's not a good thing. The first thing that's runs through your mind when responding to the address is "What has one of the guys done wrong"? This case turned out I was wrong this time. I found the complainant and it was an elderly woman standing in the front yard in the drive way waiting for me. I asked her if she needed medical attention, and she said "her husband might; he is in the back of the house". In the back I found the husband of many years looking through the privacy fence which enclosed the adjoining property. I said "He looks alright to me," she replied if he doesn't get out of the sun and have something to eat or drink, he won't be". She went on to tell me he had been here all day every day for a few days. "What's he looking at through the fence?" I had a good idea what it was with all the noise of swimming going on. She said "go look; you will see why." I went over and said "hello, you ok"? His eyes were stilled focused through the space in the fence. I said "I need to look at what you are looking at so give me some room." Then it was apparent why. Being a good cop and needed to see what was he looking at before I acted. There were two college girls home from college and were sunbathing topless; knowing he was watching them, they put on a good show. After taking another quick look, I stood up and shouted "Police Officer! Put your tops back on and stop exposing yourself." The girls put their tops back on. The old fellow next to me said "Darn it" and mumbled something to himself as he headed for the house. His wife said "thank you; he would have had a sun stroke if you had not been called". I said "your welcome," got back in my patrol and left thinking another life saved and the marriage also. I picked up the radio mike and advised, "problem taken care of with a smile on my face." This is one call I can kid the fellows about.



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



MUSEUM of the Everglades

Pauline Reeves Gallery

The Museum will be celebrating the life and art of Robert Storter through the month of September with new items for the exhibit "History of Fishing in the Glades through the Eyes of Rob Storter." Mark your calendar for the reception to be held on **Saturday, September 20**, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Light refreshments and hors d'oeuvres will be served. The event is free and open to the public. The Museum, located at 105 West Broadway, is open every Monday through Saturday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.



From Savannah's Eyes

Well, its official, I'm finally a senior! And that means I only have only one more year of high school and then I'm off to the great big world.

Volleyball has officially started, too, and I am so sad to play my last season. It is my favorite sport; but, even after high school, I'm going to try and play in college! I would appreciate it so much if everyone came to all of our home games this year because we love having a big crowd to cheer us on.

So my birthday was this past August 20, and I turned the big 17! Not 18 yet; I think I'm going to cry when I'm that old, ha ha! But, on another note, my birthday present from my brother Shaun was one of the highlights! He was able to get me backstage/VIP passes to meet Lucy Hale! She plays one of the main girls on the ABC Family show called "Pretty Little Liars." Oh, she is also a country singer! Double win! I love, love, love her so I was thrilled to meet her! When we arrived at the performance at Coconut Point Mall, we immediately went backstage which had been cleared out and protected by bodyguards. Her flight was delayed and after about an hour and a half, we could hear the crowd outside screaming "We love you, Lucy!" When she walked in, she looked over at us and smiled, then left to get ready. When she returned, she started talking to herself saying "Tea, tea, tea." I thought it was funny so I laughed and she looked at us saying "Sorry girls! I sometimes talk to myself." I replied "Don't worry; I do it all the time!" Soon, it was time to do the meet and greet. When it was my turn, I shook her hand and smiled as she said "Hey! You've been waiting here a very long time, huh?" In my head I was thinking Lucy Hale is actually talking to me; this is so insane! After taking a picture, my sister and I proceeded outside to go get a good seat. There were so many people; it was definitely all too much to take in at once. Eventually, we found a good spot as we crammed shoulder to shoulder with people by the stage. Lucy performed all of her songs which were amazing, and her band (which was also delayed) finally arrived with only 15 minutes remaining. She sounded even better with her band; it was such a beautiful melody! When she finished singing she did the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge (along with some people who worked with the radio station), which was almost too funny to watch! If any of you don't know, the ALS Ice Bucket Challenge is a fun activity promoting the ALS Association (ALS is a disease that affects nerve cells in the brain and the spinal cord). You pour a bucket of ice water over your head in less than 24 hours if you are nominated by someone; and, if you don't do it in that span of time, you have to donate \$100. Trust me, from personal experience, it is freezing!

When everyone got dried off from the challenge, my brother had yet another surprise for me. We went to a beautiful restaurant named "Angelina's" and ate dinner with Lucy! I freaked out (on the inside of course)! The lady who owned the restaurant shut down the place just for us! We finally got to talk to her a little more and she was one of the sweetest and down to earth persons I've ever met. My sister and I also bought her, her favorite candy (Peanut M&M's and Sweetish Fish) and gave them to her at dinner. She totally freaked out and gave us both a big hug and immediately started eating them. When we left, it was about midnight and she gave us another hug and told us thank you for the candy.

That morning I went on my Instagram and posted a picture of us saying "Made a new friend last night who shares the same love for Peanut M&M's as I do!" then I didn't check it for two days. When I finally did, I saw someone with the username "lucyhale" and commented "I ate a whole bag. Thanks for them!" When I looked at the profile and saw she had 4.7 million followers, it hit me that it was the real Lucy Hale; she saw mine out of all the millions of pictures and remembered me, and actually thanked me! I screamed and ran into the living room to tell my parents. I still can't believe all of this happened, but I can truly say this is one of the best birthdays I've had yet!

Can't wait to meet her again one day!

Love, Savannah



Savannah Oglesby is 17 years old and is a senior at Everglades City School

CITY OF EVERGLADES CITY – BUDGET SUMMARY, 2014-2015**BUDGET SUMMARY**

CITY OF EVERGLADES CITY- FISCAL YEAR 2014-2015

THE PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET EXPENDITURES OF THE CITY OF EVERGLADES CITY
ARE 3.15% LESS THAN LAST YEAR'S TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES.

Millage per \$1,000

General Fund

3.9929

| | <u>GENERAL FUND</u> | <u>DEBT SERVICE FUND</u> | <u>TOTAL BUDGET</u> |
|---|-------------------------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| CASH BALANCE BROUGHT FORWARD | \$ 397,425.00 | | \$ 397,425.00 |
| <u>ESTIMATED REVENUES:</u> | | | |
| Taxes: Millage 3.9929 | | | |
| Ad Valorem Taxes | \$ 340,710.00 | | \$ 340,710.00 |
| Gas Tax | \$ 36,855.00 | | \$ 36,855.00 |
| Franchise Fees | \$ 48,300.00 | | \$ 48,300.00 |
| State Communication Taxes | \$ 29,500.00 | | \$ 29,500.00 |
| Utility Service Taxes | \$ 131,000.00 | | \$ 131,000.00 |
| License and Permits | \$ 43,050.00 | | \$ 43,050.00 |
| Intergovernmental Revenues | \$ 3,253,677.00 | | \$ 3,253,677.00 |
| Charges for Services | \$ 849,439.00 | \$ 114,936.00 | \$ 964,375.00 |
| Miscellaneous Revenues | \$ 873,141.00 | | \$ 873,141.00 |
| | <u>\$ 6,003,097.00</u> | <u>\$ 114,936.00</u> | <u>\$ 6,118,033.00</u> |
| EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES | | | |
| General Government Services (F&A) | \$ 192,358.00 | | \$ 192,358.00 |
| Legal Council | \$ 11,800.00 | | \$ 11,800.00 |
| Public Safety (Plan,Zon,Code Enfor,Prof Inspec | \$ 36,328.00 | | \$ 36,328.00 |
| Utility Project and Restore Expenses | \$ 4,267,734.00 | | \$ 4,267,734.00 |
| Physical Environment (Mosquito Control) | \$ 37,600.00 | | \$ 37,600.00 |
| Transportation (Road & Streets) | \$ 177,304.00 | | \$ 177,304.00 |
| Culture and Recreation (Parks & Rec) | \$ 100,540.00 | | \$ 100,540.00 |
| Water Service Charges | \$ 381,575.00 | \$ 38,856.00 | \$ 420,431.00 |
| Sewer Service Charges | \$ 382,858.00 | \$ 76,080.00 | \$ 458,938.00 |
| TOTAL EXPENDITURES/EXPENSES | \$ 5,588,097.00 | \$ 114,936.00 | \$ 5,703,033.00 |
| Contingency | \$ 415,000.00 | | \$ 415,000.00 |
| TOTAL APPROPRIATED EXPENDITURES AND RESERVES | <u>\$ 6,003,097.00</u> | <u>\$ 114,936.00</u> | <u>\$ 6,118,033.00</u> |

THE TENTATIVE, ADOPTED AND/OR FINAL BUDGETS ARE ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE
ABOVE MENTIONED TAXING AUTHORITY AS PUBLIC RECORD

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):**
5:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Closing Aug 31 – reopening Oct
- 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):**
Closed until October
- 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



Helen Bryan photographed this beautiful sunset on Chokoloskee beach.

TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER

Lat: 25.87°N Long: 81.37°W

<http://TIDESANDCURRENTS.NOAA.GOV>

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| 08/29 | Fri | 12:18am | 0.4 | L |
| 08/29 | Fri | 05:10am | 2.8 | H |
| 08/29 | Fri | 12:40pm | 0.4 | L |
| 08/29 | Fri | 05:36pm | 2.7 | H |
| 08/30 | Sat | 12:45am | 0.5 | L |
| 08/30 | Sat | 05:34am | 2.8 | H |
| 08/30 | Sat | 01:25pm | 0.4 | L |
| 08/30 | Sat | 06:28pm | 2.5 | H |
| 08/31 | Sun | 01:13am | 0.7 | L |
| 08/31 | Sun | 06:02am | 2.8 | H |
| 08/31 | Sun | 02:20pm | 0.4 | L |
| 08/31 | Sun | 07:35pm | 2.4 | H |
| 09/01 | Mon | 01:46am | 0.8 | L |
| 09/01 | Mon | 06:43am | 2.8 | H |
| 09/01 | Mon | 03:28pm | 0.4 | L |
| 09/01 | Mon | 08:57pm | 2.2 | H |
| 09/02 | Tue | 02:35am | 0.9 | L |
| 09/02 | Tue | 07:43am | 2.8 | H |
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| 09/02 | Tue | 10:25pm | 2.2 | H |
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| 09/03 | Wed | 09:17am | 2.8 | H |
| 09/03 | Wed | 05:53pm | 0.2 | L |
| 09/03 | Wed | 11:46pm | 2.3 | H |
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| 09/04 | Thu | 10:51am | 3.0 | H |
| 09/04 | Thu | 06:54pm | 0.1 | L |
| 09/05 | Fri | 12:45am | 2.4 | H |
| 09/05 | Fri | 06:55am | 0.9 | L |
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| 09/05 | Fri | 07:49pm | 0.0 | L |
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| 09/11 | Thu | 05:09pm | 3.2 | H |
| 09/12 | Fri | 12:17am | 0.4 | L |
| 09/12 | Fri | 04:59am | 3.2 | H |
| 09/12 | Fri | 12:47pm | 0.0 | L |
| 09/12 | Fri | 06:05pm | 2.9 | H |

First Week of School



Photos of Jack and Henry Snyder on their first day of School



Photo of Nora Potter, Kenna Morris, and Ava Potter taken by Lynnette Morris

Our Condolences

Mildred Ogle, 81, who wintered on Plantation Island with her late husband Jack, passed away on August 12 in Gatlinburg, TN.

Dylan Campbell, 38, passed away on August 16. A memorial service was held on August 24 at Chokoloskee Church of God. Our condolences to his family and friends.

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.

EVERGLADES CITY

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see www.weather.gov for weather
and www.nhc.noaa.gov for storms

SNOOK CLASSIFIEDS

FOR RENT: Efficiency apartment Everglades City \$600/month. Includes water, sewer, electricity, full-size appliances, mini-split A/C. Private courtyard. (239) 340-4770.

FOR SALE: Waterfront 3 Bedrooms / 2 Baths Mobile Home, one lot away from Halfway Creek, 150' on the water, with dock and boat ramp. 2 1/2 lots, large fenced yard and 10' x 40' screened decked porch. Furnished. Must see to appreciate! \$225,000. Call (239) 340-4770.

WANTED: Vacant Lot for Lease: Lot wanted in Everglades City to use for training my dog when in town. Dog will NOT be unsupervised. Will provide fencing if needed with one year lease. Contact Becky (407) 257-4950 or metro9@aol.com.

FOR RENT: 2 trailers: 1 bedroom each. \$600 (unfurnished) or \$400 (furnished), utilities included. Call (239) 784-7507.

FOR SALE: Chicks & Chickens (assortment of breeds) and farm fresh eggs. Bedford Farms, call 695-0500.

FOR SALE: Lot #26 in Fisherman's Cove; dock included. \$40,000. Call (239) 300-7077 or (239) 682-6025.

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FOR SALE OR RENT TO OWN
House & Barn on 1.02 acres in Fakahatchee Strand State Park, \$139,000 purchase or \$1200/mo. Rent to Own. Call Don (321) 439-7635. See more info & pictures at www.DonsHouse.com.

WANTED: All Motor Homes, 5th wheels and travel trailers. Any condition. Cash paid on the spot. Call Paul at (941) 347-7171.



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"Ricky" the Cardinal at Patty's House.
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ESL class at Oyster House Restaurant on Monday evenings from 6 - 8 pm.
\$5.00 per class for non-employees of Miller's World.
Call 695-2091 for information.

Income Tax Service

Mike, *The Tax Guy* - 695-0595

Music Lessons & Tutoring

Call Danielle Swisher at 280-8971 or Email: dmswisher85@gmail.com.

Notary Public Services

Call Denise Johnson, 239-465-1580

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