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SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

The Everglades Seafood Festival is just around the corner starting with Family Night on February 6 and continuing through the weekend of February 7-8. Plan early to attend festivities. Some of the performers who have been scheduled include Friday night: Charlie Pace, Lost Rodeo, "Let's Hang On" band, and Jimmy Van Zant; Saturday: Dance Company, Ben Allen Band, The Watching, Them Hamilton Boys, Rachel Johnson, and Tim Elliott; Sunday: Tim Charron Band, Casey Weston, Tim Elliott, and Out Shyne.



NEW PHONE BOOK

The local area Directory produced by Reach Out, our neighborhood charity, has been

updated. Copies are available at Everglades City Hall, Right Choice Supermarket, and the Thrift Shop.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR EVERYONE! IF YOU DON'T KNOW, NEXT YEAR STARWARS NUMBER 7 IS COMING OUT ON CHRISTMAS. THAT MEANS PRESENTS AND A MOVIE

I ALSO HOPE YOU HAD A GOOD CHRISTMAS EVE. REMIND ME, DID YOU HAVE TURKEY?

(The photos and this column were composed by 8-year-old Alyssia, Patty's granddaughter, who was visiting from California. She wanted to publish her own Mullet Rapper page. She has a new Golden Retriever so added a "clipart" shown below).





Smallwood Music Fest

A spectacular array of performers will turn out on **Saturday, January 31**, to help the beleaguered Smallwood Store. The extravaganza starts at 11:00 a.m. behind the historic Rod & Gun Club in Everglades City and continues all afternoon until dark. There will also be arts & crafts booths, raffles, and an auction. Admission is \$40 for VIP seating or \$10 for general admission (bring your own chair). Your admission contribution goes directly to the Smallwood benefit fund and you will get a receipt for your income tax deduction.

Among the musicians volunteering their time and talents for this fundraiser are the Wholetones, Raiford Starke, Nate the Gladesman, Stone Crab Steve Arvey, Florida Boy (Pete Gallagher & Pat Barmore), Valerie C. Wisecracker & The Walkin' Catfish, Cindy Hackney, J. Robert, Snooker Joe Stem, and Sun Guy.

Lynn Smallwood McMillin, whose grandfather started the store in Chokoloskee almost 100 years ago, is fighting a legal battle to keep the road open to this old trading post which is now a museum. She said, "I am overwhelmed by the generosity of these Florida folk who want to help and are willing to come down here to support us." The Smallwood Store & Museum is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit.

Donations can be made online at www.smallwoodstore.com. For info, see www.evergladeshistorical.org where you can book online with a credit/debit card or call 695-2905.

JANUARY 2015

SUN	MON	TUES	<u>WED</u>	THURS	<u>FRI</u>	SAT
28	29 Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm	30	31 Ladies Coffee Sweet Mayberry's, 8 am Church Services	JAN 1 <u>Happy</u> <u>New Year</u>	RAPPER 2 VA Support	3
4	Full moon 5 Hour of Prayer Holy Family Catholic Church 7 pm ESHP Mtg 8:30 am, City Hall	6 Congressional Visit City Council see p.3	7 Ladies Coffee Havana Café 8 am	8	9 Movie Night see p.3	10 Museum Reception see p.7
11	Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm OFCD Mtg see p.3	13	14 Ladies Coffee Island Café 8 am	15 Book Club see p.3 SAC Mtg see p.5	RAPPER 16 Lasagna Dinner see p.3 VA Support	17
18	MLK Day 19 Hour of Prayer Copeland Baptist Church 7 pm	new moon 20 Kids' Clinic see p.3	21 Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8 am	22 Blood Drive see p.3	23	24 Pancake Fly-In see p.3
25	26 Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm	27	28 Ladies Coffee Sweet Mayberry's Café 8 am	29	RAPPER 30 VA Support	31 Smallwood Music Fest see p.1

Feb 6/7/8: Seafood Festival

Feb 13: Movie Night

Feb 24-28: MSD Festival

Feb 28: MSD Art-in-the-Glades Day

Feb 14/15: Collier Seminole Blue Grass Festival

Mar 13: Movie Night

Apr 12: Everglades Bike Ride

THRIFT SHOP: Tues, Thurs, Sat, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm

LIONS CLUB: No meeting in December DR DEMARTINO: Fri, 1:30 to 4:30 pm

FOOD PANTRY: Wed, 12 noon to 2 pm, Community Church EVERGLADES AL-ANON: Tues, 8 am and 12 noon, City Hall VA SUPPORT: Alternate Fridays, 10 am, Community Church

MUSEUM: Mon - Sat, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm CARNESTOWN Recycle and Trash: 2nd Saturday, 9 am to 1 pm

SKATING RINK: Fri, Sat, 7-10 pm REACH OUT: 3rd Tues, 8:30 am, City Hall LITTLE GATOR CLINIC: Tues, Jan 20, 5 to 7 pm

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, 10 am to 5 pm

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

POST OFFICE HOURS: Everglades City 9:30 am to 1 pm and 2 to 4:30 pm; Sat: outside pick-up 3:45 pm; Chokoloskee 9:30 am to 1 pm and 2 to 4:30 pm; Sat: outside pick-up 3:30 pm; Ochopee 8 to 10 am; 12 noon to 4 pm; Sat: Open for service 10 to 11:30 am.

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: 695-3941 **EVG NATIONAL PARK: 695-3311 COLLIER COUNTY: 252-8999**

CONGRESSIONAL VISIT

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

CITY COUNCIL

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

Proposed Park Fee Increases

The National Park Service is seeking input into its proposed fee increases for a number of areas including: park entrance, annual pass and camping. A new boating permit linked with an online boating education system will replace current boat ramp permits and canoe permits will be eliminated. Public meetings are being held; in this area, the meeting will be on Monday, January 12, from 6 to 8 pm at Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve, 300 Tower Road, in East Naples. Written comments may be mailed to: Proposed Fee Increase, Superintendent, Everglades and Dry Tortugas National 40001 State Road Parks Homestead, FL 33034-6733. Comments may be emailed: Debbie Lane@nps.gov and must be received by January 15. More information can be found on the park website at http://www.nps.gov/ever.

Everglades Book Club

Thursday, January 15, at 9:30 am *Salem Falls* by Jodi Picoult Dianna Pollack's home, 309 Riverside Dr

Everglades Community Church

The Ladies Auxiliary Lasagna Dinner has been scheduled for **Friday**, **January 16** from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Dinner includes salad, dessert & drink. Cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 10.

FLAMINGOS FLOCKING



The booster club is still flocking! Support our school athletics. For more information, contact Carol Foss or Aunt June at Island Cafe, phone 695-0003.



MOVIE NIGHT

The Everglades Society for Historic Preservation will again show historical movies, especially those with a connection to this area, each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Jinkins Fellowship Hall Everglades Community Church. The first one is "Everglades Odyssey" on Friday, January 9, which tells the story of a young couple in photo above who kayak through the Ten Thousand Islands. It was filmed from 1957 to 1960 and shows some lovely scenery in the days before Hurricane Donna. The movies are open to the public and free of charge but reservations are requested. To book your places, email ESHP@hotmail.com or phone Marya at (239) 695-2905.

Collier Seminole

Star Gazing Parties

January 17, March 14, April 11 at 7:30 p.m.

The Star Gazing Party event can only be held if the weather is permitting. Regular park entrance fees apply (\$5 per vehicle). Bring your chairs and enjoy a relaxing night under the stars at Collier-Seminole State Park. You will be viewing the night skies with The Everglades Astronomical Society. There will be an interpretive presentation followed by constellation tours, using telescopes to view stars, galaxies, planets, and nebulae. Come watch the night sky open up and amaze you. For information, call (239) 394-3397.

COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE

The Community Blood Center will be holding two blood drives **Thursday**, **January 22**, at Everglades City School from 10 am - 1:30 pm (Donors will receive a \$5.00 coupon from City Seafood) and at Outdoor Resorts in Chokoloskee from 3 – 5 pm (Donors will receive a coupon for a Cuban sub & soda/tea from Havana Café).

OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

12/06/14: Emergency Medical, Everglades City 12/07/14: Structure Fire, Lee Cypress

12/07/14: Structure Fire, Lee Cypress 12/07/14: Vehicle Accident, 63 MM I-75

12/07/14: Vehicle Accident, 67 MM I-75 12/07/14: Chest Pains, 76 Mile Marker I-75

12/07/14: Emergency Medical, Everglades City

12/07/14: Vehicle Accident, 81 MM I-75 12/12/14: Vehicle Fire, 64 Mile Marker I-75

12/12/14: Structure Fire, Birdon Road 12/14/14: Vehicle Accident, Everglades

12/14/14: Vehicle Accident, Everglades City 12/14/14: Vehicle Accident, Ochopee

12/15/14: Emergency Medical, SR 29 & US 41

12/17/14: Emergency Medical, Ochopee

12/17/14: Emergency Medical, Ochopee 12/18/14: Vehicle Fire, 80 Mile Marker I-75

12/18/14: Vehicle Fire, 80 Mile Marker I-75
12/18/14: Emergency Medical, Everglades City

12/18/14: Emergency Medical, Everglades City 12/19/14: Vehicle Accident, 78 MM I-75

12/19/14: Emergency Medical, Everglades City

12/20/14: Brush Fire, US 41 East

12/20/14: Vehicle Accident, 64 MM I-75

12/20/14: Emergency Medical, Everglade City 12/21/14: Brush Fire, 76 Mile Marker I-75

12/21/14: Emergency Medical, Chokoloskee

12/22/14: Emergency Medical, Everglades City

12/23/14: Emergency Medical, Port of Islands
The next Ochenge Fire Central District

The next Ochopee Fire Control District Advisory Committee will meet at 4 p.m. on **Monday, January 12**, in the Port of the Islands Fire Station, located at 525 Newport Drive #C, Naples, Florida 34114.

DOCTOR'S CLINIC

Dr. Kirk DeMartino will see patients in Everglades City every Friday from 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. in the office behind the Fire Station. If you have any questions, call (239) 642-5552.

Little Gator Clinic

The free walk-in clinic behind the youngsters will be open from 5 to 7 pm Tuesday, January 20, when Dr. Barnard and Kathy will see patients aged 18 and under.

THRIFT SHOP HOURS

The Thrift Shop is open every week on **Tuesday**, **Thursday** and **Saturday** from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. If you would like to volunteer, stop in or phone 695-2009.

PANCAKE FLY-IN



The first pancake breakfast of the season, hosted by Wings 10,000 Islands Tours, will take place at Everglades Airpark on **Saturday**, **January 24**, from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Everyone is welcome.

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SCHOOL NEWS

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Everglades City School

www.evg.collierschools.com

IMPORTANT DATES

Dec 22 – Jan 6 Winter Break – No School

Wed, Jan 7 Students return

Tues, Jan 13 Report Cards to be distributed SAC Meeting, 6 pm, Media Center

Fri, Jan 16 Early Release Day

Mon, Jan 19 No School – Martin Luther King Day

Fri, Jan 30 Homecoming

ADULT EDUCATION CLASSES

Everglades City School will be offering an Adult Education Class for the GED from **January 20 through June 4** every Tuesday and Thursday evening from 6:00 - 8:30 pm. The cost will be \$30.00 per person. Please contact the school at 239-377-9800 to reserve your spot. We look forward to registering anyone who is interested in this program.

YEARBOOK ADS

Purchase an advertisement in the 2015 Everglades City Yearbook (deadline **January 30, 2015):** Full Page: \$150.00; Half Page: \$75.00; Quarter Page: \$50.00; Business Card: \$35.00. Photos and text can be submitted in paper or electronic format. Digital text and photos need to be emailed to Mrs. Owen at owenm3@collierschools.com.

Volunteers Needed

Everglades City School is seeking volunteers for the classrooms, media center and general office assistance. If you would like to assist, please contact Angela Nicholson at 377-2852 or 377-9800. Your assistance is both appreciated and needed!



SPORTS SCHEDULE Basketball Schedule - HOME Games

For complete schedule, visit www.evg.collierschools.com Click on "Sports"

BOYS Varsity:

Friday, January 2, at 1:00 pm vs Archbishop Curley-Notre Dame High School

Tuesday, January 13, at 7:00 pm vs Seacrest Country Day School

BOYS JV:

Friday, January 2, at 11:30 am vs Archbishop Curley-Notre Dame High School

Tuesday, January 13, at 4:00 pm Seacrest Country Day School

GIRLS:

Tuesday, January 13, at 5:30 pm vs Seacrest Country Day School

Come out and support our basketball teams!

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Helen Bryan captured these photos of Santa Claus visiting Everglades City and giving gifts to all good girls and boys

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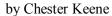
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Florida Tales



1892 Everglades Exploring Expedition

(Continued from 7-18-2014)

Camp No.1 March 16, 1892. The first team got away about 8:00 A.M. with Mr. Ingraham, Mr. Chase and Mr. Church being in Mr. Frank Hendry's single horse wagon. The balance of the party started about 10:30 A.M. owing to the failure of Mr. Langford's team to arrive earlier. Rev. Mr. Frasce came to the camp and bade us good bye. Took dinner at 7 mile cypress on the south east road, where we remained until 2:30 P.M. With all the party together we drove until sunset, going into camp at half way pond, being half way between Ft. Myers and the Allen Place. Some of the party began to have blistered feet and mutton tallow was served out to those that required it. All were very tired. The country today was rather poor flat woods, cross tie timber very scarce. No occupied houses the whole way. Passed two or three abandoned places with small buildings.



Camp No. 2. Thurs. March 17, 1892. Broke camp about 6:30 A.M. Ingraham brought

in a fox squirrel and Mr. Shepard a whooping crane. At noon we had made about 10 miles when we stopped for dinner, being about 25 miles from Ft. Myers. Started at 3:00 P.M. and rode and marched until about 6:00 P.M. making about 8 miles when we went into camp No.3. The timber this morning was of better character, thicker together and larger sized then yesterday there being quite a good deal of cross-tie timber. In the afternoon we were crossing the Allen Prairie. It was a fine body of land some 25 miles long and 3 to 6 miles wide laying between the Okaloacoochee Swamp and the Big Cypress from a point 2 miles east of a place known as "Carson's". Our camp is located at the forks of the roads running to Ft. Simon Drum and Camp Rogers. A government road also runs from our camp to Ft. Simons on the Caloosahatchee River.

To be continued.....

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

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Recipe for Good Eating

Chowder

by Marya Repko

I've just made a little pot of fishy chowder, sort of following my mother's recipe.

I put a bit of fatty bacon and some onion in the bottom of a sauce pan - both cut into bite-size. When they were slightly cooked, I added a good sprinkle of curry powder and some chopped-up celery leaves from the tops of the stalks. I had leftover shrimp that hadn't been cooked very much so I peeled them and chopped up into small pieces. They went into the pot followed by a diced raw potato. All that was topped off with some cumin seeds and water to cover. I let it simmer until the potatoes were cooked.

DO NOT STIR! Apparently the secret of a good chowder or stew is to cook it in layers. I'm not sure why ... any ideas?

Most people expect Boston chowder to have milk in it, but I prefer not to add that; and, if I do, it's in the serving bowl rather than in the pot so I don't have to worry about it

I could have used another fish and have substituted smoked haddock or salmon for the bacon when cooking for friends who do not eat meat.

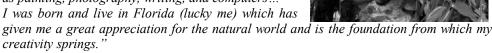
If you have a favorite recipe to share, please phone or email us. Patty Huff



MUSEUM of the Everglades

Pauline Reeves Gallery

The Museum of the Everglades is excited to host artist David Lee Thompson's photography. He is a native Floridian with 30 years of professional photographic experience, lover of wild places and a life time advocate of protecting the Florida Everglades. Mr. Thompson states "I love creating art which is a natural and important part of my life. I have spent a lot of time over the past thirty years creating my works. I use a variety of mediums to create my art such as painting, photography, writing, and computers...



A reception to meet the artist will be hosted by the Friends of the Museum of the Everglades on Saturday, January 10, from 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. in the Pauline Reeves Gallery. Please come join us! To learn more about the Friends of the Museum, visit www.evergladesmuseum.org.

MSD Festival scheduled for February 24 - 28

The schedule for the 2015 Marjory Stoneman Douglas Festival is now available at the Museum of the Everglades. Many of the kayak/canoe trips, swamp walks and other excursions have only a few spaces available.

The Opening Luncheon on Tuesday, February 24, will include the presentation "Memories of My Grandfather and Coconut Grove" by Charlie Munroe, grandson of Commodore Ralph Munroe of The Barnacle Historic State Park in Coconut Grove. Also returning for her portrayal of Marjory Stoneman Douglas will be Janina Birtolo. Cost of the luncheon is \$25 (FME members \$20); the luncheon will be held at Everglades Isle.



Painting by Phil Fisher

Many other notable speakers will be at the Museum during the Festival so visit the website online (www.evergladesmuseum.org) to see a complete schedule or pick up a brochure around town. Everyone is welcome and, except for the luncheon, the events are

Call Martha at 695-0008 to sign up now. Don't miss the most popular event of the year at the Museum of the Everglades.



January Fishing Report

Cooler water temperatures make fishing for snook more difficult. As the water warms up later in the day, they will become more active and will even take top water plugs. Some fish, however, can still be caught, especially if you

fish in deep holes. Sheepshead move into shallow water at this time of year and don't seem to mind cooler water. Fish seem to like to feed just before a cold front arrives so if you can get out, it will often result in a great day of fishing. Redfish can be taken all year long and if you fish oyster bars on the incoming tide, you should do well. Trout fishing on oyster bars in the backcountry are a sure bet. Offshore, cobia and mackerel are being caught on the shallow Gulf wrecks. In short, weather is the most important factor when fishing at this time of year. As soon as it warms up, a little, fishing gets better.

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.

"Wing It!"

Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve is hosting several beginning-birders workshops this winter and spring. The program will introduce participants to the basics of birding including the use of plumage, flight patterns, behavior, binoculars, field guides and other tools in field identification. The classroom session will be followed by a field trip to a nearby park to practice new skills. Registration is required as space is limited to 20 students. The cost for the public to attend is \$30 and \$25 for Friends of Rookery Bay members. The workshops will take place from 8 a.m. to noon on **Jan. 10**, **Feb. 14**, **March 21 and April 11**. They will be held at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center (300 Tower Rd.; Naples, FL 34113). Register online at www.rookerybay.org or call 239-530-5972 with questions.

Collier-Seminole Trips

Collier-Seminole State Park is offering the following tours: Daily 3-Hour Guided Canoe Trips from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. (Children 6+ up). Cost: \$30 per person. Monthly 2-Hour Moonlight Guided Canoe Trips from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. (Children 12+ up) at \$50 per person! Both hosted by The Friends of Collier-Seminole State Park. Learn about history & nature paddling in the mangroves! Call Collier-Seminole at (239) 394-3397 for reservations.

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Following an investigation two teens from Naples were arrested and charged with a structure burglary that occurred at the Texaco Gas Station located near Collier Seminole State Park on December 20. On December 21 a burglary was reported to a vehicle while parked at the 63 mile marker rest area off of I-75. The vehicle was left unlocked and a purse was removed.

Please remember to always secure your valuables and to report any suspicious activity or persons immediately to the Collier County Sheriff's Office at 252-9300.

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Living Gulf Coast

by Charles Sobczak
(*The Living Gulf Coast* is available at the Big Cypress Swamp Welcome Center)

American Alligator

(continued from the Dec. 19, 2014, issue)

The alligator has a unique relationship with birds, and nowhere does that play out more dramatically than in rookeries. Most rookeries are located on islands or along wetlands where alligators are



readily found. In an unusual symbiotic relationship, birds use the alligator as a reptilian sentinel guarding their nests. When a hungry raccoon, bobcat, or rat attempts to swim to an island of nesting egrets and herons, the resident alligator stands ready to kill the predator long before it can reach its intended target. The alligator has little trouble drowning a predator as large as a Florida panther. The bobcat poses little danger to a creature with a hide as thick and almost as effective as a bulletproof vest. There is a price to be paid for this service, however. The alligator is not above snatching fledglings from low-hanging branches, and if a nestling should end up on the ground or in the water below, the alligator quickly disposes of the wayward chick.

The alligator eats just about anything. It has the strongest digestive acids found in any living creature, capable of converting hair, bone, and teeth into usable proteins. Its diet consists of fish, birds, turtles, snakes, mammals, and amphibians. Hatchlings also eat insects, snails, mollusks, frogs, mice, and rats. A mature bull alligator will eat deer, wild boar, and cattle and will even take down prey as large as black bears and horses.

People are often tempted to feed alligators, but this is not a good idea. Once this pattern is established, the animal equates humans with food, and anyone approaching the reptile is in grave danger.

You should never swim in any Southwest Florida freshwater lakes, ponds, or rivers, unless they are clearly marked as safe for swimming. In the water, which is the alligator's domain, it takes only a small alligator to bite and drown a person. The alligator is capable of very quick attacks and can actually propel itself almost completely out of the water with a few swishes of its massive tail. Since 1948 there have been more than 346 unprovoked alligator attacks on humans in Florida and 22 fatalities. (For more information about alligators and these attacks, read *Alligators, Sharks & Panthers: Deadly Encounters with Florida's Top Predator—Man,* published by Indigo Press in 2007.)

Alligators are common throughout Southwest Florida. During the rainy season they travel over land and find their way into many residential ponds, golf courses, and manmade canals. They are easy to spot while kayaking along Fisheating Creek, the Peace and Myakka rivers, as well as the marshes and swamps of interior Florida. You should always take care when in the immediate area of any alligator. Female alligators are very protective of their offspring, and males can be aggressive. The alligator is primal and beautiful and with proper management should be a part of Florida for all time.

Photo by Dick Fortune and Sara Lopez

Charles Sobczak is a Sanibel author whose works include the novel Six Mornings on Sanibel, and two local guide books, Living Sanibel and The Living Gulf Coast – A Nature Guide to Southwest Florida. His books are available online and at most local bookstores. For more information about Sobczak's writing go to www.indigopress.net.



X01 AIRPORT NEWS

by Mike Klein

After many months of environmental and engineering studies and permit application, work has been completed on the extension of the south taxiway at Everglades Airpark. Prior to the extended taxiway, it was necessary for pilots to back taxi on the runway in order to take advantage of the full length of the runway for departure to the north. At busy times this would cause delays for other aircraft in the departure lineup, and also had the potential of conflicting with incoming landings from the south.

The costs for permitting, engineering, and construction were originally estimated at \$282,963, which included an update to the Airport Layout Plan, a Design Update, and an Environmental Update to satisfy FAA grant assurances. The FAA portion of the funding amounted to \$257,332.50, with the remainder financed by Collier County. Actual completed cost came in at \$257,419; a reduction of \$25,544 primarily due to careful attention of construction expenditures by project manager Bob Tweedie.

Thanks to financial support from Collier County, Florida Department of Transportation, and the Federal Aviation Administration - and constant vigilance by Mayor Sammy - the airport remains a valuable property asset of Everglades City without placing undue burden on our local taxpayers. In addition, according to FDOT, the airport annually provides over a half million dollars of economic activity in the local region.

Historic Homes Signs

The Everglades Society for Historic Preservation has ordered additional "Collier Home" signs for the historic 1920s homes in Everglades City. If you would like to have one, call Marya Repko at 695-2905 for more information.



TAXING THINGS

by Mike, The Tax Guy

Taxpayer Bill of Rights

Getting a letter from the IRS is generally not something we look forward to; it usually means that there are a few issues to be resolved, and not without some stressful effort. To help ease any anxiety that we may be experiencing the IRS has released Publication 1, Your Rights as a Taxpayer, which include:

- 1. The Right to Be Informed: The right to know what taxpayers need to do to comply with the tax laws. They are entitled to clear explanations of the laws and IRS procedures in all tax forms, instructions, publications, notices and correspondence. They have the right to be informed of IRS decisions about their tax accounts and to receive clear explanations of the outcomes.
- 2. The Right to Quality Service: To receive prompt, courteous, and professional assistance in dealings with the IRS, to be spoken to in a way that they can easily understand, to receive clear and easily understandable communications from the IRS and to speak to a supervisor about inadequate service.
- 3. The Right to Pay No More than the Correct Amount of Tax: Only the amount of tax legally due, including interest and penalties, and to have the IRS apply all tax payments properly.
- 4. The Right to Challenge the IRS's Position and Be Heard: To raise objections and provide additional documentation in response to formal IRS actions or proposed actions, to expect that the IRS will consider timely objections and documentation promptly and fairly, and to receive a response if the IRS does not agree with their position.
- 5. The Right to Appeal an IRS Decision in an Independent Forum: Taxpayers are entitled to a fair and impartial administrative appeal of most IRS decisions, including many penalties, and have the right to receive a written response regarding the Office of Appeals' decision. Taxpayers generally have the right to take their cases to court.
- 6. The Right to Finality: To know the maximum amount of time they to challenge the IRS's position as well as the maximum amount of time the IRS has to audit a particular tax year or collect a tax debt. Taxpayers have the right to know when the IRS has finished an audit.
- 7. The Right to Privacy: The right to expect that any IRS inquiry, examination, or enforcement action will comply with the law and be no more intrusive than necessary, and will respect all due process rights, including search and seizure protections, and will provide, where applicable, a collection due process hearing.
- 8. The Right to Confidentiality: To expect that any information provided to the IRS will not be disclosed unless authorized by the taxpayer or by law. Taxpayers have the right to expect appropriate action will be taken against employees, return preparers, and others who wrongfully use or disclose taxpayer return information.
- 9. The Right to Retain Representation: Taxpayers have the right to retain an authorized representative of their choice to represent them in their dealings with the IRS. Taxpayers have the right to seek assistance from a Low Income Taxpayer Clinic if they cannot afford representation.
- 10. The Right to a Fair and Just Tax System: For the tax system to consider facts and circumstances that might affect underlying liabilities, ability to pay, or ability to provide information timely. Taxpayers have the right to receive assistance from the Taxpayer Advocate Service if they are experiencing financial difficulty or if the IRS has not resolved their tax issues properly and timely through its normal channels.

Publication 1 is available in English, Chinese, Korean, Russian, Spanish and Vietnamese on IRS.gov.

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

REVIEW OF THE YEAR, 2014



Sweet Mayberry's Café opened in the Glades Building at 207 W. Broadway (1/3/14).



Homecoming King and Queen were Colman Strickland and Kristin McMillin (1/31/14).



Dignitaries received official T-shirts at the opening of the Everglades Seafood Festival (2/14/14).



Bill Mesce (left) is congratulated by Mike Owen for winning the Mel Finn award at the Friends of Fakahatchee dinner (4/25/14).



Martha Hutcheson was honored at the Museum of the Everglades by Mayor Sammy Hamilton for her exceptional service to a visitor (4/25/14).



The shell mound on Mamie Street was destroyed by Florida Georgia Grove (5/9/14).



Paul Tribble was honored for his 38 years of outstanding work as a teacher during a reception at the Museum where student art was shown. With him is new Museum manager Jennifer Perry (6/20/14).



Build-a-Boat was part of CCSO's Summer Fest program for youngsters (7/4/14).



Chris Ammerman was feted on her retirement from Chokoloskee Post Office. She is seen here with her boss Richard Barber and Mayor Sammy Hamilton (10/10/14).



The historic Everglades Seafood Depot Restaurant closed and was put up for sale (10/24/14).

Gone But Not Forgotten ...

Anthony Ranni, 1/3/14 Jim Webb, 3/14/14 James Thomas, 3/28/14 Walt Tucker, 4/11/14 Morris Dantin. 5/9/14 Jeffery Allan White, 5/9/14 Jürg Furrer, 5/23/14 Frank Garrett, 6/6/14 Dr. George Perraud, 6/20/14 Carol Beck, 7/4/14 Barry Morris, 7/4/14 Lincoln Frost, 8/15/14 Gene Wooten, 8/15/14 Mildred Ogle, 8/29/14 Dylan Campbell, 8/29/14 Marion "Sunny" Burke, 9/26/14 Evelyn Mae McDonagh, 9/26/14 Alan Christopher Hancock, 10/10/14 Foy Ballance, 10/10/14 Stacia Ferguson, 10/10/14 Jo Ludford, 10/24/14 Jean Wagner, 10/24/14 Beth Johnson, 11/7/14

Dates refer to the Rapper issue.

RESTAURANTS



Angler's Cove, Port of the Islands (239-642-1025): 11:30 am – 9 pm; Tues-Sunday. 4 pm–9 pm; Monday

Camellia Street Grill (695-2003): 12 noon – 9:00 pm; daily

City Seafood (695-4700):

6:00 am - 6:00 pm; Mon thru Wed 6:00 am - 9:00 pm; Thurs thru Sun

Glades Haven Deli (695-2091): 6:00 am - 9:00 pm; daily (Marina: 6 am - 4 pm; daily)

Havana Café (695-2214):

7:00 am to 3:00 pm; Sun thru Wed 7:00 am to 8:00 pm; Thurs-Fri-Sat

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): 10:00 am - 5:00 pm; Closed 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

Subway at Gator Express (695-3937): 7:00 am - 7:00 pm; daily

Sweet Mayberry's Café (695-0092): 8:00 am - 5:00 pm; Tues thru Sat 10 am - 4 pm; Sunday; Closed Mon

Triad Seafood & Cafe (695-2662): 10:30 am - 5:00 pm; daily

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

Grimm's Stone Crab (695-3222): 8:00 am - 6:00 pm, Mon thru Sat

Loco's Fresh Produce: (239-462-7050) (next to the ECity Post Office) 7:00 am - 4:00 pm; Thurs thru Sat

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

Chokoloskee Church of God

10 am Sunday School, 11 am Sun Worship

Copeland Baptist Church

10 am Sunday School, 11 am Sun Worship

Everglades Community Church

9:45 am Adult Sunday School 11 am Sunday Worship

Everglades First Baptist Church

9:45 am Sunday School, 11 am Worship

Holy Family Catholic Church

10:30 am Sunday Mass



Photo from the Big Cypress AMI-Kids graduation and Christmas gifts of shoes for all the boys from Laces of Love Charitable Foundation, Inc., a nonprofit organization that provides new shoes to disadvantaged children.

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Photos from the Christmas Holidays



Ladies Coffee at Jan Brock's Home



Liam, Patty's grandson, decorating the tree





Nativity Scene at the Everglades Community Church after the "Carols and Candlelight" Service on Christmas Eve

SNOOK CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: Jacuzzi, 2-seater, used but never used; it costs \$4,995; get in now for \$495. Call 695-0611 for more information.

FOR SALE: Waterfront 3 BR/2 BA mobile home, one lot away from Halfway Creek, 150' on the water, with dock and boat ramp. 2 ½ lots, large fenced yard and 10' x 40' screened decked porch. Furnished. Must see to appreciate! \$225,000. Call 340-4770.

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

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

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

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This is a photo of Geri and Tom Freiberger's dog Cookie after a ride in the truck checking out Big Cypress. She just loves going for a ride anywhere.

Send us your Pet Pics by post or email.

JOBS & SERVICES

Cashiers Needed

Joanie's Blue Crab is looking for reliable (retired) individuals who enjoy working with the public. Call 695-2682 for more info.

Volunteers Wanted

Everglades National Park is looking for volunteers to help out (to paddle in canoes or kayaks) on ranger-led canoe trips this winter. Please contact Andy Webb at 695-3311.

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Looking for experienced CNA/HHA and companion caregivers for in-home senior care. Call Visiting Angels at (239) 561-7600.

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