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BEST SMALL TOWN!

Everglades City has been listed by the *Huffington Post* to be among the eleven best small towns to spend a weekend trip in America!

Other entries included Fredericksburg, TX; Healdsburg, CA; Gallup, N.M.; Beaufort, S.C.; Deadwood, S.D.; Traverse City, MI; Port Townsend, WA; Corning, N.Y.; Estes Park, CO; and Woods Hole, MA. In February 2014 the *Huffington Post* listed Everglades City as one of 15 of America's "Coolest Small Towns."

For more information, visit http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2015/07/02/best-small-towns_n_7662666.html.



Sue Gentry Honored

Sue Gentry, Crime Prevention Officer with the Collier County Sheriff's Office, was awarded a trophy during the Everglades City Independence Day celebration for her service to the community and the area children.

PARKS RECOGNIZED

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection invites visitors and residents to visit a state park and trail for outdoor recreation, events and family fun throughout July. Governor Rick Scott proclaimed July as Recreation and Parks month, recognizing that parks and recreational opportunities build family unity, strengthen neighborhood involvement and promote cultural diversity.



FAKAHATCHEE RECEIVES AWARD

TripAdvisor, the world's largest travel site, has named Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park a 2015 Certificate of Excellence award recipient.

Francine Stevens, President of the Friends of Fakahatchee and pictured above with award, said:

"Earning this TripAdvisor honor is a tribute to all our volunteers and park staff members who show off this jewel of the Everglades to visitors. We are thrilled with the recognition and will work hard to improve our TripAdvisor ratings this season."

From its website, the Friends of Fakahatchee offer naturalist-guided tram tours, swamp walks, boardwalk tours and special programs to educate visitors about the unique Fakahatchee ecosystem.



Learn more about the Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park and the benefits of becoming a member at orchidswamp.org.

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Aug 7-16: Tax-Free Holiday

Aug 17: School Starts

Aug 31: Deadline for Recipes

Sept 26: Blessing of the Fleet

THRIFT SHOP: *closed until the Fall*
 LIONS CLUB: *meetings to resume in September*
 DR DEMARTINO: *closed until the Fall*
 FOOD PANTRY: Wed, 12 noon to 2 pm, Community Church
 EVERGLADES AL-ANON: Thurs, 12 noon, City Hall
 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: *meetings to resume in October*
 LITTLE GATOR CLINIC: *closed until October*
 AA: Wed, 5:00 pm, Community Church
 HEALTHY EATING: Tues, 5 to 6 pm, Community Church
 SMALLWOOD STORE: Daily, 11 am to 4 pm

SHERIFF AT CITY HALL: 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.

SHERIFF: 252-9300 CITY HALL: 695-3781 PUBLIC LIBRARY: 695-2511 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: 695-3941
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Kids Tennis Camp

July 27 – July 30

9:30 am – 2 pm, McLeod Park

This complimentary camp is for children 6 & up. Children attending the camp for all 4 days will receive school shoes. Parents can register by e-mail to Marcia Leonard mleonard@playersclubandspa.com. or by calling (239) 298-5780. Shoe sizes will be needed at the time of registration.

For questions, please contact Denny Rager at drager@playersclubandspa.com.



**Chokoloskee Church of God
Vacation Bible School**

July 27 – 31, 6:00 – 8:00 pm

For public announcements to be listed in *The Mullet Rapper*, email two weeks in advance to mulletrapper@gmail.com.



**PHOTOGRAPHY
EXHIBIT**

The Marco Island Historical Museum presents “Giants of the Everglades,” now through **August 1**. This exhibit features the work of Everglades’ wildlife and photographer Dennis Goodman. The Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. For information, call (239) 642-1440 or visit http://www.colliermuseums.com/locations/marco_museum.

Congressional Aide Visit

Enrique Padron, Aide to Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart, will be coming to visit with constituents on **Tuesday, August 4**, in City Hall from 3:30 to 5:00 pm. Please call 348-1620 to schedule an appointment.

RECIPES NEEDED

A reminder – contributions to the NEW Everglades Cookbook may be submitted through **August 31** to: ReachOut Everglades & COPS, Inc., P.O. Box 894, Chokoloskee FL 34138, or email Cheryl Underwood nderwoodcheryl@gmail.com or GerrieFowler@mac.com. ReachOut is a non-profit organization committed to helping our community.

**ADVISORY BOARD
VACANCIES**

The Collier County Board of County Commissioners is seeking applications for positions on several advisory committees. Residents interested in applying for advisory committee positions may easily do so online at www.colliergov.net. Residents may also receive a hard copy application by visiting colliergov.net or by calling Wanda Rodriguez at 252-8400. Please forward your completed hard copy application to the attention of Wanda Rodriguez, County Attorney's Office, 3299 Tamiami Trail E., Suite 800, Naples, Florida 34112-5746.

OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

- 06/29/15: Vehicle Accident, SR 29 and Wagon Wheel Road
- 06/29/15: Fire Alarm (Mutual Aid), Marco Is
- 06/29/15: Water Leak Investigation, Port of the Islands
- 06/29/15: Brush Fire, 64 Mile Marker I-75
- 06/21/15: Vehicle Fire, 71 Mile Marker I-75
- 06/30/15: Emergency Medical, Copeland
- 07/01/15: Emergency medical, Ochopee
- 07/01/15: Fire Alarm (Mutual Aid), Marco Is
- 07/01/15: Brush Fire, 59 Mile Marker I-75
- 07/01/15: Brush Fire, 79 Mile Marker I-75
- 07/02/15: Emergency Medical, Ochopee
- 07/02/15: Vehicle Accident, 80 MM I-75
- 07/03/15: Emergency Medical, Copeland
- 07/03/15: Vehicle Fire, 56 Mile Marker I-75
- 07/03/15: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 07/04/15: Vehicle Accident, 51 MM I-75
- 07/04/15: Emergency Medical, Copeland
- 07/04/15: Fire Alarm (Mutual Aid), Marco Is
- 07/05/15: Emergency Medical, Ochopee
- 07/05/15: Emergency Medical, Ochopee
- 07/05/15: Vehicle Accident, US 41 and SR 29
- 07/06/15: Emergency Med, Jack Daniels Key
- 07/06/15: Brush Fire, Port of the Islands
- 07/07/15: Emergency Medical, Copeland
- 07/08/15: Emergency Medical, Copeland
- 07/10/15: Emergency Medical, Copeland
- 07/10/15: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 07/10/15: Vehicle Accident, 51 Mile Marker I-75
- 07/10/15: Fire Alarm, Everglades City
- 07/11/15: Vehicle Accident, 58 Mile Marker I-75
- 07/11/15: Brush Fire, 50 Mile Marker I-75
- 07/12/15: Wash Down, Copeland
- 07/12/15: Brush Fire, 54 Mile Marker I-75

The next Ochopee Fire Control District Advisory Committee will meet at 4 p.m. on **Monday, August 3**, in the Port of the Islands Fire Station, located at 525 Newport Drive #C, Naples, Florida 34114.

DOCTOR'S CLINIC

Dr. Kirk DeMartino will return to Everglades City in the fall. To schedule an appointment in his Marco Island office, please call (239) 642-5552.

SPORTS PHYSICIAN

Dr. John Martin, a certified Chiropractic Sports Physician, will be in Everglades City and Chokoloskee on **Tuesdays and alternate Fridays**. To schedule an appointment, call (813) 787-9738 or 261-9199 or email martinjohndr@gmail.com.

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IMPORTANT DATES

July 20-23	Summer Camp Week
Through July 30	Free Movies Tues, Wed, Thurs.
July 27-30	Tennis Camp
July 27-31	Church of God Bible School
Aug 17	Back to School

FREE SUMMERFEST ACTIVITIES

Through July 30

FREE Movies 9:00 am - 10:30 am / all ages
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HOT SUMMER NIGHTS

The Collier County Sheriff's Office would like to thank the youth and families that came out for "Hot Summer Nights" at McLeod Park on Friday July 3rd. Everyone who attended had a great time at this annual summer event.



Florida's back-to-school tax-free holidays

The Florida Senate has passed House Bill 33, which includes an extension of the back-to-school tax holiday from three to 10 days. The tax holiday will begin **August 7** and run through **August 16**.

Items that will be tax-free include; clothing, footwear, wallets, and bags that costs \$100 or less, school supplies that cost \$15 or less, and the first \$750 of the cost of personal computers and related accessories.

TENNIS CAMP

Once again this year, free tennis camp is being offered to local children ages 6 and up. Children attending the camp for all four days will receive school shoes. Sign your child up by calling 298-5780 or by e-mail to Marcia Leonard mleonard@playersclubandspa.com. Shoe sizes will be needed at the time of registration (see page 3 for more information).

The Mullet Rapper is looking for students to write articles for the elementary and for the middle / high school levels. Please email mulletrapper@gmail.com for more information.

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Florida Tales



"1892 Expedition"

by Chester Keene

Continued from previous issues....

Settlement was made with Mr. George Hendry in full for the use of his two teams and himself. He bade us good bye at the boat landing and took our last letters to mail in Ft. Myers.

We left the boat landing a little after noon with the two wooden skiffs purchased at Ft. Myers and the two canvas boats that we brought with us. All was loaded and we waded about a mile and a quarter into the Everglades, arriving at camp No.6 about 2 o'clock pm. Did not pitch tents; Mr. Ingraham and Mr. Moses slept in the canvas boats. The camping place was nothing but a slight elevation covered with a few cypress, bushes and quite wet. The balance of the party pitched their mosquito bars on this elevation and had a lunch of canned goods, crackers and what was left from breakfast.

The surveyors began chaining and leveling at Ft. Shackleford this morning and continued their work while some of the party went after game. Except for a few ducks which carefully kept out of gunshot range, a curlew or two, and some gannets and herons, nothing edible was seen. Snakes were conspicuous by their absence, but one or two being seen. Messers Ingraham, Chase and Moses, with one of the canvas boats, visited a little hammock island lying south of the camp about one mile on which the evidence of an Indian camp remained. A lean-to roof that once had been thatched with palmetto fronds, a few poles stuck in the ground and a half burned log end to end, some small lemon trees and a pumpkin vine were found growing. The lemon tree and pumpkin vine indicated the absence of frost. *to be continued....*

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

Recipe for Good Eating

Blue Heron Inn - Crème Brulee French Toast

(serves 6)

Sauce: 1/3 c. butter 2/3 c. lightly packed brown sugar
 1 1/2 T. light corn syrup 1/2 tsp. pure vanilla extract
 1/2 loaf French bread, cut into 1-inch cubes

Filling: 5 eggs lightly beaten 1 c. half/half
 1 tsp. pure vanilla extract 1 tsp. orange extract

Maple Syrup (optional)

Spray 6 ramekins with cooking spray. For sauce, combine butter, sugar and syrup in pan. Cook over medium heat stirring constantly until smooth. Pour enough sauce in each ramekin until it covers the bottom. Next, pack down cubed bread in each ramekin. For filling, beat eggs, half and half, and both extracts. Beat well and pour over cubed bread. Cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate overnight. The next day, preheat oven to 375°. Bake ramekins 20-25 minutes or until filling is set. Invert ramekin onto serving plate. Serve, if desired, with heated maple syrup. Julie, the innkeeper, says she likes garnishing with fresh orange slices and berries!



Note: Photo above shows Patty with her granddaughter Alyssia enjoying this dish at the Blue Heron Inn during their travels through north Florida on their way to summer camp in North Carolina. This is one of the B&B's we stayed in along the way. Well worth a visit! For more information, call (904) 455-9034 or visit the Blue Heron Inn's website www.ameliainlandblueheroninn.com. The Inn is located at 102 South 7th Street, Fernandina Beach, Florida 32034.

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



Off the Shelf - Book Review

"Homegrown in Florida"

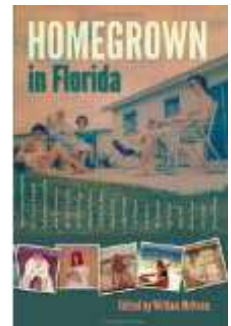
edited by William McKeen

reviewed by Marya Repko

Although published in 2012, the essays in this book are not outdated. They are remembrances of writers who were born or raised in the state including Tim Dorsey, Michael Connelly, Jeff Klinkenberg, Glen Simmons, Craig Pittman, and our own Totch Brown. Each section includes a brief biography and a photo of the author in childhood.

Bill Maxwell describes his experiences as a little black boy in Crescent City meeting white people and was "insulted and angry" at how he was treated which included physical, as well as verbal, violence. Fabiola Santiago left the hardships of Cuba to move with her family to Miami in 1969 and celebrated not her Sweet Sixteen but her Finally Fifteen ("Quinceañera") when she could go out unchaperoned. Fortunately, she kept a diary to which she could refer to capture her emotions at that time. Cindy Spence says that in the summer on Amelia Island they grew out of their shoes before they wore them out and could recognize strangers, to whom she should not talk, because they were mostly "bright pink". Musician Tom Petty recalls watching Elvis during the shooting of the movie "Follow That Dream".

This is a great book to dip into, short articles that are perfect for pool-side reading. It is available by request from Collier County Public Library (www.collier-lib.org) or from publisher University Press of Florida (www.upf.com). This book is also sold through Amazon online at www.amazon.com.



June Sawfish Report

June Juvenile Smalltooth Sawfish Abundance Survey
by Grace A. Casselberry NOAA Fisheries Panama City Laboratory Panama City, FL



In June, the NOAA Smalltooth Sawfish Abundance Survey was stationed at the Florida Bay Interagency Science Center in Key Largo, sampling in Florida Bay as well as the fresh and saltwater sides of Flamingo. It was the first time in 9 years that a field crew had sampled in Flamingo's brackish water bays.

Salinities were high in Florida Bay and on the saltwater side of Flamingo and no smalltooth sawfish, *Pristis pectinata*, were caught. Researchers are currently evaluating how changes in salinity effect the distribution of young smalltooth sawfish. Several neonate and young-of-the-year lemon sharks, *Negaprion brevirostris*, were tagged in these areas. On the last day of the trip, in the lower salinities of Whitewater Bay, the team tagged one young-of-the-year smalltooth sawfish (85.5 cm stretched total length).

Smalltooth sawfish were listed as endangered in 2003 under Section 9 of the Endangered Species Act. Remember, it is illegal to "take" (harass, harm, pursue, target, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap or capture) this animal. The current core population is limited to waters off the coast of southwest Florida and incidental encounters between smalltooth sawfish and fishermen do occur. If you incidentally hook or net a smalltooth sawfish, please do not remove the animal from the water. Cut the line or gear as close to the animal as possible and release the animal immediately. Please exercise caution and never remove the saw.

If you see or incidentally catch a smalltooth sawfish, please contact the International Sawfish Encounter Database at 352-392-2360 or the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at 941-255-7403. You can also email: Sawfish@MyFWC.com. All input and cooperation from the public is greatly valued.

The Smalltooth Sawfish Abundance Survey field team will be in back in Everglades City July 14-19.

This research follows permits EVER-2015-SCI-0002 and ESA-17787. Funding is provided through the NOAA Fisheries Service Southeast Regional Office in St. Petersburg, FL. Photo caption: NOAA Fisheries researchers prepare to release a small young-of-the-year female smalltooth sawfish in Whitewater Bay on June 18, 2015. Photo credit: Dana M. Bethea, NOAA Fisheries

Panther Deaths



The remains of a 2-yr-old uncollared female panther (UCFP244) were collected on 7/5/2015 on Immokalee Rd. 0.4 miles south of Wild Turkey Dr. The cause of death was collision with a vehicle. This is the 14th road mortality for 2015.

The remains of a 10-11 month old uncollared male Florida panther (UCFP245) were collected on 7/8/2015 on Daniels Parkway in Lee County. The cause of death was collision with a vehicle. The carcass was sent to the FWC Wildlife Research Lab in Gainesville for a complete necropsy. This is the 15th road mortality and 22nd overall mortality for 2015.

The remains of a 2-week old kitten (UCFP246) were collected from the den site of FP198 on 7/1/2015 on Lee County Port Authority property in Lee County. The cause of death was unknown but speculation is that the mother consumed the kitten after it had died. This represents the 23rd documented panther mortality for 2015.

Living Gulf Coast

by Charles Sobczak



Sugar Ants (*Family Formicidae*) Other names: house ants, crazy ants, Pharos ants / Status: FL=thriving / Life span: varies with each individual species / Reproduces in the walls and attics of homes and condominiums throughout the islands / Found: Throughout SW Florida.

While there may well be a species that goes by the common name, sugar ant, I find little reason to search for it. Having now lived on Sanibel for more than twenty-five years I have quietly resigned myself to the fact that whatever name we give them, the tiny, sometimes minuscule ants that invade my kitchen are, like the fire ant, unconquerable. Like thousands of residents and visitors before me, I have tried just about everything in a vain attempt to stop their tireless invasion of my house, and all to no avail.



There are at least a dozen species of these tiny intrusive ants to choose from. Some, like crazy ants (*Paratrechina longicornis*) are easy to identify from their ridiculous behavior. Crazy ants are so named because these little black ants scurry around so frantically that they appear to be out of their minds. The other group of ants, the sugar ants as they are commonly called, could be a host of small, sugar and food scrap loving species that, unless an entomologist is around, to correctly ID them, are all but impossible to identify.

Getting rid of them in your house or condo could be the subject of an entire book. Various treatments include fumigation, whole cloves, caulking up everything, boric acid, various ant poisons, red pepper powder, diatomaceous earth, to simply burning your house down and walking away smiling. At this stage in my sugar ant battle I admit defeat. The ants have won. I have come around to a more Buddhist philosophy toward them and, unless they become so problematic that I have to resort to insecticide bombs, I have learned to live with them. They don't bite and they don't harbor any diseases and let's face it, they just want some measly crumbs and a place to call home.



Carpenter Ants (*Camponotus*) Other names; none / Status: FL=thriving / Length: 0.25 to 1 in. (6-25 mm) / Life span: to 60 days / Reproduces in damp wood within trees, homes or wood piles / Found: Throughout Southwest Florida.

Once again the sheer number of species prevents any possible identification of a single species of carpenter ants on the island. In the United States alone there are more than twenty different species of ants that are commonly called carpenter ants. The most common of this species is *Camponotus pennsylvanicus*, or common black carpenter ant.

In the wild, carpenter ants are an important link in the breaking down of dead falls and decaying wood. They carve extensive tunnels and chambers into rotting trees and may take as long as six years to establish a mature colony. They are heavily preyed upon by pileated woodpeckers, rats, mice, lizards, juvenile alligators, possums, armadillos and scores of other insects. The larvae are especially sought after and in the interior of Florida, they are a favorite food for black bears.

Carpenter ants can cause considerable damage to homes. This can be readily prevented by not allowing any moisture to collect in the home or by caulking up any cracks or entrances into the walls of the house. Generally speaking carpenter ants do not pose anywhere near the risk of termites to a homeowner. Some species, especially when disturbed, can deliver a powerful bite.

Charles Sobczak is a Sanibel author. For more information, go to www.indigopress.net. Books are available at the Big Cypress Swamp Welcome Center, ENP Gulf Coast Visitor Center, Right Choice Supermarket and WinCar Hardware.

TAXING THINGS

by Mike the Tax Guy

IRS Tips about Vacation Home Rentals

If you rent a home to others, you usually must report the rental income on your tax return. However, you may not have to report the rent you get if the rental period is short and you also use the property as your home. In most cases, you can deduct your rental expenses. When you also use the rental as your home, your deduction may be limited.

Vacation Home. A vacation home can be a house, apartment, condominium, mobile home, boat or similar property.

Schedule E. You usually report rental income and rental expenses on Schedule E, Supplemental Income and Loss. Your rental income may also be subject to Net Investment Income Tax.

Personal Use. Personal use may include use by your family. It may also include use by any other property owners or their family. Use by anyone who pays less than a fair rental price is also personal use.

Used as a Home. If the property is "used as a home," your rental expense deduction is limited. This means your deduction for rental expenses can't be more than the rent you received.

Divide Expenses. If you personally use your property and also rent it to others you must divide your expenses between the rental use and the personal use. To figure how to divide your costs, you must compare the number of days for each type of use with the total days of use.

Schedule A. Report deductible expenses for personal use on Schedule A, Itemized Deductions. These may include costs such as mortgage interest, property taxes and casualty losses.

Rented Less than 15 Days. If the property is "used as a home" and you rent it out fewer than 15 days per year, you do not have to report the rental income. In this case you deduct your qualified expenses on schedule A.

Mike, The Tax Guy, provides income tax services. For more information or to talk to Mike, phone him at 695-0595.

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MUSEUM of the Everglades

Pauline Reeves Gallery: Student Art Exhibit



The Everglades students' art exhibit will be on display through **August 31**. If you have not had an opportunity to stop by the Museum, please do so. The Museum is open to the public Monday through Saturday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm.

Volunteers are needed as greeters for the front desk on Wednesday and Friday. Meet people from around the world! If you would like to help out, stop by the Museum or call 695-0008.

Also, if you wish to support our local Museum, please join the Friends of the Museum. Applications are available at the Museum or online at www.evergladesmuseum.org, click on "Membership," then "Download a Membership Form." The benefits of our membership include advance reservations for the MSD Festival, free guided walking tours, notice and personal invitation to special events, monthly newsletter, and a 20% discount at our Gift Shop. Join now!



SHERIFF'S REPORT

Sometime between July 5th and 7th person(s) unknown removed a spare tire mounted on an aluminum rim from a boat trailer at Outdoor Resorts. Sometime between July 7th and 8th person(s) unknown removed a 6 gallon red gas container from a fishing boat on Rewis Drive in Chokoloskee. The gas container was later recovered.

If you have any information concerning these thefts or observe suspicious activity, please contact the Collier County Sheriff's Office immediately at 252-9300. Please remember to always secure your valuables and when possible remove unattended property from your boats. Help us by looking out for your neighbors as well.

IS CHIROPRACTIC GOOD FOR MORE THAN NECKS AND BACKS?

by Dr. John Martin

Absolutely, yes! As you may have heard lately, there is a Chiropractor coming to town on Tuesday's and alternate Friday's. Dr. John Martin is based in Naples, and is making rounds here in Everglades City and on Chokoloskee rendering chiropractic relief to those who work too hard or play too hard and end up hurting for it with sore necks and backs. His initial extended patient family so far this summer has included, but not been necessarily limited to: Air Boat Captains and their families, Postal workers, restaurant owners, managers, cooks and servers, deputy sheriffs, city clerks, bookkeepers, retailers, wildlife officers, and museum docents.

One of the fastest responses to chiropractic care in children is earaches and sore throats. One of the quickest responses in adults is headaches, and mid-back pain. What Dr. Martin can help with probably the very most is someone who might have been in a motor vehicle accident (MVA) resulting in multiple injuries. While the typical complaint or injury has to do with muscles and joints, Dr. Martin's foremost effort is to relieve folks of aches and pains, but furthermore to help them achieve and maintain a stronger posture, boosted immune system, and restored energy level. In addition to adjustments and conventional physical therapy (all portable) Dr. Martin practices acupuncture (mostly for chronic pain relief), nutritional support, and homeopathics (safe natural medicine).

So, if you are hurting for ANY reason, please do not hesitate to call 813-787-9738 for a confirmed appointment. This house-call doctor will come to you - to help you more fully enjoy your summer, and get ready for the fall and the 2015-2016 "Season".

P.S. We also adjust horses, dogs and cats. It's called "VOM". Call us and ask about it.

ROOKERY BAY SUMMER PROGRAMS

Through August 5

Art for Mom & Me by artist Marjorie Pesek

Through September 23

Kirsten Hines' Birds and Gardens Photography Exhibit

For more information, call (239) 530-5972

or register at www.rookerybay.org/calendar.

ENP Gulf Coast Visitor Center Hosts Ranger-Led Trips

Experienced paddlers are invited to join "Ranger-led Canoe Explorations in the Ten Thousand Islands" every **Tuesday through August**. The 4-hour trips will begin at 9 am at the Gulf Coast Visitor Center. These trips are not for beginners. Participants must be ages 10 & up and should be prepared with lots of water, lunch/snacks, sun and weather protection. Canoes are available free; kayaks may be rented at the visitor center. For more information or to make reservations please call 695-3311. Also, you may visit the park website at <http://www.nps.gov/ever>.

ENP SEEKS PROPOSALS

The National Park Service released a prospectus calling for business proposals to provide commercial visitor services in the Flamingo District and Long Pine Key areas of Everglades National Park. The Flamingo District of the park is located at the southern tip of the peninsula and boasts magnificent water recreation in the backcountry and expansive Florida Bay. Long Pine Key is a popular camping area closer to the entrance station in Homestead. The prospectus is available online at concessions.nps.gov/ever001-16.htm.

Hardcopies are available upon request for \$40. Please make checks payable to the National Park Service and send to Bill Stevens, Chief of Concessions, National Park Service, Southeast Regional Office AFC, 1924 Building, 100 Alabama Street SW, Atlanta, GA 30303. Please include a physical address (no post office boxes) and telephone number for fed ex delivery. Individuals obtaining a prospectus from the website should contact Mr. Stevens to ensure they receive future responses to questions or amendments to the prospectus. All contract offers must be received no later than 4:00 p.m. on **September 2**.

Clyde Butcher Celebrates our National Parks

In honor of the 100th anniversary of the National Park Service, Clyde will have on display images that he has taken of our beautiful National Parks at both his Venice and Big Cypress Gallery now thru 2016.

SAVE THE DATE **October 31 & November 1, 2015** for a fundraiser for the Education Department of the Big Cypress National Preserve at the Big Cypress Gallery.

The Big Cypress Gallery is open 7 days a week from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm. Swamp Walk Tours will start **October 3, 2015**, and continue through **February 28, 2016**. Call now to receive 20% off with all early bookings until **July 31**.

Big Cypress National Preserve

Acting Superintendent J.D. Lee announced today that Big Cypress National Preserve has completed a wilderness eligibility assessment for all lands in the original Preserve as part of the Backcountry Access Plan (BAP) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) being prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA). Based on this assessment, the National Park Service (NPS) has concluded that of the 557,065 acres assessed, 188,323 acres meet the eligibility criteria in the Wilderness Act of 1964 and NPS Management Policies. The full text of the wilderness eligibility assessment can be found on the backcountry access plan website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/documentsList.cfm?projectID=49334>.

The NPS will conduct public meetings in the local area this summer/fall to receive input from the public on preliminary alternatives for backcountry access and use, as well as wilderness designation within the Preserve. The dates, times, and locations of the public meetings will be announced through local media outlets and on the backcountry access plan website at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/projectHome.cfm?projectID=49334>.

FOOD PANTRY PHOTOS



The Food Pantry is open every Wednesday from 12 noon to 2:00 pm at the Everglades Community Church.

RESTAURANTS



Angler's Cove, Port of the Islands (642-1025): Tuesday thru Sunday, Noon - 9 pm; bar open until 11 pm. *closed Monday*

Camellia Street Grill (695-2003): 5:00 pm - 9:00 pm; Thurs thru Mon *closed Tues and Wed*

City Seafood (695-4700): 6:00 am - 6:00 pm; daily

Glades Haven Deli (695-2091): 6:00 am - 6:00 pm; Sun - Thurs
6:00 am - 9:00 pm; Fri - Sat

Havana Café (695-2214): *closed until October 15*

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 - 5:00 pm; Fri thru Tues *closed Wed-Thurs*


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): 11 am - 8 pm; Wed thru Sun *closed Monday & Tuesday*

Triad Seafood & Café (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*

Loco's Fresh Produce: (239-462-7050) *will return in the fall*

† 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
11 am Sunday Worship

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

6 pm Sunday, 7 pm Wed Bible Study

St. Finbarr Catholic Church
8 am (Spanish) and 10 am (English) Mass

San Marco Catholic Church
8 am and 10:30 am Mass



Helen Bryan took this photo of a pelican at ORA Marina in Chokoloskee.

TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER

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07/17	Fri	04:33AM	2.4	H
07/17	Fri	11:10AM	0.7	L
07/17	Fri	03:47PM	3.2	H
07/17	Fri	11:51PM	-0.1	L
07/18	Sat	05:06AM	2.4	H
07/18	Sat	11:49AM	0.6	L
07/18	Sat	04:25PM	3.0	H
07/19	Sun	12:27AM	0.0	L
07/19	Sun	05:43AM	2.5	H
07/19	Sun	12:29PM	0.6	L
07/19	Sun	05:06PM	2.9	H
07/20	Mon	01:03AM	0.1	L
07/20	Mon	06:22AM	2.5	H
07/20	Mon	01:10PM	0.6	L
07/20	Mon	05:53PM	2.7	H
07/21	Tue	01:38AM	0.2	L
07/21	Tue	07:04AM	2.5	H
07/21	Tue	01:59PM	0.6	L
07/21	Tue	06:47PM	2.4	H
07/22	Wed	02:14AM	0.4	L
07/22	Wed	07:48AM	2.5	H
07/22	Wed	02:58PM	0.6	L
07/22	Wed	07:50PM	2.2	H
07/23	Thu	02:53AM	0.6	L
07/23	Thu	08:34AM	2.6	H
07/23	Thu	04:07PM	0.6	L
07/23	Thu	09:02PM	2.1	H
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07/24	Fri	09:25AM	2.6	H
07/24	Fri	05:17PM	0.5	L
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07/25	Sat	06:18PM	0.3	L
07/25	Sat	11:42PM	2.0	H
07/26	Sun	05:54AM	0.9	L
07/26	Sun	11:15AM	2.8	H
07/26	Sun	07:12PM	0.2	L
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07/31	Fri	10:57PM	-0.3	L

OBITUARY

Lily Belle Marie Perraud passed away

June 28, 2015, at her home in Plantation surrounded by loved ones. She was born in Joliet, Illinois, on April 27, 1930, to Elmer and Helen Calais. She met and married her beloved husband Dr. George O. Perraud, Jr., in New Port Richey. In 1958, they moved to Fort Lauderdale and raised their family. Dr. George preceded her in death in 2014. She is survived by her son, Bruce, and his wife Kimberly; grandsons, Kevin and Garrett; several nieces and nephews, and her beloved 4-legged companions Maddox and Maddie. Her son, Martin Perraud, and granddaughter Kathryn preceded her in death. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The Humane Society of Broward County or Vitas Hospice Team 179 5420 NW 33 Ave, Suite 100, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33009.



Lily also owned a condo at the Captains Table in Everglades City where she and her family would visit often.

City Notices

City Council meetings

on Sept 3 and Sept 9 will include first and second reading of budget.

Election on Nov 24

for Mayor and 2 councilors
Aug 22 - first notice

Sept 21 - qualifying begins
(nominations)

Oct 2 - qualifying ends
(nominations)

Articles/Announcements

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FOR SALE

1) 2 Clyde Butcher black and white photos; 'Florida Bay' #14, 32 x 19 in, in 42 1/2 x 29 in. frame, \$4800.00 OBO; 'Indian Key Pass' 1989, 16 x 11, matted. \$1400.00 OBO. Call 695-4150

2) Rentals available in Glades Building, across from Rod & Gun. One and two bedroom furnished apts. Includes use of private dock on river; One furnished office space. Call 695-4150.

3) One Kawasaki Brute Force 750, \$3500.00 and one Kawasaki Prairie360, \$2500.00; both are 4x4 autos, with front and rear racks, elec. winch, original and mud tires and both have under 700 miles. Call 695-4150.

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PET PICS

Patty's granddaughter Alyssia is working with *Bacon* on his tricks during a visit to her cousin's SC home.

SNOOK CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: Naples Memorial Gardens. Two burial plots, side by side, in the Garden Of The Redeemer. Lot 107, 3 and 4. Both for \$7,900. Contact: Craig Carlisle (352) 371-2164.

FOR SALE or LEASE: Waterfront Lot, 165 ft on the water; 60 ft dock; deep water. \$350,000. For more information, call (239) 253-2844.

FOR SALE: Park Model trailer & lot in Everglades VR Corp. 1 BR / 1 bath / large screen room, boat dock. Fully furnished, washer/dryer / ceiling fans/ A/C, awnings, metal roof, concrete pad w/18 tie downs, fully skirted. Explore & fish the 10,000 Islands. (410) 289-8835.

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