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OBITUARIES

Cheryl Lynn Rain, age 28, passed away suddenly on August 1. She leaves three little girls, her parents, sister, brother, and other family.

A fund has been set up to help with funeral expenses. You can contribute to account 3004702 at the Shamrock Bank (visit the office in City Hall or post to 895 Fifth Ave South, Naples, FL, 34102). You can also send checks payable to the "Cheryl Rain Funeral Fund" to Renae Powell, P.O. Box 505, Copeland, FL, 34147.

Arrangements have not been finalized. For info, phone Renae at 821-7442.

Dana Masey, age 58, died suddenly on August 3, after lengthy health issues. He was a resident of Chokoloskee Island. He leaves two sons Dana Masey, Jr., now serving in the National Guard at Camp Blanding, and David Masey, serving with the Air Force in Oklahoma City, a brother Ray of Panama, FL, sister Margie Shaeffer of Stark, FL, and former wife Janice Wooten of Copeland, FL. His brother Ernie pre-deceased him.

Arrangements for the funeral may be in northern Florida.

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CITY COUNCIL REPORT

by Marya Repko

Mayor Sammy Hamilton welcomed everyone back after the summer break. He recognized Monica Aranegui, who is the assistant to Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart, and said that the Congressman had done wonderful things for the City, especially in times of crisis after storms.

The Mayor said that the new street lights had passed their inspection and should be turned on soon. He also said that new playground equipment had been installed in McLeod Park.

Diane Ridgway reported on behalf of the Betterment Association that, after the Seafood Festival in 2010, there was only about $4,000 in the bank as a reserve for next year after scholarships and donations had been given. Expenses were higher because work previously done by inmates had to be paid for last year. Ricky Smith and other directors have resigned and she is considering different food vendors. She invited non-profits to a planning meeting which will take place on **Tuesday, August 10,** at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center.

Terry Smallwood presented three projects from Planning & Zoning:

1. Fisherman's Cove overlay amendment
2. Ivey House addition
3. 910 Dupont modifications

It was decided that Council not vote on these until more information is presented.

In response to a Public Comment from John N. Wilson, the Mayor said he would have news about the City takeover of the airport at the next meeting. He spoke on the subject before the Board of County Commissioners at the meeting in July.

Councilman Tod Johnson read out the appeal for the Funeral Fund of Cheryl Rains (see obituary in left column).

The next meeting on **Tuesday, September 7,** will include a Budget & Millage Hearing. The second hearing will be on **Wednesday, September 15.**

See the Sheriff's Report on page 10.

If you have *news, photos, announcements,* or *articles ...* email mulletrapper@gmail.com or phone 695-2397.

AUGUST 2010

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
AUG 1 **PetVet**	2 **Hour of Prayer** Everglades Community Church 7 pm	3 **Congressional Visit** **City Council** **National Night Out**	4 **Ladies Coffee** Triad Seafood 8 am	5	***RAPPER*** 6 **BigC ORV Trails Open** *see p.8*	7
8	9 **Hour of Prayer** Copeland Baptist Church, 7 pm **Early Voting Starts** *see p.3, 11*	new moon ○ 10 **Festival Plans** Comm. Center 6 pm, *see p.3*	11 **Ladies Coffee** Triad Seafood 8 am	12	13 **School Tax Holiday** *see p.7*	14 **School Tax Holiday** *see p.7*
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22	23 **Hour of Prayer** Holy Family Catholic Church 7 pm **Back to School**	full moon ● 24 **Primary Election** *see p.3, 11*	25 **Ladies Coffee** Triad Seafood 8 am	26 **BigC ORV Workshop** *see p.8*	27	28
29	30 **Hour of Prayer** Everglades Community Church 7 pm	31	1 **Ladies Coffee** Triad Seafood 8 am	2	***RAPPER*** 3	4

Sept 4-6: Butcher Muck-About **Sept 7: City Council & Budget Hearing** **Sept 11-12: Pet Vet** **Sept 13: OFCD Bd**
Sept 15: City Budget Hearing **Sept 16: SAC mtg** **Sept 21 Reach Out mtg** **Sept 25: National Estuary Day**

THRIFT SHOP: Thurs, 1:00 to 4:00 pm; Sat, 11:00 am to 3:00 pm
MUSEUM: Tues-Fri; 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Sat; 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
FOOD PANTRY: Sat, 8:30 to 10:30 am, Holy Family Catholic Church
SHAMROCK BANK: Tues, 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
SKATING RINK: Fri & Sat, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.
SMALLWOOD STORE: Daily, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm
ALCOHOLICS ANON: Wed, 5:00 pm, Comm Church
LITTLE GATOR CLINIC: closed for summer

SHERIFF AT CITY HALL: **Thurs, 8/5 (9-10 am)** **Mon, 8/9 (10-11 am)** **Thurs, 8/12 (9-10 am)** **Fri, 8/13 (9-10 am)**
Tues, 8/17 (10-11 am) **Fri, 8/20 (9-10 am)**

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EARLY VOTING

The Primary Election is on **Tuesday, August 24,** but early voting will be held every day except Sunday beginning on **Monday, August 9,** and ending on **Saturday, August 21,** from 10:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. in City Hall.

The last day that absentee ballots can be sent out is **Wednesday, August 18.** To request one, contact Dottie Joiner, City Clerk, in City Hall at (239) 695-3781 or at P.O. Box 110, Everglades City, FL, 34139.

Among the candidates to be selected at the primary are: Florida Governor, U.S. Senator, District 25 Representative in Congress, State Attorney General, District 76 State Representative, Collier County School Board Districts 1, 3, and 5.

You can only vote for candidates from the party to which you are affiliated. The exception is the School Board slate which can be selected by all registered voters.

All registered voters received a sample ballot in the mail which they are allowed to bring to the polls. You can also download sample ballots at the official website www.colliervotes.com.

See page 11 for more info.

FESTIVAL PLANS

There will be a meeting of non-profit groups and volunteers to talk about the next Seafood Festival on **Tuesday, August 10,** at 6:00 p.m. in the Community Center. For info, call Diane Ridgway at 253-8555.

MORE News & Events on page 11.

New street lights have been installed on Collier Avenue (CR-29) in the medians from the Post Office to City Hall. They will be turned on soon.

CASINO FLY-IN

Our sister airport up in Immokalee (IMM) is the site for a big fly-in on **Saturday, August 7**, from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. The Seminole Casino is sponsoring an afternoon filled with activities and entertainment with free shuttle service to and from the airport to the casino. There is no ramp parking fee and avgas & jet fuel will be discounted ten cents a gallon for all fly-in visitors. Collier County airport staff will be on hand to guide and assist with positioning and aircraft movement.

OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

07/22/10: Emergency Medical, Port of the Islands
07/22/10: Emergency Medical, Janes Scenic Drive
07/22/10: Median Fire, 55mm on I-75
07/23/10: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
07/23/10: Vehicle Accident, 80mm on I-75
07/23/10: Smell of Gas, US-41 and SR-92
07/24/10: Emergency Medical, Copeland
07/25/10: Trouble Breathing, Port of the Islands
07/25/10: Person Choking, Everglades City
07/25/10: Headache, Everglades City
07/26/10: Vehicle Accident, 91mm on I-75
07/27/10: Vehicle Accident, 75mm on I-75
07/26/10: Emergency Medical, Ochopee
07/29/10: Brush Fire, 71mm on I-75
07/30/10: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
07/30/10: Emergency Medical, Plantation Island
07/30/10: Emergency Medical, Plantation Island
08/03/10: Emergency Medical, Janes Scenic Drive
08/04/10: Emergency Medical, Chokoloskee Island

MOBILE PET VET

Dr Baker will visit on **Saturday, September 11,** from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in McLeod Park, ECity, and from 2 to 4 p.m. in Copeland. She will also be here for surgery on **Sunday, September 12**, by previous appointment only. You can phone her at 777-PETS (7387). For info online, see www.naplesmobilepetvet.com.

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Longitude 81.37°W
see www.weather.gov for weather and www.nhc.noaa.gov for storms

TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER

INFORMATION FROM http://TIDESANDCURRENTS.NOAA.GOV

08/06/2010	Fri	01:25AM	2.2	H	06:41AM	1.0	L	11:45AM	3.0	H	08:04PM	-0.1 L
08/07/2010	Sat	02:06AM	2.3	H	07:43AM	0.9	L	12:43PM	3.2	H	08:53PM	-0.2 L
08/08/2010	Sun	02:40AM	2.4	H	08:37AM	0.8	L	01:34PM	3.4	H	09:39PM	-0.3 L
08/09/2010	Mon	03:12AM	2.5	H	09:28AM	0.6	L	02:22PM	3.6	H	10:22PM	-0.3 L
08/10/2010	Tue	03:44AM	2.6	H	10:17AM	0.5	L	03:11PM	3.6	H	11:05PM	-0.3 L
08/11/2010	Wed	04:16AM	2.7	H	11:06AM	0.3	L	04:01PM	3.5	H	11:45PM	-0.1 L
08/12/2010	Thu	04:49AM	2.8	H	11:55AM	0.2	L	04:56PM	3.2	H		
08/13/2010	Fri	12:26AM	0.1	L	05:24AM	2.9	H	12:47PM	0.1	L	05:56PM	2.9 H
08/14/2010	Sat	01:06AM	0.3	L	06:02AM	3.0	H	01:43PM	0.1	L	07:02PM	2.5 H
08/15/2010	Sun	01:48AM	0.6	L	06:46AM	3.0	H	02:46PM	0.1	L	08:16PM	2.3 H
08/16/2010	Mon	02:35AM	0.7	L	07:38AM	2.9	H	03:58PM	0.2	L	09:45PM	2.1 H
08/17/2010	Tue	03:38AM	0.9	L	08:44AM	2.8	H	05:14PM	0.2	L		
08/18/2010	Wed	01:13AM	2.1	H	05:02AM	1.0	L	10:02AM	2.8	H	06:25PM	0.2 L
08/19/2010	Thu	02:10AM	2.2	H	06:19AM	1.0	L	11:19AM	2.9	H	07:26PM	0.1 L
08/20/2010	Fri	02:42AM	2.3	H	07:22AM	0.9	L	12:23PM	2.9	H	08:17PM	0.1 L

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SUMMER VACATION NEWS

Everglades City School **phone: 377-9800 or 695-2561** **website: www.collier.k12.fl.us/evg**

IMPORTANT DATES

Fri, Aug 6:	Wannado City, 8:30 a.m. at CCSO
Aug 13-15:	Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday
Mon, Aug 23:	Back to School
Mon, Sept 6:	Labor Day

From Savannah's Eyes

It is hot outside! But that's what summer brings every year. My summer has been great. I've been on vacation, hanging out with friends and around family. School starts in just over 2 weeks and I am so excited to go back to school as an 8th grader!!! I love school!! My birthday is also coming up soon August 20th and I will finally be 13. A teenager!! I cant wait!!

This year at school our Principal Mr. Jones is going to be more strict on our school dress code. But this year there will be a change. The students are allowed to wear striped collared shirts! Only horizontal though, not vertical or sideways. It is good we get a little change. Hopefully the teachers are having a good summer and can't wait to come back to school and teach us! Plus we are going to have a few new teachers! Hopefully they will be great teachers and like it here at our school. Looking forward to the future!

Savannah Oglesby is entering the 8th grade at Everglades City School and is a regular contributor to this paper.

FREE BREAKFASTS

Breakfast is provided to all students at no charge by the Collier County School District. It has been shown that students who eat a nutritious meal at the start of the day perform better academically.

Girl Scout leader Allison Kelly with some of her troop.

SUMMER CAMP

Summer Campers were treated to a day out at King Richard's amusement park in Naples by the Sheriff's Office. *Thanks to Beth White for photos.*

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Recipe for Good Eating

Fresh Watermelon Salad

by Patricia Huff

For each individual serving:
- 1 large cut slice of COLD watermelon (cut in four pieces)
- goat cheese (crumbled)
- fresh basil (chopped or cut thin)
- pine nuts (roasted or tossed in a dry frying pan)

Dressing:
- 1 tablespoon soy sauce
- 1 teaspoon Asian sesame oil
- 2 teaspoons fresh lemon juice
- 1 teaspoon of honey

Place cold watermelon on salad plate, sprinkle remaining ingredients on top and drizzle with honey and sesame dressing. I recently had this at Bonefish Grill as an appetizer and it was excellent and so refreshing for summer.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL SHOPPING

Books, clothing, footwear, and some school supplies will be exempt from state sales tax on **Friday, August 13,** through **Sunday, August 15.** The restrictions are that items of clothing must sell for $50 or less and supplies for $10 or less. Books are exempt but magazines and movies are not. Certain accessories such as jewelry, handkerchiefs, and watches are not exempt.

Reach Out is encouraging parents to bring used school uniforms to the Thrift Shop where they will be for sale at a nominal price. The shop is open on Thursday afternoon from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

School Plans and Board Candidates

The final draft of the School District of Collier County Strategic Plan is now available online at www.collierschools.com/superintendent (click on Strategic Plan). Draft status will be removed when School Board Members give final approval to the plan at the next regular School Board Meeting on **Thursday, August 19**. If you're interested in being more involved with our schools, visit the website and read the 3-year plan for our county schools. Also, get involved by reviewing information on the School Board Candidates on the League of Women Voters' website www.lwvcolliercounty.org/election_2010.php. For a complete list, visit www.myflorida.com/dor and scroll to the bottom of the page.

HOUSEHOLD TIPS

by Marya Repko

I got my electricity bill for July. Shock! Horror! Double what it was in the winter.

Some tips to save electricity:
- turn off fans if you aren't in the room (they only cool you, not the room)
- close the curtains and blinds on the sunny side of your dwelling to keep the cool in and the heat out
- put everything in the fridge or freezer at once rather than opening the door multiple times
- clean your stove burners; use the smallest one that fits the size of the pan
- turn off lights that you aren't using because they contribute to the heat in the room
- put your computer on standby when not being used so it doesn't generate heat

By the way, don't forget that the more electricity you use, the higher the charge. The kilowatt-hour rate for domestic customers goes up about a penny over 500-kWh and more than another penny over 1000-kWh.

Fishing Report

by Captain Steve Huff

Presently, the fishing seems to be very tough. I have heard that there are some pompano and tripletail in the Gulf, both of which requiring some calm weather which also has been rare. A few days ago, my wife Patty and I went into the Rabbit Key grasses and encountered quite a few redfish on the flats on a low-incoming tide. Not a single snook was in evidence. Good news is some encouraging reports from others that they have caught their limit of redfish plus a good many more that they released on the outside shorelines. Some tarpon are around the rivers as well as a few snook. Early morning, especially if there is some bait around, is your best shot. Bright and sunny and no current is a certain dead zone. Even though we have had some rain, we are woefully lacking in fresh water flow coming from the estuary. This fresh water is often the key to improving the snook fishing in the back.

I recently communicated with Aaron Adams, a Senior Scientist at Mote Marine Lab. He constantly receives information from around the State on the health and status of our various marine species. He feels as I do that we are dealing with only 20 to 30 percent of our previous snook populations since our devastating cold winter fish kill. We need to keep casting and live a few more years!

Captain Bill Lindsay is currently recovering from an illness. His friend, Steve Huff, has been a sports fishing guide for the past 43 years and covering Bill's fishing column this month. We wish Bill a speedy recovery.

FWC News

Natural fish kills during the summer may be due to changes in the weather or lack of rain. To report an occurrence, phone the FWC Fish Kill Hotline at 800-636-0511.

Gator-hunting season is from August 15 to November 1 for licensed hunters. FWC is offering free courses in Bradenton on August 7 and in Okeechobee on August 8 which can be attended by anyone. For info, phone 850-488-3831.

FWC has revised the imperiled species listing process to make it more streamlined. The final rules will be considered for approval at the September meeting in Pensacola Beach.

For more info and the latest on the oil spill, see www.myfwc.com. The FWC Wildlife Alert Hotline is 888-404-FWCC (3922).

ROOKERY BAY WORKSHOP

Ecotour operators and the general public are invited to free training workshops that will promote sustainable tourism practices and increase knowledge and skills about ecotour topics. Joanna Fitzgerald, Conservancy of Southwest Florida Wildlife clinic director, and Troy Frensley, the Conservancy's environmental education and Discovery Center manager, will discuss "Interacting with Wildlife" on August 19 at the Rookery Bay Environmental Learning Center in Naples.

For info, see www.rookerybay.org or phone 239-417-6310.

BUTCHER MUCK-ABOUT

The Big Cypress Gallery in Ochopee is taking reservations for the Labor Day Weekend swamp walks which take place on Saturday and Sunday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. and on Monday from 9:00 a.m. to noon. The cost is $50 of which $25 can be used as a credit in the gallery on the day of the walk.

To reserve, see www.clydebutcher.com or phone 695-2428.

BigC ORVs

The backcountry opens again to ORVs on **August 6** after the 2-month rest period. A map including the new Turner River Unit is available at the Oasis ORV Center or online at www.nps.gov/bicy (click on Plan Your Visit, Things to Do).

The regular meeting of the ORV Advisory Committee will take place on **Tuesday, August 17,** from 3:30 to 8:00 p.m. at the new Big Cypress Swamp Welcome Center.

There will be a public meeting about plans for trails within the Corn Dance Unit on **Thursday, August 26,** from 5:00 to 7:30 p.m. at the Oasis Visitor Center to accept input from the public. For more info, phone 695-1107 or see the website.

Mosquitoes Can Be Deadly

Four horses have died recently in Collier County from Eastern Equine Encephalitis which is carried by mosquitoes. Humans can also contract the disease. Symptoms develop 3-10 days after the bite of an infected mosquito and begin with a sudden onset of fever, general muscle pains, and a headache of increasing severity. Symptoms can become more severe over 1-2 weeks and infected individuals will either recover or show onset of inflammation of the brain (encephalitis) with seizures and vomiting.

Human cases are usually preceded by those in horses. Disease transmission does not occur directly from person to person. Those at highest risk are people who live in or visit woodland areas, people who work or participate in outdoor work or recreational activities where there is greater exposure to potentially infected mosquitoes.

For info about mosquitoes, see the Collier Mosquito Control District website at www.cmcd.org.

LOCAL HISTORY

Indians & Whales in the 1890s

George W. Gatewood moved as a young man from Kentucky to Florida in 1882 and applied to be a Methodist preacher in 1887. He was assigned a circuit that included our area. Of course, there were no roads so he sailed down, sometimes with his young wife who "has always been the boss".

He got to know the local Indians and was sometimes invited him to eat with them. They lived off the land, mostly hunting, and traded at Joe Wiggins' store on Sandfly Pass, at Smallwood's store in Chokoloskee, or at Storter's trading post on Allen's River (now the Barron River). He recalls:

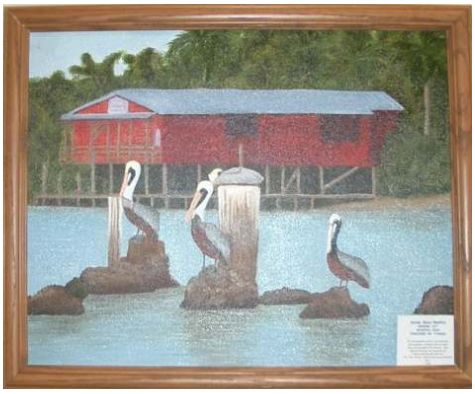
> Most of the males wore just a shirt but one Indian like to dress like a white man when he came to the store. He kept a pair of pants hid at the head of Allen's River, whence they came in canoes down to the store. On one particular trip, one of the other Indians got to the landing first and hid the pants of the one who wanted to dress like a white man, and the latter had to go like the rest, in his shirttail. His name was Miami Billy.

After the little church was built in Everglade the Indians came to his services but they would sit crosslegged on the floor instead of on the benches.

On Chokoloskee he saw his first whale in the year 1892:

> The whale was nearly dead from some unknown cause and drifted from the gulf into the pass to the westward of the island. It had been made fast to a mangrove tree. It measured 56 feet in length and some folks by the name of Santina, who claimed the prize, were said to have gotten 30 barrels of oil out of the head. My wife and I rowed a boat around it. It was the largest piece of flesh of any kind we had ever seen. The jawbone appeared to be about ten feet in length and the teeth appeared to be about eight inches apart and about the size of a Jersey cow's horn.

Gatewood wrote under the nom-de-plume "Daniel B. Plowden" for the *Punta Gorda Herald* and some of his delightful articles were published in two small books: *Ox Cart Days to Airplane Era in Southwest Florida* and *On Florida's Coconut Coasts.*



MUSEUM NEWS

We have some very talented artists at ECity school, thanks to the excellent instruction and encouragement they get from art teacher Mr Tribble. Some of their work is on display in the Pauline Reeves Gallery at the front of the Museum for the rest of August.

The Museum is open Tuesday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. There is no admission charge but donations are welcome.

The Friends' Board is on summer recess and will not meet until September. To join the Friends of the Museum and to see what's happening at the Museum, visit website www.evergladesmuseum.org.

MARCO MUSEUM OPEN

The Cattlemen exhibit continues through **August 28**. The visiting hours are Wednesday from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. and Saturday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The Museum is located next to the library at 180 South Heathwood Drive (left at the stoplight near the fire station if you're coming from ECity on CR-92). For more info and to sign up for newsletters, see www.themihs.org.

Off the Shelf – Book Review

"Star Island" by Carl Hiaasen

reviewed by Marya Repko

Carl Hiaasen's new novel has just hit the shelves. The subject is different but the book is full of his crazy characters and pithy comments. The focus is a zonked-out pop star who can't sing, flitting from Miami to Los Angeles, and mostly escaping her predatory mother. She is chased by a competitive & compulsive photographer out to get the snap of a lifetime that he can sell to all the raggy newspapers. The supporting cast includes a sympathetic young actress who looks enough like the star to be her double and an old favorite, ex-governor Skink, still battling for the environment.

Among the memorable phrases in Hiaasen's narrative is this one which describes leaving Miami via the mangroves of Card Sound towards the Keys, "She imagined herself crossing some sort of cosmic seam between two diametric realms. It felt liberating and borderline adventurous."

And, Skink himself has a thought, "The cherished wild places of his childhood had vanished under cinder blocks and asphalt, and so, too, had the rest of the state been transformed – hijacked by greedy suckworms disguised as upright citizens. From his swampy lairs Skink would strike back whenever opportunity arose."

Perhaps that's the author's promise not to abandon his environmental message in future novels?

SHERIFF'S REPORT

Lt. Mark Milligan reported at the City Council meeting on the theft of 3 outboard motors and the break-ins to vehicles on US-41 and on Dupont since the May meeting.

He then said that we should be vigilant and report any suspicious activity. A call from residents on Chokoloskee about a strange vehicle helped deputies avert a possible crime.

The Sheriff's office has been concentrating on youth. There have been Summer Camp trips, Hot Summer Nights in McLeod Park, and the Build-a-Boat project (thanks to local volunteers).

August 3 was National Night Out and an information booth had been set up in Chokoloskee during the day (see photo above). The booth moved to Lee Cypress / Copeland in the evening with a hot dog roast.

Crime Prevention Officer Sue Gentry thanked everyone for the good cooperation from the community where parents & adults join in youth activities. The Everglades Community Safety Team is now on Facebook and she asked that everyone connect to it.

If you have information about criminal activity or see anything suspicious, call 695-2007. In emergencies, call 911.

TRANSPORTATION IN 2035

Residents from all areas of Collier County were present during a public workshop on the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) which was held to receive public input on the transportation needs through the year 2035. Representatives from the Collier Area Transit were present to answer questions regarding the availability of bus service to the various areas. Although there is no service from Everglades City to Naples or other parts of the county, it was mentioned that it is part of their long range plans. Also, for the disabled and the disadvantaged who qualify there is the Para-Transit System. For info, call Glama Carter at 252-5832.

According to the LRTP, "Collier County has a total area of 2,305 square miles of which 2,025 square miles is land and 280 square miles is water. There are over 315,258 residents with a projected increase in population to 504,200 residents by the year 2035."

To learn more about the Plan, visit the MPO's website at www.colliergov.net, then go to Public Documents and scroll to General Documents, and select the document or call the MPO at 239-252-8192 to request a hard copy.

FLORIDA FLORA

by Patricia Huff

Cinnecord (*Acacia choriophylla*)

This drought-tolerant shrub tree is a highly desirable native due to its low-maintenance and beautiful dark shiny green leaves and fragrant yellow flowers that form in clusters. It grows to a height of just under 20 feet and has either a single or multi-stemmed trunk. Unlike other acacias, the cinnecord does not have deadly thorns (only tiny spines) and can be trained by trimming the branches to fill in areas. The fruit is oval and grown in 2-inch brown pods. The cinnecord is a rare native found primarily in the Florida Keys (north Key Largo area); also in the Bahamas and the West Indies. Cinnecord is listed as an endangered species at both the federal and Florida state level.

Harold Thomas (seen above with daughter Beth White) gave a fascinating lecture to Summer Campers and the public on July 27 about his experiences as an agricultural investigator for the Collier County Sheriff's Office. He explained that cattle were brought to Florida by the Spanish in the 1500s and roamed free. In the 1940s a fence was built across the state from Bonita Springs to Ft Lauderdale to try to contain the spread of ticks. Deer, thought to carry ticks, were killed and cattle were dipped south of the fence. He then showed typical brands that identify the ownership of cattle. Microchips and DNA sampling are also used now. Stealing cattle is considered Grand Theft. Finally, he described the dramatic night at the Immokalee Ranch when his partner was killed by thieves.

RESTAURANT NEWS

Backcountry Cafe (695-2552):
closed for summer

Camellia Street Grill (695-2003):
closed forsummer

City Seafood (695-4700):
10:00 am - 6:00 pm; daily
Fish Market also open

Everglades Seafood Depot (695-0075):
10:30 am - 9:00 pm; daily

Everglades Scoop (695-0375):
closed for summer

Gator Express (695-3937):
6:30 am – 8:00 pm; Mon - Thurs
6:30 am – 9:00 pm; Fri, Sat, Sun

Glades Haven Deli (695-2091):
6:00 am - 6:00 pm; Sun - Thurs
6:00 am - 9:00 pm; Fri, Sat
Food service stops 1 hr before close

Grimm's Stone Crab (695-3222):
hours vary; Mon - Sat

Havana Cafe (695-2214):
closed for summer

Ivey House (695-3299):
6:30 – 9:30 am; daily
Continental breakfast, box lunches

Joanie's Blue Crab Cafe (695-2682):
11:00 am - 5:00 pm;
Mon, Thurs, Fri, Sat, Sun

Leebo's Rock-Bottom Bar:
3:00 pm; daily
"mike night" Wed
live music every Fri-Sat at 8:00 pm

Oyster House Restaurant (695-2073):
6:00 – 11:00 am; Sat, Sun
11:00 am – 9:00 pm; Sun-Thurs
11:00 am – 10:00 pm; Fri, Sat

Port-of-the-Islands (239-394-3101):
7:00 - 11:00 am; daily (hot buffet)
5:00 – 9:00 pm; Thurs, Fri, Sat

Right Choice Pizzeria (695-3663):
5:00 - 9:00 pm; Thurs-Sun (takeout)

Rod & Gun (695-2101):
7:00 - 10 am Breakfast; daily
11:30 am - 9:00 pm; daily

Susie's Station (695-2580):
11:00 am - 5:00 pm; daily

Triad Seafood (695-0722):
7:30 am – 3:00 pm; Wed-Sat

Right Choice Supermarket is open from 9:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. daily except on Sunday when it closes at 6:30 p.m.

Thanks to David Freundlich for these photos of a white pelican feeding along the Chokoloskee causeway.

Hot Summer Nights hosted by the Sheriff's Office in McLeod Park gave kids a chance to get to know our deputies and to cool down.

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OUR WATER

"The Everglades City Water Treatment System has levels of Total Trihalomethanes and Haloacetic Acids which exceed standards" according to the most recent information provided by the City (see insert for the complete report).

Disinfectants are used in water treatment plants and byproducts are formed when they react with bromide and/or natural organic matter. Certain disinfection byproducts (DBPs), such as trihalomethanes (THM) and haloacetic acids (HAA5s), have been regulated by the EPA whereby total THM cannot exceed **80** parts per billion and HAA5s not more than **60** parts per billion annual average.

For the period ending on May 25, 2010, samples from the Everglades City public drinking water system indicated a TTHM concentration of 126.4 ug/L and a HAA5 concentration of 95.74 ug/L; thereby, generating Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL) violations for both byproducts for two consecutive quarters. Some people, drinking the water over many years, may experience health problems and increased risk of cancer. It is recommended that customers use alternative sources of water for ingestion.

For more information, contact Mayor Sammy Hamilton or City Clerk Dottie Joiner at 695-3781 or the DEP at 239-332-6975, ext. 128.

Election Tips

It is the voter's responsibility to arrive at the polling place prepared with the necessary information to vote.

You may not inquire about or discuss any candidates or issues on the ballot with Poll workers; political questions or conversations with others may not occur in the polling place. Campaigning and passing information to others within 100 feet of the polling place is prohibited by law.

You are permitted to bring your Sample Ballot, notes, and literature into the voting booth, but they must be taken with you when you leave.

Save and mark the Sample Ballot you received in the mail to make your visit to the polls quicker.

See also page 3.

SNOOK CLASSIFIED

FOR RENT: Retail / Office Space available at Glades Building at 207 W. Broadway. Contact 239-695-4299.

FOR RENT: 10 x 10 Storage units at 103 S. Storter, $60 a month. Call Paul at (727) 430-3460.

FOR SALE: 2000 Sailfish Boat, model 186CC with 100 hp 4-stroke Yamaha, located in Isle of Capri. Leaning post with rod holders, Bimini-Tee top, dual batteries, 800 hours on engine, stainless steel prop, no trailer. Looks fair, runs good, $4990. Contact 239-450-6342.

FOR SALE BY OWNER: 3 lots in Chokoloskee, 2 on Calusa Dr, Lot M-4 $105,000, Lot M-5 (filled) $135,000, Lot by cemetery $79,000. Phone owner at (419) 441-2068 or (740) 864-2179

FOR SALE: 2 Honda and 1 Kawasaki 4-wheelers, swamp-ready. Call for info, 695-4150.

FOR SALE: 916 Dupont, Zoned Commercial Fishing , 2,500 +/- sq ft concrete building, High ceiling; land 90 ft x 190 ft +/- in Enterprise Zone. Building needs updating. $125,000, Owner/Broker, Brokers welcomed. Call 239-340-4770.

FOR RENT: 1 bed/1 bath condo in Everglades City Captain's Table Villa, $850/mon plus utilities. Includes shed with washer/dryer and extra fridge & freezer. Free pool, cable, water. 1 to 2 year lease required. Available Sept 1. Will consider prime time at $1450/mon plus utilities. Call Dave 612-282-2443.

PET PICS

Scott & Margaret Lamp of USA-A/C sent in these pics of little Zoe, Sam, and Mouse.

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