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COASTAL CLEAN-UP

On September 25 staff from the Gulf Coast District of Everglades National Park participated in the International Coastal Clean-up. Law Enforcement Rangers spearheaded the event, hosting the clean-up out of the Gulf Coast Ranger Station. There were 12 volunteers and 5 Park Rangers that participated in this great opportunity to give back a cleaner environment to the community.

Fifteen bags, about 200 lbs. of trash were collected with items ranging from crab traps, buoys, plastic bottles, three large bags of rope and aluminum cans recovered primarily from Indian Key.

The volunteers and rangers braved three hours in the rain, humidity and mosquitoes for the event! "Can't wait till next year", said one ranger!

Thanks to Linda Friar for report and photo.



Crabbers had rescue training in the Captain's Table pool on September 26. They learned how to turn the lifeboat upright, climb into it, and then hoist in an injured or unconscious mate. There were also classroom sessions in the banquet hall of the Seafood Depot and firefighting exercises outside City Hall. Let's hope they don't need to use their knowledge in real situations during the upcoming stone crab season.



photo courtesy of Martha Hutcheson

Blessing of the Fleet

The second annual blessing of the stone crab fleet will take place on **Saturday, October 2**, at the Rod & Gun Club. The event begins at 11:00 a.m. and continues throughout the afternoon to 4:00 p.m. There will be live music, a bake sale, games for the kiddies and a traditional coconut guava cake bake-off with the winning recipe published in the *Rapper*. For info, phone Tod at 818-554-9365.



SEAFOOD FESTIVAL

Plans for our signature event on the first weekend in February will be discussed at the monthly meeting on **Tuesday, October 12**, at 6:00 p.m. at the Island Cafe.

Non-profits are reminded to fill in their registration forms for space. There is no charge but a percentage of the profit is expected as a donation.

For more info, phone Tammy at 695-4100 or stop in at the Everglades Island Properties office next to Right Choice Supermarket.

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OCTOBER 2010

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
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17	18 Hour of Prayer Holy Family Catholic Church 7 pm	19 Reach Out City Hall, 8:30 am Kids'Clinic 5-7 pm, <i>see p.11</i>	20 Ladies Coffee Havana Cafe 8 am	21 SAC mtg School, 3 pm Lions Club Depot, 5:30 pm <i>see p.11</i>	22 Preserve Talk <i>see p.9</i> Loop Road Comments <i>see p.8</i>	full moon ● 23 Stone Crab Festival Naples <i>see p.9</i>
24 Killing Mr Watson <i>see p.9</i>	25 Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm	26 BigC ORVs Kids'Clinic 5-7 pm	27 Ladies Coffee Island Cafe 8 am	28	RAPPER 29	30 Swamp Buggy Races

Nov 2: General Election Nov 13/14: Pet Vet Dec 4: Art-in-the-Glades Dec 7: BigC ORVs Dec 11/12: Pet Vet

THRIFT SHOP: *to be announced*

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

ALCOHOLICS ANON: Wed, 5:00 pm, Community Church

SKATING RINK: Fri & Sat, 7:00 to 10:00 p.m.

SMALLWOOD STORE: Daily, 11:00 am to 5:00 pm

LITTLE GATOR CLINIC: 10/12, 10/19, 10/26, 11/2, 11/9

NARCOTICS ANON: Sat, 11:00 am, Community Center

SHERIFF AT CITY HALL: Fri, 10/1 (9-10 am) Tues, 10/5 (4:30-5:30 pm) Thurs, 10/7 (10-11 am)
 Mon, 10/11 (9-10 am) Wed, 10/13 (10-11 am) Fri, 10/15 (9-10 am)

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NARCOTICS ANON

The group meets at 11:00 a.m. every Saturday in the Community Center. They will hold a special meeting in McLeod Park on **Saturday, October 2**, to celebrate three years in Everglades City and a speaker will be present.

VOTER REGISTRATION

The deadline to register to vote in the General Election is **Monday, October 4**. For info, contact City Hall at 695-3781 or see website www.colliervotes.com.

CONGRESSIONAL VISIT

Monica Aranegui, District Representative in Collier County at the office of Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart, will meet with constituents in City Hall on **Tuesday, October 5**, at 3:00 p.m. For info, phone 348-1620.

COLETTA VISIT

Collier County Commissioner Jim Coletta will be in Everglades City on **Tuesday, October 5**, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m., to meet with constituents at City Hall and then have dinner at the Seafood Depot after the City Council meeting. To make an appointment, phone 252- 8391.

CITY COUNCIL

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

MORE News & Events on page 11.



Pastor John and Gina Gilmore announce the arrival of their new baby boy, Nathan Hendrick, born on September 10 in Naples (9 lbs, 20"). Mother and baby are feeling fine; Pastor Gilmore is also doing well after his recent cardiac surgery.

VPK Meeting

If your child is entering Pre-K in 2011 (will be 4 years old by next September), you should attend the VPK Meeting on **Thursday, October 14**, at 6:30 p.m. at the school. For info, phone 695-2561.



FALL FESTIVAL

The annual festival sponsored by ECity School will take place this year on **Saturday, October 16**, from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in McLeod Park. There will be a canned food drive for the Community Food Pantry. Donations of hotdogs and cakes for the festival are welcome. For info, phone 695-2561.

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 and www.nhc.noaa.gov for storms

OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

- 09/08/10: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 09/08/10: Emergency Medical, Plantation Island
- 09/09/10: Vehicle Accident, 49mm on US-41
- 09/10/10: Investigating Possible Fire Hazard, Everglades City
- 09/12/10: Brush Fire, US-41 and SR-29
- 09/12/10: Structure Fire, Copeland
- 09/13/10: Fire Alarm, Everglades City
- 09/13/10: Vehicle Accident, 59mm on I-75
- 09/15/10: Emergency Medical, Port of the Islands
- 09/22/10: Emergency Medical, Port of the Islands
- 09/22/10: Water Leak, Big Cypress Bend and US-41
- 09/27/10: Emergency Medical, Chokoloskee Island
- 09/28/10: Unknown Medical Problem, 78mm on I-75
- 09/28/10: Emergency Medical, Port of the Islands



NEW BANK HOURS

The Shamrock Bank branch in Everglades City Hall will be open two days a week for the winter season. Visit them on Tuesday and Thursday from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. New customers are welcome for checking, savings, and CD accounts. For info, phone 919-5199 or see www.shamrockbankfl.com.

THRIFT SHOP NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The popular Reach Out Thrift Shop behind the fire station needs more volunteers before it can open. If you want to help, please phone Carol at 695-2277.

TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER

INFORMATION FROM <http://TIDESANDCURRENTS.NOAA.GOV>

10/01/2010	Fri	02:45AM	1.1	L	07:32AM	2.8	H	05:05PM	0.2	L	11:17PM	2.4	H
10/02/2010	Sat	05:09AM	1.0	L	09:54AM	2.8	H	06:09PM	0.2	L			
10/03/2010	Sun	12:07AM	2.5	H	06:22AM	0.9	L	11:23AM	2.9	H	07:05PM	0.2	L
10/04/2010	Mon	12:43AM	2.6	H	07:19AM	0.6	L	12:30PM	3.1	H	07:55PM	0.2	L
10/05/2010	Tue	01:14AM	2.8	H	08:11AM	0.4	L	01:27PM	3.3	H	08:42PM	0.3	L
10/06/2010	Wed	01:43AM	3.0	H	09:00AM	0.2	L	02:18PM	3.3	H	09:26PM	0.4	L
10/07/2010	Thu	02:12AM	3.2	H	09:48AM	-0.1	L	03:08PM	3.3	H	10:08PM	0.5	L
10/08/2010	Fri	02:42AM	3.4	H	10:35AM	-0.2	L	03:57PM	3.2	H	10:49PM	0.6	L
10/09/2010	Sat	03:13AM	3.5	H	11:22AM	-0.3	L	04:49PM	3.0	H	11:28PM	0.7	L
10/10/2010	Sun	03:47AM	3.5	H	12:10PM	-0.2	L	05:44PM	2.7	H			
10/11/2010	Mon	12:08AM	0.8	L	04:24AM	3.4	H	12:59PM	-0.1	L	06:44PM	2.5	H
10/12/2010	Tue	12:50AM	0.9	L	05:09AM	3.2	H	01:54PM	0.1	L	07:49PM	2.4	H
10/13/2010	Wed	01:39AM	1.0	L	06:13AM	3.0	H	02:56PM	0.2	L	08:59PM	2.3	H
10/14/2010	Thu	02:52AM	1.0	L	07:44AM	2.7	H	04:05PM	0.3	L	10:18PM	2.3	H
10/15/2010	Fri	04:28AM	1.0	L	09:13AM	2.6	H	05:14PM	0.4	L	11:26PM	2.4	H

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SCHOOL NEWS

Everglades City School

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website: www.collier.k12.fl.us/evg

IMPORTANT DATES

Wed, Oct 6:	Early Dismissal
Fri, Oct 8:	Volleyball HOME, 4:30 p.m.
Fri, Oct 15:	Volleyball HOME, 4:30 p.m.
Sat, Oct 16:	Fall Festival, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Tues, Oct 19:	Volleyball SENIOR NIGHT, 5 p.m.
Tues, Oct 21:	SAC, 3:00 p.m.

*From Savannah's Eyes*

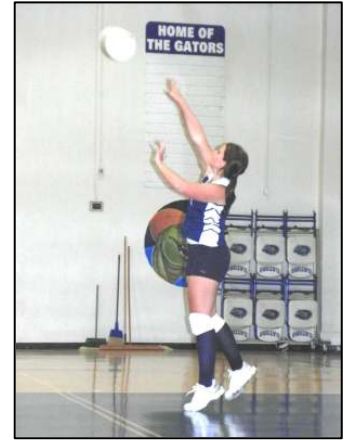
On September 22 there was an event at school called "See You at the Pole". It is an event from churches all around the world on this day. Kids everywhere on this day go and pray at their flagpoles at school. It is only for the youth groups. We all go to the flag pole at school and pray with each other to God. It is a moment of where you can get to know our mighty God and have a relationship with him. We had to be at the school by 7:00 am. And then we all circled around the flag pole and held each other's hands then prayed. After that we all got into little groups and prayed with each other. We all wore shirts that said "See You at the Pole" to get into the spirit. For the rest of the school day we got to wear them all day. I had a fun time! My parents and I believe that by praying about people, the world is powerful and could change our world. I love my mighty, powerful God!

On September 24 my mother and I went to the Booster Club. The Booster Club is a club to help raise money for our activities and sports at our school. The president of the Booster club is Terra Potter and she is the head leader in charge. When I went there I saw a lot of parents. I was really impressed and blown away by how many parents want to help out in activities and sports for our school. If you have a child in school you can make a difference. Just call the school and ask when the next meeting is to be held. It's always in the Media center. If you can't join you can help by donating money or just helping out a little bit. Plus, with the money we raise we can have more school dances and activities. Glad we have a Booster Club again.

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



photo thanks to Donny Woods



Jacque Wood, photographer for the Booster Club, sent these pictures of Jessica Wood on the JV team and Varsity player Ashley Wooten. Support our volleyball teams by going to the home games and joining the Booster Club.

*From Haleigh's Heart*

Hi! I'm Haleigh. I'm 11 years old and I live in Chokoloskee with my grandparents Duane and Robin Levingston plus my little two-year-old sister, Hannah. I've been going to Everglades City School since I was in 3rd grade. I love to write and type. My current teacher is Mrs. Hazel Mitchell. She is teaching 5th and 6th grade this year.

My favorite subject in school would probably be writing. I love to write. I always have! I also love to type and make stories. Every since I was 5 I knew how to type and when I get older, I hope to become an author. I want to make my own books!

School is starting off great this year! I've made a lot of friends and I'm learning a lot! Summer flew by fast! I'm so glad school started.

Last year I had Miss Dalto as my teacher. She's very nice and always helping me out with anything I need or I'm going through. She taught me a lot and I'm so glad she was my teacher. Everyone who was in my class loved her and I did too!

Mr. Tribble (the school's art teacher) is assigning a project for 3rd-6th grade. He told us all to make logos for the Everglades Seafood Festival. He wants us all to make logos and then he will have someone pick who the winner is and whoever wins will have their picture put on the t-shirts for Everglades Seafood Festival. The winner also gets one free t-shirt, \$100 cash, and 4 free wrist bands for the weekend so the winner can pick 3 other people to go with her/him and they can use them for Friday, Saturday, and Sunday! There will also be awards for 2nd and 3rd place winners. Everyone is excited to know who the winner is! (including me)

Haleigh Levingston, a 5th grader at Everglades City School, will be our junior reporter for the elementary school. Welcome, Haleigh!

MORE School News on page 7.

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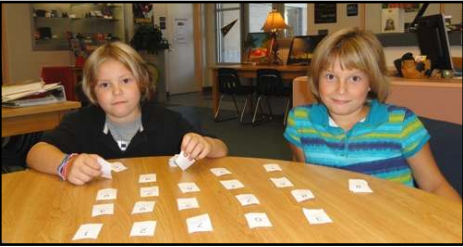
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Mrs. Jones 2nd and 3rd grade class took a field trip to the Naples Philharmonic on September 20. They learned about the different musical families that make up an orchestra.



Mrs. Jones is also working on math skills by allowing the students to play a game called "Make 10." Alexis Rain and Gracie Emma Brown are demonstrating how to play it. Cards with different numbers are placed face up. One student must pick two cards that make ten when you add them together. Then, the student will place two new cards from the pile into the empty slots for the next person to try. Students report that it's a lot of fun and Mrs. Jones is happy that everyone is working on their addition!



Lilian Pablo-Jeronimo and Megan Harrington were among a group of students to participate in "See you at the Pole" day. Students from Chokoloskee Church of God welcomed everyone to meet them at the school flag pole on September 22, at 7:00 a.m. Students prayed for the school, families, and students. Kristin McMillin read scripture from the Bible.

Reports & pics by Trina Mitchell

Recipe for Good Eating

Gator Pizza

by Bobby Miller, Oyster House Restaurant



1 cup Gator meat (cut into 1/4" pieces)
Olive Oil
Jerk Seasoning
1 piece of Flatbread (12" x 12")
1/4 cup Hearts of Palm (cut into pieces)
1/2 cup Shredded Monterey Jack Cheese

Remoulade sauce:

1/2 cup Ketchup
1/4 cup Mayonnaise
2 TBS Mustard
Horseradish and/or cayenne pepper to taste

Sauté gator meat in olive oil almost all the way through. As it is cooking, sprinkle jerk seasoning to taste and remove from pan. Spread gator meat on top of flatbread and add hearts of palm pieces. Sprinkle with shredded Monterey Jack cheese and place in broiler until cheese melts (about 4 to 5 minutes). Remove from oven and drizzle remoulade sauce over the top. Cut and serve.

You can buy gator meat at the Oyster House or from one of the local seafood markets.

The Oyster House Restaurant is located opposite the National Park and has been operated by the Miller family since 1992. It was built in 1983.

MORE SCHOOL NEWS

SAC ELECTS OFFICERS

At the last meeting of SAC, the following officers were elected: Chairman: Pam Drake; Vice-Chair: Paul Tribble; Secretary: Beth White.

Everglades City School, along with all Collier County Schools, is now listed as a "Positive Behavior School." A new awards/incentive program has been established whereby children will receive "mangrove money" for good performance and deeds. With this "money" students can purchase items in a new school store. Parents, teachers and community members are all invited to attend the next SAC meeting on Thursday, **October 21**, at 3:00 p.m.

GREAT GATORS



Pre-K: Aulbrey Wooten, Carson Foss
1: Faith Brown, Taylor Richards
4: Seth Hooks, Samantha Bruscini
6: Logan Foss, Enrique Roldan
8: Ariel Langston, Savannah Oglesby

K: River Brown, Sienna Dungan
2/3: Alexis Rain, Christian Bee
5: Scout Morris, Tori Wells
7: Sierra Dungan, Savannah Humphreys

High School:

Henry Hiemstra, Wesley Sylvest, Kendall Smallwood,
Elvira Pablo-Ramirez, Courtney Noble

WANTED: The Culinary Class at the School would like donations of flour, sugar, butter, vegetable oil, Crisco, powdered milk, unsweetened cocoa (for baking), white distilled vinegar, cream cheese, shredded cheddar cheese, shredded mozzarella cheese, dishwashing liquid. Contact Stacia at 695-2561



Fishing Report

by Captain Bill Lindsay

As water temperatures start to drop a little, baitfish will begin to move south, down the coast. Cobia, mackerel, kingfish and jack follow this migration. Some of these fish

have birds over them, and I have caught good fish under them. Pompano can be taken by casting small jigs into large mud patches out in the Gulf or fishing around "skipping" or fish that jump across the boat wake. Snook fishing is still slow but redfishing is red hot! While fishing out in the Gulf, keep an eye out for schools of large "breeder" redfish. They look like a copper patch moving just below the surface. Inshore, the reds are hitting on the outside points on the incoming tide. Both Captain Tim Brady and Captain Mike Merritt have been coming in with a limit of trout and redfish. Tarpon fishing has been better than usual for this time of year. If all else fails, try sheepshead fishing; they move into shallow water and get around dead trees and oyster bars.

Capt. Bill Lindsay lives in Chokoloskee and has been fishing in the Everglades National Park for 30 years. In 1992 he was Master Angler of the MET Tournament.



REDSNOOK TOURNAMENT

by Andy Hill

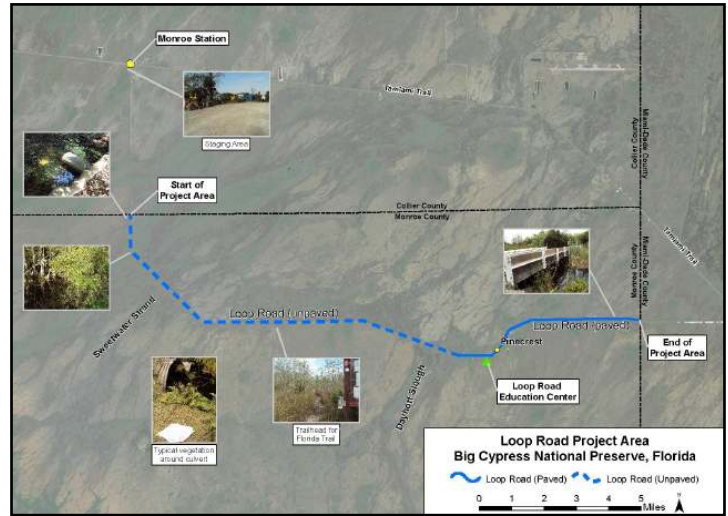
The RedSnook Catch and Release Charity Fishing Tournament with Roland Martin will be held October 1-3. The tournament brings out the best inshore anglers in the Naples area. With over 40 teams competing in this year's event, the impact on the local economy is noteworthy given that some anglers come from outside the community to participate.

More important to the Everglades City community, almost half of the competitors will fish out of Glades Haven and stay the weekend. While the weak economy has prevented many anglers from visiting Everglades City, the RedSnook will provide a valuable economic boost to the area.

The RedSnook is more than just great competition. Funds raised from the angler entrance fees, sponsors and the Friday night kickoff party and auction will be used to support key water quality and estuary research and protection initiatives conducted by the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. Clean water is the basis one of the key elements to our quality of life. Healthy estuaries provide clean water that are the nursery for an industry that accounts for over \$5 billion in annual economic impact.

Research and monitoring of estuaries is an important step in restoring the Everglades. Specific to Western Everglades, the removal of canals in the failed real estate development of the Southern Golden Gate region will have the most impact on restoring natural water flows. Additionally, the raising of the Tamiami Trail for a 5 mile stretch will make a big splash in increasing water flows through the Shark Valley and eventually to Florida Bay. These projects are providing construction jobs currently, and long term benefits to our eco-system.

Andy Hill is Vice-Chairman of the Conservancy of Southwest Florida.



Comments on Loop Road

The National Park Service wants public comments on the draft Environmental Assessment for the rehabilitation and repair of about 16.5 miles of Loop Road within the Big Cypress. The preferred alternative to no action involves repairing washed-out sections, replacing existing pavement, installing new culverts, and replacing damaged culverts. There would be no paving of gravel sections or changes in road width. The deadline for comments is **Friday, October 22**. You can submit them and read more at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov> or post them to Big Cypress National Preserve, 33100 Tamiami Trail East, Ochopee, FL, 34141-1000. For info, phone 695-1107.



FWC News

The new \$5.00 deer hunting permit is available from our County tax collector. It is not necessary if you have a sportsman's or lifetime license or if you are a Florida resident of 64 years old.

Anglers in Gulf waters, except for the captain and crew of for-hire vessels, may keep two red snapper greater than 16 inches total length per person on Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays beginning October 1 and extending for eight consecutive weekends through Sunday, November 21.

For more info, see www.myfwc.com. Wildlife Alert Hotline: 888-404-FWCC (3922)

REPORTING SAWFISH

The NOAA boat has been in our waters again with the sawfish research team. If you see sawfish, please phone (352) 392-2360.



FISHING ON TV

Public broadcaster WGPU-TV will show an episode in the "Untold Stories" local history series entitled "Fish Fever: Sports Fishing in Southwest Florida" on **Friday, October 1**, at 9:00 p.m. The program goes back to 1885 when the first tarpon was caught with a rod & reel at Punta Rassa.

LOCAL HISTORY



Thanks to historian Alvin Lederer for this Bee Brand advertisement. Does anyone remember using it?

MARCO NEWS

The Marco Island Historical Society will hear a talk about Mound House on **Tuesday, October 5**, at 7:00 p.m. and then make a field trip to Fort Myers Beach on **Friday, October 8** to examine the archeological excavations and tour the building. For info and reservations, phone (239) 394-3917 or see www.themihs.org.

PRESERVE TALK

Historian Lila Zuck will give a presentation about "Swamp Buggy Days, 1948 to 1970" on **Friday, October 22**, at 3:00 p.m. at the Naples Preserve This is the first in a series of "Sharing Local History" talks that will take place once a month on Friday afternoon. For info, phone 649-4301.

Stone Crab Festival

The Naples Waterfront Association is holding a Stone Crab Festival on the weekend of **October 23/24** at various locations in the city. Among the sponsors is Naples Backyard History. For info, see www.stonecrabfestival.org.

Killing Mr Watson

The Smallwood Store in Chokoloskee is commemorating the 100th anniversary of Edgar Watson's death with a re-enactment on **Sunday, October 24**, at 2:30 p.m. The entrance fee is \$10, children 8 and under free. For more info, phone 695-2989.

MUSEUM NEWS

Internationally known nature photographer, artist, author, and speaker Connie Bransilver Barrow has photographed on all seven continents. She brings images and inspirational prose to audiences seeking clarity, passion and purpose. Her exhibit "*Tenuous Hold: Our Fragile Wetland Habitat*" will be on display in the Pauline Reeves Gallery at the front of the Museum starting on October 5.



You can meet Connie at a reception on **Saturday, October 9**, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. To learn more about her and her work, see www.conniebransilver.com.

The Museum is open on 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 appreciated.

Tickets for the Seafood Festival Quilt raffle are \$10 each or 3 for \$25. The spectacular quilt is on display in the Museum and the drawing of the winning ticket will take place during Seafood Festival in February 2011.

The next meeting of the Friends of the Museum of the Everglades will be on **Wednesday, October 6**, at 9:00 a.m. in the Museum. To join the Friends of the Museum of the Everglades and to see the schedule of artists during the season, visit website www.evergladesmuseum.org.

Reminiscing with Virginia Klotz

by Maureen Sullivan-Hartung



For the past 40 years, feisty Virginia Klotz has run the "Sea Gull Studios" on Everglades City's town circle, selling seashells of all kinds along with artwork by her late parents, Robert and Katherine Klotz, among other things. Pushing 90 years in November, Ms Klotz has finally decided to retire, close the small studio, and actually move away from the area to be near family in northeast Florida. While we cannot imagine losing the landmark studio near the circle, losing Ms Klotz will be even harder to accept. She has been a much-appreciated friend and community supporter to those in her adopted home – since 1969.

Following graduation, Ms Klotz had to put her dream of painting on hold and became a children's librarian at the Philadelphia Public Library from 1941 until 1954 when she and her parents moved to Fort Myers. The family assisted in the formation of the Fort Myers Art League and it was here that Ms Klotz began dabbling in shell crafts which would later become her livelihood.

In 1959, they moved to Sanibel Island where she and her mother opened the original "Sea Gull Studios" which Virginia managed for the next decade. Disgusted with encroaching traffic, noise, and pollution, after the causeway was built, the Klotz family made one more move in 1969 – to Everglades City, after having discovered its quaintness on day-long picnics.

Ms Klotz happily regaled us with memories from two of Southwest Florida's deadly hurricanes: riding out Hurricane Donna in 1960 while living on Sanibel Island, and then braving the Category-4 winds from Hurricane Andrew in 1992 with her mother, ignoring neighbors' pleas to head to safety. Thankfully, they both survived to tell the tale.

And now, yet another adventure awaits Ms Klotz as she approaches 90 years and another move. Longevity runs in the Klotz family – as does living life on the edge. You will be missed Virginia!

Naples resident and freelance writer Maureen Sullivan-Hartung first became acquainted with Virginia Klotz and her mother back in 1993 when writing for the former "Everglades Echo" and they have remained friends. Sullivan-Hartung's first book, "The Hidden History of Everglades City", published by The History Press of South Carolina, will be available in the fall of 2010. For more information about the book, you can e-mail her at mshwrites@earthlink.net.



SHERIFF'S REPORT

September 12: deputies responded to a call to Swain Street during the late evening hours in reference to a structure fire. Following investigation, the fire was determined to be arson. A 55-year-old female was arrested and charged in this case.

September 22: Deputies took a burglary report at Suzie's Station in Everglades City. Investigators have been assigned to this case.

September 27: late in the evening, a male was taken into custody and charged with Domestic Violence after the SWAT team was called to a home in Chokoloskee.

Following investigation, a Copeland man has been charged with 7 counts of prescription fraud (also known as "doctor shopping"). Prescription fraud is a felony offense.

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

CITIZENS' ACADEMY

This popular course starts on October 25 and continues for 6 weeks every Monday at 6:00 p.m. at the Professional Development Center, 615 Third Avenue South, in Naples. Participants may tour the CCSO Special Operations facility, go to the gun range, ride along with a deputy, and learn other aspects of the deputies' work.

Places are limited and attendees must register in advance. For more info, phone 252-0725. You can download an application form at www.colliersheriff.org (click on "How Do I").

Florida Fiction

Deerly Departed

by Chester Keene



I worked a trial in court where the wildlife officers had arrested a man for "poaching" a deer out of season by means of a light and gun. Down in that area, it's called the "cracker season" by some locals. The deer was a buck with a nice rack, but the accused had separated the head from the body. The officers placed the remains in a freezer until the trial.

The defense attorney was new at the job and was not wanting agree to a photo of the carcass to be used in the trial. We called it the case of the "carcass die-licti". Each day, the deer plus its head were taken from the freezer by the wildlife officers and brought to court as to not break the chain of evidence. It was taken out of the cooler placed on a tarp in front of the jury, left there each day, and was refrozen. This went on for three days. The smell was getting gamey. On the last day, the jury went to deliberate. I asked the judge if he wanted all evidence to be taken into the jury room. He said "yes". Needless to say, the jury reached a verdict and was out in less than five minutes.

Chester Keene is a retired law enforcement officer. He retains the copyright to this short story.



FLORIDA FLORA

by Patricia Huff

Beautyberry (*Callicarpa americana*)

This beautiful berry shrub is flowering now in Chokoloskee where this photo was taken. It is very tolerant of drought and cold weather so thrives here. This particular plant has reached its full height of six feet and does well in part sun to full shade. The trunk is multi-stemmed with oval, light green pointed leaves. The blooms, a pale purple, are seen in the spring and summer before these bright round fruit clusters appear. Butterflies love the flowers while birds are attracted to the fruit.

Off the Shelf – Book Review

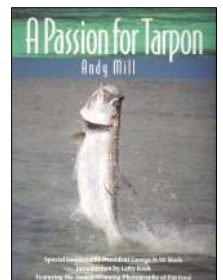


"A Passion for Tarpon"

by Andy Mill

reviewed by Patricia Huff

Anyone looking for a Christmas or birthday gift to give their beloved sports fisherman, *A Passion for Tarpon* is ideal. Besides the personal stories of notable tarpon guides and anglers, the book is wonderfully illustrated with incredible tarpon photos and historical pictures. There is information about rods, tarpon flies, fighting the tarpon and tackle. Andy is an experienced angler who has spent the last 20 years chasing the tarpon.



He includes his own experiences in this book as well as those of other great anglers and guides. I enjoyed it for the spectacular photography as well as the stories about the fish. A DVD "Chasing Silver" is also included in the book. For more information and to order, visit website www.wildriverpress.com.

RESTAURANT NEWS



- Camellia Street Grill (695-2003):**
opening October 15
- 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):**
11:00 am - 5:00 pm; daily
opening soon in October
- 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):**
opening October 15
- Island Cafe (695-0003):**
6:00 am - 3:00 pm; daily
- 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):**
Oct 2: 10:30 am - 3:00 pm; daily
hours will be longer after Oct 16

Right Choice Supermarket:
NEW HOURS from Oct 4
9:00 am - 7:00 pm, Mon-Sat
9:00 am - 6:30 pm, Sun



This 9'3" alligator was caught by State Trappers on September 16 in the Barron River behind Mary Freeman's house. It was reported that this gator may have killed a dog on the seawall the day before. Everyone should be cautious and especially not feed the alligators because they can become aggressive and expect food around humans.



Shannon Snyder sent this photo with the caption "In Loving Memory of Levi".

DON'T BE SCAMMED

Angela Larson from the Senior Crime Assistance Unit of the Collier County Sheriff's Office spoke to the Community Safety Team on September 22. She said many seniors over the age of 60 are targeted for financial crimes and people need to be aware of telephone, email and mail scams directed at seniors. If you believe you are a victim of these scams or have received any suspicious phone calls, you should contact the Seniors Crime Assistance Unit at 252-0722.

To subscribe to the Florida "Do Not Call" list for sales solicitation, contact the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services at 1-800-435-7352 (1-800-HELP-FLA) or visit website www.800helpfla.com to download a subscription form. You may also contact this number or website to file a complaint.

CHILD SAFETY FAIR

Collier County Parks and Recreation will hold its annual Child Safety Fair at North Collier Regional Park on **Saturday, October 9**, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with interactive educational tables and bike helmet giveaways. Parents will also have the opportunity to have their child fingerprinted. For info, call 252-4060

HELPING KIDS

The Community Safety Team will coordinate an after-school program for grades pre-K through 12. There will be indoor activities at the Community Center and outdoor field trips. Eight volunteers will be needed on Monday afternoons from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. If you would like to help or can donate craft items, please contact Patty Huff at 695-2397.



ORCHID SALE

The Naples Orchid Society is holding a sale on **Saturday, October 16**, from 12:00 noon until around 4:00 p.m. at the Moorings Presbyterian Church, 791 Harbour Drive, Naples. For info, phone (239) 404-1916 or visit www.naplesorchidsociety.org.

LIONS CLUB MEETS

The Lions Club will meet every third Thursday at 5:30 p.m. at the Seafood Depot starting on **Thursday, October 21**. For info, phone Elaine at 695-2695.

Little Gator Clinic

The free walk-in clinic for youngsters 18 and under is located next to the Thrift Shop (behind the fire station). It will be open on **Tuesday, October 12**, and **Tuesday, October 19**, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. There are no drugs at the clinic but Dr. Barnard can prescribe if necessary.



MOBILE PET VET

Dr Baker will visit the area on **Saturday, October 9**, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in McLeod Park and from 2 to 4 p.m. in Copeland. She will also be here for surgery on **Sunday, October 10**, by previous appointment. You can phone her at 777-PETS (7387). See www.naplesmobilepetvet.com.



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

FOR SALE: Truck-bed Toolbox (with locking lid) Diamond Plate; like new (just a few months old). \$200. For info, call 695-8497.

FOR RENT: 13 Egret Lane, 1/1, \$500/mon. Call Linda (754) 581-2956.

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PET PICS



Thanks to Amy Johnson for this photo of Daisy, a "goldendoodle" who likes to hang out on the dock while Mel fishes. Amy says Daisy is having a great time living in Everglades City. Send us your Pet Pics by email or post.

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