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CITY COUNCIL REPORT

by Marya Repko

Mayor Sammy Hamilton said at the meeting on March 1 he has been busy negotiating for a new waste-water plant because the one we have is so old that it is "beyond patching". He is also concerned with the streets in the City and hopes to improve the drainage so they don't flood. He said there would be full report about the Seafood Festival at the next meeting and was proud of how quickly everything was cleaned up.

Sgt. John Wargo on behalf of the Collier County Sheriff's Office was glad to report there were no crimes since the last meeting and that there was no trouble at Seafood Festival. The automatic clicker registered over 14,000 cars entering the City during the Festival which converts into about 46,000 people. He said that during the school Spring Break (March 14-18) Sue Gentry is organizing a McGruff Club for the kiddies. He warned that the first two weeks in March are "Ticket Awareness" and reminded us to wear our seat belts.

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

PATTY HUFF MOVING ON...BUT NOT LEAVING!



Okay, this is it! After 15 years of publishing our local newspaper *The Mullet Rapper*, I am turning over the leadership and direction to Kathy Brock who, like me, purchased her home in Everglades City in the early 1990s. We both share the love of the ambiance and lifestyle that this unique community provides. I initially made my plans for this transition two years ago when I decided that after I turned 70 (which was last December) and having managed the paper for 15 years, it would

be a good time for me to step back and take time to enjoy the Everglades for the reasons I moved here: to explore, hike, bike, fish and read a book on my porch.

On February 1, 2001, the first issue of *What's Happening Around Town* (the precursor to *The Mullet Rapper*) was printed. Beginning with a two-page production on a monthly basis, it grew over the years to become in 2006 a bi-weekly 12-page newspaper. Without any experience in journalism but with the desire to provide the community and visitors with information about our extraordinary area, I found that this endeavor provided me with a most rewarding experience.

The credit for the success of *The Mullet Rapper* goes to all my wonderful contributors throughout the years (e.g., Savannah who started when she was just 10 years old). I would like to especially thank Marya Repko, my co-editor and advisor (and local historian), for so much: her dedication to detail, publishing guidance, layout design, computer skills, website assistance and back-up support when I was away. Also, a special thanks to my photojournalist Helen Bryan and proofreader Elaine Middelstaedt; truly amazing women who are not recognized enough. I would like to express my gratitude to the community and the businesses that have supported this venture of mine over these many long years. From the very beginning you have encouraged and bolstered my efforts, and I know you will continue your support in the future.

What I will miss the most is my daily connection and communication with all of you. I loved distributing the paper around town on my bike and talking to the business owners and staff. I loved getting feedback from my readers who truly appreciated the work involved in publishing this paper every other week. I will miss my relationship with all of you, but I'm still here so I hope to see you all around town. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

Patty Huff

Note from Kathy Brock: *Thank you, Patty. These are very big shoes to fill...I am happy to carry on with the Rapper and look forward to working with our community.*

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MARCH- APRIL 2016

<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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3	4 Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm	5 Kids' Clinic <i>see p.3</i>	6 Ladies Coffee Island Café 8 am	new moon ○ 7 Book Club <i>see p.3</i>	RAPPER 8	9

April 10: Fakahatchee Dinner
May 8: Mother's Day

April 23 Museum Birthday Party
May 14: Cookout for Emergency Workers

May 5: National Day of Prayer
July 2: Independence Day Celebration

THRIFT SHOP: Tues, Thurs & Sat, 11 am – 3 pm
LIONS CLUB: 2nd Thurs, 6 pm, Oyster House
DR DEMARTINO: Friday, 2:00-4:30 pm
DR MARTIN: Mon & Wed, 8 am-6 pm; Com. Center
AA: Wed, 5:00 pm, Community Church
HEALTHY EATING: Tues, 5 to 6 pm, Community Church
MUSEUM: Mon – Sat, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
CARNESTOWN Recycle and Trash: 2nd Saturday, 9 am to 1 pm

SKATING RINK: Fri, Sat, 7-10 pm
REACH OUT: 3rd Tuesday, 9:30 am, City Hall
LITTLE GATOR CLINIC: Tuesday, April 5, 5-7 pm
FOOD PANTRY: Wed, 12 n to 2 pm, Community Church
EVERGLADESAL-ANON: Thurs, 12noon, City Hall
VETERANS SUPPORT: First Fri, 10 am, Com. Church
SMALLWOOD STORE: Daily, 11 am to 5 pm
PANCAKE FLY-IN: Saturday, Mar 19

SHERIFF AT CITY HALL: 1st Tuesday (4:30 pm) Other Tuesdays (10-11 am)
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Mon–Thurs (9 am to 2 pm); Fri-Sat (9 am to 3 pm)

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SPECIAL EVENT

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Friday, March 11, 1 to 3 pm

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Spring Show: "TROPICAL WATERS"

March 3 – April 15**Movie Night****Friday, March 11, 5:30 pm***Big Cypress Swamp, The Western*

Everglades will be the film presented by the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation in the Jinkins Fellowship Hall at Everglades Community Church; it is free of charge and open to the public. Reservations: Marya at 695-2905, or visit www.evergladeshistorical.org.

Art-in-the-Glades**Saturday, March 12**

10 am-2 pm, McLeod Park, 695-2905

SPAGETTI DINNER**Saturday, March 12**

11 am til 3 pm

Chokoloskee Church of God Annex

Free History Talks**Calusa Days March 15 - 17**

Local author Marya Repko will give a free talk about our area history during Calusa Days each morning from **Tuesday, March 15, to Thursday, March 17**, at 10:15 am. The event takes place under the chickee hut at the Gulf Coast Ranger Center and is hosted by Everglades National Park. Marya's talk will be followed at 11:00 am by a presentation from a park ranger about the Calusa, the ancient tribe living here when the Spanish arrived in the early 1500s. This event is part of the week-long programming (**March 15-19**) culminating in the Calusa Days event, where the public is invited to learn about the people who used to rule Southwest Florida. There will be fascinating tours and workshops led by archeologists who have uncovered amazing stories from the past. For more information, call (239) 695-3311 or visit nps.gov/ever/planyourvisit/.

**Everglades Bike Ride****Sunday, March 13****McLeod Park**

March is Florida Bike Month. Come celebrate it with a bike ride in the Everglades. Participants may choose a 16, 27 or 62 mile route to enjoy the glades. The day will start with a continental breakfast, a visit to the historic Smallwood Store during the ride and end with a catered lunch in McLeod Park. *Bikes for Tykes* will be coming from Naples to offer free bike repairs (donations welcome). You may register on the day of the event beginning at 7:30 am or visit www.evergladesrogg.org and click on Everglades_Ride. For more information, call Patty at (239) 695-2397.

**Everglades Book Club****Thursday, March 17, at 9:30 am**

Diann Lock, 498 Collier Ave

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Calusa Days**Saturday, March 19, 10 am – 3 pm**

Everglades National Park

Gulf Coast Visitor Center

Ranger programs and canoe trips on the hour (last one at 2 pm). Exhibits and activities throughout the day. For more information, call (239) 695-3311.

OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

02/15/16: Vehicle Accident, 55 MM I-75
 02/16/16: Emergency Med, Jack Daniels Key
 02/16/16: Fire Alarm Marco Island
 02/17/16: Diabetic Emergency, Copeland
 02/18/16: Emergency Medical, Ochopee
 02/19/16: Chest Pains, Port of the Islands
 02/20/16: Vehicle Accident, 56 MM I-75
 02/20/16: Emergency Medical, Ochopee
 02/21/16: Vehicle Accident 70 MM I-75
 02/21/16: Emergency Med Ochopee
 02/21/16: Marine Rescue Cape Romano
 02/21/16: Brush Fire SR29& SR 41 E
 02/24/16: Emergency Medical, Copeland
 02/24/16: Emergency Med, 63 MM I-75
 02/25/16: Fire Alarm, Everglades City
 02/27/16: Camp Fire, Copeland
 02/28/16: Emergency Med, Everglades City
 02/29/16: Vehicle Accident, 64 MM I-75
 02/29/16: Vehicle Accident, 68 MM I-75
 02/29/16: Emergency Med, 61 MM I-75
 02/29/16: Smoke Investigation, Chok Island
 03/01/16: Emergency Medical, 56 MM I-75
 03/02/16: Vehicle Fire, Ochopee
 03/03/16: Emergency Med, Everglades City
 03/03/16: Mutual Aid, Marco Island
 03/04/16: Emergency Med, Everglades City
 03/04/16: Mutual Aid (Canceled), Marco Isl
 03/05/16: Vehicle Accident, 74 MM I-75
 03/05/16: Vehicle Accident, Copeland
 03/06/16: Vehicle Accident, 56 MM I-75
 03/06/16: Med Assist, Plantation Island
 03/06/16: Emergency Med, 63MM I-75

The Ochopee Fire Control District Advisory Committee will meet at 4 pm on **Monday, March 14**, in the Port of the Islands Fire Station, located at 525 Newport Drive #C.

DOCTOR'S CLINIC

Dr. Kirk DeMartino sees patients on Fridays from 2:00 to 4:30 pm at the Everglades Community Center. To schedule an appointment, please call (239) 642-5552. **Note: The doctor will not be here on Good Friday, March 25.**

SPORTS PHYSICIAN

Dr. John Martin is in the office at the Everglades Community Center on Mondays & Wednesdays 8 am to 6 pm. Call (813) 787-9738 or email martinjohndr@gmail.com.

Little Gator Clinic

The free walk-in clinic (located next to Thrift Shop) will be open from 5:00 to 7:00 pm **Tuesday, April 5**, when Dr. Barnard and Kathy will see patients aged 18 and under. **Note: This is the last clinic until fall.**

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IMPORTANT DATES EVERGLADES CITY SCHOOL

Mar 13:	Daylight Svgs. Clocks Ahead 1 Hr.
Mar 14-18:	Spring Break - School Closed
Mar 25:	School Closed
April 2:	JV Scholar Bowl
April 2:	FGCU Solar Go-Kart Challenge
April 8:	Spring Pictures

BIKES FOR TYKES

Bikes for Tykes will be offer free repairs and service on all kids' bikes at McLeod Park on Sunday, March 13, after the annual Everglades bike ride (registration starts at 7:30 am) Call Patty at 695-2397 for more information.



HOME SPORTS SCHEDULE EVERGLADES CITY SCHOOL

Boys Varsity Baseball

Thursday, March 24 vs Sarasota Christian School at 4 pm

Monday, March 28 vs Gulf Coast HEAT at 5 pm

Tuesday, March 29 vs St John Neumann Catholic at 4 pm

Boys JV Baseball

Tuesday, March 22 vs Bishop Verot High School at 4 pm

Friday, April 15 vs Community Christian School at 5 pm

Girls Softball (Holy Family Catholic Church Softball Field)

Thursday, March 24 vs Sarasota Christian School at 4 pm

Thursday, March 31 vs Lely High School at 5 pm

Monday, April 4 vs Community School of Naples at 4 pm

Visit the school website <http://www.collierschools.com/evg> for a complete sports schedule.

CCPS PRE-KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Students must be four years old on or before September 1, 2016, to qualify for district Pre-K programs.

1. **PRE-QUALIFY** - Parents wanting to enroll their child in a Pre-K program must pre-qualify by calling (239) 377-0590. You will be pre-qualified at this time but must verify income at a centralized registration location during the dates listed below.

2. **GATHER REQUIRED DOCUMENTS** - A list of required documents for enrollment in Head Start and VPK can be found on the district website - www.collierschools.com.

3. **VISIT A CENTRALIZED REGISTRATION**

LOCATION - Parents must bring all required documents to one of the registration locations listed below:

MLK Administrative Center (5775 Osceola Trail, Naples)

Registration window dates: Mar 21-April 8

Bethune Education Center (620 South 5th Street, Immokalee)

Centralized registration dates: Mar 21-22, Mar 28



A Message from the Principal

Book Fair and Read Across America Day

We are just concluding our Spring Book Fair and I'm glad to report wonderful results that will support our students work to develop improved reading skills. Thanks to our students, parents and community members for supporting this event as we are able to generate funds that provide our library and classrooms with quality books that engage students. It is wonderful to see the enthusiasm that our students show when browsing through the books as their love of reading is on clear display. We cannot say enough about the countless hours our Media Specialist, Mrs. Owen, puts into this event. She is a tremendous asset to our school community and we are so lucky to have her working with our children. Our teachers would also like to thank the parents and community members that sponsored their "Classroom Wish Lists" by purchasing items for the classrooms.

On March 2 we celebrated Read Across America Day with our entire school. Staff members read to our students and even dressed up as characters from Dr. Seuss books to celebrate the birthday of Dr. Seuss (*see photos*). Thanks to our Reading Coach, Ms. Secory for working with Mrs. Owen to create such a special event for our students.



A reminder that begin our Spring Break on March 11 (no school this day) with students returning on March 21. Have a safe and happy Spring Break ☺.

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Florida Tales

by Chester Keene



“Stories of the Caxambas Kid”

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Preston Sawyer is my name I was born August 31, 1901. I ain't got no middle name. Well my mother and us got along as best we could in them days and she said my first words was "Mama-Snooks". There was an old Indian that would come to trade one whole deer for one dollar. The old Indian was, named "Snooks". When he came up the path to sell some deer I called out, "Mama-Snooks!" After that the family nicked named me "Snooks" for the longest time. My next nick name was "Gib Johnson". That one helped me overcome the "Snooks" nickname. Later I was called "The Kid". Now you know me in this story as the Caxambas Kid. As we grew up some I don't remember too much. Mother said in her slow Texas drawl that I "was born 35 years old", maybe because she was having so much trouble while carryin' me. Anyway as I got big enough I helped my mother with everything I was able to do. I carried water and was a baby sitter for the Daniel's children and my sister. I was a little tyke, but worked hard in them days. There weren't no time for play, I reckon. During those early days of my life Grandma Newell still lived on Dismal Key. She later traded it for Pig Key and Barfield Bay at Caxambas.

to be continued...

Chester Keene is a retired law enforcement officer and Florida native.

BECOME A CONTRIBUTOR!

If you are interested in submitting articles, photos or events to be considered for publication in *The Mullet Rapper*, please email to: mulletrapper@gmail.com two weeks prior to publication.

Recipe for Good Eating

Banana Sunshine Cake

submitted by Keith Lellinger



Ingredients:

7 egg whites	1/2 cup sugar
7 egg yolks	1 cup mashed bananas
1/4 tsp salt	1 cup sifted cake flour
2 tsp sour cream	1 cup sugar halved

Preheat oven to 325°. Beat egg yolks until thick and lemon colored. Beat egg whites and salt until frothy. Gradually beat in 1/2 cup sugar. Fold egg yolks and bananas into egg whites. Sift cake flour and remaining sugar (1/2 cup) Fold into batter about 2 tablespoons at a time. Bake in tube pan or loaf pan.

Preparation time: 25 Minutes

Baking Time: 60 minutes - until knife comes out clean when tested

Note: Keith Lellinger from Wayne, Illinois, submitted this recipe from his mother's and grandmother's collection.

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



From Savannah's Eyes

This past week was Spring Break from UF, and I wanted to make sure it was a very eventful week! For the first two days I decided to travel down to the Keys so I could catch a glimpse of the breathtaking turquoise water. I ended up staying in Key West while spending most of my time on Duval Street, browsing the shops. Then my curiosity got the best of me. I don't like scary movies but I do enjoy reading scary stories and urban legends. I like to visualize and not actually see the scary things.

Well, at the Fort East Martello Museum in Key West sits "Robert the Doll," the doll in which the movie *Chucky* is based. I've never personally seen the movie; I've only Googled it. I wanted to go and see him because I read the story about him and my curiosity went crazy... wanting to actually see him in person! So I did. And I cried. I turned the corner and I saw him in a glass case with creepy lullaby music playing in the room; I just started bawling. Not because I was excited to see him, I was absolutely scared to death. My mom, not knowing the story behind the doll, was in shock and wondering what was going on. After giving a brief overview of the story, she then started getting afraid of the urban legend herself. Supposedly, you're supposed to ask Robert for permission to take his photograph; if you don't ask, then apparently bad luck will fall upon you and he will haunt you. My mother and I treated him like royalty, giving him compliments and asking over and over if we could take his picture. Then we very quickly exited the museum!

That night at the hotel after watching the Oscars (so glad Leonardo DiCaprio finally won an Oscar by the way), we couldn't understand why we couldn't fall asleep. It honestly seemed like there was a presence in the room keeping us awake. I then remembered the pictures and we deleted them from every camera; and to our surprise, we fell asleep very quickly and haven't had a problem since.

So if you ever go to the Keys and want to see "Robert the Doll," I'd advise you to just look and not to take any pictures; just look at the pictures of him on Google. The rest of the week I spent at home, going to the beach every day to get some color while hanging out and visiting my family and friends. I'm already missing my tropical paradise I call home, but I only have two months left of school and I'll be home for summer! Back to Gainesville I go!

Love Always, Savannah

Savannah Oglesby is a freshman at the University of Florida and has been a regular contributor to our paper since she was in the 4th grade at Everglades City School.



Following the Solunar Tables Can Help Improve Fishing Action

by Kathy Brock

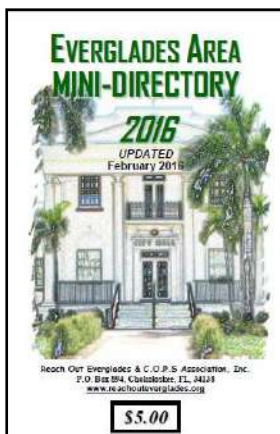
Let's face it. The majority of us in the Everglades City area are here because of the beautiful weather, open spaces and the fishing! Oh, the fishing! For decades, fishing enthusiasts have been trying to zero in on what techniques, bait and gear translate to more productive fishing days. But it may have been back in 1926 when the "real secret" to fishing success was discovered. In May 1926, John Aldenn Knight theorized and outlined 33 key fishing factors that he believed help determine the best times to go after the big catch. From that initial theory, three factors were identified and ultimately accepted.

The three critical factors he outlined were the sun, the moon and the tides. For salt water fishing, tides have long been known as key influencers of fishes' behavior. As Knight's research progressed, he found that rather than just tides themselves, the relationship of the moon and sun's positions relative to each other may be the determining factor. In addition to the time of moon up - moon down, his research determined that there were intermediate times of the day that occurred in between the two major periods. From that he established that there were major periods (moon up - moon down) and minor periods. Knight published the first **Solunar table** in 1936.

Solunar tables are tables used to determine the best days of the month and times of the day for catching fish. For fishermen, the tides, sunrise and sunset are helpful times of the day to know when the fish are going to bite. According to Knight, "Other conditions not being unfavorable, fish will feed, animals will move about, birds will sing and fly from place to place, in fact, all living things will become more active, more alive, during Solunar periods than at other times of apparent equal value". ... The strongest activity occurs when there is a full moon or a new moon and is weakest when there is a quarter moon and a three quarter moon. This is because the moon and the sun's gravitation force is strongest when directly above or directly below our head. The lunar data we receive now is better now because of the US Naval Observatory and GPS technology. This new technology has allowed the Solunar Theory to generate hunting and fishing times with much greater precision. There are numerous websites that offer Solunar information.

A free Solunar table can be downloaded from www.solunarforecast.com by entering your zip code.

Some information in this article obtained from Wikipedia.com



The new Everglades Directory (little yellow phone book) with residents in the "695" area is now available for sale at City Hall, Right Choice Supermarket, and the Reach Out Thrift Shop.

For information, call Marya at 695-2905.



Living Gulf Coast

by Charles Sobczak

Red-shouldered Hawk (*Buteolineatus*)

Other names: chicken hawk / Status: FL=stable, IUCN=LC / Life span: to 19 years / Length: 17-24 in. (43-61 cm) / Wingspan: 37-44 in. (94-111 cm) / Weight: 1.1 lb (0.5 kg) / Nests: throughout Florida / Found: AC, coastal, near coast, mainland / Months found: **jfmamJJASOND** (lower case indicates breeding and nesting season).



Red Shouldered Hawk Photo by Richard Fortune

When you spot a hawk anywhere in Florida, odds are that it is a red-shouldered hawk. Sightings of other hawks, such as the Cooper's hawk, peregrine falcon, and red-tailed hawk, are infrequent at best. The medium-size red-shouldered hawk is often seen in almost every preserve and park identified in this book. Its auburn shoulders and brightly patterned wings and tail feathers make it unmistakable. It is a truly beautiful raptor.

Mice, cotton rats, marsh rabbits, snakes, amphibians, worms, snails, and an occasional bird are all on the menu of the red-shouldered hawk. It is a perch hunter, sitting on high Australian pine branches or other lofty vantage points, then quickly pouncing on prey spotted below. It can often be heard, at a considerable distance, repeating a loud, rapid *keeyah, keeyah*. It has a disdain for the great horned owl, which has been known to raid red-shouldered hawk nests, and it will shag the owls off when discovered in its area.

The red-shouldered hawk not only reuses the same nest year after year, but also has been known to remain in the same territory, though multiple generations, for more than 45 consecutive years. It is generally monogamous and builds solitary nests.

Charles Sobczak is a Sanibel author. For more information, go to www.indigopress.net.



TAXING THINGS

by Mike the Tax Guy

WHAT TO DO ABOUT TAX IDENTITY THEFT

- File a police report with local law enforcement and retain a copy for your records.

Collier County Sherriff: 239-252-9300

- Complete [IRS Form 14039 - Identity Theft Affidavit](#) - and attach it to your filed taxes for the current year

- Continue to file and **mail** your tax return.

- Respond immediately to any legitimate IRS correspondence.

- File a complaint with the Federal Trade Commission:

www.ftccomplaintassistant.gov/

- Complete a Numident print-out from the Social Security Administration.

A *Numident* printout is a statement from the Social Security Administration which confirms that you are the rightful owner of your social security number.

- Obtain your Free Credit Report: www.annualcreditreport.com.

Federal legislation requires all three credit bureaus to provide you with one free credit report each year. Review a report from one bureau every four months for a more accurate view of your credit activity over time.

- Place a fraud alert through one of the three credit bureaus. Once a fraud alert is placed with one credit reporting agency, that agency will notify the other two agencies.

If you receive a phone call threatening an IRS lawsuit - hang up!

Do not respond to emails or phone calls requesting financial or personal information.

Do not open emails from unknown sources.

Mike, The Tax Guy, provides income tax services. Phone number 695-0595.



MUSEUM of the Everglades

Pauline Reeves Gallery

“Bountiful and Beautiful, Paintings of Coastal Communities: the Everglades to Key West Connection”

Exhibit by Paul Arsenault



Naples artist Paul Arsenault has been passionate about painting vibrant contemporary life in coastal communities for decades. This exhibit launches a new collection that was inspired by the rich history of Collier County and the people that settled here and will be on display through March. For more information, call the Museum at (239) 695-0008.

Save the Date - Saturday, April 23

The Museum of the Everglades is excited to announce the celebration of the 88th anniversary of the opening of the Tamiami Trail in addition to the 18th birthday celebration of the opening of the Museum of the Everglades. Friends of the Museum of the Everglades invite guests to attend the full day of festivities including lectures, antique cars and live music in and on the museum grounds. This event is free and open to the public. The Museum is located at 105 W. Broadway in Everglades City.

For more information, please visit www.colliermuseums.com or call 239-695-0008. This year's event is sponsored by the Friends of the Everglades Museum.

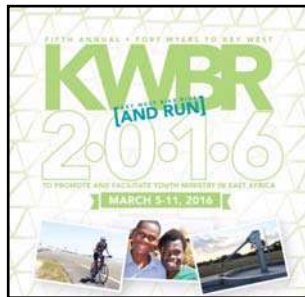


ARCH ON TAMIAMI TRAIL BETWEEN MIAMI AND EVERGLADES CITY

Photo Circa 1921 Courtesy Everglades Online

KEY WEST BIKE RIDE (KWBR)

To the Ends of the Earth



On Sunday, March 7, bicyclists and runners from around the country arrived in Everglades City. They started in Ft. Myers on March 5 and continued along the Tamiami Trail to their final destination in Key West. This annual event brings together like-minded Christians to raise funds and awareness for global youth ministry with this year's ride in support of youth ministry in East Africa. The participants were generously provided accommodations at Holy Family Catholic Church and Everglades Community Church where Team Rock gave a tremendous performance on Saturday.

For more information, visit their website www.endscycling.com.



PARK NEWS

Friends of Fakahatchee Strand

www.orchidswamp.org for more information

Tram Tour & Swamp Walk (Tuesday); Ghost Rider Tram Tour (Thursday); Swamp Walk (Sat / Thurs); Moonlit Tram Tour; Boardwalk Tours (Thurs) Call 695-1023.

Everglades National Park

Glades Biking in the Morn' at Shark Valley

March 13, April 10, 9:30 am to 12:30 pm

Join a Park Ranger or Volunteer for a 15-mile bike ride out into the Shark River Slough. Bring your own bicycle or rent one from the concession for \$18.00. Call (305) 221-8776 for information.

Ranger-Led Programs

The Everglades National Park offers free, ranger-led programs for the public each week! See website for a complete list of programs: <http://www.nps.gov/ever/planyourvisit/rangerprograms.htm>.

In addition there are a number of permitted guides who offer a variety of more personalized tours. These are listed on website <http://www.nps.gov/ever/planyourvisit/permittedtours.htm>

Clyde Butcher Big Cypress Gallery Everglades Eco Swamp Walk Tours

A 2 hour private customized Everglades excursion led by one of our knowledgeable naturalists.

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Photo Safari Swamp Walk Tours

A 3 hour private customized tour of the Everglades gives you time to visit and shoot in Clyde's favorite locations. • Daily Tours - 7:30 am & 2:30 pm • Cost of Tour - \$600 up to 4 people. *To book your Photo Safari Swamp Walk Tour, call (239) 695-2428.*

EVERGLADES / BIG CYPRESS Tamiami Trail Triathlon

Paddle: Starts at the Gulf Coast Visitor Center in Everglades City. Canoes will be provided or bring your own. Visit website: <http://www.nps.gov/ever/planyourvisit/gcdirections.htm>

Hike: Drive to the Big Cypress Oasis Visitor Center in Ochopee. <http://www.nps.gov/bicy/planyourvisit/directions.htm>

Bike: Drive to the final segment, being held at the Shark Valley Visitor Center. (\$20.00 entrance fee per vehicle) <http://www.nps.gov/ever/planyourvisit/svdirections.htm>

For more information about the Tamiami Trail Triathlon:

Everglades: www.nps.gov/ever/planyourvisit/tamiami-trail-triathlon.htm

Big Cypress Preserve:

<http://www.nps.gov/bicy/planyourvisit/tamiami-trail-triathlon.htm>

FREE GUIDED HIKES AT PEPPER RANCH PRESERVE

Friday, March 18, and Saturday, April 23

Limited to 20 people so register in advance

Call (239) 252-2961 for more information or visit

www.colliergov.net/conservationcollier

Tampa to Key Largo Everglades Challenge

by Marlene Sassaman



Former Olympic Champion Randy Smyth pushes off his trimaran from the Chokoloskee Checkpoint, across the street from Outdoor Resorts, during the Tampa to Key Largo Everglades Challenge on March 6. During the previous night his rudder broke. Having arrived at 2 am on Sunday, he decided to get some shut eye. At first light he rigged his kayak paddle for a makeshift rudder in order to complete the race to Key Largo. As he was leaving Ron White and Mike McGarry aboard their catamaran, Swamp Monkey arrived. While Ron made adjustments to the boat, Mike slogged through the sinking mud to replenish their water supply. Within 30 minutes they, too were on their way hoping to pass Randy before the next checkpoint in Flamingo. For final results and more information about the Everglades Challenge, go to: www.watertribe.com.

Photos by Marlene Sassaman



Trouble in Paradise! Boat Takes on Water in the Barron River

Good Samaritans pitched in to help save this boat from completely sinking in the Barron River on February 28th after it got caught up under a dock as the tide came in causing it to take on water. The boat was eventually refloated and pulled from the river.

Photo by Kathy Brock

RESTAURANTS



- Angler's Cove, Port of the Islands**
(642-1025): Tuesday thru Sunday,
Noon - 9 pm; *closed Monday*
- Camellia Street Grill (695-2003):**
12 noon - 9 pm; daily
- City Seafood (695-4700):**
6:00 am - 6:00 pm; daily
Supper Upstairs 6-9 pm; Thurs-Sun
- 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):**
7 am - 3 pm (Sun thru Wed)
7 am - 8 pm (Thurs-Fri-Sat)
- Island Café (695-0003):**
6:00 am - 9:00 pm; daily
- Ivey House (695-3299):**
6:30 - 9:30 am; daily
- Joanie's Blue Crab Café (695-2682):**
11:00 am - 5:00 pm; Fri thru Tues
closed Wed and Thurs
- Oyster House Restaurant (695-2073):**
11:00 am - 9 pm; Sun thru Thurs
11:00 am - 10:00 pm; Fri, Sat
- Rod & Gun (695-2101):**
11:30 am - 9:00 pm; daily
- Subway at Gator Express (695-3937):**
7:00 am - 7:00 pm; daily
- Sweet Mayberry's Café (695-0092):**
9 am-5 pm; Mon thru Sat
- Tastes of the Everglades (695-0075)**
11 am - 8 pm; daily
- Triad Seafood& Café (695-2662):**
10:30 am - 5 pm; daily
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- Right Choice Supermarket (695-4535):** 
9:00 am - 7:00 pm; daily
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- Grimm's Stone Crab (695-3222):**
8 am - 6 pm; Mon thru Sat
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- Loco's Fresh Produce: (239-462-7050)**
next to the Everglades Post Office
7 am - 3 pm; (Thurs-Sat)

 **SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES**

- Chokoloskee Church of God**
10 am Sunday School, 11 am Sun Worship
- Copeland Baptist Church**
10 am Sunday School, 11 am Sun Worship
- Everglades Community Church**
9:45 am Sun. School, 11 am Sun Worship
- 1st Baptist Church of Everglades City**
9:45 am Sunday School, 11 am Worship
6 pm Sunday, 6 pm Wed Bible Study
- Holy Family Catholic Church**
10:30 am Mass
2-3:30 pm Bible Study every Friday
(through March 11)



The Mullet Rapper would like to recognize local historian Marya Repko during Women's History Month (shown here with her many books of our area).

TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER

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<http://TIDESANDCURRENTS.NOAA.GOV>

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03/11	Fri	04:04PM	2.8	H
03/11	Fri	11:44PM	-0.2	L
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03/25	Fri	04:22PM	2.6	H



OBITUARY

Joline Drudi, age 82, passed away on February 15 at her home in Maine. She was preceded in death

by her loving husband of 56 years, Lou, and grandson John Louis Dye. She is survived by her daughters, Beth and Sally; their spouses, Keith and Vinny; grandchildren, Allura, Katie, Jillian, James and Hender; great-grandson, Declan; brother Perry Edwards and wife Caryl McIntire Edwards; and sister and brother-in-law Diana and Bob Morris.

Everyone who knew Joline will remember her incredible inner strength and fierce independence. She was a kind, loving and generous soul who wasn't afraid to tell you exactly what she thought. There was never a more devoted mother or grandmother. She was truly the salt of the earth and loved gardening. Joline and her husband Lou were winter residents of Everglades City, and Joline loved to volunteer at the Museum of the Everglades and as well as playing bridge at the Wednesday get-togethers. She always had a smile on her face and a great sense of humor. Joline will be missed by all her Everglades area friends.

Anyone wishing to honor Joline may make a donation in her name to the charity of your choice. Visit [burlingtonfreepress.com/obituaries](http://www.burlingtonfreepress.com/obituaries) to express condolences and sign the guest book. See more at: <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/burlingtonfreepress/obituary.aspx?pid=177818055#sthash.ik2YomPt.dpuf>.

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FOR SALE: 12' Aluminum boat with 3hp Johnson motor; runs well. \$500 OBO. For information, call 232-0074.

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FOR RENT: Mobile home lot in Copeland. Electric power pole, sewer tie in hook up and mobile home pad. 1/14 acre lot. Rent \$292/month ...first / last month rent required. Lovely property for your new home. Call (727) 480-1640.

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FOR SALE: Mobile home & lot on Plantation Dr. \$99,000. Call 232-0074.

Pet Pics



The Swishers submitted this photo of "Fozzie out and about in Everglades City"

SNOOK CLASSIFIEDS

Dog Walker needed: Midday walks with lovable spaniel; prefer adult/ retired person, handling experience a big plus. Call Capt. Ned at 695-4993.

LOT FOR SALE: Desirable large residential lot on historic South Storter. Includes architect's drawings for attractive cottage still house. hannahi@tidewater.net, 207-380-4334.

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FOR SALE: Deeded Boat Slips in protected basin. Ramp available. Call Karen at Glades Realty (239) 695-4299.

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