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IVEY MEMORIES



Dorothy Ann Ivey Miller unveiled a plaque in honor of her sister Marjorie Ivey Davis in the old lounge at the Ivey House on September 26. Among family members at the small ceremony were Marjorie's daughter Patti Davis Mahoney and son Art Davis. The plaque was funded by generous donations from family and friends to the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation. Dorothy Ann and Marjorie grew up in the Ivey House when their parents Earl and Agnes operated the boarding house. There were good meals and singing around the piano in the lounge when their mother played.

Stone Crab Seasons begins October 15



Everglades City celebrated the beginning of Stone Crab season with its annual "Blessing of the Fleet" event at the Rod & Gun Club with lots of activities: frog jumping and art contest, and face painting.

See page 5 for more photos

CITY COUNCIL REPORT

by Marya Repko

Mayor Sammy Hamilton opened the meeting on October 6 by saying that Halloween is his favorite holiday and reminded us that the City will have a party for the community on **Saturday, October 31**, in McLeod Park. He later reported the latest news about the Chokoloskee Bridge: bids will open on October 26, the Board of County Commissioners will approve the contract on December 8, and construction is scheduled for spring of 2016. Completion should be within 640 calendar days after the start.

A proclamation was approved recognizing Red Ribbon Week (**October 23-31**) which reminds youngsters that drugs and alcohol are dangerous. Another proclamation recognizes Celebrate SAFE Communities (**October 12**).

Lt. Mark Milligan on behalf of Collier County Sheriff's Office mentioned the arrests of 18 people in the County on drug charges which he hopes will benefit the area. He reported several thefts and a fire on Spoonbill Avenue. Lt. Mark invited everyone to Celebrate SAFE Communities from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on **Monday, October 12**, in McLeod Park and said that Red Ribbon Week will start at the school on **Friday, October 23**.

The next City Council meeting will be on **Tuesday, November 3**, at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall.

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OCTOBER / NOVEMBER 2015

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
4	5 Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God, 7 pm ESHP Meeting	6 Congressional Aide Visit City Council Meeting Workshop	7 Ladies Coffee Sweet Mayberry's Café 8 am FME Mtg	8 Lions Club Mtg Oyster House 6 pm	RAPPER 9 Veterans Support Group	10
11	12 Hour of Prayer Holy Family Cath. Church, 7 pm OFCD Mtg, see p.3 Safe Communities <i>see p.3</i>	new moon ○ 13 Health Workshop <i>see p.3</i>	14 Ladies Coffee Island Café 8 am	15 STONE CRAB SEASON STARTS SAC Meeting <i>see p.5</i>	16	17 Museum Reception <i>see p.9</i>
18	19 Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm	20 Workshop <i>see p.7</i> Reach Out Mtg City Hall, 8:30	21 Ladies Coffee Havana Café 8 am	22	RAPPER 23 Veterans Support Group Red Ribbon Week	24 Red Snook Tournament <i>see p.3</i>
25 Red Ribbon Week	26 Hour of Prayer Copeland Baptist Church, 7 pm Registration Deadline, see p.3	full moon ● 27 Little Gator Clinic Open <i>see p.3</i> Workshop <i>see p.3</i>	28 Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8 am Red Ribbon Week	29 Red Ribbon Week	30 Red Ribbon Week	 31 Halloween Party Clyde Butcher <i>see p.3</i>
NOV 1 <i>clocks change</i> Clyde Butcher Event <i>see p.3</i>	2 Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God, 7 pm ESHP Meeting City Hall, 8:30 am	3 Congressional Aide Visit City Council Meeting Workshop <i>see p.3</i>	4 Ladies Coffee Sweet Mayberry's, 8 am ECity Election FME Mtg City Hall, 3:30 pm	5	RAPPER 6 Veterans Support Group	7 Museum Reception

Nov 11: Veterans / ENP Free Day
Nov 21: Rookery Race
Dec 19: Art-in-the-Glades
Feb 20: Everglades Ultra

Nov 12: Town Hall Mtg (Nance)
Nov 27/28: Butcher Open House
Jan 23: Festival in the Woods
Feb 23-27: MSD Festival

Nov 19: Everglades Book Club
Dec 5: Swamp Heritage Fest
Feb 12-14: Seafood Festival
Mar 5: Fakahatchee Gala

Nov 20: ESHP talk
Dec 12: Fak Dinner
Feb 13-14: Bluegrass
Mar 13: Everg. Bike Ride

THRIFT SHOP: Sat. 11 am – 3 pm
LIONS CLUB: 2nd Thurs, 6 pm, Oyster House
DR DEMARTINO: re-opening TBA
DR MARTIN: Wed, 9 am-noon; 3- 6 pm; Com. Center
AA: Wed, 5:00 pm, Community Church
HEALTHY EATING: Tues, 5 to 6 pm, 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 Tuesday, 8:30 am, City Hall
LITTLE GATOR CLINIC: Tuesday, Oct. 27, 5-7 pm
FOOD PANTRY: Wed, 12 n to 2 pm, Community Church
EVERGLADES AL-ANON: Thurs, 12 noon, City Hall
VETERANS SUPPORT: Alt. Fri, 10 am, Com. Church
SMALLWOOD STORE: Daily, 11 am to 4 pm

SHERIFF AT CITY HALL: Tuesdays (10-11 am)

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Mon–Thurs (9 am to 2 pm); Fri-Sat (9 am to 3 pm)

POST OFFICE HOURS:

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

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SAFE COMMUNITIES

Monday, October 12

6:00 – 8:00 pm, McLeod Park
Collier County Sheriff's Office
is celebrating the fight against
crime by hosting a free event with many
activities to bring neighborhoods,
communities, businesses, and law
enforcement together. There will be a
bounce house, a rock wall, a DARE car
and refreshments. Don't miss this
community event – bring the whole family
for an evening of fun!



WORKSHOPS


Temple Maintenance Workshops
by Dr. John Martin

Everglades Community Church
Jinkins Fellowship Hall

October 13 "Spiritual Fitness"

**October 20 "Nutrition 101 - The Basics,
Food Selection and Preparation"**

Dr. Martin will be at the doctor's office
next to the Thrift Store every Wednesday
9 am to 12 noon and 3 to 6 pm. Alternate
Fridays to be announced. House calls by
appointment. Tuesdays and Thursdays he
is available in Naples. (813) 787-9738 or
email martinjohndr@gmail.com.

 **ADOPT-A-DOG MONTH**
Domestic Animal Shelter has
announced that all dogs currently
in adoption will be only \$20 during the
month of October, a discount of \$65 off
the regular \$85 fee. Dogs may be seen at
the Naples shelter (7610 Davis Blvd)
between 11 am and 6 pm Monday through
Saturday or in Immokalee (405 Sgt. Joe
Jones Road) between 12:30 pm and 3:30
pm. Tuesday through Saturday. Dogs will
be featured at 7 pm on the "Happy Tails"
television show nightly on Comcast
channel 97 or the online "Pets of the
Week" at www.collierpets.com.

 **Florida State Parks**
Now through **October 15**, state
parks that are rich in Hispanic traditions
are celebrating "Recognizing the Past,
Honoring the Present and Celebrating the
Future." October is also Greenways &
Trails Month. If you like hiking, biking,
horseback riding, and paddling, October's
cooler temperatures make it the perfect
time to get outside and enjoy Florida's
parks and trails. For more information,
visit www.floridastateparks.org.

City Notice

City Election on November 24

Oct 26 - last day for voter registration



**REDSNOOK
TOURNAMENT**

October 24-25

The RedSnook Tournament benefits the
Conservancy of Southwest Florida to
support its clean water initiatives. For
more information, visit website
www.conservancy.org/redsnook/schedule.

**CLYDE BUTCHER
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October 31 & November 1

Ranger-led Swamp Walks every hour
from 9 am – 2 pm. \$50 per person (child
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Department of the Big Cypress National
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each day. Call 695-2428 or visit website
www.clydebutcher.com.

**EVERGLADES
BOOK CLUB**



The first meeting of the Everglades Book
Club will be held on Thursday,
November 19, at 9:30 a.m. at the home of
Geri Freiburger, 300 Kumquat, at corner
of Kumquat and Allen. The book to be
discussed is *The Language of Flowers* by
Vanessa Diffenbaugh. Everyone is
welcome to attend. Coffee and light
refreshments will be served.

**Gulf Coast Visitor Center
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Every **Sunday** through **October**
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OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

- 09/21/15: Emergency Med, Chokoloskee
- 09/21/15: Emergency Medical, Ochopee
- 09/22/15: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 09/23/15: Trash Fire, Copeland
- 09/23/15: Vehicle Accident, 76 MM I-75
- 09/23/15: Vehicle Accident, 52 MM I-75
- 09/23/15: Vehicle Accident, 51 MM I-75
- 09/24/15: Vehicle Accident, 51 MM I-75
- 09/24/15: Emergency Medical, Copeland
- 09/24/15: Vehicle Accident, 62 MM I-75
- 09/24/15: Emergency Med, Chokoloskee
- 09/24/15: Vehicle Accident, Ochopee
- 09/24/15: Vehicle Accident, 65 MM I-75
- 09/25/15: Emergency Medical, US 41 & SR 92
- 09/25/15: Vehicle Accident, 55 MM I-75
- 09/25/15: Vehicle Accident, 82 MM I-75
- 09/25/15: Emergency Medical, Ochopee
- 09/25/15: Emergency Medical, US 41 & SR 92
- 09/26/15: Vehicle Accident, 62 MM I-75
- 09/26/15: Emergency Medical, Copeland
- 09/26/15: Emergency Medical, Chokoloskee
- 09/27/15: Motorcycle Accident, Janes Scenic Drive & SR 29
- 09/28/15: Vehicle Accident, SR 29 and US 41
- 09/29/15: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 09/30/15: Structure Fire, Plantation Island
- 09/30/15: Vehicle Accident, 51 MM I-75
- 09/30/15: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 09/30/15: Vehicle in Canal, Plantation Island
- 10/01/15: Vehicle Accident, 50 MM I-75
- 10/02/15: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 10/03/15: Emergency Medical, 88 MM I-75
- 10/03/15: Vehicle Accident (Mutual Aid), San Marco Road and US 41
- 10/04/15: Emergency Medical, Ochopee

The Ochopee Fire Control District
Advisory Committee will meet at 4 p.m.
on **Monday, October 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 return to
Everglades City in the fall. To schedule an
appointment in his Marco Island office,
please call (239) 642-5552.

Little Gator Clinic



The free walk-in clinic (located
next to Thrift Shop) will be open from
5:00 to 7:00 pm Tuesday, October 27,
when Dr. Barnard and Kathy will see
patients aged 18 and under.

THRIFT SHOP

Saturdays only from 11 am to 3 pm


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IMPORTANT DATES

October 15	SAC Meeting, Media Center, 6 pm
October 19	No School – Teacher Plan Day
October 20	No School – Teachers Professional Day
October 23-31	Red Ribbon Week



Students gathered on September 23 for the annual "Prayer at the Pole" day with the Chokoloskee Church Youth Leaders Craig Daniels and Shannon Mitchell.

Photo by Shannon Mitchell

NEW TEACHERS SPOTLIGHT



Nathan Poteet is the new Intervention Support Specialist at Everglades City School this year. This is his fifth year in the district and he has experience teaching physical education, exceptional student education, and fourth grade. He has grown up in Naples, Florida and has a twin brother, little brother, and little sister. Nate graduated from the University of Central Florida with a degree in sports and fitness. Since then he has got his master and specialist degree in Educational Leadership. He is currently working on his Doctorate and plans to be done next winter. On his free time Nathan enjoys playing baseball, basketball, and flag football. He hopes to be active in coaching and looks forward to helping students academically and in extracurricular activities.

Ashlyn Farrar is the new third grade teacher at Everglades City School. She was born in Boston, MA, and grew up in Bellingham just outside the Rhode Island border. She admits to being a die-hard New England fan with quite a bit of family still in the North. Ashlyn states "it is always enjoyable to visit but safe to say I am officially a southerner! I cannot handle the cold."



Ashlyn moved to Naples with her family in 1998, went to Saint John Neumann High School and then Florida Gulf Coast University (Go Eagles!). There she studied Elementary Education and graduated in 2012 Magna Cum Lade with an Elementary Education degree and an ESOL Endorsement. She taught first grade for two years at Mike Davis Elementary but says she is so excited for the opportunity to be here at Everglades City expanding her teaching experience! Her class is full of wonderful and excited learners and they are ready for a great year, full of hands-on learning experiences.



Art Contest for Students



The Collier County Supervisor of Elections office is sponsoring an art contest encouraging students to express the spirit of democracy through art. Twelve winning pieces will be featured in a 2016 calendar. \$500 scholarship will be awarded to one high school senior and a \$500 donation will be awarded to the art program at the school of the "Best of Show" entry.

Entries can be submitted through **November 12** with the winner announced on **December 1**. For further information, visit the Collier County Supervisor of Elections website at www.CollierVotes.com under "What's New?" or call (239)252-VOTE.

Winners of the Frog Jumping Contest during the Blessing of the Fleet

- 1-Alycia Kibodeaux
- 2-Kenny Smallwood
- 3-Taylor Dahlke



A special trophy was given to little Holden Fitzgerald (left) - "best frog catcher" in Everglades City.



There was also a "treasure chest" of little goodies/games for all the kids this year.

SPORTS SCHEDULE

www.evg.collierschools.com/sports

CROSS COUNTRY

Boys' and Girls' Varsity Cross Country

Saturday, Oct. 10 SW Florida Cross Country Invitational at Immokalee H.S., 7:45 am

Saturday, Oct. 17 17th Annual Lely Trojan Invitational at Lely High School, 7:30 am



VOLLEYBALL HOME GAMES

Girls' JV Volleyball

Friday, Oct. 16 Community Christian School, 4:30 pm

Girls' Varsity Volleyball

Friday, Oct. 16 Community Christian School, 6:00 pm



Everglades Area Youth Soccer begins Tuesday October 20! Boys and girls ages 5-11 are welcome. Practices will be every Tuesday 4 - 5 pm. Call Shannon at (239) 961-0669 or 695-8562.



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Florida Tales



**“Diary of Sarah Catherine
Dorrough McDanal
1879-1967”**

by Chester Keene



continued ...

When I was eleven years old, we moved to Middlesboro, Kentucky. Mr. Cunningham had built a furnace there; it lasted a year. They dug a mountain down to have a level place to put the furnace and

build a town. We lived on Prospect Hill and had 45 steps from the bottom to the top. I never played or visited children. By then, Ma did not spin or weave anymore. I had learned to crochet. I guess I made a thousand yards of the same little edge. There was always quilt pieces to cut; I was 10 years old then in 1889. Children could not start school until they were eight, so Pa got the neighbors together and hired a teacher. We had a class room in our house and I liked to study. At eleven years old, I studied Geography, English and Arithmetic. It was an old blue back speller, Appelton's 5th reader and dictionary and we used a big double slate. That was the last schooling I got. I was smart in learning and for one thing, I was tired of crocheting and piecing quilts so I stuck to my books. In 1890 we moved to Mingo, Tennessee. Ma, Myra, Ester and Frank went on the train. Pa, Marvin and me walked 8 miles thru the snow, it was about 15 inches deep. We enjoyed it. This took us 'bout 5 hours-8 miles in 15 inch snow. No roads just railroad tracks to walk on between two mountains. A railroad and a creek in the valley. You hear of the wild days-there was the Hatfield and McCoy feud.

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

Easy Veal Meatloaf

by Karen Cabral



Ingredients:

- 1 pkg ground veal
- 1 egg
- ¼ cup each of onion, portabella mushroom, orange or yellow pepper, sundried tomatoes, all finely chopped
- 2 garlic cloves, minced
- Salt & pepper
- Seasoned croutons, crushed (optional)
- Bacon (optional)

Mix all ingredients together. Form into a loaf or make into patties (6). Strips of bacon may be placed on top, if preferred. Bake at 350° for 40 minutes and serve. Easy, healthy and delicious!

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

TAXING THINGS

by Mike the Tax Guy

Penalty Relief Due to Reasonable Cause

If you receive a notice of penalty from the IRS, first, check to see if the information is correct. If you can resolve an issue in your notice, there may be no penalty.

The IRS will consider any sound reason for failing to file, make a deposit, or pay tax when due, including:

- Fire, casualty, natural disaster or other disturbances
- Inability to obtain records
- Death, serious illness, incapacitation or unavoidable absence of the taxpayer or a member of the taxpayer's immediate family
- Other reason which establishes that you used all ordinary business care and prudence to meet your Federal tax obligations but were nevertheless unable to do so

Note: A lack of funds is not reasonable cause for failure to file or pay on time. However, the reasons for the lack of funds may meet reasonable cause criteria for the failure-to-pay penalty.

Facts Establishing Reasonable Cause:

- What happened and when did it happen?
- What facts and circumstances prevented you from filing or paying your tax during the period of time you did not file or pay your taxes timely?
- How did the facts and circumstances affect your ability to file or pay your taxes or perform your other day-to-day responsibilities?
- Once the facts and circumstances changed, what actions did you take to file or pay your taxes?
- In the case of a Corporation, Estate or Trust, did the affected person or a member of that individual's immediate family have sole authority to execute the return or make the deposit or payment?

Interest charged on a penalty will be reduced or removed when that penalty is reduced or removed. If an unpaid balance remains, interest will continue to accrue until the account is fully paid.

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

If you would like to submit an article to The Mullet Rapper, email to mulletrapper@gmail.com for review. Please send two weeks in advance. Dates of publication are listed on the Calendar p. 2.



Fishing the Ten Thousand Islands in October

This is arguably one of the best months of the year here. The Redfish continue to bite well. Fishing for them on the outside Islands on the incoming tide is best. There are many

methods that work for these fish. You can use shrimp on a cork, or shrimp on the bottom. Jigs work really well; and if you use scented tails or tip with shrimp, it works that much better. Work your jig as slow as you can without hooking the bottom. You want to bounce it slightly off the bottom.

The Snook bite also continues to be really good. The best bite in the Islands has also been on the incoming tide. The same jig will work. But top water lures are a great way to get some action early in the morning. Work a top water lure along the shorelines or over shallow oyster bars as the tide rises. Fishing a DOA shrimp or Bait buster mullet along the edges of the mangroves once the tide gets up a little is a great way to cover an area. Work these lures with patience, not too fast. The back country Snook fishing should also pick up this month as water temps drop down.

Sea trout on the grass flats can be taken with jigs or popping cork rigs this month.

Tarpon are migrating back thru the area so it is a great month to catch yourself a grand slam here. Look for rolling fish offshore and in the river mouths. But they will be spread all thru the Islands this month as long as the weather holds. Whichever species you prefer, this is a great month. You can't beat the fall fishing!

Good Luck! Capt. Mike Merritt

Captain Mike Merritt fishes artificial lures, live bait, or both out of a 22ft. Pathfinder boat powered with a 150hp Yamaha 4 stroke. Contact Capt. Merritt at (561) 795 3437 or email: snookfishing1@juno.com. Website: www.everglade-angler.com.

REGISTRATION OPENS FOR ROOKERY BAY ADVENTURE RACE

Saturday, November 21

The Adventure Race includes a 3K Kayak Route along Henderson Creek and a 4K Trail Run at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center. New this year is a 5K Trail Run-only category. All participants will receive a t-shirt (sizes guaranteed if registered before Oct. 31), post-race refreshments, Rookery Bay Reserve water bottle, free admission to the Environmental Learning Center and entry for door prizes. Awards will be presented to the top finishers in each category: men, women, relays, tandem-teams and surf-skis. Space is limited; registration is required. Race begins promptly at 8 a.m. at 300 Tower Road in Naples. Call (239) 530-5977 for more information.



SAVE THE DATE

The annual Everglades Bike Ride will be held on Sunday, **March 13**, at McLeod Park. As in previous years, there will be 16-mile, 27-mile (on/off road), and a 62-mile ride. Registration is now open (register early to receive a discount). Visit online at www.caamevents.com/event/everglades-ride or call Patty Huff at 695-2397. Proceeds to benefit the Friends of Fakahatchee and the Friends of the River of Grass Greenway.



Living Gulf Coast

by Charles Sobczak

Blue Crab (*Callinectes sapidus*) Nicknames:

Maryland blue crab /

Status: FL=stable,

IUCN=NE / Life span: to 3 years / Length: 3-7 in. across the carapace (76-177 mm) / Weight: 8-14 oz (0.22-0.39 kg) / Reproduces: in the estuary of the backbay / Found: Throughout the inshore waters of SW Florida.



The official state crustacean of Maryland, the blue crab was once very abundant in the waters and inlets of the Chesapeake Bay. In recent years these crabs, along with horseshoe crabs and Chesapeake oysters, have decreased dramatically as a result of coastal pollution.

This prized commercial shellfish can be purchased fresh at several fish markets. During the harvest season the deeper waters are riddled with crab-trap markers. It's interesting to note that although it's a popular food from the Atlantic coast to Argentina, the blue crab is considered too small to bother with along the Pacific Coast of Central and South America and is left un-harvested. Hitch-hiking across the ocean in the ballast of commercial shipping vessels, the blue crab is considered an invasive species in the Baltic Sea, North Sea, Mediterranean, and the Black Sea where, when discovered, it is immediately eradicated. The blue crab is fed upon by humans, cownose rays, tarpon, permit, and sharks; immature crabs are speared by great blue herons and anhinga.

Stone Crab (*Menippe mercenaria*) Nicknames: mud crab, Florida

stone crab / Status: FL=stable,

IUCN=LC / Life span: 7 to 8

years / Length: 3.5-4 in. (91-101

mm) / Weight: 1-1.5 lb (0.45-

0.70 kg) / Reproduces: in the

estuaries and nearshore waters of

the gulf / Found: Throughout the

inshore and near shore waters of

SW Florida.



Long considered a Florida delicacy, the stone crab is highly sought after by seafood lovers. Literally tens of thousands of stone crab traps are put into the nearshore gulf waters from the Panhandle to the Florida Keys every season, which runs from October 15 to May 15. Stone crab, per pound, is the most expensive seafood served in the U.S.

The stone crab harvest is different from the blue crab in that the whole crab is never taken, only its claws, which constitute 50 percent of its body weight. The living animal is tossed back into the ocean, allowed to regenerate its lost claws over the next two to three years. The mortality rate of the de-clawed stone crabs is quite high, however, with studies indicating that as many as 47 percent of the crabs die when both claws are taken and 28 percent die after a single amputation. As high as these numbers are, they are still more sustainable than the blue crab fishery where the whole crab is taken.

The stone crabs are a popular food for night herons, bonnethead sharks, stingrays, and cow-nosed rays, as well as octopus. The stone crab feeds on detritus, carrion, algae, and marine mollusks, including oysters and scallops.

Charles Sobczak is a Sanibel author. For more information, go to www.indigopress.net. This article is an excerpt from Living Sanibel by Charles Sobczak.



LOCAL HISTORY

Locals remember this building on Begonia Street as the fish house built by Lloyd "Barrel Head" House (Doug House's grandfather). Alma Jean House's parents, Walter and Beatrice Brown, owned and operated it for many years. Now, residents enjoy the seafood here at City Seafood.

Glenda Hancock's parents, Virgie and Wiley Dickerson (with their friend Bob Combs), purchased the building from the Brown's in 1964. Virgie grew up in Marco, married Wiley and moved to Naples where she worked on the docks of Kelly's Fish House, heading shrimp in season. Wiley worked at the Combs Fish House before they bought the fish house in Everglades City. After the first year (which was very successful) Bob Combs sold out to the Dickerson's. Virgie would do the bookwork and take in the fish whenever her husband was away. They purchased mullet, mackerel and pompano from the fishermen; then either Wiley or his son Wayne would haul the fish to Georgia, the East Coast and do long hauls to New York during run season; the roe they would ship to buyers from Japan. During season the hours would run into days with only a couple of hours sleep. They also had boats from Ft. Myers and N. Carolina that would bring in the shrimp.

Glenda remembers that everything her Mom cooked was her specialty, but when she made coconut and pumpkin pies, she always made four of each at a time! She always wanted to take the top floor off and turn it into a restaurant, serving fresh seafood (a first for the area).

Shortly after the park began enforcing new rules on fishing and the State stepped in to regulate the fishing industry, Wiley sold the business in 1979 to purchasers wishing to run crabs. Also, when he was diagnosed with cancer and unable to continue in the business, the Dickerson's moved to Estero.

Doug Brown (grandson of the Dickerson's) submitted this photo taken in 1989 when he was a Deputy here. He says "It is interesting that it has been made into a restaurant because that is always what my dad had envisioned it to be after the fishing industry began to fall off."

to be continued.....



MUSEUM of the Everglades

**Pauline Reeves Gallery
"Healing Totem"**



Please join us for an open house reception to meet photographer JohnBob Carlos on **Saturday, October 17**, from 1 to 3 pm. JohnBob is a native Floridian and photographer capturing images of Florida's wildlife, landscapes, cultures, and waterways. It is his way of creating a voice for Florida's nature and preserving Florida's culture. The reception, hosted by the Friends of the Museum of the Everglades, is open to the public. Refreshments will be served. This photography exhibit continues through **October 30**. The Museum is open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. There is no admission charge but donations are welcome. If you would like to support the exhibits and programs at the Museum of the Everglades, we invite you to become a member of our Friends group. For more information, visit website www.evergladesmuseum.org.

From Savannah's Eyes

For the past few weeks the Life South blood mobile has been parked near my class at Little Hall. I would always pass it, yet never stopped since I have a terrible fear of needles. Even when it comes to getting shots, my mother would have to hold my hand or sit next to me.



One day after getting out of class early, I was a bit shocked and interested at the sign outside of the mobile which said, "Donate today and save 3 lives." It was then that I knew I had to face my fear and donate. So I bravely stepped inside, shaking and light headed, as I looked to my right and saw students with needles in their arms. After filling out some paper work, the nurse then took me into a room to prick my finger to see my blood type. I sat down and propped my feet up on a comfy plush seat, as the nurses gave me a snack and apple juice so I wouldn't pass out. To my right I saw one of the nurses holding a long, skinny tube with a thick looking needle on one end and a medium bag on the other. This is when I started to freak out. I was very close to backing out and leaving, but I knew I needed to go through with it because I'm not a quitter. I was holding back tears as the nurse stuck it in my arm, not because it hurt but because I was VERY scared. After 20 minutes it was done and I donated blood. I left the mobile with a free shirt, more snacks, and satisfaction that I not only conquered my fear of needles but I also helped save 3 lives by doing something that took less than 30 minutes. So even if you're scared of needles or have a fear of blood, all it takes is a few minutes of bravery to help save someone's life.

Lately, I've been very unfortunate with a bad cold, an uncommon eye infection and a sprained knee. I thought "how much worse could it get?" Well, let me just fill you in.

I have a huge crush on the Gators Football quarterback Will Grier, and I always kid-around with my friends saying I'm going to meet him one day. They always reply sarcastically "Sure!" or "I don't think anyone has seen him on campus or even in class." I thought the same. So, I'm at the infirmary getting medicine for my eye, and the whole day I wore glasses except here because I was embarrassed and didn't want anyone to see my eye. When I paid for my medicine and walked down the hallway, I hear a deep voice around the corner. Then I see (out of my good eye) a tall guy with dark hair and a beard. I focus more on him and then realize it was WILL GRIER! I was so in shock I stopped walking and just froze; he glanced at me and continued walking towards the pharmacy. When he turned the corner, I speed walk to it just to make sure it was him, AND IT WAS. I run to the bathroom and start jumping up and down, squealing, so happy that I finally saw him. But then I walk past the mirror, and realize I don't have my glasses on and my eye looked HORRIBLE. I gasped and ran out of the bathroom to my scooter, hoping and praying I don't run into him again looking like this! When I finally reach my scooter I freak out again, call my mom and tell her. I haven't seen him again on campus, but I know if I have seen him once I'm definitely going to see him again, and this time I'm going to make sure I'm not sick, I look decent, and I walk up and talk to him.

I'm very proud of the Gators for being 5-0 in the season! Make sure if you're watching any of the games on TV, be on the lookout for number 7 (Will Grier) since that's my future husband.

Loving the college life! Love, Savannah

FAKAHATCHEE STRAND BOARDWALK EXPANSION and more...



Phase I will be starting soon for the expansion of the Boardwalk on US41. Eventually, a new visitor center and other projects will be completed. Their Project Goals (in partnership with the Florida Park Service) are as follows:

1) Improve visitor safety by building a new arrival zone off the highway and new parking area complete with restrooms, picnic facilities, orientation signs, and viewing opportunities. Other improvements include a bridge over the canal paralleling the Tamiami Trail that will become a feature in itself and open up new areas of the park to the public.

2) Create the Fakahatchee's first ever interpretive pavilion. This will be on the far side of the canal and have a wraparound cracker style porch with expansive views of the surrounding prairie. Its contents will tell the story of the Fakahatchee and inspire visitors to explore further.

3) Link the new parking area, interpretive pavilion, and the original boardwalk site with a series of new ADA accessible trails and boardwalks, ensuring that all visitors will have the opportunity for number of loop walks and not have to enter and exit the same way. These new trails and boardwalks include:

- a low-level boardwalk across the salt marsh, with wheel stop edges, but no side railings to provide an uninterrupted view of the habitat,
- a "Canopy Walk" along the edge of the Strand that gradually rises to a 20' shaded observation platform with views over the wet prairie on one side and the forest on the other, before descending through the Strand,
- a crushed-shell path, overlook, and rain shelter with wildlife viewing opportunities around a newly accessible lake. Upgrade and widen the existing aging boardwalk that winds through a section of virgin cypress forest to an alligator hole and repopulate the route with native orchids and bromeliads propagated by the park to create a unique "Epiphyte Walk."

4) Build an outdoor classroom at the original boardwalk site for school programs.

Note: Work on the new parking area should start in the first quarter of 2016 and the bridge across the canal and low level boardwalk linking the new site to the original should be completed by the end of 2016. The Friends of Fakahatchee have launched a capital campaign to fund the rest of the project (the icing on the cake). Donations may be made via website www.Orchidswamp.org. Please support our Fakahatchee!

Friends of Fakahatchee Schedule of Tours



Tours begin in November for swamp walks and tram and boardwalk tours. To register online and for more information, see www.fofreservation.eventbrite.com. Tours fill up early; reservations are required! To arrange a custom tour for your group of 10 or more, email fakaevent@yahoo.com or call 695-1023.

Panther Deaths



The remains of a 4-month-old uncollared male panther (UCFP249) were collected on September 22 on CR858 (1/4 mile west of County Line Rd) in Collier County, and the remains of a 2-3 year old uncollared male Florida panther (UCFP250) were recovered on September 28 on US41 just west of the Trail Lakes Campground. The cause of both deaths was collision with a vehicle. Both carcasses were sent to the FWC Wildlife Research Lab in Gainesville lab for complete necropsies. These were the 28th and the 29th Florida panther mortalities and the 19th and the 20th road mortalities for 2015.

In addition to the above two deaths, the remains of K432, a 13-mo-old female panther, were collected on September 30 from the northbound lane of I-75 at the 102 mile marker in Collier County, a half-mile west of CR951. The cause of death was vehicle collision. This is the 30th panther mortality and the 21st road mortality documented for 2015. K432 was one of three kittens of FP219 who was struck and killed very near this area 12 days prior on September 18. FP219's litter was handled at the den on September 22, 2014, when the kittens were 23 days old. One of the other siblings, K434, was removed from the wild to Zoo Miami when she was 11-weeks-old after getting separated from the rest of the family.



Please remember to be watchful and take care when driving on the rural roads in Collier County. For more information about panthers, visit website <http://www.panthersociety.org/faq.html>.

PYTHON REMOVAL



Sign up now for the 2016 Python Challenge™ competition and join the Florida Fish and Conservation Commission (FWC), the Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida Inc. and partners to remove invasive Burmese pythons from public lands in south Florida. Register online at PythonChallenge.Org Cash prizes will be awarded. The competition begins at noon on Saturday, **January 16**, and ends at 7 pm Sunday, **February 14, 2016**. Online training is required. For more information, visit PythonChallenge.org.

To report nonnative fish and wildlife, call the FWC's Exotic Species Hotline at 888-IVE-GOT1 (888-483-4681), report your sighting online at IveGot1.org or download the IveGot1 smartphone app.



SHERIFF'S REPORT

On September 30, a house fire at an unoccupied house was reported on Spoonbill Ave on Plantation Island. The house was unoccupied at the time and was a total loss. In addition a Carolina Skiff docked behind the residence was also found to be stolen and later recovered. Sometime between September 30 and October 2 a "Gheenoe" was taken from a storage area at Fisherman's Cove. The Gheenoe is camouflage in color and had 9.8 hp Nissan outboard motor attached.

Should you have any information concerning these incidents or other suspicious activity, please report them to the Collier County Sheriff's Office immediately at 252-9300. Residents are also reminded to keep a watchful eye on unattended boats and to not leave fishing equipment unsecured when not in use.

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):**
Oct 15: 12 noon - 9 pm; daily
- 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):**
Oct 15: 7 am - 3 pm (Sun thru Wed)
7 am - 8 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):**
11:00 am - 5:00 pm; Fri thru Tues
closed Wed and 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):**
9 am - 5 pm; Mon thru Sat
closed Sunday
- Triad Seafood & Café (695-2662):**
10:30 am - 5 pm; daily
- Right Choice Supermarket (695-4535)** 
9:00 am - 7:00 pm; daily
- Grimm's Stone Crab (695-3222):**
Oct 15: 8 am - 6 pm; Mon thru Sat
- Loco's Fresh Produce: (239-462-7050)**
next to the Everglades Post Office
7 am - 3 pm; (Thurs-Sun)

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
- First Baptist Church of Everglades City**
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



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10/09	Fri	01:27PM	2.9	H
10/09	Fri	08:37PM	0.5	L
10/10	Sat	01:41AM	2.8	H
10/10	Sat	08:55AM	0.5	L
10/10	Sat	02:04PM	3.0	H
10/10	Sat	09:14PM	0.5	L
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10/19	Mon	05:48AM	2.8	H
10/19	Mon	03:03PM	0.3	L
10/19	Mon	09:02PM	2.5	H
10/20	Tue	02:53AM	1.1	L
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10/20	Tue	10:09PM	2.5	H
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10/21	Wed	09:11AM	2.6	H
10/21	Wed	05:20PM	0.3	L
10/21	Wed	11:08PM	2.6	H
10/22	Thu	05:51AM	0.9	L
10/22	Thu	10:47AM	2.7	H
10/22	Thu	06:21PM	0.3	L
10/22	Thu	11:57PM	2.8	H
10/23	Fri	06:50AM	0.7	L
10/23	Fri	11:59AM	2.9	H
10/23	Fri	07:15PM	0.3	L

OBITUARY

Luciano (Lou) Mazzonetto passed away September 23. He was born on November 20, 1934, in Italy. His family immigrated to America in 1947, residing in Washington, D.C. Upon completion of military service in 1956, he married his high school sweetheart, Claire Phillips, and began their family. They relocated to Winter Park in 1961, where he was employed by Lockheed Martin. Lou enjoyed a successful 32 year career until his retirement in 1993. He was preceded in death by his wife Claire in 1991. Two years later, he met Wilda Toon Sanders, and the couple married in 1995.

Lou was an avid outdoorsman and started fishing in Chokoloskee in the early 1960s when Goodland and Isle of Capri were being filled in for lots and it got too crowded. He always stayed at the Blue Heron with AC Hancock whom he considered a friend for life. Lou loved the area so much that he and Wilda married in the Everglades City Catholic Mission in April 1995!! They built a house on Lopez Lane and moved there in December 1996. Wilda says "enjoyed living there, as much as we could, for 20 years!! Lou had many friends in Chokoloskee and ECity that he enjoyed spending time with over the years." In addition to fishing and hunting, Lou participated in a multitude of youth activities, mentor sponsorships, ministries, and faithfully supported a variety of charities.

He is survived by his wife Wilda, daughters Christina (Randy) West and Linda (Bill Galbreath) Mazzonetto, brother Mario (Michelle) Mazzonetto and many grandchildren. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, donations be made in Luciano's name to Boys Town at www.boystown.org or 1-800-217-3700.

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FOR SALE: Cabins #7 & #8, at Glades Haven. Call (239) 695-9142 or email at fishnw.mykee55@live.com.

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 Prairie 360, \$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.

Articles/Announcements

Deadline to submit for the next issue of *The Mullet Rapper* is Friday, October 16, at 10 a.m. Please call (239) 695-2397 or email mulletrapper@gmail.com.



PET PICS In Memory

This photo first appeared in the 11/23/12 issue of *The Rapper* with *Ebony* (on the left) and *Jack*. They were rescue dogs from Hurricane Katrina. Owners Ed Dalzell and Elaine Middelstaedt said that *Ebony* passed away last week.

Send us your Pet Pics by email or post.

SNOOK CLASSIFIEDS

FOR SALE: 12' aluminum boat with 3 hp Johnson motor; runs well. \$500 OBO. For information, call 232-0074.

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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