

# The MULLET RAPPER

## What's Happening in the Everglades City Area

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Local 3670 Professional Firefighters of the Everglades and the Muscular Dystrophy Association would like to thank the community for their support during the recent boot drive held in Carnestown at the intersection of US-41 and SR-29. Over \$2,100 was collected and contributed to the MDA, thanks to this wonderful community and the visitors to our area.



The Everglades Bike Ride on Sunday, February 26, was a great success with over 100 participating. The off-road riders biked through the Fakahatchee where they visited Ballard Camp. The event was organized by the Naples Pathways Coalition to benefit the River of Grass Greenway and the Friends of Fakahatchee. To learn more see [www.EvergladesROGG.org](http://www.EvergladesROGG.org).

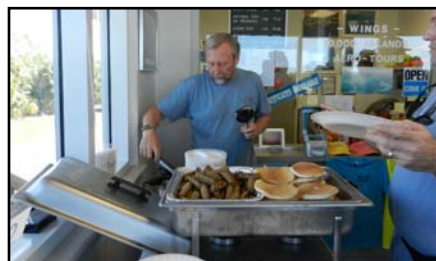


### SMALLWOOD STORE

Smallwood Store & Museum had a very successful fundraiser based on the number of people who came out to show their support of the historic site. Shurr Adventures led a group of kayakers to join in the festivities. Individuals from all over the county and beyond attended and donated funds to help with the battle to restore Mamie Street.

It is still very difficult to travel on the unpaved bumpy road; it is so narrow in places that cars are required to move off the road in order to pass one another. Although Florida-Georgia Grove LLP was ordered to pave the road by February 27, they were given a 15-day extension to work things out.

In the meantime, Smallwood Store still needs your help. With over \$100,000 in legal fees and maintenance needs on the building, the non-profit organization is suffering. If you'd like to make a donation, see [www.smallwoodstore.com](http://www.smallwoodstore.com) or send a check payable to Ted Smallwood Store, P.O. Box 310, Chokoloskee, FL 34138. Lynn McMillan says that they intend to continue with more fundraisers so if you'd like to sponsor an upcoming event, call (239) 695-2989.



Chuck Gretzke was kept busy doling out the pancakes and sausages at the Airport Fly-In on February 18. He hosts the breakfasts each month on behalf of Wings 10,000 Island Aero Tours which offers flights around the area and further. The next Fly-In is on **Saturday, March 24** from 10:00 a.m. to noon. For info, call 695-3296.

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# MARCH 2012

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
<b>26</b> Everglades Bike Ride	<b>27</b> Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm	<b>28</b> Kids' Clinic 5-7 pm	<b>29</b> Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8 am	<b>MAR 1</b>	<b><u>RAPPER 2</u></b> Chicken BBQ <i>see p.3</i>	<b>3</b> Museum Reception <i>see p.9</i>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Hour of Prayer Holy Family Catholic Church 7 pm ESHP mtg <i>see p.9</i> Airport Authority Booster Club	<b>6</b> Congressional Visit Coletta Visit City Council City Hall, 5:30 pm Kids' Clinic 5-7 pm, <i>see p.3</i>	<b>7</b> Ladies Coffee Ruth Hefflefinger 211 Buckner #823 at 8 am FME mtg <i>see p.9</i>	<b>8</b> full moon ● Great Gator Luncheon <i>see p.5</i> Parent Pre-K Registration <i>see p.5</i>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Art Workshop Mobile Pet Vet Neighborhood Cleanup Art-in-Glades Homes Tour Coastal Cruise <i>see p.3</i>
<b>11</b> Daylight Savings Time Begins	<b>12</b> Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm OFCD Bd Meet & Greet Coletta <i>see p.3</i>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> Ladies Coffee Island Cafe 8 am	<b>15</b> Book Club <i>see p.3</i> SAC School, 6 pm	<b><u>RAPPER 16</u></b>	<b>17</b> Panther Refuge Open House <i>see p.8</i>
<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Hour of Prayer Copeland Baptist Church 7 pm	<b>20</b> Reach Out City Hall, 8:30 am	<b>21</b> Ladies Coffee Mary Ford's Home 8 am	<b>22</b> new moon ○	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Pancake FlyIn <i>see p.1,3</i>
<b>25</b> Coastal Cruise <i>see p.3</i>	<b>26</b> Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Ladies Coffee Havana Café 8 am	<b>29</b>	<b><u>RAPPER 30</u></b>	<b>31</b>

April 28: Museum Birthday, Pancake Fly-In    May 3: Natl Day of Prayer    May 12: 911 FishFry    June 1: Graduation

THRIFT SHOP: Tues through Saturday; 11 am to 3 pm  
 DR DEMARTINO: Friday, 1:30 to 4:30 pm  
 FOOD PANTRY: Sat, 8:30-10:30 am, Community Church  
 AL-ANON: Thurs, 12 noon, Community Church  
 MUSEUM: Tues-Fri; 9:00 am to 5:00 pm; Sat; 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

SKATING RINK: Fri, Sat; 7-10 pm  
 LITTLE GATOR CLINIC: Tues, March 6, 5-7 pm  
 AA: Wed, 5:00 pm, Community Church  
 NA: Sat, 11:30 am, Community Center (Skating Rink)  
 SMALLWOOD STORE: Daily; 10 am to 5 pm

SHERIFF AT CITY HALL:    Mon, 3/5 (1:30-2:30 pm)    Tues, 3/6 (4:30-5:30 pm)    Wed, 3/7 (9:00-9:30 am)    Wed, 3/14 (9-10 am)  
    Fri, 3/16 (10-11 am)    Mon, 3/19 (10-11 am)    Thur, 3/22 (9-10 am)    Tues, 3/27 (9-10 am)  
    Thur, 3/29 (10-11 am)

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**BBQ Dinner**

Everglades Community Church is holding a BBQ Chicken Dinner Friday, **March 2**, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Cost is \$10 person, \$5 for kids. For tickets, call 695-2223.

**Outward Bound Canoeing**

Through generous funding, Coastal Canoeing in the Everglades is available TUITION FREE to Veterans and Service Members! Sign up for the **March 4-9** and **March 12-17** Veterans Coastal Canoeing courses. Call Matt Rosky at 866-669-6262 or email him at [mrosky@ncobs.org](mailto:mrosky@ncobs.org).

**AIRPORT AUTHORITY**

Collier County Airport Advisory Board will hold a public meeting on Monday, **March 5**, at 1:00 p.m. in City Hall.

**City Council Meeting**

Before the City Council meeting on Tuesday, **March 6**, both Commissioner Jim Coletta and Monica Aranegui, District Representative to Congressman Rivera, will be in City Hall to meet with constituents. To make an appointment with Com. Colleta, contact Paula Springs at 252-8097. All are invited to join him afterwards at Seafood Depot for dinner.

**MEET & GREET**

Commissioner Jim Coletta will be holding a Meet & Greet along with Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart in Everglades City on Monday, **March 12**, at the Seafood Depot from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. Hors d'oeuvres will be served (cash bar). Commissioner Coletta invites everyone from Everglades City, Plantation Island, Copeland, Ochopee and Chokoloskee to attend.

**BOOK CLUB**



The newly organized Everglades Book Club will have its next meeting on Thursday, **March 15**, at 9:30 a.m. at Linda Williams' home on Dupont. The book to be discussed is "The Butterfly's Daughter" by Mary Alice Monroe. Other books for next season include the following topics: biographies, history, mysteries, and more. Everyone is welcome to come and join the club. For information, call Sue at 695-9173 or Diana 695-3791.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 10**

**ART-IN-THE-GLADES**

Super Saturday starts off with arts and crafts and live music at 10:00 a.m. in McLeod Park. The festivities continue until 2:00 p.m. If you would like to set up a table, contact Marya at 695-2905.

**EVERGLADES HOMES TOUR  
1:00 to 5:00 p.m.**

The Everglades Society for Historic Preservation is hosting the annual Homes Tour in Everglades City. Five homes and four historic buildings will be open to the public. Tickets are \$20 each and can be purchased by calling Marya at 695-2905, on website [www.evergladeshistorical.org](http://www.evergladeshistorical.org) or at McLeod Park on the day of the event.

**NEIGHBORHOOD CLEANUPS**

In partnership with Collier County Code Enforcement the Sheriff's Department will have two neighborhood cleanups taking place on Saturday, **March 10**. The cleanups will be held on Plantation Island and Lee Cypress/Copeland areas. The cleanups will run from 8 a.m. until noon, and code enforcement will have dumpsters available in both areas. Please feel free to come out and join your neighbors in cleaning up our neighborhoods.

**Art Workshop at Big Cypress**

Damien Joseph, a graphic artist employed by the NPS in Colorado, will be conducting a two-hour intermediate / advanced watercolor paint workshop on **March 10** at 10:00 a.m. at the end of Seagrape Drive near the Big Cypress Swamp Welcome Center in Ochopee. He will also be working with students at Everglades City School. If you would like to participate in the workshop, bring your paint set (and closable container to collect your water). For more info, contact Christopher Derman at 695-1165.

**FAKAHATCHEE CRUISE**

There will be a Coastal Cruise charter boat trip to historic Fakahatchee Island starting at 3:00 p.m. on **March 10** from Everglades National Park. For info, see [www.orchidswamp.org](http://www.orchidswamp.org) or phone Marya at 695-2905.

**OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT**

- 02/14/12: Vehicle Accident, 73 MM I-75
- 02/14/12: Emergency Medical, Ochopee
- 02/15/12: Emergency Medical, Ochopee
- 02/12/12: Coverage, Ochopee
- 02/17/12: Emergency Medical, 52 MM I-75
- 02/18/12: Emergency Med, Port of the Islands
- 02/18/12: Vehicle Accident, 73 MM I-75
- 02/19/12: Emergency Med, Plantation Island
- 02/19/12: Vehicle Fire, Ochopee
- 02/20/12: Emergency Med, US 41 and SR 29
- 02/20/12: Emergency Medical, Marco Island
- 02/20/12: Emergency Med, 53 MM I-75
- 02/21/12: Emergency Medical, Chokoloskee
- 02/21/12: Emergency Med, Everglades City
- 02/23/12: Emergency Med, Everglades City
- 02/24/12: Emergency Med, Everglades City
- 02/24/12: Emergency Medical, 69 MM I-75
- 02/25/12: Emergency Med, Everglades City
- 02/25/12: Vehicle Accident, Port of Islands
- 02/25/12: Emergency Medical, Port of Islands
- 02/26/12: Emergency Med, Everglades City
- 02/27/12: Emergency Med, Chokoloskee
- 02/27/12: Emergency Medical, Chokoloskee

Ochopee Fire Control District Advisory Board will meet **Monday, March 12**, at 4:00 p.m. at Port of the Islands. For info, call 695-1114.

**DOCTOR'S CLINIC**



Dr Kirk DeMartino of Marco Island will see patients on Fridays from 1:30 to 4:30 pm in the clinic behind the Fire Station. He accepts Medicare and insurance. For info, call (239) 642-5552.

**Little Gator Clinic**



The free walk-in clinic (behind the Fire Station) for youngsters will be open Tuesday, **March 6**, from 5 to 7 pm. There are no drugs on the premises but Dr. Barnard can write prescriptions.

**MOBILE PET VET**



Dr Lopez will visit the area on the second Saturday of each month. The next visit will be on **Saturday, March 10**, at McLeod Park from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. For info, phone him at 777-PETS (7387) or visit the website online at [www.naplesmobilepetvet.com](http://www.naplesmobilepetvet.com).

**PANCAKE FLY-IN**

The next Pancake Fly-In is scheduled for **March 24**, and the following one for **April 28**, both from 10 a.m. to noon at Everglades Airpark. Come enjoy!



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Everglades City School

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## IMPORTANT DATES

Mon, March 5	Booster Club, 6:30 p.m.
Tues, March 6	Principal's Coffee Hour, 9 a.m.
Tues, March 6	Early Dismissal
Thurs, March 8	Great Gator Luncheon
Thurs, March 8	Parent Pre-K Registration, 6 p.m.
Thurs, March 15	SAC Meeting, 6 p.m.



Ellen Tanner from the children's department of the Collier County Library visited on February 17 and read to the elementary grades.

## VOLUNTEERING

Thanks to all who have been volunteering at EVG this year! We are so pleased with our helpers, readers, and coaches! Prospective and new volunteers should call Mrs. Gina Gilmore for orientation. Fingerprinting for volunteers will be offered at the school on **March 7, 9:30-11:30 a.m.** Please call Gina Gilmore at 377-9823 or email [gilmorgi@collierschools.com](mailto:gilmorgi@collierschools.com) prior to that date to schedule an appointment. If you recently received an authorization letter from Mrs. Gilmore for fingerprinting, this will save you a trip to the District office! Please call to be placed on the schedule. It is EVG's intention that all volunteers are Level 2 which provides more opportunities for our community to take part in our school. This also adds to the safety and security of the students and peace of mind for our parents. Thank you!

## TUTORING CLASSES OFFERED

Tutoring Subjects: music theory, music history, world and American history, anthropology, geography, government, Spanish, French, English, writing, biology, chemistry, Algebra I, Arithmetic. Music Lessons: violin, voice coaching, master classes. College counseling: undergraduate and graduate level application process, specialization/major consulting, application essay editing. Lessons are private and will be customized to the needs of each client. Also looking to perform as violinist, composer and vocalist for hire. For information and fees, e-mail Danielle Swisher at [dmswisher85@gmail.com](mailto:dmswisher85@gmail.com) or call (239) 280-8971.



## BASEBALL HOME GAMES

Mon, 3/12	Community School	5:00 p.m.
Fri, 3/30	Oasis Charter	4:30 p.m.

## SOFTBALL HOME GAMES

Fri, 3/2	Oasis Charter	4:30 p.m.
Mon, 3/5	Pemayetz Emahakv	5:00 p.m.

Girls' Softball practice is from 3:40 pm to 5:00 p.m. and the Home softball games are played at Eagle Lakes Community Park, 11565 Tamiami Trail East in Naples.

Download the "Great Gators Newsletters" [www.collierschools.com/evg](http://www.collierschools.com/evg).

## Little League Needs Sponsors

Our local community Little League program is looking for donations from the local businesses for the restoration of the baseball diamond.

Your business name will be posted on the fence at the ball field with a sponsorship of \$350 to \$500. Without the support of the community, the local Little League would not have the resources to provide this program to our children. Please make checks payable to Everglades Gator Booster Club with "Little League" noted in the memo line. Call (239) 530-8344 for more information and to pick up your check. Thank you!



## GREAT GATORS

- Pre-K – Chandler O'Connell, Jade Freeman
- K – Danny Pablo-Ramirez, Stevie Markley
- 1 – Slade Johnson, Addy Martinez-Valdes
- 2 – Faith Brown, Taylor Richards
- 3,4 – Jesse Goff, Emma Brown
- 5 – Ricardo Cangas, Jerry Pablo Ramirez
- 6 – Davonte Detweiler
- 7 – Logan Foss
- 8 – Dulian Falcon
- High School – Chris Steffen, Paige Robinson-Hilton

## EVERGLADES CITY SCHOOL STUDENTS LEARN ABOUT REPTILES

Gators, snakes, and turtles – Everglades City School elementary students learned about the Wonders of Reptiles and Nails and Scales, thanks to the Conservancy of Southwest Florida who received a grant from the Walmart Foundation. EVG was one of the Collier County Public Schools chosen to participate. With the "Learning Adventures" program, environmental education naturalists visited with live animals, including a baby gator, some snakes and a few turtles, and taught students about southwest Florida's unique natural environment. Students learned about their surrounding habitats and some budding naturalists even emerged from the crowd with a peaked curiosity to learn more.


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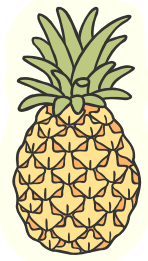
  
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## Recipe for Good Eating

### Pineapple Upside-Down Cake

submitted by Patty Huff



Ingredients:

- |                                 |                                     |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| ½ Pineapple (peeled & cored)    | 6 TBS Unsalted Butter               |
| ¾ cup Light Brown Sugar         |                                     |
| 1 ½ cups Flour (all purpose)    | 2 tsp Ground Cardamom               |
| 2 tsp Baking Powder             | ¼ tsp Salt                          |
| 6 TBS Unsalted Butter, softened | 1 cup Sugar                         |
| 2 Eggs                          | 1 tsp Vanilla                       |
| 1 TBS Dark Rum                  | ½ cup Pineapple Juice (unsweetened) |
|                                 | 2 TBS Dark Rum to drizzle over cake |

Directions:

Preheat oven to 350°. Slice pineapple into 3/8-inch pieces (use already peeled and cored for ease). Melt butter in a well-seasoned cast-iron skillet. Add brown sugar and simmer for about 4 minutes. Remove from heat and place pineapple slices in a ring on top of sugar mixture.

In a large bowl, sift together flour, cardamom, baking powder and salt. Separately, beat softened butter with an electric mixer, gradually beating in granulated sugar. Add eggs, one at a time and continue beating. Add vanilla and rum, then half of the flour mixture. Continue beating at low speed until just blended. Beat in pineapple juice, then the rest of the flour mixture. Pour over pineapple topping in the skillet and bake for approximately 35-45 minutes (until golden brown and tester comes out clean). Let cake stand for 5 minutes and transfer (inverted) onto a serving plate. Drizzle dark rum over cake. Serve warm. Delicious!

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

## INVESTMENT INSIGHTS

by Darcie Guerin, CFP® Raymond James & Associates, Inc.

“Simplicity is the ultimate sophistication”  
 Leonardo da Vinci



Low interest rates are disappointing for retirees dependant on interest income to meet their cash flow needs. The Fed announced that rates will remain low. Meanwhile, economic growth is less than robust, investors are anxious about oil prices and banks are tightening credit to many Eurozone countries.

To overcome this, a creative financing maneuver emerged. Neither the Fed nor The European Central Bank (ECB) can directly rescue or bailout Greece, Italy, Spain or Portugal. What our Fed can do is offer lines of credit under so-called swap agreements. The ECB provides low cost funds to Europe’s banks who then buy high-yielding bonds from Greece, Italy, Spain, Portugal, etc.

We can’t control inflation or the stock market. We can control how we prioritize investments and expenses. Stay focused and invest accordingly.

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## Fishing Report

by Captain Bill Lindsay

March has always been known for being a windy month. However, it does mark the beginning of improved fishing for Tarpon and Snook. If the weather has been warm for a few days, Tarpon will show up and feed. Snook have not shown up out front, but some large ones are being caught in the backcountry. Tom Richardson fished with Capt. Steve Huff and released a 21-lb fish last week. Last month Redfishing was spotty for me; some days produced good fish, but there were lots of days you could only catch "rats" or undersize fish. Trout fishing on the other hand has been great on both the oyster bars in the backcountry and on the grass flats out front. Pompano and Jacks are being caught while drafting for Trout. Some of these Pompano are large. On my last charter we caught several nice Tripletail and Mackerel. At this time of year, all sorts of catches are possible. Some of our winter fish like Sheepshead are still here and Spring fish like Tarpon are just waiting to move in. As we get into the month we should see improvement across the board.

*Capt. Bill Lindsay lives in Chokoloskee and has been fishing in the Everglades area for over 30 years. In 1992 he was Master Angler of the MET Tournament. Telephone (239) 695-0314.*

## PANTHER OPEN HOUSE

The Florida Panther National Wildlife Refuge is holding its annual Open House on **Saturday, March 17**, from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There will be walks, talks, buggy tours, and lunch. The Refuge is on the west side of SR-29 (road to Immokalee) just north of I-75 (Alligator Alley) Exit 80. For information, phone (239) 353-8442, ext. 222.

## BIG CYPRESS PRESERVE NEWS

Loop Road is now open to through traffic. In a few months another road project will be underway for the paved section from the Monroe County line west to the Loop Road Education Center. This project may require short term closures of the road.

## March is Florida Archaeology Month

To learn more about the activities in the Southwest Region, visit website [www.flpublicarchaeology.org](http://www.flpublicarchaeology.org)

## ANNUAL ORCHID SHOW

The 2012 Annual Orchid Show & Sale will be held in Naples on the weekend of March 16, 17 and 18. For more information, visit website [www.naplesorchidsociety.org](http://www.naplesorchidsociety.org).

Visit [www.orchidswamp.org](http://www.orchidswamp.org) for Fakahatchee News



## The Living Gulf Coast

by Charles Sobczak

Excerpt from *The Living Gulf Coast*  
(available at the Chamber Welcome Center)



Crested Caracara (Caracara cheriway) Other names: Mexican eagle, Mexican buzzard, Audubon's caracara / Status: FL = threatened, IUCN = LC / Length: 19.3-22.8 in. (49-58 cm) / Wingspan: 47.2 in. (120 cm) / Weight: 2.3-2.9 lb (1-1.3 kg) / Life span: to 17 years / Nests: in interior mainland SW Florida, predominately around Lake Okeechobee / Found: Glades, Hendry, Charlotte counties, mainland / Months found: (lower case indicates nesting season) jfmamjJASONd.

*Photo by Joseph Blanda, M.D.*

Although it looks more like an eagle and feeds like a vulture, the crested caracara is actually a member of the falcon family. Its large size and long, bright yellow legs make it an unmistakable sighting and a great subject for photography. Its unusual name is an onomatopoeic version of its froglike grating call, cara, cara.

The caracara is widespread throughout Mexico, the Caribbean, and the northern edge of South America, from Ecuador through Guyana. It is an uncommon sighting in Florida where the population estimate is roughly 500 birds. The consensus is that the Florida population is in decline because of the continued expansion of large citrus farms into its woodland habitat. The only other North American populations are in Arizona and Texas, where it is also fairly uncommon.

The best places to look for these large and picturesque birds are along rural highways where it loves to perch atop fence posts and forage near open pastureland or agricultural fields. It is most common around Lake Okeechobee but can also be found near Immokalee along State Road 29 or the back roads of Hendry and Glades counties.

The caracara is a carrion eater and will often harass black and red vultures until they relinquish a road-kill to this aggressive bird. Because the caracara feeds on carrion, the front portion of its face is devoid of feathers much like vultures. The caracara also preys upon reptiles, birds, and mammals when given the opportunity.

*Charles Sobczak lives and writes on Sanibel Island. To find out more about the author and his books, visit [www.indigopress.net](http://www.indigopress.net).*

## Ladies, Let's Go Fishing!® Gulf Coast Seminar, Naples

Dreams of fishing will become a reality for women at the Southwest Florida award winning "Ladies, Let's Go Fishing!®" seminar from March 16-18 in Naples. Held in conjunction with support from the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), the 'Women's Fishing University' will offer a weekend of educational fishing activities at the Naples Harbour Yacht Club. For more info, call (954) 475-9068 or email [fish@ladiesletsgofishi.ng.com](mailto:fish@ladiesletsgofishi.ng.com) or visit their website at [www.ladiesletsgofishing.com](http://www.ladiesletsgofishing.com).



## OBITUARIES



### SUE TUCKER

Susanne (Sue) Henkels Tucker, age 85, passed away on February 20, in Naples. Sue was born in Philadelphia, married Walter Tucker in 1948 and together had 15 children before retiring to Florida in the early 1990s. They lived in Everglades City, then Chokoloskee where friends remember Sue enjoying her garden, going out fishing and shelling. Sue and Walt moved to Naples ten years ago but would always return to our area to visit friends and attend events. She is survived by her sister, Nancy Moriarty; sister-in-law, Barbara Brass Henkels; brother, John B Henkels III (Jean); as well as their seven sons and eight daughters; 30 grandchildren, and 23 great grandchildren. A memorial Mass was celebrated at Holy Family Catholic Church in Everglades City on Saturday, June 25. In lieu of flowers, Sue wished for donations to be made to: Country Day School of the Sacred Heart, 480 South Bryn Mawr Avenue, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010 [www.cdssh.org](http://www.cdssh.org).

### WILLIAM STANLEY BROWN

William Stanley Brown, 81, native of Chokoloskee, passed away on February 9. He is survived by his wife Merle Brown of Naples, son Norman (Peggy) Brown of Golden Gate, two granddaughters Christie and Cybil, two great granddaughters; daughter Brenda Hinton of Williston, FL, three brothers, Arvid Brown of Chokoloskee, Cecil and Lawrence Brown of LaBelle, three sisters, Grace Smallwood, Jeanette Howerin and Geneva Howell of AL, many nieces, nephews & friends. Funeral services were held February 13 at Hodges Funeral Home at Naples Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, family asks that donations be sent to Avow Hospice, 1095 Whippoorwill Lane, Naples, FL 34105.

### ESHHP News

The next meeting of the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation will take place on **Monday, March 5**, at 8:30 a.m. in the Historical Library in City Hall. For info, phone 695-2905. To learn more about ESHHP, see [www.evergladshistorical.org](http://www.evergladshistorical.org).

## MUSEUM of the Everglades NEWS



Bonnie Warecki is the Artist of the Month exhibiting her work in the Pauline Reeves Gallery. Art, fishing, and the call of open water have always been an integral part of Bonnie's life since her husband and sons are all former commercial fishermen. While "snow birding" in Florida, Bonnie was introduced to the ancient oriental art form known as Gyotaku, meaning "fish rubbing" in Japanese.

The Friends of the Museum will host a reception for visitors to meet Bonnie on

**Saturday, March 3**, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Museum. Everyone is welcome to come meet Bonnie and enjoy her exhibit which will continue through the end of March. The next FME Board meeting will be held on **Wednesday, March 7**, at 3:30 p.m. at the Museum. All members are invited to attend.

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. For info, phone 695-0008.

### TAXING THINGS

by Mike the Tax Guy

### About Capital Gains and Losses



Did you know that almost everything you own and use for personal or investment purposes is a capital asset? Capital assets include a home, household furnishings and stocks and bonds held in a personal account. When you sell a capital asset, the difference between the amount you paid for it and its sales price is a capital gain or capital loss.

Here are 10 facts from the IRS about how gains and losses can affect your federal income tax return.

- 1.** Almost everything you own and use for personal purposes, pleasure or investment is a capital asset.
- 2.** When you sell a capital asset, the difference between the amount you sell it for and your basis – which is usually what you paid for it – is a capital gain or a capital loss.
- 3.** You must report all capital gains.
- 4.** You may only deduct capital losses on investment property, not on personal-use property.
- 5.** Capital gains and losses are classified as long-term or short-term. If you hold the property more than one year, your capital gain or loss is long-term. If you hold it one year or less, the gain or loss is short-term.
- 6.** If you have long-term gains in excess of your long-term losses, the difference is normally a net capital gain. Subtract any short-term losses from the net capital gain to calculate the net capital gain you must report.
- 7.** The tax rates that apply to net capital gain are generally lower than the tax rates that apply to other income. For 2011, the maximum capital gains rate for most people is 15 percent. For lower-income individuals, the rate may be 0 percent on some or all of the net capital gain. Rates of 25 or 28 percent may apply to special types of net capital gain.
- 8.** If your capital losses exceed your capital gains, you can deduct the excess on your tax return to reduce other income, such as wages, up to an annual limit of \$3,000, or \$1,500 if you are married filing separately.
- 9.** If your total net capital loss is more than the yearly limit on capital loss deductions, you can carry over the unused part to the next year and treat it as if you incurred it in that next year.
- 10.** This year, a new form, Form 8949, Sales and Other Dispositions of Capital Assets, will be used to calculate capital gains and losses. Use Form 8949 to list all capital gain and loss transactions. The subtotals from this form will then be carried over to Schedule D (Form 1040), where gain or loss will be calculated.

For more information about reporting capital gains and losses, see the Schedule D instructions, Publication 550, Investment Income and Expenses or Publication 17.



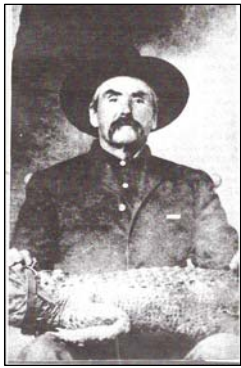
## SHERIFF'S REPORT

There have been no reported crimes from the Sheriff's Office since our last issue. However, as always, please remember to secure your premises. Keep valuables out of sight when you leave your car and be sure to lock it. Report any suspicious activity immediately to the Collier County Sheriff's Office at 695-2007.

### Florida Tales

#### Acrefoot Johnson Part 3

by Chester Keene



Last part we were left that Acrefoot had completed the first leg of Ft. Meade to Ft. Ogden, leaving behind in the dust old Ed Donaldson. Donaldson, he may have been an Indian Fighter at one time but being a fighter and staying in a Fort or Post and getting not much exercise. James farmed part time and was in good shape for the walking position and the Indian Fighter wasn't, the mail must get there on time or the contract could be lost. Acrefoot had spent the night with his family and was ready to start back

when he ran into Ed Donaldson. Donaldson said well "I guess you gave up and couldn't go anymore and it looks like I'll win this race and get the job". Acrefoot said "No ED, it's you the one that has lost the job, I'm on my way back to Ft. Meade". James had started out riding his horse but it was just too rough of country to travel by horse back. He then started walking the route twice a week. He would make it to Ft. Meade drop his mail pouch off of letters. He would walk an extra 12 miles to Bartow to spend the night with his sister just to keep from paying the 25-30 cents for a bed at the hotel. A place called Cock Crow, his sister would make him a big breakfast of a dozen eggs, buttermilk biscuits, and almost a bucket of grits. He would put the extra food in a (hoe sack or a lard can he also carried to keep his clothes dry when he had to ford a creek or river) to eat on the way, He also cut a few swamp cabbage to help ward off the hunger pains till he could get to the next settlement. He also took special orders from people that wanted him to pick up in town, Ft. Meade or Ft. Ogden and deliver them for a little extra cash. Some of his route was what was called the Wire Road. It was constructed by the International Ocean Telegraph Company and ran to Punta Rassa to Cuba by underwater cable. This is the cable that the sinking of the Battle Ship Maine would be transmitted to Punta Rassa. He would turn towards the settlements to pick up and deliver mail to places like Joshua Creek, Gumhead, Cow pens, Crewsville and Bereah. He did his job so well on foot he earned the Name Acrefoot for which everyone knew him by, either from his large Shoes or the giant stride he could maintain at a steady 8 miles per hour. To be continued.....

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

## A VISIT TO EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK

Part II Fishing by Dave Gibson

I rise early before the sun anxious to begin my Florida Bay fishing adventure. After a few obligatory shore bird pictures and a hot shower, I meet my parents whom I've invited to join me. It brings tears to my mother's eyes imagining their daughter and my sister Sue at this very place a decade ago. There is no trace of the motel that Sue and I stayed at, which was wiped out by Hurricane Wilma in 2005, as we make our way to the marina.



I have arranged for two days of charter boat fishing with Capt. Dean Steffen, Chokoloskee, FL, (239) 695-4370, who is on time and ready to depart. The only way I could convince my mom of joining my dad and I this morning was to agree to her terms of allowing her to purchase eyeglasses for me. Wanting her to enjoy a new experience, I acquiesce knowing that I will need them for my driver's license eye exam in May. Having never worn glasses before, I'm later tested at a "Magoo-like" 20/80 in one eye and 20/200 in the other and considered illegal to drive. Thanks to my mom, peoples' children and pets on Nederland roads will now be a bit safer! The motorists between Tampa and the Everglades don't know how lucky they were.

We turn west to a spot known as Clubhouse Beach. We land a few small crevalle jacks and spotted sea trout before moving on. The next locale is occupied by another craft that's pulling in nice fish. We angle the perimeter still into only small ones. With barely a tug on my dad's line, he wrests aboard a mighty 6 inch lizardfish slightly larger than the shrimp that it just engulfed. Fishing has gone from fair to worse with dad's trophy the butt of jokes for the next few days. Suddenly my mom has a real arc to her rod and hauls in a 3 lb. bluefish – the best catch of the day! Heading back for lunch, we cruise a waterway through the mudflats passing a small flock of flamingos along the way. The afternoon brings two 17 1/2" red drum and decent trout action above the sea grass.

The following day we begin fishing inside the Cape Canal to an incoming tide. We anchor beside an offshoot channel and the bite commences immediately! After a few undesirable but fun catfish, 2 lb. to 3 lb. black drum take our bait one after another. Dad lands the only sheepshead of the trip that's teeth look like that of humans' or sheep. Captain Dean hooks into a big fish thrashing in the shallows when he hands me the pole and grants me the privilege of bringing it in! A sleek black-lined monster snook is admired and released. Eventually the fishing slows and flocks of least sandpipers swoosh above our heads. A peregrine falcon dives into one bunch of birds only to come up empty. We can do no wrong today and try a different area landing yet more sizable black drum. A bald eagle alights on its nest and ospreys, night herons, and a lone American crocodile greet us back at the marina.

The morning's fishing was phenomenal and it is hard to imagine the afternoon being any better. We set up by one of the nearby keys and cast our shrimp-baited jigs toward the mangroves slowly retrieving our offering along the bottom. With the warming waters the red drum bite is on with the fish all measuring, like the day before, 17 1/2". There is a slot limit on red drum with only fish between 18" and 27" allowed as "keepers." We land 3 or 4 within the slot. Now, almost every other cast results in a bite or a fish. Casts closest to the mangrove roots in a particular sheltered cove produce the most. Running out of a gross of shrimp our captain warns of the impending close of our adventure. Told that I have just a few casts left, I target another curve in the shore to the other side of the boat. I cast and quickly retrieve until I achieve the perfect lob next to root structure. At last my jig drops just inches from the mangrove to a tug on my line. Another jerk and I set the hook into what feels to be a giant fish! Rod bent precipitously, it strips line trying its best to get away! After repeated runs and working the fish to keep my line out of the propeller, I bring him beside the boat and give the order to net it. Aboard, it glistens in the sun when I lug it high in the air. At this size, red drums are known as bull red drums and at all of 8 pounds, 28 1/2", this one must be released. After a few pictures the captain revives the fish in the murky water, lest it become shark food, and with a few wags of its tail swims away. The only thing that would have made this day better is if my sister Sue was here to enjoy it with me.

*Dave Gibson is from Colorado and enjoyed his time fishing with Captain Dean Steffen in the Everglades. See more of his beautiful photos at [www.davegibsonimages.com](http://www.davegibsonimages.com).*



**RESTAURANT NEWS**



- Camellia Street Grill (695-2003):**  
12 Noon – 9:00 pm; daily  
6–9 pm; Fri, Sat: Country Music
- City Seafood (695-4700):**  
6:00 am – 6:00 pm; daily  
Fish Market also open
- Everglades Seafood Depot (695-0075):**  
10:30 am - 10:00 pm; daily
- Everglades Scoop (695-0375):**  
11:00 am – 5:00 pm; daily
- Gator Express (695-3937):**  
7:00 am – 7:00 pm; Sun - Thurs  
7:00 am – 8:00 pm; Fri, Sat
- 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):**  
7:00 am – 3:00 pm; daily  
5:00 – 8:00 pm Dinner; Fri, Sat
- Island Café (695-0003):**  
6:00 am – 9:00 pm; daily
- Ivey House (695-3299):**  
6:30 – 9:30 am; daily  
Continental breakfast, box lunches
- Joanie's Blue Crab Café (695-2682):**  
11:00 am – 4:00 pm; Thurs - Mon
- Leebo's Rock-Bottom Bar (465-9521):**  
3:00 pm; Mon-Fri  
12:00 noon; Sat, Sun  
live music
- Oyster House Restaurant (695-2073):**  
11:00 am – 9:00 pm; Sun-Thurs  
11:00 am – 10:00 pm; Fri, Sat  
4:30 -6:30 pm – Early Bird Specials
- Right Choice Pizzeria (695-3663):**  
5:00 – 8:30 pm; Thurs- Sun (takeout)
- Rod & Gun (695-2101):**  
7:00 – 10:00 am Breakfast; daily  
11:30 am - 9:00 pm; daily
- Susie's Station (719-0190):**  
11:00 am - 5:00 pm; daily
- Triad Seafood (695-0722 or 695-2662):**  
10:30 am – 6:00 pm; Sun-Thurs  
10:30 am – 7:00 pm; Fri, Sat  
Fish Market also open
- Right Choice Supermarket (695-4535)**  
9:00 am – 7:30 pm, Mon-Sat  
10:00 am – 6:30 pm, Sun
- Grimm's Stone Crab (695-3222)**  
8 am to 6 pm; Mon-Sat
- Loco's Produce (Fri, Sat, Sun)**  
7:00 am - 2:00 pm; ECity Post Office  
2:00 – 4:00 pm; outside ORA (Sun)



Tina and Richie Collins' three children were recently baptized by Farther Tim Navin at Holy Family Catholic Church.

**TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER**

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<http://TIDESANDCURRENTS.NOAA.GOV>

03/02	Fri	05:12am	0.0	L
03/02	Fri	11:32am	1.7	H
03/02	Fri	05:02pm	0.9	L
03/02	Fri	10:01pm	2.3	H
03/03	Sat	06:07am	-0.1	L
03/03	Sat	12:14pm	1.8	H
03/03	Sat	06:06pm	0.8	L
03/03	Sat	11:04pm	2.4	H
03/04	Sun	06:54am	-0.1	L
03/04	Sun	12:43pm	2.0	H
03/04	Sun	06:56pm	0.6	L
03/04	Sun	11:56pm	2.6	H
03/05	Mon	07:37am	-0.2	L
03/05	Mon	01:11pm	2.2	H
03/05	Mon	07:41pm	0.5	L
03/06	Tue	12:41am	2.7	H
03/06	Tue	08:17am	-0.2	L
03/06	Tue	01:39pm	2.4	H
03/06	Tue	08:24pm	0.3	L
03/07	Wed	01:23am	2.9	H
03/07	Wed	08:55am	-0.2	L
03/07	Wed	02:06pm	2.6	H
03/07	Wed	09:07pm	0.1	L
03/08	Thu	02:05am	2.9	H
03/08	Thu	09:33am	-0.2	L
03/08	Thu	02:33pm	2.7	H
03/08	Thu	09:51pm	-0.1	L
03/09	Fri	02:50am	2.8	H
03/09	Fri	10:11am	-0.1	L
03/09	Fri	03:01pm	2.8	H
03/09	Fri	10:36pm	-0.3	L
03/10	Sat	03:39am	2.7	H
03/10	Sat	10:48am	0.1	L
03/10	Sat	03:31pm	2.9	H
03/10	Sat	11:24pm	-0.3	L
03/11	Sun	05:35am	2.4	H
03/11	Sun	12:26pm	0.3	L
03/11	Sun	05:05pm	2.9	H
03/12	Mon	01:15am	-0.3	L
03/12	Mon	06:39am	2.2	H
03/12	Mon	01:05pm	0.5	L
03/12	Mon	05:45pm	2.9	H
03/13	Tue	02:14am	-0.3	L
03/13	Tue	07:53am	1.9	H
03/13	Tue	01:49pm	0.6	L
03/13	Tue	06:37pm	2.8	H
03/14	Wed	03:21am	-0.2	L
03/14	Wed	09:18am	1.8	H
03/14	Wed	02:55pm	0.8	L
03/14	Wed	07:51pm	2.6	H
03/15	Thu	04:36am	-0.1	L
03/15	Thu	11:14am	1.7	H
03/15	Thu	04:31pm	0.9	L
03/15	Thu	09:27pm	2.5	H

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