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The **TOWN CRIER** newsletter is issued periodically to keep ESHP members and the public informed of our activities. We welcome news and feedback.

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**Bank of Everglades
Building Project Update**

Happy Holidays! This is the time of year to reflect on what we have accomplished in 2024 and to thank you for the support and interest you have in our town's history.

We are happy to report that John Brechel with Classic Carpentry of Naples has been selected as the General Contractor to oversee our rehabilitation project! John, a Master Carpenter of 40 years, is originally from Chicago and moved his business to Naples in 2004. He recently restored the original pine floors in the historic Palm Cottage after Hurricane Ian and completed the renovation of the cottage on the adjacent property known as the Smith Exhibit Hall. We are very fortunate to have John on our "team" along with REG architects to begin the long-awaited rehabilitation of our 1927 historic Bank Building.

On November 19 the Division of Historic Resources Special Category Grants review process was held in Tallahassee. Our President Patty Huff was there to answer any questions regarding our request for a matching grant of \$25,000 designated to replace the historic Palladian window. There were 54 applicants, and we were ranked 17! Since this is a matching grant, we ask our supporters to consider ESHP when making a tax-deductible donation. Checks may be made payable to the ESHP and mailed to P O Box 46, Everglades City, FL 34139. While in Tallahassee Patty talked with the staff at the Office of Policy and Budget in the Executive Office of the Governor to discuss our project which will be presented at the Collier County Legislative Delegation Public Hearing on January 8 in the Government Center. Funding is still needed to complete all the work so ESHP plans to continue to pursue federal and state grants as well as private donations.

The permitting process has begun and, once approved, we will begin with the demolition of the rear 1950s section of the building as well as any interior demolition (removing and repairing the wainscoting and original floors), then proceed with repair of the foundation, and preparation for the window replacements, etc.

For all the latest news and photos, see our Facebook page at: <https://www.facebook.com/ESHPP.org>

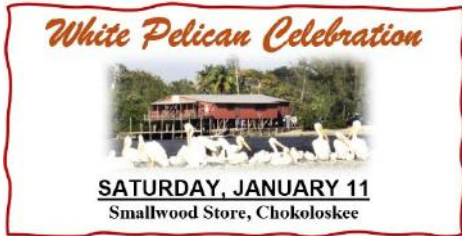


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MARK YOUR CALENDAR



Saturday, January 11: White Pelican Celebration
Smallwood Store & Museum, Chokoloskee, 11 am
SEMINOLE STORIES & FOOD • LIVE MUSIC
BOAT TOURS • ARTS & CRAFTS • AUCTIONS
Join Us to Welcome these gigantic snowy birds as they spend their winters in our backyard.
BOOK YOUR TICKETS ONLINE AT ESHP.ORG.

BOARD MEETINGS

Our Board of Directors meets on the first Monday (except for holidays) each month at 9:00 a.m.in the Visitor Center. The next meeting is on Monday, January 6. Members are welcome to attend and share ideas with us. For information, phone Patty at (239) 719-0020.

ESHP MEMBERSHIP

We did it! We have over 100 active members. The number is important to show that we have local support when we go for funding To join or renew, see the form on the back page of this newsletter or visit our website www.ESHP.org.

Your membership supports one of our most important projects, the Everglades Area Visitor Center, located at 207 West Broadway in the Glades Building, as well as our other projects, including all the Banners celebrating our 100th anniversary last year and our recent high school graduates.

Welcome to new members:

- John Brechel, Naples
Donn Brown, Naples
Jim Mealey, Ely, MN

MUSEUM OF EVERGLADES



The Special Exhibit in the Pauline Reeves Gallery at the front of the Museum is "Python Hunters" – now through January 11. Next exhibit will be "Randy Wayne White's Everglades Writing the Real Florida" from January 14 through May 3.onlicts in both natural resources and manpower.

For information, see www.colliermuseums.com or phone the Museum at (239) 252-5026.

News from Naples

The Naples Historical Society at Palm Cottage invites everyone to "Society Scotch & Chocolate" on Monday, January 13, from 4 pm to 6 pm.



Call the Society to RSVP at 239-261-8164. For information, visit www.napleshistoricalsociety.org.

Visitor Center Volunteers



On December 17 ESHP hosted a volunteer get-together in the Everglades Area Visitor Center. Currently, we have 21 knowledgeable locals (from Everglades City, Chokoloskee, Plantation Island, and Port of the Islands) who donate their time and expertise to greet tourists from around the world. It is a rewarding responsibility and fun to share our experiences with the visitors who want to learn about things to do in the Everglades area and our history.

As a Florida State Trail Town, we now have booklets that tourists can get stamped at other trail towns around the state. Our visitor center also features locally handcrafted artworks which are bought as gifts and souvenirs.

If you are interested in volunteering, drop by or phone Patty at (239) 719-0020.

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Information icon

Old Jail Site Historic Sign



ESHP with the help of Magy, Morgan, and their son Andres, installed the historic Old Jail Site sign in front of Captain Morgan's Seafood Grill near the Circle in Everglades City.