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What's happening?

The second **Folk Art Festival** is now history. The music was inspiring, food was delicious and the folk arts were interesting.

Some 2,000 visitors attended this successful event. Thanks to Ted Adams and Richard Culbreath, Co-Chairs of the event and the many volunteers who planned, set-up and guided visitors though the Maritime Museum. Just think next year the restoration of the 1890 Bratton Store will be completed.

Historic Restoration- A new chapter in the work of preservation of our historic resources was begun with the purchase of the vacated 1922 historic meeting house of the church of God in Cortez.

The project was spearheaded by FISH and supported by CVHS with a \$25,000 contribution. Plans are being made for future use of the building. Suggestions include a Wedding Chapel, Children's Playground and Art Exhibition Museum. The renovated Parsonage will be rented to help pay the monthly payments on the mortgage.

If you have suggestions on how to use the property, write to FISH PO Box 606 Cortez, Fl 34215.

The **Family Life Museum** is about to become a reality. The preservation of the memories of those who served our country in wartime is one of our goals. Do you have photos of any of the Service Men and Women? They are needed for the Memory Wall in the museum. It would be great if we could collect all the stories of our Greatest Generation. Please bring pictures, copies of your story to the Museum.

VILLAGE NEWS

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People in the News

Betty Lou Turner has moved from Mulberry. She is residing with her nephew, Chris Osborne in Bradenton

Ralph and Lois Fulford are residing in a retirement center the address is Langdon Hall, Apt 319, 11203 - 3rd Avenue, Bradenton Fl 34205 Tel (941) 747-5123. Ralph has recovered from his hip surgery.

Harry Howey is at home recuperating from a minor heart attack. His daughter is with him. **Joanne Body** hurt her back with a fall down a step. It is happy Birthday time for sister **Lavonne Hager** who just celebrated her 84th. **Alcee Taylor** is homebound and does appreciate visitors. **Jeri Culbreath** is anticipating knee surgery on the 26th of January. She is planning to be in great shape for the many tasks she performs at the Fishing Festival. The Committee is counting on that. **Calvin Bell** is getting treatment for his bone cancer. He appreciates visitors too.

In Loving Memory

Francis Leon Tupin age 73, died Sept 30, 2009. He came to Bradenton in 1962 and worked his lifetime as a Cortez fisherman, most recently with his son-in-law Mike Fanon He served four years in the US Marines. He is survived by his wife, Karin, four daughters including Kate Fannon of Cortez, nine Grandchildren; and, many Greats. He was predeceased by Grandson, Jerry Haney, II.

Vernon Mora, age 86 died November 13, 2009. Vernon was the great Grandson of the late Jose and Minnie Mora and son of the late Jules and Laura Mora, all of Cortez. He was predeceased by his wife Millie, brothers Dan, Gilbert, John, Jack. Charles; and sister Ruth Mora Culbreath. He is survived by sisters Bessie Kromery and Polly Staigerwald

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- **Cortez Commercial Fishing Festival**
February 20 - 21, 2010
- **Springfest on Anna Marie Island**
March 13 - 14, 2010
- **Florida Gulf Coast Small Craft Festival**
April 16 - 18, 2010
- **Cortez Natives Picnic**
April 24, 2010

Cortez Village web page: www.cortezvillage.org

You can join and/or pay your membership dues to CVHS online.

Historic Preservation. Saving our structures is one thing but more significant are the histories of our people. Were you involved in the **Cortez Volunteer Fire Department**? Verbal histories of the many years of action are being recorded. You may get a call from a Museum Volunteer or you can just call the museum to give us your story. Be thinking about your memories. Who were the first organizers? What were the worst fires? What were your jobs? Who were the Chiefs? How did you fund the Department?

Please call the Museum at 941-708-6121 to share your story about the Cortez Fire Department.

Florida Maritime Museum @ Cortez hours:
Tues. – Sat. 8:30 – 4:30

and children Geri Culbreath and Robert Purden, many Grandchildren, nieces, nephews; and, friends. Vernon was a lifetime fisherman after serving his country during World War II.

Richard Gates Taylor, age 43 died on October 3, 2009. He was the Grandson of the late Capt Neriah and Lela Garner Taylor of Cortez. He is survived by his parents Hubbard and Lexie Taylor of Bradenton and his wife, Nicole.

James “Jim” Guthrie of Lawrence, Kansas died at age 64, on October 8, 2009. He was the great Grandson of pioneer Cortez settlers Capt Jim and Eunice Guthrie, the son of Irvin “Red” and Ida May Newton Guthrie of Sarasota. He is survived by his wife, Linda, a daughter Merritt of Kansas and a cousin Sid Evans of Sarasota. Jim was a graduate of the University of Florida and was awarded two Purple Hearts in the Vietnam War.

Margery Carol Taylor Thompson, age 76 died suddenly on December 12, 2009. Carol was lifetime resident of Cortez. She is predeceased by her husband Leon, parents Harry and Margaret Davis Taylor, Grandparents John and Nola Taylor and one Grandchild. She is survived by three sons, two daughters, eleven Grandchildren and eight Greats, and brother JM. Carol was a member of the church of Christ of Cortez.

Lorraine Yount of the Cortez Trailer Park died on December 11, 2009. She and her late husband Rufus were charter members of the CVHS in 1984. She had been a shut-in for a long time. She is survived by several family members and a village full of friends.

If you have news of Cortez natives or things to share about Cortez history, send it to us and we will try to include it in the next issue.

Send email to cvhs@cortezvillage.org

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