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SHERIFF'S REPORT

National Night Out was a great success in Copeland and Lee Cypress. Sponsored by the Collier County Sheriff's Office to promote crime prevention, our local deputies served hotdogs, chips, and drinks to a good crowd of over 65 people and handed out literature.

Local resident Arita Parker told the *Rapper* that it was a real social event and that she was glad to see neighbors that she doesn't often meet.

Lt. Mark Milligan reported several incidents of theft in the past week. Both were of copper wire or pipe; one at the old Copeland Detention Center on SR-29 and another near Ochopee where new telephone wire is being installed.

HURRICANE WATCH



To find out more about tropical storms and hurricanes, visit the National Hurricane Center website <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov> which has probable paths of the weather system plus satellite photographs and public advisories.

Also see www.FL511.com to check out conditions on local roads.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!
Ms Francis Hodge will be 101 years old on Wednesday, August 22.



Clyde and Niki Butcher will hold their traditional Labor Day Weekend "Muck About" on September 1-3.

There will be live folk music, storytelling, food, and booths featuring environmental groups. Clyde will be previewing his "America the Beautiful" exhibit and will have his large-format camera available for demonstrations.

The featured swamp walks are almost booked out. Led by an expert such as Mike Owen (seen in photo above), the walks cost \$20 and must be reserved in advance. Some places are still available for Saturday and Sunday afternoons. Phone (239) 695-2428 or see www.clydebutcher.com.

CITY COUNCIL

A regular City Council meeting was held on Tuesday, August 7, after the summer break.

Mayor Sammy Hamilton reiterated that the FEMA audit was going well and that more funds might still be available.

The Mayor also said that he would ask the County to survey the bridge over the Barron River and the one to Chokoloskee after the recent disaster in Minneapolis.

Lt. Mark Milligan of the Collier County Sheriff's Office introduced Sue Gentry who is the Crime Prevention Practitioner assigned to our area. She said that she is working closely with Reach Out & C.O.P.S. here. She is involved in Neighborhood Watch and can do security surveys of both commercial and residential properties. She mentioned that she knows the area well because she had friends here when she was a youngster.

Next on the agenda was Resolution 2007-01 which stated that the Mayor and Council recommend no change to the operation of Everglades National Park because of our cultural heritage and economy.

The next City Council meeting will be held on **Tuesday, September 4**, at 5:30 p.m. and will include a Public Hearing on the budget. A second hearing will be held on Thursday, **September 13**.

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2007

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
<p>○ AUG 12 Mobile Pet Vet McLeod Park 9 am to 1 pm Surgery Only 239-777-PETS</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">13</p> <p>Hour of Prayer Copeland Baptist Mission, 7 pm <u>Sales Tax Holiday</u> <i>ends</i></p>	<p style="text-align: center;">14</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">15</p> <p>Ladies Coffee Seafood Depot 8 am</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">16</p> <p>Lions Club Board Mtg 5 pm</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">17</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">18</p>
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THRIFT SHOP: CLOSED FOR SUMMER BREAK

FOOD PANTRY: Sat, 8:30 to 10:30 am, Community Church

MUSEUM: Tues-Fri, 9 am to 5 pm; Sat, 9 am to 4 pm

NATIONAL PARK GULF COAST VISITORS' CENTER: daily 9 am to 4 pm (boats 8:30 am to 4:00 pm)

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE INFORMATION CENTER (Carnestown): daily, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm

SHERIFF AT CITY HALL:

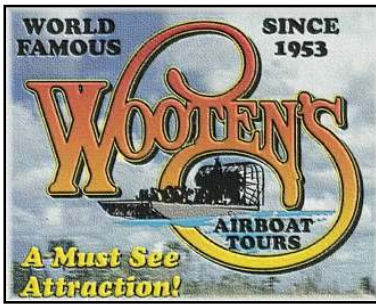
Thurs 8/16 (1-2:30pm) Tues 8/21 (10-11:30am) Mon 8/27 (9-11am) Wed 8/29 (noon-2pm) Fri 8/31 (9-11am)

SKATING RINK: Friday/Saturday, 7:00 - 10:00 pm

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS: Wed, 5 pm, Community Church

SMALLWOOD STORE: daily 11 am to 5 pm

TELEPHONE NUMBERS: Sheriff: 695-2007 Fire Dept: 695-2902 City Hall: 695-3781 Library: 695-2511 School: 695-2561



OBITUARY

Lillian Roene Wooten, 81, died on August 15. She leaves behind sons Gene (Iris) of Ochopee and Richard (Barbara) of Bonesville, N.C. plus 6 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren.

Lillian was born on January 6, 1926, in Arcadia to Frank M Brown and Alice Mansfield Brown. She and her husband Raymond Doyle Wooten founded Wooten's Air Boat Tours in 1953. He died in 1992. She was also predeceased by a son Williard.

A funeral service will take place on Monday, August 20, at 11:00 a.m. in Lighthouse Holiness Church, 4865 Cornelia Drive, SW, in LaBelle and will be followed by interment in Joshua Creek Cemetery in Arcadia at 3:00 p.m. Visitation will be held on Sunday, August 19, from 2-5 p.m. at Akin Davis Funeral Home, 560 East Hickpochee Avenue, in La Belle, phone (863) 675-2125.

PARK WANTS IDEAS



Everglades National Park is looking for more input from the public.

This time they want our ideas for their Long Range Interpretative Plan and, in particular, answers to the following questions:

1. What are the most important stories, ideas, and concepts that visitors should experience in the Park?
2. What should visitors hear, see, or read that would help them to understand and care for this Park and its unique features?
3. How is Everglades National Park part of our national heritage?

Comments should be submitted by **Friday, August 31** to

Everglades National Park
Division of Interpretation
40001 State Road 9336
Homestead, FL, 33034

or by email via their website <http://parkplanning.nps.gov>.

If you have questions, contact Susan Reece at the Gulf Coast Visitor Center, phone 695-3311.

OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

08/01/07, Vehicle Accident, 77m I-75
08/02/07, Vehicle Accident, 53m I-75
08/03/07, Vehicle Fire, 5m N of I-75 on SR 29
08/03/07, Vehicle Fire, 81m I-75
08/04/07, Unknown Medical Problem, 64m I-75
08/05/07, Vehicle Accident, Turner River Road & Wagon Wheel Road
08/05/07, Shark Bite, Port of the Islands
08/06/07, Vehicle Accident, 80m I-75
08/06/07, Vehicle Accident, 75m I-75
08/08/07, Chest Pains, 63m I-75
The report for the week 8/9/07 to 8/15/07 will be in our next issue.

RESTAURANT NEWS

Big House Coffee in Chokoloskee is open on Thursday, through Sunday from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

They are serving smoothies, iced and hot coffee drinks, gourmet teas, key limeade, ginger rum cheesecake and chocolate frozen key lime pie pops. Owner Avery says, "Smoothies are real popular right now, as it is soooo hot these days."

She also reports that the Gumbo Limbo Gallery is full of new goodies and that visitors have already started shopping for gifts.

Subway at BP Gator Express in Everglades City is now open again. Their hours are 10:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. every day. Phone number is 695-3937.

There will be a total eclipse of the moon on **Tuesday, August 28**, starting at around 5:00 a.m. and becoming total an hour later. See <http://aa.usno.navy.mil>, the website for the U.S. Naval Observatory.

TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER

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

08/17/2007	Fri	12:48AM	0.4	L	05:41AM	2.6	H	01:09PM	0.4	L	06:08PM	2.5	H
08/18/2007	Sat	01:14AM	0.6	L	06:11AM	2.6	H	01:56PM	0.4	L	07:04PM	2.4	H
08/19/2007	Sun	01:31AM	0.7	L	06:42AM	2.6	H	02:54PM	0.4	L	08:12PM	2.2	H
08/20/2007	Mon	01:29AM	0.8	L	07:18AM	2.6	H	04:07PM	0.4	L	09:37PM	2.0	H
08/21/2007	Tue	01:26AM	0.9	L	08:13AM	2.5	H	05:23PM	0.4	L			
08/22/2007	Wed	09:46AM	2.6	H	06:31PM	0.3	L						
08/23/2007	Thu	03:09AM	2.2	H	06:10AM	1.1	L	11:09AM	2.7	H	07:27PM	0.2	L
08/24/2007	Fri	02:08AM	2.3	H	07:13AM	1.0	L	12:11PM	2.9	H	08:15PM	0.1	L
08/25/2007	Sat	02:18AM	2.4	H	08:01AM	0.9	L	01:00PM	3.1	H	08:58PM	-0.1	L
08/26/2007	Sun	02:41AM	2.5	H	08:45AM	0.8	L	01:43PM	3.3	H	09:37PM	-0.1	L
08/27/2007	Mon	03:06AM	2.5	H	09:28AM	0.7	L	02:24PM	3.4	H	10:15PM	-0.1	L
08/28/2007	Tue	03:31AM	2.7	H	10:10AM	0.5	L	03:05PM	3.5	H	10:52PM	-0.1	L
08/29/2007	Wed	03:57AM	2.8	H	10:54AM	0.3	L	03:49PM	3.4	H	11:28PM	0.1	L
08/30/2007	Thu	04:22AM	2.9	H	11:39AM	0.2	L	04:38PM	3.2	H			
08/31/2007	Fri	12:04AM	0.3	L	04:48AM	3.0	H	12:27PM	0.1	L	05:35PM		

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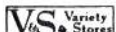
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MEMORIES

by Barbara Hoffman Daniels

One summer day back in the 1940s my friend and I were bored so she and I decided to ride our bicycles out to Copeland Store from Everglades City. It was the first attempt ever to do this. All went well by stopping and resting a lot. It is about an eight mile trip.

We started about 1:00 p.m. Coming back as a different matter. After having enjoyed a Coca Cola and chips in the Janes restaurant, we headed back south and home about 4:00 p.m. in the late afternoon.

What we didn't plan on was a head wind against us from the southwest. It was pretty brisk, causing us to stop many more times. But, we finally made it to Carnestown where we freshened up and enjoyed a cool drink from the flowing well that was never capped until 15 years later. We had never tasted sulphur water before but, let me tell you, that water was as good as if we had been lost in the Sahara Desert for a month.

Anyway, we cruised in to Everglades around 6:45 p.m. with a nice wet rain squall and sore seat and leg muscles. We parted company to return to our own comfortable homes, swearing never to try that again ... but we did!

Back then, the only speed your bicycle had was the ones your screaming muscles could work up to turn the wheels.

Sound like fun? It was!

Barbara Hoffman Daniels grew up in Everglades City where her father was the electrician in the late 1920s.

PHOTO & ART SHOWS

Talented photographer Rick Cruz of Coral Gables is passionate about the wildlife he sees in the Big Cypress, Everglades, and Fakahatchee. His work is on display at the Naples Depot.



There is still a chance to see the artwork by Everglades City School students of Mr Tribble at the Museum of the Everglades.

The Depot and the Museum are open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Admission is free.

BACK TO SCHOOL

PHONE 377-9801 or 695-2561

SEE INSERT FOR SCHOOL BUS SCHEDULE

IMPORTANT DATES

- Mon, Aug 20: School Starts
- Thurs, Aug 30: Early Release Day
- Mon, Sept 3: Labor Day holiday
- Thurs, Sept 20: Early Release Day
- Thurs, Sept 27: Report Cards (grades 9-12)



From Savannah's Eyes

Hi, I hope everyone had a great summer. Wow, was it a hot one! Down here it has been up in the 90's every day. The rain flooded a lot of the streets in Everglades City.

Anyway, getting down to school business, I spoke with the school secretary Mrs. Potter, and she explained to my dad and me that the school dress code has not changed. We will not be wearing uniforms this year. We might be wearing them in the future.

I am very excited to go back to school, and I hope you are, too, because school is cool. Also, I can't wait to see all of my friends.

*Savannah Oglesby will be in the 5th grade this year at Everglades City School. She is a regular contributor to this paper. **This year the first day of school is also Savannah's birthday so we hope she as a doubly happy day!***

SHOPPING TREAT

Saturday, August 11, was "back to school" shopping day for 93 students plus their parents, thanks to Reach Out Everglades & C.O.P.S., our neighborhood charity. The group went to the new Super Walmart at Eagle Creek (US-41 and CR-951) to purchase clothes, shoes, and school supplies.



The trip was chaperoned by Chris Ammerman and LouAnn Tankersley of Reach Out with help from Robin Smallwood and Landrum family members Kathy, June, and JoAnne with long-distance support by Carol Foss.


Being able to help the kids return to school fully equipped was only made possible by a generous grant from an anonymous association which allowed Reach Out to provide much more shopping than in previous years.

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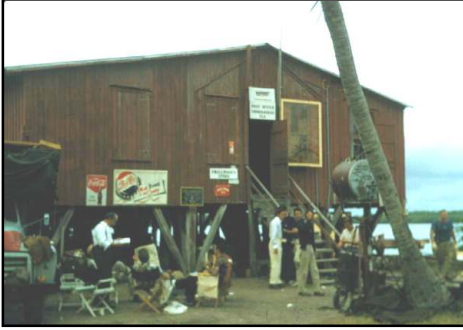
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LOCAL HISTORY



OLD FILMS ON SHOW

The Collier County Museum in Naples is showing movies that were made in southwest Florida.

The one that most locals remember is "Wind Across the Everglades" (see photos) which was filmed in 1958 in Everglades City and Chokoloskee starring Burl Ives.

The schedule each Saturday is:

Aug 18: **Greatest Show on Earth**

Aug 25: **Creature from the Black Lagoon**

Sept 1: **Just Cause**

Sept 8: **Wind Across the Everglades**

Sept 15: **Gone Fishin'**

Sept 22: **Shark River**

The films start at 1:00 p.m. in the Museum at Government Center. There is no charge and free popcorn is included!



Photos courtesy of Florida State Archives

Recipe of the Month



Bait Shrimp Gazpacho (Cold Spanish Soup)

by Jan Brock

2 or 3 cans diced tomatoes
 ½ large red pepper, coarsely chopped
 ½ large green pepper, coarsely chopped
 1 onion, coarsely chopped
 Scallions (optional), coarsely chopped
 1 or 2 cloves garlic, minced or chopped
 1 or 2 cucumbers, seeded and chopped
 ½ cup mixed herbs (chives, parsley, basil, chervil)

½ cup olive oil
 3 tbs lemon or lime juice
 1 ½ tsp salt
 ½ tsp paprika
 ½ tsp coarsely ground black pepper
 3 (4-oz) cans V-8 juice
 hot sauce (optional)
 jalapeno pepper, chopped (optional)
 sour cream (optional)

Bait shrimp are the only shrimp you can buy that are still alive ... that's fresh! So, why not use your leftover bait shrimp. After removing from the live well, we keep them iced down until we get them home. Then pinch their heads off and freeze in zip lock bags, covering shrimp with water. I always date mine so I use the older ones first. When ready to use, thaw in water, boil for 2 minutes, ice them down until cold, then peel. Mix all ingredients, including peeled shrimp (as much as you want). If you like your soup spicier, add hot sauce or a chopped jalapeno pepper to taste. This tastes better if you leave it to sit overnight in the refrigerator. Always take it out of the refrigerator about 1 hour before serving. We like a dollop of sour cream on the top. This recipe can be altered to taste. We like our vegetables cut rather chunky.

This recipe was contributed by Jan Brock for this year's cookbook by Reach Out Everglades & COPS, Inc., entitled "What's Cookin' in the Everglades". It is available at Right Choice Supermarket, City Hall, Chamber of Commerce Welcome Center, Cocoplum, Big House Coffee, Glades Realty, and Everglades Island Properties.



Off the Shelf - Book Review

by Patricia Huff

Three Cups of Tea by Greg Mortenson and David Oliver Relin

If you read my July 20th review of the book "Leaving Microsoft to Change the World" by John Wood, then you know how passionate I feel about helping children learn to read. Greg Mortenson was a mountaineer and, after his younger sister died of a massive seizure, he decided to climb K2 in the Himalayas to honor her memory. In 1993 his attempt to summit this mountain failed; then on his way back down, Greg got lost, drifting into the small village of Korphe where he was welcomed and nursed back to health. Because of the kindness of the people in the region, he promised to return and build them a school, very similar to John Wood's experience. Greg's quest to build a school and help underprivileged children (especially girls who are usually left out of the school system) began in 1993. Since then, he's been on a crusade to help the people in impoverished war-zone areas of Afghanistan and Pakistan. Greg believes that terrorism should be fought with books, not bombs, and that education is the key to making a difference in the world. Hence, the subtitle of his book is "One Man's Mission to Promote Peace ... One School at a Time."

Greg's journey and the obstacles that he encountered were much more challenging than climbing a mountain. This is a beautifully told story. At the end of the book the reader is asked to pass his book along to a friend, contribute it to a library (my copy will be available in our Collier County Library branch in City Hall), or to write a review so here's my small appreciation to Greg Mortenson for helping the children. The book's title "Three Cups of Tea" refers to the gradual process of becoming a trusted partner with people in developing areas. With the first cup of tea, you're a stranger; with the second, you're an honored guest; with the third, you're family. To learn more visit the website www.threecupsoftea.com. Another great book to read anytime.

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The original store was near the Rod & Gun but was moved to Jasmine Street by the Masons. The present grocery was constructed before 1960; there is a line on the door frame marking the flood waters during Hurricane Donna..

The current owners are Petra, Nick, and Andy who have introduced new products and made the building so cheerful with its bright yellow paint inside and out. They moved from Venezuela almost four years ago but knew our area because the extended family had a house on Marco Island. Petra was a special needs teacher and brother-in-law Andy was Food & Beverage Manager in large hotels. Petra says it is a delight to work in the friendly little town of Everglades after living in the big city of Caracas.

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED in Museum to greet visitors. Phone Martha 695-0008.

HELP NEEDED for Tamiami Trail 80th celebration. Old photos, uniforms, vintage vehicles, ideas! Phone Carol at 695-2159 for info.

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