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FOOD PANTRY THANKS

Betty Holbert and Anne Mitchell were awarded plaques during our celebrations on June 29 by Pastor Bob Wallace for their steadfast efforts at the Food Pantry which serves the whole area from the Everglades Community Church on the circle.

The Pantry is open on Saturday from 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. and welcomes donations of canned or unopened dry food … just drop them into the box in the breezeway anytime.

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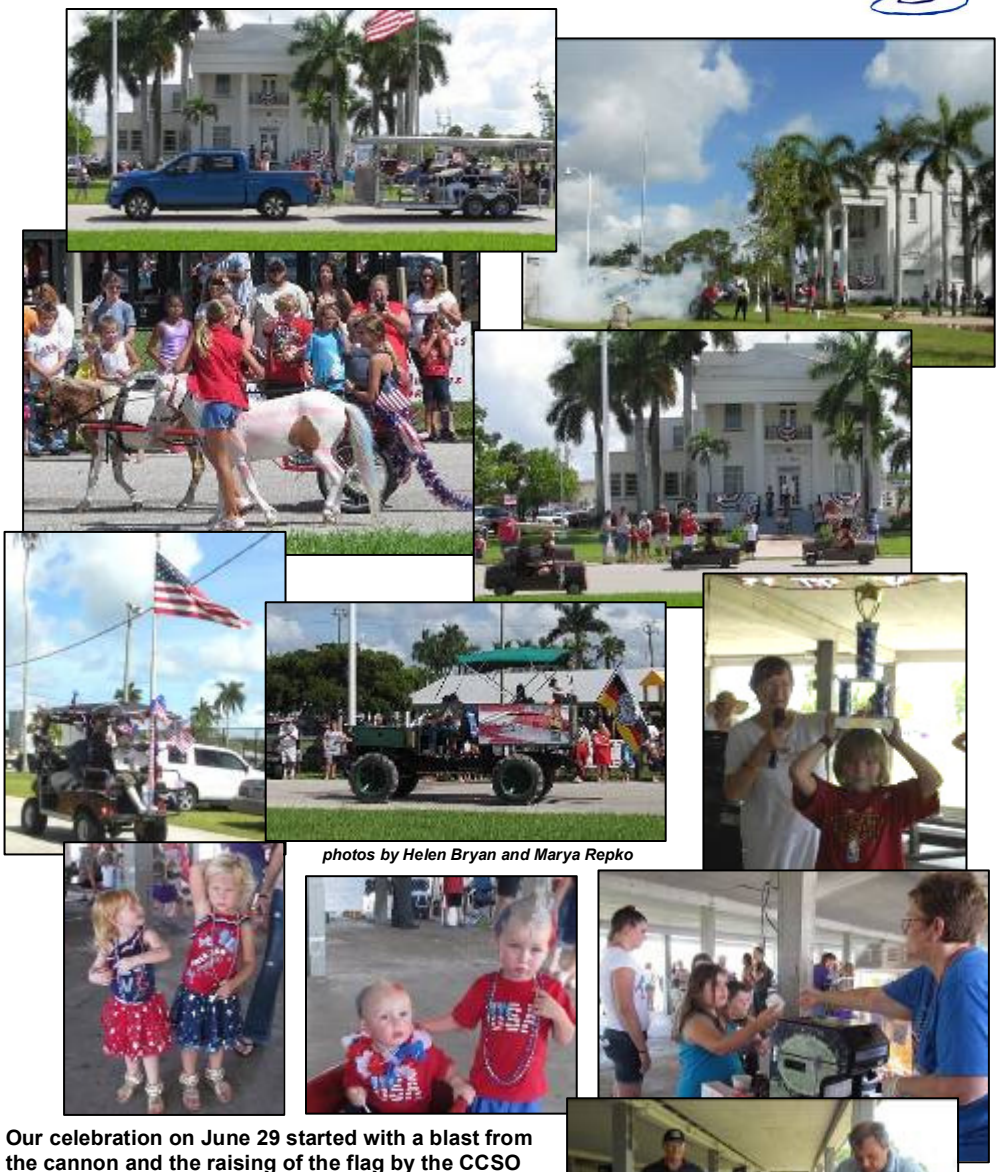
Independence Day Celebration



photos by Helen Bryan and Marya Repko

Our celebration on June 29 started with a blast from the cannon and the raising of the flag by the CCSO Color Guard at the opening ceremony. Dignitaries in the parade rode on the Fakahatchee tram behind the Mayor's car. The Araba Shrine Temple from Ft Myers and Naples brought the zany Flintstones, clowns, and antique cars. It was a real family day with kiddies competing in the Little Firecracker Best-Dressed Contests. Island Café won the trophy for the business that collected most donations for the Fireworks Fund.

If you have *news, photos, announcements,* or *articles ...* email mulletrapper@gmail.com or phone 695-2905.

JULY 2013

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
30	JULY 1 **Hour of Prayer** Everglades Community Church 7 pm **Build-a-Chair**	2	3 **Ladies Coffee** Island Café 8 am	4 ***Independence Day***	***RAPPER*** 5	6
7	new moon ○ 8 **Hour of Prayer** Copeland Baptist Church 7 pm **Summer Camp** *see p.5* **OFCD Mtg** *see p.3* **Chamber Mtg**	9	10 **Ladies Coffee** City Seafood 8 am	11 **Lions Club** Depot, 5:30 pm	12	13
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Aug 6: City Council, National Night Out **Aug 13: Harry Chapin Food Bank** **Aug 19: Back to School** **Aug 28: BigC ORVs**

Aug 31-Sept 2: Butcher Labor Day Weekend Open House **Sept 28: Blessing of the Crab Fleet**

THRIFT SHOP: Closed July and August
DR DEMARTINO: Closed for summer
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: Closed for summer
AA: Wed, 5:00 pm, Community Church
NA: Sat, 11:30 am, Community Center (Skating Rink)
SMALLWOOD STORE: Daily, 11 am to 5 pm

SHERIFF AT CITY HALL: Tues, 7/9 (10–11 am); Tues, 7/16 (10-11 am); Tues, 7/30 (10-11 am)

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July 4th Closures

In observance of the Independence Day holiday, there will be **no trash/recycling collection on Thursday, July 4,** and there is no make-up day.

City Hall and the County offices will be closed on **Thursday, July 4.**

Chokoloskee Church of God Vacation Bible School Theme: "Kingdom Rock"

July 22 – 26

6:30 – 9:00 pm for ages 3 through 12
Call 695-4566 for more info

Harry Chapin Food Bank

Mobile Pantry at McLeod Park
11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
July 23 and **August 13**

Annual ORV Closure

The 60-day recreational ORV closure for all units of Big Cypress National Preserve that allow for wheeled ORV access will be lifted on **Friday, August 2**. Landowners, and their guests, that hold special use permits to access private properties will retain continued access to property along approved routes. Updated maps of the designated trails within each unit of the Preserve may be found at - http://www.nps.gov/bicy/planyourvisit/designated-trail-implementation.htm.

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CAMPGROUNDS SUMMER CLOSURE

Through **August 16** camping will be available at the Midway Campground and the "loop" in the Bear Island Campground. All other established campgrounds operated by Big Cypress National Preserve will be closed. For more information, call 695-1107 or visit www.nps.gov/bicy.

Mayor Sammy Hamilton unveiled the new historical sign in front of City Hall after the opening ceremony on June 29. The plaque was provided by ESHP (Everglades Society for Historic Preservation) who plan to install markers in front of other old buildings this winter so that visitors can read about our history.

Water Quality Report

The 2012 Drinking Water Quality Report is now available at City Hall. Copies were sent to residents with their June water invoice from the City. The report shows that we did not exceed the Maximum Contaminant Levels set down by the Department of the Environment. If you did not get a copy, stop in at the Water Billing office in City Hall or call Lisa at 695-3781.

The new pipes have been connected from the well in Copeland to the water processing plant there, after approval from the DEP. The next step is a low-pressure (nano-filtration) Reverse Osmosis (RO) facility in Copeland. This will take some time to build but we already have funding. RO removes large molecules (eg, contaminants) and is often used in desalination plants.

BLUE CRAB TRAPS

FWC have announced the annual 10-day closure for blue crab traps. They must be removed from the water by **July 10** and can not be put back until July 20. The crabs can still be caught with other gear such as dip nets or with traps fixed to a private dock. For more info about the trap retrieval project, call (850) 487-0554 or see www.myfwc.com.

OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

06/18/13: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
06/18/13: Emergency Medical, Plantation Isl.
06/18/13: Call Box Activation, 57 MM I-75
06/20/13: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
06/21/13: Public Assist, Tiger Key
06/21/13: Emergency Medical, Ochopee
06/21/13: Emergency Medical, Plantation Isl.
06/22/13: Call Box Activation, 66 MM I-75
06/22/13: Vehicle Accident, 50 MM I-75
06/22/13: Median Fire, 79 MM I-75
06/23/13: Emergency Medical, Indian Key
06/23/13: Vehicle Accident, 52 MM I-75
06/23/13: Emergency Medical, Plantation Isl.
06/23/13: Emergency Medical, Port of Islands
06/23/13: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
06/24/13: Vehicle Accident, 70 MM I-75
06/26/13: Mutual Aid, Marco Island
06/26/13: Mutual Aid, Isles of Capri
06/26/13: Emergency Medical, 68 MM I-75
06/26/13: Emergency Medical, Ochopee
06/26/13: Public Assist, Everglades City
06/27/13: Vehicle Accident, 67 MM I-75
06/28/13: Emergency Medical, Copeland
06/28/13: Fire Alarm, Everglades City
06/28/13: Emergency Medical, Plantation Isl.
06/29/13: Emergency Medical, 69 MM I-75
06/29/13: Vehicle Accident, 70 MM I-75

Ochopee Fire Control District Advisory Board will meet **Monday, July 8,** at Port of the Islands at 4:00 p.m.

DOCTOR'S CLINIC

Dr. Kirk DeMartino of Marco Island will return to Everglades City to see patients next season. You can visit him in Marco Island by phoning (239) 642-5552 for an appointment. We wish to express our appreciation for his visits here.

MOBILE PET VET

Dr. Lopez will not be visiting Everglades City until August or September. For more info and appointments in Naples, phone 777-7387 or see www.naplesmobilepetvet.com.

Little Gator Clinic

The free walk-in clinic for youngsters is closed for the summer.

THRIFT SHOP HOURS

The Thrift Shop is closed for vacation for July and August. The managers Helen and Anne would like to thank the community for their business and donations during the year. For family emergency needs over the summer, call 695-3298.

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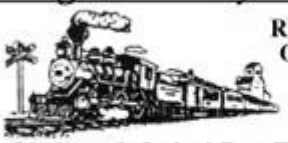

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IMPORTANT DATES

June 17 – July 25	Summer School
August 19	School Year Begins

Message from the Superintendent

We are proud of our students' positive state assessment results. We thank our teachers that work day-to-day with our students. We are appreciative of our parents' support. We also want to thank our administrators that provide leadership for our schools. As we always say, we are fortunate to live in the community we do as our community partners truly do invest their time, talent, and resources to help our children. The district's state assessment results are available on our website. If you were not able to pick up your child's FCAT scores on June 26 or 27, you may pick them up when school offices re-open on July 22nd. Phase 1 of the Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program will begin this August. Please join us as a community partner by getting involved in our BYOD program.

Visit www.collierschools.com/byod/community.html for more information. If you are looking for summer activities, suggested reading lists, or information about the summer food program, please visit our Summer Information website by clicking on the graphic above. I hope everyone is enjoying a safe, healthy, and happy summer,

~ Dr. Kamela Patton

Message from the School Board Chair

Seniors have graduated and are planning for their next adventure. Many teachers are getting a break from their duties in the classroom – but not necessarily a vacation – as planning for the new school year, continuing education, and family obligations require their attention. Maintenance of classrooms will be on the agenda in preparation for the 2013-14 school year. It seems like summer is going by very quickly. For those students that will be staying in the area during the summer, I encourage you check out the Champions For Learning website and peruse the possible summer volunteer and internship opportunities. Safety Tips on the Sheriff's website are also available. Keep an eye on the Collier County Public Schools website for any new information. The School Board will hold their next meeting on the 30th of July when the tentative budget will be presented. The final vote on the budget is in September. If you're staying in the area, take advantage of our local community offerings. For those of you who will be travelling this summer, I wish you safe travels. Enjoy your time away and return refreshed and ready to meet the challenges of the new school year.

~ Barbara Berry

Congratulations to the following 4th quarter honor roll students: Brandy Bowen, Destany Vanleeuwen, Bryce Kish, Mark Brown, Savannah Humphreys, and Cristen Steffen.

Summer Activities Schedule

July 8	Summer Camp (K-5th), $20/week, 9 am-2 pm
July 11	CCSO "Escape" trip
July 15	Summer Camp (K-5th), $20/week, 9 am-2 pm
July 18	CCSO "Fun & Sun" trip
July 19	Hot Summer Nights, 6-9 pm, McLeod Park

BUILD-A-BOAT

Photo by Sue Gentry

Thanks to the Collier County Sheriff's Office, who sponsored the Build-a-Boat project, and to local volunteers. While they were waiting for the paint to dry, the kids had fun "shopping" in the Thrift Store and dressing up. They are seen below with Captain Beth of CCSO. The boat they built was in the parade on Saturday.

Photos by Helen Bryan

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June 2013 Sawfish Abundance Survey

by Dana M. Bethea
NOAA Fisheries Panama City Laboratory Panama City, FL

June was one of the most successful expeditions the research team has had in the five years since the project began, capturing newborns and small juveniles in all areas where sampling occurs.

In Everglades National Park, three newborns (~100 cm TL) were captured and tagged at Pavilion Key. The west-side of Chokoloskee Island remains a hot-spot for immature animals; the team captured and tagged sixteen newborns (~69-136 cm TL) and three small juveniles (~155 cm TL). On a tip from a local fisherman, the team captured one small juvenile at Rabbit Key (222 cm TL). A satellite tag was affixed to this animal's first dorsal fin and will collect real-time movement data over the next 60 days. In Goodland, one newborn (89 cm TL) and one small juvenile (172 cm TL) were captured and tagged and two other newborns were seen in the same general area. In the Ten Thousand Islands National Wildlife Refuge, one newborn (~97 cm TL) was captured and tagged in Faka Union Bay.

The Smalltooth Sawfish Abundance Survey research team will be back in Everglades City August 6-12, 2013.

Smalltooth sawfish were listed as endangered in 2003 under the Endangered Species Act and the current core population is limited to waters off the coast of southwest Florida. It is illegal to target, possess, or injure this animal, but incidental encounters with fishermen do occur. Input and cooperation from the public is greatly valued. If you see or encounter a smalltooth sawfish, please contact the International Sawfish Encounter Database at (352) 392-2360. Please exercise caution when untangling a sawfish from fishing line and never remove the saw.

This research follows permits EVER-2013-SCI-0008 and ESA-13330. Funding is provided through the NOAA Fisheries Service Southeast Regional Office in St. Petersburg, FL.

Photo caption: The field crew prepares to release a juvenile smalltooth sawfish tagged with a satellite tag at Rabbit Key. From left to right: Interns, Drew DeLorenzo, Shannon Dunnigan, and Grace Casselberry, and biological technician, Kelcee Smith.

Photo credit: Dana M. Bethea, NOAA Fisheries Panama City Laboratory

Health, Wellness, and Green Living

by Shannon Snyder

Cooking with Coconut Oil

Coconut oil and its health benefits are nothing new. This super healthy ingredient however seems to be grabbing more and more people's attention. It was once thought that fats like coconut oil which have high amounts of saturated fat was unhealthy and contributed to heart disease. In fact, coconut oil is actually a heart healthy food.

Coconut oil adds a delicious richness and flavor to your foods. It is great for cooking because it can withstand high temperatures of heat. It is perfect for stir fry dishes and even delicious in oatmeal instead of butter. Coconut oil can also be used as a substitute for vegetable oil or butter while baking. I have used it in cookies, pancakes, and things like pumpkin bread or brownies. It does come as a solid so for baking you have to get it just above room temperature to its liquid state.

Beware however of partially hydrogenated coconut oil which is not the same thing. Coconut oil can be found at almost all food stores now including Walmart, Publix, Wholefoods and any health food store. For healthy, unique recipes that include coconut oil checkout the website 101cookbooks.com, or head to Pinterest and search for "recipes with coconut oil".

THE BEAR TRUTH

Recently in our little community, Copeland and some of the surrounding areas, we have been hit by a rash of mischievous, hungry Bears. That's right, Black Bears; big black bears.

One sunny day around noon, one of their small offspring (around 125 lbs) decided he wanted to borrow a bag full of garbage right out of my garbage can right in broad daylight.

I live at the dead end of one of the streets in Copeland, and I have found that the wooded area behind my property is full of bear and wild hog trails. They use the trails to go back and forth to find the select garbage cans when they decide to dine out in for the evening.

Anyway, like I said, it was middle of the day and I was close to my front gate, piddling around under one of pickups when I heard something rattling around at my big green garbage can that I keep right outside of my swinging gates. At first I thought nothing about it, then the noise got louder and I realized nothing spectacular should be happening around my garbage can area this time of the day. Boy, was I wrong!!!

When I stood up and went over to the wooden fence, there was the cutest cub bear with a garbage bag in his mouth that he had just taken from my can after turning it over. He didn't seem to be in any big hurry as he was headed in my direction and towards the wood with his prize.

I was startled but maintained my cool (I think). When he got close to me, about 10ft away, I started clapping my hands real hard and shouted, "You put that bag down now!!!" One loud hand claps per word. Well, guess what? It was his turn to be startled. He put it down and slowly made his way to the woods which was only about 60ft away.

This is when I felt that someone was seeing all of this, and sure enough, Mr. Leon who lives on the far side of the next street over was witnessing this strange event. I couldn't tell, but I bet he was laughing his $*& off.

Then I focused back on the bear. He was standing at the wood line, looking all shifty eyed, first at the bag on the ground then at me, back and forth. I was being quiet to see what his next move was going to be.

Finally he got up his courage and here comes the little furry rascal again, not looking at me but focusing only on the bag full of goodies.

I was real quiet and let him get the bag in his mouth when I let-er rip. "I told you to put that bag down and go away." Only this time a lot louder because I think my adrenaline was now flowing @ 99.99 %. Well, guess what again? He dropped the bag, headed for the woods a little faster than before, turned and looked at me one more time as if to say "I've had enough of this silly screaming for one day." and into the briar patch he went, and I've never seen him since. No briar patch, just thick Brazilian Poison Berry trees. And that's the BEAR TRUTH.

Gerald Colson, May, 18, 2013

Fishing Report

by Captain Bill Lindsay

The State has decided to open snook season in September. Lots of us have been looking forward to a snook dinner for the last several years.

The backcountry has been hit and miss for me so far this month. I have only been going back there when west winds force me to. The edge of the Gulf has been productive for redfish and small snook. Large black drum are around oyster bars and, when fishing is slow, I go after them. When all else fails, I've caught some big trout in the rivers and grass flats. Even though the main body of tarpon has moved north, they can still be taken early in the morning at the mouths of the rivers and in some bays in the backcountry. Offshore, grouper fishing has improved and fishermen with live blue crabs are having great permit fishing when the weather is calm. There are lots of sharks around and on some wrecks. They attack every fish you hook. Keep an eye out for tripletail while you're running around in the Gulf. Good Luck!

Capt. Bill Lindsay lives in Chokoloskee and has been fishing in the Everglades National Park for over 35 years. In 1992 he was Master Angler of the MET Tournament. His telephone number is (239) 695-0314.

Chase Daffin, 8 years old, caught this 17-inch mangrove snapper off the dock at City Seafood Restaurant

Living Gulf Coast

by Charles Sobczak

(Excerpt from *The Living Gulf Coast* available at the Chamber Welcome Center and the Big Cypress Swamp Visitor Center)

Bald Eagle (*Haliaeetus leucocephalus*) Other names: eagle Status: FL=species of special concern, threatened in the lower 48, IUCN=LC / Life span: to 30 years / Length: 28-38 in. (71-96 cm) / Wingspan: 72-96 in. (183-234 cm) / Weight: 9.1 lb (4.13 kg) / Nests: throughout Florida / Found: All Counties, coastal, near coast, mainland / Months found: **jfmamjJASOnd** (lower case indicates breeding and nesting season).

Our national symbol, the bald eagle is always a bird lover's delight to observe. With a wingspan up to eight feet across, the majestic eagle soaring above the Sunshine State is a spectacular sight. Florida has the largest nesting population of bald eagles outside of Alaska. Although the National Fish and Wildlife Service still lists the bald eagle as threatened, it has been downgraded to a species of special concern in Florida.

Until the 1940s and the widespread use of DDT as a mosquito and insect control, the bald eagle flourished in the United States. By the early 1960s the bald eagle population had collapsed and was one of the first animals listed when the Endangered Species Act was passed in 1973. Only the peregrine falcon suffered as dramatically from the use of DDT and other chemicals. After 20 years of sustained conservation efforts, the eagle was reclassified to threatened status on July 12, 1995. Although far below historic numbers, the bald eagle is on the road to recovery.

Its predominant diet is fish, although this large bird will also take waterfowl, squirrels, rabbits, muskrats, and cattle egret. The eagle will also feed on fresh carrion when the opportunity arises. The eagle and osprey do not get along. Not only has the eagle been known to take osprey chicks, but it also habitually steals captured fish from osprey in flight. It is not uncommon to see osprey aggressively shagging off a nearby eagle.

When soaring, the juvenile bald eagle can sometimes be mistaken for a turkey vulture or black vulture. The juvenile, whose coloration is a mottled brown, does not attain adult plumage until it is 5 years old. One of the best ways to distinguish an eagle from a vulture in flight is that the eagle soars with straight wings, almost like a plank, whereas the turkey vulture's wings curve upward in the shape of a V.

The eagle uses the same nest year after year, adding more twigs and branches every nesting season. Some nests become huge, weighing more than a ton.

The only viable threat to the bald eagle is man. The fine for shooting a bald eagle can be as much as $100,000 and a year in prison. The larger threat from man, however, is chemical pollution and habitat loss.

Photos by Dick Fortune and David Seibel

Charles Sobczak lives and writes on Sanibel Island. To find out more about the author and his books, visit www.indigopress.net.

ORAL HISTORY

A Little Trip Back in Time at Caxambus

by Gary Pettit

This article (the 3rd) is reprinted in memory of Gary Pettit who passed away on April 22.

The island had a flourishing little economy. Gradually the clams were depleted and the factory shut down. About this same time the locals had a disagreement with Barron Collier who owned most of the land on which the people lived. An angered Collier decided that since the conflict wasn't resolved to his liking, he ordered everyone off his property. They either had to move their dwelling to Goodland or he demolished it as it stood on his property. As a result, only the people who owned the land under their homes were able to stay. My Grandfather and the Otter family plus a few others remained in Caxambus. From that time on, Marco and Goodland were the bigger communities.

I have always admired my Mother who left a settled Manhattan, NY to come to live here in this pioneer place. I remember that in the summertime there was no mosquito treatment of the islands. The mosquitoes were so thick that when I went to see Mr. Otter, I could not make out his facial features until I was almost a foot away from him. No one ever wore shorts no matter how hot it got. I was always dressed in long pants, a white collared shirt tucked tight against my neck, much like a lad in his First Communion suit. I don't ever remember ever covering my hands or my head. We didn't use creams or sprays but just got used to the critters. In addition, the worst of the biting flies were what is known as sand flies or "no see ums." They come out about an hour before sunset and start the constant biting of the exposed parts of the body.

My grandmother's home had screens on every window. We had a regular ritual for preparing the screens each night and day. I was the designated helper each day. About evening time I would help my grandmother remove the screens from the window and paint over the screen with a mixture of motor oil and turpentine.

Photo of Ernie Otter building the shell walls (taken by Dave Johnson, courtesy of Craig Woodward)

To be continued in upcoming issues…

MUSEUM NEWS

The Museum of the Everglades will continue the exhibit of the Everglades City students' art work (shown above). 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 fee but donations are welcome.

If you want to join the Friends of the Museum, contact Helen at 695-3298 or see www.evergladesmuseum.org where you can download a form to send with your check.

Now that winter visitors are gone, the Museum needs volunteers to greet visitors at the front desk. You don't need to be an expert – just have a friendly smile. For information, stop in and talk to Martha or phone her at 695-0008.

Immokalee Pioneer Museum: July 1-26
Exhibit: ***Five Centuries of Tradition: Florida Cattle Ranching***
Collier County Museum: July 3 at 2 pm
Program: ***The Florida Crackers: Pioneer Life in Southwest Florida***
Marco Island Historical Museum: July 9 at 7 pm
Movie: ***Square Grouper*** **by Dave Johnson**
Collier County Museum: July 11 at 1 pm
Movie: 12 ***Miles Beneath the Reef*** **-** 1953
Collier County Museum: July 17 at 2 pm
Program: ***Florida's Final Frontier: The History of Transportation to Collier County***
Collier County Museum; July 18 at 1 pm
Movie: ***A Farewell to Arms.*** 1932

TAXING THINGS

by Mike the Tax Guy

IRS Info, Support & Services for Small Businesses

Do you own or operate a small business? Or do you plan to start a business someday soon? If you answered yes to either question, the IRS has online information, support and services that may be helpful to you.

Online Support Anytime. The IRS offers many online products and services for small businesses. They're available any day of the week throughout the year on IRS.gov. Here are just a few examples of the business resources the IRS offers:

The **Online Learning and Educational Products** page features useful small business tools. The Online Tax Calendar helps you keep track of important tax deadlines. You can subscribe to e-News for Small Businesses to help you stay on top of the latest tax news affecting small businesses.

The **Self-Employed Individuals Tax Center** is for sole proprietors, independent contractors, members of partnerships, and others who are in business for themselves. Check it out for self-employed tax information and more tools.

Visit this page for resources like **Small Business Taxes: the Virtual Workshop**. This popular class helps you learn the basics of federal taxes. It offers nine lessons to help you navigate tax issues so your small business can thrive. Visit IRS.gov for more information and federal tax news for small businesses. You can also get small business forms and publications on the IRS website or by calling 800-TAX-FORM (800-829-3676).

Florida Tales

"The Adventures of Chill Williams"

by Chester Keene

Chill was swinging in his swing on his front porch along with a bag of his beloved mangos and was telling me about the first time he came to Naples and some of the things he observed and did. When I first came to Naples, Gary Cooper come into town and they were making a movie here called Distant Drums out in the Everglades, it was about the Seminole Indians. Gary Cooper was the star in it, so you could find Gary around town. He was a goodwill ambassador for the movie. He was a fine and friendly man and he didn't meet any strangers. They filmed the movie in about three or four months. Actor Arthur Hunnicut and Mari Alba were in it along with a lot of the locals. Pappy Turner even built the boat that was used in it. Duke Turner said, "The director didn't like the new look and took a chain and blowtorch to make it look old". Later on the boat was given to Duke and they played with it sailing in Naples Bay. Anyway a lot of the movie was filmed in local locations and they were staying at the old Naples Beach Hotel by the Naples Pier. Another thing when I came here we had a block plant and a sawmill that had a pile of sawdust on average of 30 to 60 feet high, you could climb up on top and see all over Naples, it was that tall. Some of the kids Bem Storter, David Weeks and Sonny Earnshaw, would go over and my future wife Sylvia Tuttle used to play on it when we were teenagers. They had an old car hood they would drag to the top with a rope and slide down on it, come to find out later it was the hood off my car. They would get a couple of kids in it and we would push them off and they would go down the side like a snowmobile. The smaller kids had a board and greased it to slide down the pile. I finally didn't have a car hood it was so beat up and bent. I didn't know for a long time they was a using it, I had been working on my car and had the hood off when it went missing. The sawdust pile was right on Central Ave. Chief Cale Jones would come over and run us off, but soon as he cleared the corner we were right back to it. It caught fire several times and was dangerous, finally a pit was dug and the sawdust was burned in it. Back then you made your own fun here in Naples.

Photo of Distant Drums' Boat courtesy of Duke Turner

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

From Savannah's Eyes

I'm having a great time soaking up the sun rays this summer and spending quality time with my family and friends. This summer, though, I have to say is the busiest summer I've ever had! For instance, sports; I know that sports are supposed to be when you're in school but this year for volleyball I'm taking it past school and incorporating into my summer. At school on Tuesdays and Thursdays at our school gym there is volleyball conditioning all the way until practice really starts in August. I'm doing this to get into shape because you may think that volleyball is easy and you just run out on the court and hit the ball over the net, well it's not. Let's just say the first day of conditioning a few days ago when I got home I dropped on my carpet and couldn't move my legs were burning because I haven't worked out in so long, haha! In July I'm going to a volleyball camp for a week to learn new drills and ways to play it. Volleyball camp is the most exciting thing ever because you get to meet new people and learn new steps say to spike a ball over the net, not to mention the teachers there will criticize you (good criticisms) to make you a better volleyball player. There are two reasons why I'm doing volleyball in the summer, one is to get better for the season coming up and the other is because this year we have 31 games and two tournaments! That's amazing! So I need to practice, practice, practice, to do my very best.

Getting off of sports, I wanted to share a cute little story that happened a few weeks ago. My mom was sitting on the couch looking out of the window and all of a sudden she spotted in her red hibiscus flower a small humming bird just buzzing towards it. My mom freaked out because she loves her flowers and to even see a humming bird in it make her happy and excited! It's just the little things in life that makes her happy, that's why I love her so dearly.

Enjoying the little things in life, Love, Savannah

Savannah Oglesby will be a student in the 11th grade at Everglades City School and a regular contributor to this paper.

FLORIDA FLORA

by Patricia Huff

Schomburgkia brysiana orchid

Common name: Brys's schomburgkia

This epiphytic species is a native of Central America where it grows on low dense mangroves along rivers and seashores. This spectacularly beautiful orchid is attached to a palm tree in Vicky Nagle and John Wilson's yard, and the long spikes look to be six feet long. It is named after the French gardener who was the first bloomer of the species in the 1800s.

RESTAURANTS

Camellia Street Grill (695-2003):
Closed for the summer

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

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

Glades Haven Deli (695-2091):
6:00 am – 6:00 pm; Sun thru Thurs
6:00 am – 9:00 pm; Friday-Saturday
Deli closes one hour earlier daily

Havana Café (695-2214):
Closed for the summer

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 – 5:00 pm; Thurs thru Mon

Oyster House Restaurant (695-2073):
11:00 am – 9:00 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- *$5 specials*

Susie's Station (695-2273):
11:00 am - 5:00 pm; daily

The Catch at Port of the Islands
Closed for the summer

Triad Seafood (695-2662):
Closed for the summer

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

Grimm's Stone Crab (695-3222):
Closed for the summer

Loco's Fresh Produce
(239-462-7050):
ECity Post Office parking lot
7:00 am - 4:00 pm; Friday

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

Chokoloskee Church of God
10 am Sunday School (all ages)
11 am Sunday Worship
Copeland Baptist Church
10 am School, 11 am Sunday Worship
Everglades Community Church
11:00 am Sunday Worship
Everglades First Baptist Church
9:45 am School, 11 am Sunday Worship

Palm trees were recently being trimmed in preparation for hurricane season.

TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER
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http://TIDESANDCURRENTS.NOAA.GOV

07/05	Fri	02:46am	2.1	H
07/05	Fri	08:27am	0.9	L
07/05	Fri	01:19pm	3.0	H
07/05	Fri	09:21pm	-0.1	L
07/06	Sat	03:04am	2.1	H
07/06	Sat	09:10am	0.8	L
07/06	Sat	01:57pm	3.1	H
07/06	Sat	10:00pm	-0.1	L
07/07	Sun	03:29am	2.2	H
07/07	Sun	09:48am	0.8	L
07/07	Sun	02:32pm	3.1	H
07/07	Sun	10:36pm	-0.1	L
07/08	Mon	03:59am	2.3	H
07/08	Mon	10:25am	0.8	L
07/08	Mon	03:05pm	3.1	H
07/08	Mon	11:11pm	-0.1	L
07/09	Tue	04:32am	2.4	H
07/09	Tue	11:00am	0.7	L
07/09	Tue	03:37pm	3.1	H
07/09	Tue	11:45pm	-0.1	L
07/10	Wed	05:08am	2.4	H
07/10	Wed	11:35am	0.7	L
07/10	Wed	04:09pm	3.0	H
07/11	Thu	12:18am	-0.1	L
07/11	Thu	05:45am	2.5	H
07/11	Thu	12:13pm	0.7	L
07/11	Thu	04:43pm	2.9	H
07/12	Fri	12:51am	0.0	L
07/12	Fri	06:23am	2.5	H
07/12	Fri	12:55pm	0.6	L
07/12	Fri	05:24pm	2.7	H
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07/13	Sat	07:00am	2.6	H
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07/14	Sun	07:37am	2.6	H
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07/16	Tue	08:59am	2.7	H
07/16	Tue	05:08pm	0.3	L
07/16	Tue	10:22pm	2.0	H
07/17	Wed	04:37am	0.8	L
07/17	Wed	09:54am	2.8	H
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07/17	Wed	11:52pm	2.0	H
07/18	Thu	05:50am	0.8	L
07/18	Thu	10:57am	3.0	H
07/18	Thu	07:14pm	-0.1	L

Thank You Letter from Germany

This email was sent to
Richard Wahrenberger at City Seafood

Date May 22, 2013

Let me tell you guys from the City Seafood a little story:

A few weeks ago, early in the morning – maybe 6 a.m., a girl came to your restaurant. Luckily, there was a man sitting in the office. She told him that she is searching one dollar. Not any dollar-note; no, a one dollar coin.

The lucky coin of her boyfriend. The coin came to your restaurant because she bought a cup of coconut-coffee the day before and she was happy to pay with all the coins she found in the moneybag of her boyfriend, But, in the morning, there was real rude awakening – where is the lucky coin?! And she has to tell her boyfriend that its invested in a cup of coffee…he was sad at heart.

The wonderful man allowed her to search for it in the cash register. But no coin.
She was very sad about that – how can you find a one dollar coin – it's like a needle in the haystack – but it isn't. Today there was a letter in my mailbox with the lucky coin!!!!

And I'm truly grateful – you cannot imagine! Thank you!!!

Chris,
"Happy Birthday"
from 'Me'

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Greet Visitors in the Museum
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Phone Martha 695-0008.

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Everglades Area Hot Lines

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Alcoholics Anonymous (AA)	313-530-3395
AlAnon	239-263-5907

12-Step Meeting Schedules are available in City Hall and Chokoloskee Post Office

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------Panoramic views of Chokoloskee Bay from this 3-bed, 2-bath home. Deeded waterfront, open floor plan, high ceilings, terrific kitchen. 2 storage rooms for fishing/hobby equipment. $799,900.

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-------Motorhome site for sale in luxurious Outdoor Resorts in Chokoloskee. Deeded dock & lift included. Gorgeous views of Chokoloskee Bay. 40' Travel Supreme Fifth Wheel may be purchased separately. Outdoor Resorts has 3 pools & hot tubs, 2 tennis courts, exercise room. Only 30 minutes to Marco Island or Naples. Offered at $280,000.

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Denise Johnson, By Appointment
308 Storter Ave South
Everglades City, 239-465-1580

Job Wanted: Pressure cleaning homes, boats, RV, store fronts, etc. Call Justin at 695-5930.

WANTED: Automotive Window Tinter Certain Requirements Apply. Call 695-3667.

Part-Time Position
Port of the Islands Everglades Adventure Resort is looking for a part- time team member for their Guest Services department! Please see website for a full job description. http://www.sunstream.com/careers. Resumes cannot be substituted for the online application but may be included with completed application.

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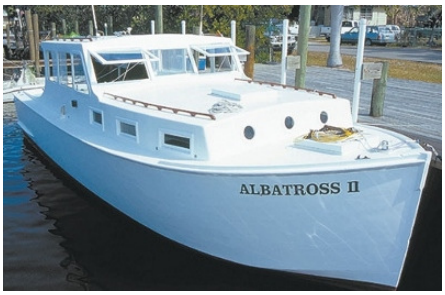

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