

# The MULLET RAPPER

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### OBITUARY

Alice T. Morrow, 73, of Chokoloskee died on Monday, June 25. She had been a resident of the island since 1996. Alice was born on March 2, 1939, in Taylor, Pennsylvania. She resided in Tonawanda, NY, for 20 years and was employed at KMart and Pizza Hut before moving to Florida. She worked at Carlisle Bait & Tackle on the island and volunteered at the Reach-Out Thrift Store in Everglades. Alice worked for over 15 years at the Smallwood Store-Museum. She was loved by all who knew her and will be greatly missed.



Alice is survived by her husband, Myron Morrow, of 49 years, her son Patrick, four step-children Debra, Patricia, Peggy, Michael, and 10 living siblings. She was preceded in death by her parents and one brother.

A memorial service is being held in Pennsylvania on Friday, July 6. There will be a service at the Smallwood Store in Chokoloskee at 4:00 p.m. on **Thursday, July 12.**

### INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION



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## JULY / AUGUST 2012

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
<b>JULY 1</b>	<b>2</b> Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm	full moon ● <b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Ladies Coffee Island Café 8 am	<b>5</b> BigC ORV Deadline	<u>RAPPER</u> <b>6</b>	<b>7</b> First Baptist VBS Registration <i>see p.3</i>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Vacation Bible School  CHAMBER Meeting Event OFCD Meeting <i>see p.3</i> Hour of Prayer Copeland Baptist Church 7 pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8 am	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>
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Aug 6-9: Youth Tennis Camp

Aug 7: City Council, Natl Night Out

Aug 9: Food Bank

Aug 14: Primary Election

Aug 20: Back to School

Aug 30: BigC ORVs

Sept 1-3: Butcher Muck-About

THRIFT SHOP: Closed for month of July

DR DEMARTINO: By appointment only, call office

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 the Summer

AA: Wed, 5:00 pm, Community Church

NA: Sat, 11:30 am, Community Center (Skating Rink)

SMALLWOOD STORE: Daily; 11 am to 4 pm

SHERIFF AT CITY HALL: *see the notice outside the office*

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## Vacation Bible School

"Amazing Wonders Aviation" is the title of the Vacation Bible School at First Baptist. It kicks off on **Saturday, July 7**, from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. with hot dogs, chips, drinks, and early registration.

The sessions for youngster during the week of **July 9** will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon except on Wednesday, July 11, and Saturday, July 14, when it is 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

There is also a Youth Program for grades 7 through 12 beginning **July 9** on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Dinner will be served from 5:00 p.m. to 5:45 p.m. and Music, Bible Study and Games from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Theme: "A Race around the World to see some of God's Amazing Wonders".

Come join us! For info, call 695-3871.

## CHAMBER INVITATION

Jack Wert, Executive Director of the Visitors Bureau, will be speaking on **Monday, July 9**, at 9:30 a.m. at the Oyster House. He is seeking public input on the TDC's recommendations about expenditure of tourist tax dollars. The Chamber of Commerce welcomes all community members. Please RSVP to Kathy Linder at 695-3941.

## SUMMER CAMP

The second session begins **July 23**. Summer Camp is sponsored by Reach Out, our neighborhood charity, for kids aged 4 through 11. It meets at the Community Center (behind the fire station) on Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

## PRIMARY ELECTION

New voter registration cards which include each voter's precinct number, polling location, date of birth, and other information were recently sent out.

The deadline for registering to vote in the Primary or changing your party affiliation is **July 16**.

Early voting will take place Monday through Saturday from **July 30** through **August 11** from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Primary Election day is **August 16**.

For more info or to request an absentee ballot visit [www.CollierVotes.com](http://www.CollierVotes.com) or call the Supervisor of Elections Office at (239) 252-8450.



**Candy Sue & Bodale Dungan of Chokoloskee are the proud parents of son Braylon Shane, 6 lbs 11 oz, born June 23. Other proud relatives are brother Marcus, sisters Sierra & Senna, grandparents Kathy & Danny Daniels, great grandparents Sue & Dwain Daniels.**

## BUILD-A-CHAIR

"Build a Chair" will be at the Community Center on **July 16-19**.

For info and to register, contact Christa Renaud at District 7 Substation at 695-2301 on Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

## FOOD BANK VISIT

The Harry Chapin Food Bank Mobile Pantry will distribute groceries behind the fire station on **Thursday, July 19**, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

## HOT SUMMER NIGHTS

Families, especially kids, are invited to McLeod Park on **Friday, July 20**, for this annual event sponsored by CCSO. There will be a rock-climbing wall, games for all ages, and free food. It starts at 6:00 p.m.

## Annual Drinking Water Quality Report

The 2011 Water Quality Report was recently mailed to residents of Everglades City. The City routinely monitors water quality according to Federal and State laws. Our water source is the Surficial Aquifer; the water is then chloraminated for disinfection. A source water assessment was also conducted and found no potential sources of contamination near the wells. A full report is available at City Hall or call 695-3781 for more information.

## OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

06/19/12: Emergency Medical, Everglades City  
06/21/12: Illegal Burn, Copeland  
06/22/12: Vehicle Accident, 73 MM I-75  
06/23/12: Fire, San Marco Road  
06/24/12: Commercial Fire, Watson Road  
06/24/12: Emergency Medical, Ochopee  
06/24/12: Tornado, US 41 and Miller Road  
06/24/12: Power Pole Fire, US41& Marsh Trail  
06/25/12: Vehicle Accident, 62 MM I-75  
06/25/12: Structure Fire, Everglades City  
06/25/12: Emergency Medical, Copeland  
06/26/12: Emergency Medical, 51 MM I-75  
06/27/12: Emergency Medical, Everglades City  
06/28/12: Fire Alarm, Marco Island  
06/30/12: Vehicle Accident, 61 MM I-75  
06/30/12: Vehicle Accident, Ochopee  
07/01/12: Emergency Medical, 67 MM I-75  
07/01/12: Fire Alarm, Everglades City  
07/01/12: Fire Alarm, Everglades City  
07/02/12: Emergency Medical, Chokoloskee

Ochopee Fire Control District Advisory Board will meet **Monday, July 9**, at Port of the Islands at 4:00 p.m.

## DOCTOR'S CLINIC



Dr. Kirk DeMartino of Marco Island will see patients on Fridays by appointment only. You can contact him at (239) 642-5552.

## MOBILE PET VET



Dr. Lopez will visit to our area on **Saturday, July 14**, at McLeod Park from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. He will also not be coming in August but will return in September. Residents may take their pets to his office in Naples. For more information and appointments, please phone him at 777-PETS (7387) or visit [www.naplesmobilepetvet.com](http://www.naplesmobilepetvet.com).

## THRIFT SHOP CLOSED

It's vacation time for the Reach Out Thrift Shop, behind the fire station. This popular second-hand store and community meeting place will be closed during the months of July and August.

**PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE DONATIONS ON THE PORCH!!!**

## Yard Trash

Everglades City residents recently received a notice that "Yard waste must be bundled and out to the curb for **Thursday Pickup**" along with the brochure entitled "Guidelines for Curbside Trash and Recycling Services." For more information or questions, call 695-3781.



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# SUMMER VACATION NEWS

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## IMPORTANT DATES

Wed, July 25 Individual student FCAT scores may be picked up at school

## From Savannah's Eyes



Summer's half way over and it's going great! I've been swimming with all my friends, going to the beach, and hanging out with my family.

On June 30 Everglades City celebrated its own "Fourth of July" and I had fun. At the park I helped out with my Church's bake sale by making homemade Snicker doodles and

decorated the Park with my friends. But, the best part of the whole day was the fireworks display! This year they had a different company that played music while the fireworks were going on. The program was bigger and lasted longer. I felt as if I was at Disney World, but an Everglades Disney World!! I had so much fun, and I can't wait until next year!



I went to the beach the other day at Picnic Key and found a turtle nest with eggs in it! But, unfortunately, it was only the egg shells because raccoons had already found them before they could hatch. It was sad because I would have loved to have seen the eggs with the turtles in them. Plus, if they had hatched, I would have watched them go into the water! And if anything tried to stop them, I would have saved the baby turtles and helped them go out into the ocean! After all, turtles are the reason I started writing my articles, right!

Save the Sea Turtles!

With love, Savannah

*Savannah Oglesby is entering the 10<sup>th</sup> grade at Everglades City School and is a regular contributor to this paper.*

## SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



Collier County Public Library is pleased to partner again with Collier County Schools to help supply children and teachers with much-needed supplies this school year.

Over the past two years library customers have positively impacted the beginning of the school year for hundreds of children by contributing supplies that their parents and caregivers could not afford to purchase. This year, one-inch 3-ring binders, pocket folders, and loose leaf lined and holed paper is most needed.

For a complete list of needed items, visit the library website [www.colliergov.net/library](http://www.colliergov.net/library) and click on News.

Every library will have a receptacle for the supplies. The drive continues through the month, **ending Tuesday, July 31.**



Pictured left are students working on the Build-a-Boat Project which was sponsored by Lowe's and Sunshine Hardware.



Right is a photo of the students launching and below Robbie and Brandon rowing the boat on June 29. The Marine Industry Association of Collier County bought the boat.

Congratulations and thanks to the CCSO and volunteers who participated in this project for our students this year.



## Summer Tutoring Classes Offered

Danielle Swisher is offering tutoring classes in music, history, geography, languages, biology, chemistry, and college preparation courses. Lessons are private and customized for the needs of the client. For information and fees, e-mail Danielle Swisher at [dmswisher85@gmail.com](mailto:dmswisher85@gmail.com) or call (239) 280-8971.

## BUSY SUMMER!

There's plenty for youngsters to do during the school recess:

- July 9-13: First Baptist Vacation Bible School
- July 11: Sun-n-Fun Lagoon (CCSO outing)
- July 16-19: Build-a-Chair (grades 5-12, younger kids preferred)
- July 18: King Richards Family Fun Park (CCSO outing)
- July 20: Hot Summer Nights
- July 23-26: Summer Camp (ages 4-11)
- July 25: Naples Zoo (CCSO outing)
- July 30 – Aug 2: Summer Camp (ages 4-11)
- Aug 6-9: Tennis Camp (ages 6-15)



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## GLADES DAZE

### The Swallow-Tailed Kite

by ENP Gulf Coast Park Rangers

The word raptor evokes images of sharp talons, fiercely swooping to capture prey, soaring high over treetops keeping a powerful eye on the landscape below, and feasting on insects. Feasting on insects?! What kind of raptor feasts on insects? The Swallow-tailed kite, a medium-sized diurnal raptor, nests in Florida and is primarily an insectivore.

The Swallow-tailed kite flies just inches above the tree line feasting on dragonflies, cicadas and plucking the occasional small lizard from the treetops. This striking bird has a 4 foot wingspan however it rarely needs to flap due to its long forked tail. By rotating its tail almost constantly and at times nearly 90 degrees they can best maneuver sharp turns and varying wind patterns in a seemingly effortless fashion.

Swallow-tailed kites embark on a nearly 5,000 mile annual migration departing from as far south as Paraguay. About two-thirds of the kites that breed in North America complete a strenuous journey northward along the Andes, over the eastern edge of Central America into the Yucatan Peninsula, and finally across the Gulf of Mexico, the riskiest segment of the trip, to arrive in Florida. The remaining third of the North American breeding population disperses among 7 southeastern states and take a different route, opting to go around the Gulf of Mexico. When the kites are ready to return to South America they will take the same route with one group crossing open water while the other sticks to land. Both groups will converge in Honduras to complete the journey together.

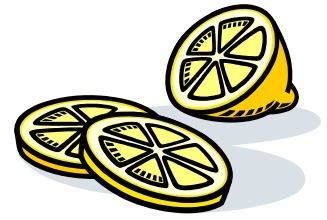
See if you can catch a glimpse of this graceful raptor between the months of March and August. It is quite a sight to see, munching on insects as it flies while gathering energy for its strenuous southbound passage to South America.



## Recipe for Good Eating

### Lemon Tart

by Patricia Huff



#### Ingredients:

4 eggs	Powdered sugar
¾ cup sugar	½ cup whipping cream
¼ cup lemon juice	tart shells (6)
1 TBS butter	

Separate egg yolks from whites with 2 eggs whites in one bowl and 2 in another. Beat 4 egg yolks with sugar on top of double boiler. Slowly add lemon juice, continue stirring and cook over the water until thickened. Then add butter and remove from heat. Beat 2 egg whites and fold into lemon mixture. Pour into tart shells. Beat remaining whites until stiff; beat whipping cream until stiff and slowly add powdered sugar (to taste). Combine egg whites and whipped cream. Spoon on top of tarts. Chill and enjoy!

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



## Off the Shelf – New Books

### "Dream New Dreams, Reimagining My Life After Loss"

by Jai Pausch

reviewed by Patricia Huff

Several years ago I reviewed Randy Pausch's autobiography "*The Last Lecture*." Soon after finishing his book, Randy succumbed to pancreatic cancer. His book was the legacy he left to his three young children. It was beautifully written and a testament about Randy's joy of living.

Now, his widow Jai has written her own memoir of what she was experiencing as the primary caregiver during those two years after her husband was diagnosed in 2006 and how she "reimagined" her life after her loss. This is an inspiring beautiful story about a woman who suffered tragedy in her life and in time was able to create a new life of hope and happiness, as she puts it.

After taking care of my brother who has acute myeloid leukemia for just a week, I could relate to Jai Pausch's own experiences of the long waits for chemo and blood transfusions at M.D. Anderson Cancer Institute in Houston and what patience and love the caregiver must have. This book provides guidance to those caregivers and a journey back to a life of hope and meaning after the loss of a loved one.

## HOUSEHOLD TIPS



1. Divide and store ground meat in a zip lock bag; use a knife or skewer stick to crease into sections. Then just break off how much you need and keep the rest in the freezer for later. Much easier than dividing and individually wrapping each pound or half pound.
2. If you place a wooden spoon over a pot of boiling water, it won't boil over.
3. Stuffing a dryer sheet in your back pocket will repel mosquitoes.
4. You can freeze cupcake batter for later use.
5. You can dye plastic buttons.
6. If you break your blender jar, you can replace it with a mason jar.
7. Cereal canisters make the perfect trashcan for your car.





## Fishing Report

by Captain Bill Lindsay

Fishing in July and August can be rewarding if you fish early and late. In the middle of the day Snook head for deep water or at least some shade. Afternoon thunder storms and mosquitoes make it an extra challenge. Redfish, however, will feed all day and are great sport. Black Drum are also found in great numbers at this time of year and can get very large. Small Tarpon can be found in the creeks early in the morning. If all else fails, cast a chunk of Ladyfish out and wait for a big shark. Permit fishing on the Gulf wrecks can be great when the weather is calm. They will also move into the outside points. Cast a small blue crab to these and look out! Grouper and Cobia fishing is also good during these months. Not many anglers fish at this time of year so on many days you have the whole place to yourself.

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



## FWC News

Florida's snook fishing season will remain closed on the west coast until 2013. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) officials made the decision in light of the 2010 cold kill which reduced the snook population on the state's coasts. Snook season was closed on both the Atlantic and Gulf coasts on Jan. 16, 2010, but it reopened last September on the Atlantic Coast where the freeze was not as severe. Recreational snook season is expected to reopen in the Gulf on Sept. 1, 2013. Until then, catch-and-release of snook will be allowed.

**For wildlife info and regulations, see [www.myfwc.com](http://www.myfwc.com). Wildlife Alert Hotline: 888-404-FWCC (3922)**

## FLORIDA FLORA

### Silver Oak (*Grevillea robusta*)

by Patricia Huff

Also known as the silky or southern oak, this beautiful tree is a native of the eastern coastal area of Australia. It is not a true oak since it does not produce acorns. The Silver Oak is a very fast growing evergreen tree with delicate dark green fern-like leaves that are greyish white on the undersides. The bright yellow and red flowers bloom in the spring and are used to produce honey. Its little seed pods are visible in late winter and early spring. The flowers and the fruit can be toxic and may cause skin irritation.



Because of its resistance to rotting, the timber was once used for fences, the exterior of windows and to make cabinets and furniture. However, there are now restrictions on its harvesting in Australia.



## The 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)

**Mottled Duck (*Anas fulvigula*)** Other names: Florida duck, summer mallard / Status: FL=stable, IUCN=LC / Life span: to 13 years / Length: 17-24 in. (44-61 cm) / Wingspan: 30-33 in. (76-83 cm) / Weight: 2.3 lb (1.04 kg) / Nests: throughout Florida / Found: All Counties, coastal, near coast, mainland / Months found: **JfmamjjasOND** (lower case indicates nesting season).



Photo by Judd Patterson

Often seen in pairs, the mottled duck is readily observed in marshes, swamps, and wetlands in the early morning and evening. It tends to fly just above the treetops and can be heard making a distinctive *quack, quack, quack* as it travels. Both male and female mottled ducks bear a striking resemblance to a female mallard duck.

The mottled duck is a game bird in Florida and is heavily hunted in the St. Johns River marshes in north central Florida, as well as other wetlands across the state. More than 13,000 mottled ducks are harvested annually. In hunting-free urban areas the mottled duck is far tamer than the migratory blue-winged teal and if approached slowly, will not fly away. It feeds primarily on small crustaceans, insects, and mollusks but will also filter-feed on vegetation. In shallow water it can be observed tipping, with its head buried in the muck and only its tail feathers sticking out of the water.

It is monogamous, mating very early in life, and it keeps solitary nests in dense vegetation. On the mainland the mottled duck has even been known to nest in tomato fields. It is in danger of losing its identity as a result of hybridization with feral mallards across the state. The offspring of these cross-breed pairings are fertile, which will eventually create an entirely new species. The chicks and eggs are preyed upon by snakes, alligators, snapping turtles, and hawks.

*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).*





## LOCAL HISTORY

### No Fish

by Jeff Whichello

At age four in Ochopee, I watched my parents fish off of the bank of the canal. With this observation in mind I took a stroll.

I found a stick under a tree, a ball of string and a pair of scissors in the kitchen drawer. After taking some washers from my dad's tool box, I slipped five of them onto the string, attached a safety pin, and then tied the string to the end of the stick. From the refrigerator I selected bologna as bait.

The slope of the boat ramp at my grandfather's house made it easy for me to reach the water's edge. I cast the line out and watched it sink. I was surprised to see a strange, many legged creature snatch the bologna away and then disappear. I tried again, and again it left with the bait. On my next attempt, I yanked the pole to stop the thief, but it gripped the safety pin. The safety pin, bait, washers, and the creature flew out of the water and over my head and landed on the grass. The strange animal paused, and then scurried into the water. I re-baited. On the third time of flinging the odd fish onto the grass, I ran and grabbed it but suffered a harsh pinch. I let go and off it went into the water.

Determined, I fetched a bucket from the garage. When the many legged thing was in my hands this time, I tossed it into the bucket. I showed my parents and asked if I could keep it. They said no. They took it, cooked it, and let me have a taste of the *Blue Crab's* claws.

After that experience I caught more of them, and sometimes pulled off their claws even when they were still alive. I had become a barbarian.

*Jeff Whichello grew up in Ochopee where his parents owned and operated the Golden Lion Motor Inn until it was purchased by Big Cypress National Preserve (now the Preserve's Headquarters). His website is [www.alionintheswamp.com](http://www.alionintheswamp.com).*

## MUSEUM of the Everglades NEWS



Georgia Garrett with the Friends of the Museum of the Everglades set up a booth at the Art-in-the-Glades during the June 30 Independence Day celebration. Books, T-shirt bags and cards are available at the Museum, 105 West Broadway. Stop by and see what interests you. Members of the FME receive a 20% discount on all Gift Shop items. To learn more about the Friends of the Museum of the Everglades, visit website [www.evergladesmuseum.org](http://www.evergladesmuseum.org).

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 information, phone 695-0008.

## INVESTMENT INSIGHTS

by Darcie Guerin, CFP®

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Women, Wisdom & Wealth



*"Sometimes the questions are complicated and the answers are simple."* Dr. Seuss (1904 - 1991)

The dynamics of American demographics are shifting. Two trends are that the average age that women have their first child is increasing, and the number of single women purchasing homes is growing.

Whether for economic reasons or cultural changes, women in America are waiting longer to have their first child. This affects the decision of when to purchase a home. According to The National Association of Realtors as of November 2011, single women buy 20% of all homes while single men only purchase 12%.

Understanding demographic trends helps investors see why waiting for a return to "normal" may not arrive for many years – if ever.

### Money Matters

The recession may explain the decline in birth rates. Many households delay starting a family until their economic situation improves. Although it is dangerous to make generalizations based on trends, it is helpful and interesting to recognize and appreciate the details behind the numbers. Stay focused and invest accordingly.

\*Source: Center for Disease Control/national Center for Health Statistics, and national Vital Statistics System and Raymond James Research.

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## Florida Tales

### "Wash Day"

by Chester Keene



Washing clothes was anything but easy back in the day. Wood was plentiful and that was our fuel to heat and cook with. A tree was cut and sawed into blocks and split for the cook stove, a dead tree was cut into fireplace lengths and split if they were too big. The dead tree burned faster, and made a quicker fire in the fireplace. Wash day was usually on Monday. Water was pumped



to fill the tubs and cast iron Cane Syrup Kettle. The white clothes were boiled in soapy water in the Kettle. Clorox had not been devised yet, and the clothes were scrubbed on a Washboard with soap that Grandma had made from grease and lye. The dirtiest work clothes were soaped generously and



pounded with a wooden paddle on the "Battling Block", a block cut from a good-sized tree and stood up endwise near the wash place. A little bluing was added to the last rinse water to keep the clothes white. When the clothes were ready to be ironed, a "Sad Iron" was used, a heavy cast-iron Iron with a handle attached. Later "Granny" got Irons with detachable handles. Irons were heated on the stove and it took three; one to use while the others were heating. As one cooled, it was exchanged for a hotter one.

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



## SHERIFF'S REPORT

If you have any information concerning criminal or suspicious activity please notify the Collier County Sheriff's Office immediately at 252-9300 non-emergency or "911" for emergencies.

### NEW SUPPORT GROUP FOR OUR VETERANS

There is a new veterans' center in Naples which provides a broad range of counseling, outreach, and referral services to veterans. Parents, spouses and children of armed forces personnel are welcome. Located at 2705 Horseshoe Drive South (Suite 204), close to the Naples Airport, it is free to eligible veterans and their families. The Vet Center is open Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. and on evenings and weekends by appointment. For more information, call 403-2377.

### Everglades Superintendent comments on EPA and State of Florida Water Quality

"The water quality agreement between the US Environmental Protection Agency and the State of Florida announced today is fundamental to restoring the ecological health of Everglades National Park. The agreement's water quality based limitations, coupled with required remedies, a schedule, an enforcement mechanism, and associated reporting & science provide a necessary complement to our efforts to restore the flow of the River of Grass. This is truly a most significant day for the future of Everglades National Park" said Everglades National Park Superintendent Dan Kimball.

### Attention: Pet Owners Collier County Ordinance 2008-51

"It shall be unlawful for the owner of any animal to allow or permit his or her animal to be confined in an unattended motor vehicle without sufficient ventilation or under other conditions for such periods of time as may endanger the health and/or physical well-being of the animal due to heat, lack of potable water, or such other circumstances as may reasonably cause suffering, disability or death to the animal."

Since it's summer, it's good to keep copies of this Ordinance in your car. If you see a pet left in a vehicle, put this under the windshield wiper or at the door handle. If the pet is really in distress, call the Sheriff. Please just leave your pet at home.

### Naples Pet Adoption and Veterinary Clinic

The Humane Society Naples is Southwest Florida's Premier No-Kill Pet Shelter, Adoption Center & Humane Animal Clinic with two locations: 370 Airport-Pulling Road & in Coastland Center Mall. The summer season is the slowest donation period of the year. Your help and support year-round is appreciated! Donations may be sent to Humane Society Naples, 370 Airport-Pulling Rd North, Naples FL 34104, or phone (239) 643-1880 for more information or visit website [www.hsnaples.org](http://www.hsnaples.org).



## RESTAURANT NEWS



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 - 10:00 pm; daily

Everglades Scoop (695-0375):  
Closed for the summer

Gator Express (695-3937):  
7:00 am – 6:00 pm; Sun - Thurs  
7:00 am – 7:00 pm; Fri, Sat  
Subway closed for summer.

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):  
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 – 4:00 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  
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):  
Closed for the summer

Right Choice Supermarket (695-4535)  
9:00 am – 7:00 pm, Mon-Sat  
10:00 am – 6:30 pm, Sun



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

Loco's Produce  
Frank's cell phone (239) 462-7050  
7:00 am - 4:00 pm; Saturday  
ECity Post Office

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and [www.nhc.noaa.gov](http://www.nhc.noaa.gov) for storms



Photo by Helen Bryan of an immature ibis in a flooded area of ECity after the effects of Tropical Storm Debby.

### TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER

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<http://TIDESANDCURRENTS.NOAA.GOV>

07/06	Fri	12:08am	-0.3	L
07/06	Fri	05:37am	2.5	H
07/06	Fri	12:09pm	0.6	L
07/06	Fri	04:54pm	3.2	H
07/07	Sat	12:51am	-0.1	L
07/07	Sat	06:16am	2.5	H
07/07	Sat	12:59pm	0.5	L
07/07	Sat	05:48pm	2.9	H
07/08	Sun	01:32am	0.1	L
07/08	Sun	06:56am	2.6	H
07/08	Sun	01:52pm	0.5	L
07/08	Sun	06:47pm	2.6	H
07/09	Mon	02:15am	0.3	L
07/09	Mon	07:38am	2.6	H
07/09	Mon	02:53pm	0.5	L
07/09	Mon	07:49pm	2.3	H
07/10	Tue	03:01am	0.5	L
07/10	Tue	08:22am	2.6	H
07/10	Tue	04:02pm	0.5	L
07/10	Tue	08:56pm	2.0	H
07/11	Wed	03:53am	0.7	L
07/11	Wed	09:10am	2.6	H
07/11	Wed	05:11pm	0.4	L
07/11	Wed	10:14pm	1.9	H
07/12	Thu	04:54am	0.8	L
07/12	Thu	10:03am	2.6	H
07/12	Thu	06:15pm	0.3	L
07/12	Thu	11:45pm	1.9	H
07/13	Fri	05:56am	0.9	L
07/13	Fri	11:00am	2.7	H
07/13	Fri	07:11pm	0.2	L
07/14	Sat	01:20am	1.9	H
07/14	Sat	06:53am	0.9	L
07/14	Sat	11:54am	2.8	H
07/14	Sat	08:00pm	0.1	L
07/15	Sun	02:03am	2.0	H
07/15	Sun	07:44am	0.9	L
07/15	Sun	12:42pm	2.9	H
07/15	Sun	08:45pm	0.0	L
07/16	Mon	02:32am	2.1	H
07/16	Mon	08:28am	0.9	L
07/16	Mon	01:25pm	3.0	H
07/16	Mon	09:25pm	-0.1	L
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07/17	Tue	09:09am	0.9	L
07/17	Tue	02:02pm	3.1	H
07/17	Tue	10:03pm	-0.1	L
07/18	Wed	03:32am	2.3	H
07/18	Wed	09:48am	0.8	L
07/18	Wed	02:37pm	3.2	H
07/18	Wed	10:39pm	-0.2	L
07/19	Thu	04:05am	2.4	H
07/19	Thu	10:26am	0.7	L
07/19	Thu	03:10pm	3.2	H
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