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What's Happening in the Everglades City Area

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On This Date

*Important Events That Helped
Shape SW Florida History*

~April 6, 1959~

Seminoles vote to support building 'Alligator Alley'

The tribal council's vote eventually granted right-of-way access across the Big Cypress Reservation making room for the highway. The Alley opened up East to West flow and hastened the development of the SW coast.

~April 7, 1890~

Everglades crusader Marjory Stoneman Douglas born

Douglas, the "Grande Dame of the Everglades," whose 1947 book, "Everglades: River of Grass" reshaped the public's understanding of the Everglades once thought of as a useless swamp - to a vital component of the world's ecosystem. Douglas was born in Minneapolis.

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Community Easter Egg Hunt at McLeod Park

Saturday, March 26, 11 a.m.

All kids are invited to hunt eggs in age appropriate groups. There will be treats to eat afterwards. Kids should bring a basket to collect the eggs that they find!

Easter Sunday Sunrise Service March 27, 7:00 a.m.



The community Easter Sunrise Service will be celebrated at Everglades National Park on Sunday, March 27. All local clergy will join in leading the services.

Special music; coffee and donuts will be served following the services. Bring your chairs (or blankets) and friends!

~Sponsored by our local churches~

HOLY WEEK SERVICES Everglades Community Church

Mar 25 Good Friday Service 7 pm
"The Seven Last Words of Christ"

Mar 27 Easter Sunday Morning
Service 11 am

First Baptist Church

Mar 27 Sunday School 9:45 am
Sunday Worship 11:00 am

Holy Family Catholic Church

Mar 25 Good Friday Service 3 pm
Mar 27 Sunday Mass 10:30 am



Commissioner Fiala visits Everglades City

by Michael Brownlee, Executive
Coordinator to Commissioner
Donna Fiala, District #1

Collier County Commissioner Donna Fiala and thirty guests from her tour group visited Everglades City earlier this month. "The group enjoyed a wonderful visit, all the friendly people of Everglades City, a boat ride surrounded by nature at its finest – it was a great trip!" said Fiala. The tour included a trip to City Hall, Museum of the Everglades, lunch at Sweet Mayberry's, a boat tour through the 10,000 Islands and a visit to Smallwood Store. Bob DeGross from Big Cypress National Preserve accompanied the group for the all-day event and provided information about the area, the preserve and the National Park Service during the bus ride to and from Everglades City.



MARCH / APRIL 2016

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
20		22	full moon ● 23	24 Maundy Thursday Everglades Community Church, 7 pm	RAPPER 25 Holy Week Services Good Friday <i>see p.1</i>	26 Easter Egg Hunt McLeod Pk <i>see p.1</i>
27 Easter Services <i>see p.1</i>	28 Hour of Prayer Holy Family Catholic Church 7 pm	29	30 Ladies Coffee Sweet Mayberry's Café, 8 am	31	APRIL 1 April Fool's Day	2
3	4 ESHP Meeting 8:30 am, City Hall Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm	5 FME Mtg 3:30 pm City Hall Congressional Aide City Council Kids' Clinic <i>see p.3</i>	6 Ladies Coffee Island Café 8 am	new moon ○ 7 Everglades Book Club <i>see p.3</i>	RAPPER 8	9
10 Fakahatchee Dinner	11 Hour of Prayer Copeland Baptist Church, 7 pm OFCD Meeting <i>see p.3</i>	12	13 Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8 am	14 Lions Club 6 pm Oyster House	15 Income Tax Filing Day	16
17	18 Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm	19	20 Ladies Coffee Havana Café 8 am	21	RAPPER 22 full moon ●	23 Pancake Fly-In Museum Birthday <i>see p.3</i>

May 5: National Day of Prayer

May 8: Mother's Day

May 14: Cookout for Emergency Workers

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
 EVERGLADES AL-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, April 23

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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CONGRESSIONAL VISIT

Enrique Padron, District Representative of Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart, will meet with constituents in City Hall on **Tuesday, April 5**, at 3:00 p.m. For information, phone 348-1620.

CITY COUNCIL

The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 5**, at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall. If you would like to speak during Public Comments, you can sign up before the meeting starts.



**Everglades Book
Thursday, April 7
9:30 am**

Patty Huff's House, 207 N. Storter
Charlotte's Story by Charlotte Niedhauk

**CCPS PRE-KINDERGARTEN
REGISTRATION**

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

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.

**MLK Administrative Center
5775 Osceola Trail, Naples)
Registration window dates:
March 21 - April 8**

**Bethune Education Center
620 South 5th Street, Immokalee
Centralized registration dates: Mar 28**



Everyone is invited to join the Wednesday Ladies Coffee group held at various restaurants around town (*see the calendar on page 2 for location each week*). You will enjoy meeting new friends.



Saturday, April 23

PANCAKE FLY-IN

Wings 10,000 Islands Tours will host the last **free** pancake breakfast of this season at the Everglades Airport on **Saturday, April 23**, from 10:00 am to noon. For more information, call Chuck at 695-3296.



**Tamiami Trail
Celebration**

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 at 105 West Broadway. The celebration is free and open to the public.

For more information, please visit <http://www.colliermuseums.com> or call (239) 695-0008. This annual event is sponsored by the Friends of the Everglades Museum.

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OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

- 03/07/16: Emergency Med, 63 MM I-75
- 03/02/16: Brush Fire, Everglades City
- 03/07/16: Emergency Med, SR 29 N of I-75
- 03/07/16: Emergency Med, Everglades City
- 03/08/16: Brush Fire, 80 Mile Marker I-75
- 03/09/16: Emergency Med, Port of the Islands
- 03/09/16: Emergency Medical, Chokoloskee
- 03/09/16: Emergency Medical, 63 MM I-75
- 03/10/16: Good Intent, Everglades City
- 03/10/16: Vehicle Accident, Ochopee
- 03/11/16: Emergency Medical, Copeland
- 03/11/16: Vehicle Accid, Riggs Rd & US41
- 03/11/16: Vehicle Accident, 74 MM I-75
- 03/12/16: Vehicle Accident, 65 MM I-75
- 03/12/16: Emergency Medical, Copeland
- 03/13/16: Emergency Medical, Ochopee
- 03/13/16: Emergency Med, Everglades City
- 03/14/16: Emergency Medical, Copeland
- 03/15/16: Emergency Medical, Chokoloskee
- 03/15/16: Fire, Copeland
- 03/15/16: Emergency Medical, Ochopee
- 03/15/16: Vehicle Accident, 65 MM I-75
- 03/15/16: Vehicle Accident, 72 MM I-75
- 03/15/16: Vehicle Accident, 78 MM I-75
- 03/15/16: Vehicle Accident, Ochopee
- 03/16/16: Emergency Med, Everglades City
- 03/16/16: Vehicle Accident, Ochopee
- 03/16/16: Emergency Medical, Copeland
- 03/17/16: Emergency Med, Everglades City
- 03/17/16: Emergency Med, Plantation Island
- 03/17/16: Vehicle Fire, 59 Mile Marker I-75
- 03/17/16: Emergency Medical, Copeland
- 03/17/16: Vehicle Accident, 80 MM I-75
- 03/19/16: Vehicle Accident, 64 MM I-75
- 03/20/16: Vehicle Accident, 75 MM I-75
- 03/20/16: Vehicle Accident, 72 MM I-75
- 03/20/16: Vehicle Fire, 61 Mile Marker I-75
- 03/20/16: Emergency Med, Port of the Islands
- 03/20/16: Vehicle Accident, 64 MM I-75
- 03/20/16: Emergency Medical, 77 MM I-75

The Ochopee Fire Control District Advisory Committee will meet at 4 pm on **Monday, April 11**, 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.

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 25:	School Closed
April 2:	JV Scholar Bowl
April 2:	FGCU Solar Go-Kart Challenge
April 8:	Spring Pictures



"Small Town Taylor"

by Taylor Mayberry

So far spring break has been awesome! It is also going by very quickly. My family and I went to Savannah, Georgia, and Hilton Head, South Carolina. In Savannah we took a trolley tour and learned about the history of the old town. Did you know that Savannah was the first planned city in the US? We also got to go on a train ride and visit Chippewa Square where Forest Gump sat on the bench in the movie. We wanted to get a picture on the bench but they moved it into the Savannah History Museum.

We also went to Savannah's Candy Kitchen with their world famous pralines; they were delicious. The store had rows and rows of homemade candy. We also saw them make the pralines and had so many samples that my dad finally bought us a box.

We had a great time in South Carolina, too. We went to the beach in Hilton Head and had so much fun digging up the crabs that were blowing bubbles. We also got to watch a volley ball tournament. I wish I brought my ball so I could have played, too. The beach was so long. There were a lot of shallow areas to run through and play in. I'm so glad that we got to visit Savannah, Georgia, and Hilton Head, South Carolina. Taking trips with my family and seeing new places is always so much fun, but I always love coming home to Everglades City. We live in one of the most beautiful places in the whole wide world!

With lots of love, Taylor

P.S. "Life is like a box of chocolates, you never know what you're gonna get" - Forest Gump

Taylor Mayberry is 9 years old and in the 4th grade at Everglades City School.

Everglades City students participated in two annual CCSO Spring Break events



Collier County PAL kids welcomed Spring by planting a community garden. Each kid got to choose what they wanted to plant and have their own garden to care for. All PAL programs include a *Pay it Forward* activity. For this program, the kids

delivered homemade cookies and Easter candy to local Firefighters and deputies to thank them for keeping the community safe.



Jr Deputy Day at the fair for all Collier County 4th graders and DARE Camp for all 5th graders.

Photos: Sue Gentry / CCSO

THANK YOU, Everglades Area Community!

by Melissa Owen

Everglades City School would like to thank the following businesses and individuals that sponsored books from the Spring Scholastic Book Fair. We are so appreciative of their support. Book donations totaled over \$1,000. Thank you for supporting literacy at EVG! 2016 Spring Book Fair Class Basket Sponsors

- Pre Kindergarten:** Grimm's Stonecrab Company
- Kindergarten:** Sweet Mayberry's Café & Gifts
- 1st Grade:** Dr. Martha Gallego Adkins, Dep. Sue Gentry & Officer Eddie Adkins
- 2nd Grade:** Island Café
- 3rd Grade:** Rock Can Handy Man, LLC
- 4th Grade:** Island Café
- 5th Grade:** Wednesday Ladies Coffee
- Middle School:** Speedy's Airboat Tours
- High School:** Bob Wells Real Estate
- Media Center:** Lions Club of Everglades City, Everglades City Private Airboat Tours and the Kurrle Family.

HOME SPORTS SCHEDULE EVERGLADES CITY SCHOOL



Boys Varsity Baseball

Monday, March 28 vs Gulf Coast HEAT at 5 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 31 vs Lely High School at 5 pm

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

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Florida Tales

by Chester Keene



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The Gulf coast seemed like it went on forever to my mother I bet. Then they reached the coast of Florida. It looked somewhat like the Texas coast we come from so that made them not feel too bad.

They sailed on down till they landed on a place called Dismal Key and grandfather set out to build them a house. It may have been dismal alright, but my mother was sure ready to get out of that there boat.

Well, my grandfather built the house. I don't remember him much as I grew up. The house was built on one of the high points of Dismal Key, not very far from the Gulf, maybe 3 miles. Those high shell mounds were made long before 1870. Dismal Key was pretty close to Panther Key and Gomez Island. They used to visit old man Gomez. I went too when I was down there.

The Seminole Indians were living all around when my grandfather came. The Indians ate the same as they did. They all eat shellfish, mussels, clams and fish. They hunted and fished just like the Indians did for a living around Dismal Key.

Few people lived nearby, but those that did helped each other when there was trouble. Them days they made fish camps around places to clam, fish and hunt. They made palmetto huts to live in for protection. There were a lot of bugs, snakes and wild animals too. Then they would go back to Dismal Key.

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

Quick, Fresh & Tasty Avocado Salad

submitted by Mary Jane Allen



3 ripe Hass avocados (or your favorite)
1 English cucumber
4 Roma tomatoes
½ red onion
1 tablespoon cilantro (optional)
Juice of 1 lemon
Salt and black pepper to taste
2 Tbsp. extra virgin olive oil
1 Tbsp red wine vinegar

Place sliced cucumber, tomatoes, avocados, onion, and cilantro in a large salad bowl. Toss with olive oil, lemon juice, salt, and pepper. Serve chilled.

If you have a favorite recipe to share, please phone or [email us](mailto:mulletrapper@gmail.com).

Enjoy "Dessert" Without Preparations...or the Guilt!

Black Sapote Fruit is Easy to Grow and Delicious

by Kathy Brock



Photo by Tim Brock

our area and require minimal care and regular fertilization.

The fruits are tomato shaped, 2-4 inches in diameter. The skin is inedible, but when the fruit is ripe, it takes on the flavor, color and texture of chocolate pudding...thus, it truly is a guilt-free dessert. Serve it with whipped cream and you have a delicious, nutritious treat.

Mature trees can grow to over 82 feet in height and are evergreen. They can tolerate light frosts but prefer tropical climates. Fruiting takes about 3 to 4 years from seed and the trees are heavy bearers. However, bearing cultivars can be obtained from fruit growers and a list of those in our area can be found by visiting the Collier Fruit Growers association website: <http://www.collierfruit.org/> or by calling them directly at 239-269-7340.

HOUSEHOLD TIPS

by Marya Repko



When you leave for the summer, be sure to turn off your water at the meter.

If you have unopened packages of dry food or tin cans, they are welcomed in the Food Pantry at Everglades Community Church. There is a donation box in the hallway between the sanctuary and the fellowship hall.

You can safely dispose of medicines in the sheriff's collection box just inside the front door of City Hall.

And, of course, while you are away keep up with our news by taking out a subscription to the *Rapper* (see page 12).



Fishing in April

by Captain Mike Merritt

April is the month that things really start to heat up. Weather patterns should be more stable which allows the fish to get in regular feeding patterns. Snook fishing on the outside should be much better. Fishing the incoming tide should still be the best bet. Using lures or live bait will work. Fish the points on low water and move in with the tide. Tarpon should also be easier to catch simply because they will be easier to see. There should be fish on the outside, near shore, in the rivers and in the bays. Just look for rolling fish. Lures, jigs or live bait will work. Big Sea Trout will still be on the grass flats but there will also be some big ones on the outside bars. Jigs or shrimp under a popping cork will work. Redfish are on the outside. Shrimp on the bottom or under a cork will be the easiest way to catch them. A jig with scented tail or tipped with shrimp will allow you to cover more area. Work it slow with a mild jiggling action. Whatever it is you are after this month the fishing should be great here in the islands. Till next time, good luck fishing, Capt. Mike Merritt

Captain Mike Merritt fishes artificial lures, live bait, or both out of a 22ft. Pathfinder boat powered with a 150hp Yamaha 4 stroke. Contact Capt. Merritt at (561) 795 3437 or email: snookfishing1@juno.com www.everglade-angler.com



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1. slot limit 28 to 33 inches
 2. one fish per person per day
 3. valid fishing license with current Snook stamp
- Open season: March – April; September - November



Statewide Manatee Count

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) reported a preliminary count of 6,250 manatees statewide. A team of 16 observers from 11 organizations counted 3,292 manatees on Florida's east coast and 2,958 on the west coast of the state. This year's count of 6,250 manatees is similar to last year's count of 6,063. Both years had very good survey conditions and 2015 and 2016 are the only two years on record for which the count has exceeded 6,000 individuals. Because some animals go undetected, these counts represent the minimum number of manatees known to be in the survey area on the day of the survey. You can show your support for manatees by purchasing a manatee license plate at BuyaPlate.com and a manatee decal at MyFWC.com/ManateeSeaTurtleDecals. Funds from the license plate and decal support manatee research and conservation.

For more information about manatees and synoptic surveys, visit MyFWC.com/Research, click "Research," then "Florida Manatee." To report a dead or distressed manatee, call the FWC Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922).



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.



Living Gulf Coast

by Charles Sobczak

Great Egret (*Ardea alba*)

Other names: American egret, white crane, plume bird
 Status: FL=stable, IUCN=LC / Life span: to 22 years. Length: 46-52 in. Wingspan: 77-82 in. Weight: 5-7 lbs. Nests: throughout SW Florida / Found: AC, coastal, near coast, mainland / Months found: jfmamjJASOND (lower case indicates nesting and breeding season).



Photo by Sara Lopez

This species, along with the smaller snowy egret, was decimated by the plume hunters in the late 1800s. During breeding season the great egret displays a long, elegant train of lacy plumes (a.k.a. aigrettes) that once made them a constant target of the hat industry. Although it has recovered statewide, the population is still impacted by this slaughter more than 100 years ago. The great egret flies with a slow, steady beat and with its long neck tucked back. It feeds on fish, snakes, and insects and can often be seen strolling along roads and highways in search of brown anoles. The winter population is greatly increased by migratory birds, which are easily distinguishable from the resident birds by their innate fear of man.



Photo by Richard Fortune

The great egret is monogamous and nests in large colonies with other wading birds. The cover shot of this book, which was taken at the St. Augustine Alligator Farm by Sara Lopez, is a great egret with two hungry chicks. Predominant threats include water quality and habitat loss.

Alligators, owls, and bobcats prey on the great egret, and various tree-climbing predators sometimes attack its rookeries.

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



Everglades Bicycle Ride

by Patty Huff and Maureen Bonness

The 9th annual Everglades Bicycle Ride on March 13 was a tremendous success with many participants experiencing the Everglades for the first time. In addition to cycling around Everglades City and Chokoloskee and along US41 & SR29, many riders chose the off-road route into the Fakahatchee. Lots of great wildlife and perfect weather!

A few of the comments we received were "Had a grand time...Will definitely return next year." and "Thank you and all your helpers and team to make for a great event...Certainly look forward to coming back for next year's ride...Have always enjoyed sharing the Everglades with friends and visitors... will make this a bigger part of my adventures to share with them."

The Friends of the River of Grass Greenway (FROGG) would like to thank the community, especially Tom Mosley and the Friends of Fakahatchee volunteers Linda and Steve Koreny, Dino Barone, and Cathy Hatch as well as Naples Pathways Coalition volunteers Joe Bonness, Jane Cheffy and Jack Calvani; our local volunteers Geri Freiberger, Linda Williams, Sue Evans, Kris Moll, Marlene Sassaman, and Steve Huff; our support vehicle staff from Island Bikes and Big Momma's Bicycles; Skip Riffle and his Bikes for Tykes crew; the Smallwood Store, Sgt. John Wargo with the Collier County Sheriff's Office; and Mayor Sammy Hamilton and City of Everglades City. Pam Hilton and her staff at Triad Seafood Café provided an outstanding seafood lunch. Also, a special thanks to our sponsors: Shurr Adventures, Wooten's Airboat Tours / Captain Jack's and Snook Publications.

FROGG is a non-profit organization focusing on safety, environmental education and stewardship of our natural resources for those hiking, walking, or cycling through south Florida and the Everglades. A portion of our proceeds has been donated to the Friends of the Fakahatchee. For more information visit www.evergladesrogg.org.



MUSEUM of the Everglades

Pauline Reeves Gallery

The current exhibit by Naples artist Paul Arsenault will continue through **April 1**. Don't miss his new collection of paintings about vibrant contemporary life inspired by the rich history of Collier County and the people that settled here.



In April and May Lynn Pierce's historic photographs of the Barron Collier days will be on display. Her family has deep roots in the beginnings of Collier County with her grandfather F.J. Frankenhoff, one of Barron Collier's key men who helped in the success of developing South West Florida. Her mother was valedictorian of the Everglades High School class of 1939. This exhibit will showcase family photographs from the roaring 20's and 30's in the then, bustling Everglades City. *Photo Circa 1921 Courtesy Everglades Online*

New Pickleball League Gaining Popularity in Everglades City

by Marlene Sassaman

Join the fastest growing sport right here in Everglades City. That's right, the Everglades City Pickleball league is growing. This past week, we had six participants. Two residents who began playing last summer in their northern locales were excited to see Pickleball being played at McLeod Park.



A cross between tennis, badminton and ping pong, Pickleball is played with a solid racquet and a whiffle ball. The court is similar to a tennis court but smaller.

Temple Dampier and Mary Kohl play a game at McLeod Park

Scheduling and weather are the biggest challenges. With seven active members games can easily be arranged when people are available. Beginners and advanced players are encouraged to join the fun.

For more information and to schedule playing time call Rena (239) 695 2203 or Marlene at (321) 682 6288 or email sailorhiker@gmail.com.



Members of the Everglades City Pickleball League from left to right: Temple Dampier, Judy Cummings, Rena Magolnick, Mary Kohl and Gerianne Freiberger

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 239-695-1023.

Everglades National Park

Glades Biking in the Morn' at Shark Valley

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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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

As we celebrate 100 years of the National Park Service in 2016, we encourage everyone to take the challenge to the next level! The Centennial Triathlon Challenge is 100 miles for 100 years! Complete 100 miles of hiking, biking and paddling in at least two of the four National Park units in south Florida during 2016. The miles don't need to be done all at once but do need to be completed in 2016.

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>

Congratulations to District 4 Employee of the Month for February 2016! Steve Houseknecht, Park Service Specialist with Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park



As the Park Service Specialist at Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park, Steve has served as the Fire and Resource Management Coordinator, ensuring that all of the park's resources are managed and protected to help accomplish District and Agency goals.

Steve has shown his leadership ability and skills by coordinating a group effort between staff, volunteers, CSO, Copeland Residents, and Big Cypress National Preserve. Because of Steve's efforts, more than 1300 lbs. of litter have been removed from the park's drive and the Community

of Copeland.

Recently Steve led coordination efforts for the Everglades Ultra Run, which involved over 200 runners and 3 different races consisting of 50 miles, 50 kilometers, and 25 kilometers. Steve was involved in all aspects of the event and was a main contributor to the huge success of the event. Steve continually exhibits an attitude of dedication to Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park and to the Florida Park Service. This makes Steve a critical member of the District 4 team. **Well Done, Steve!**

NPS Land Acquisition

National Park Service signed the Record of Decision March 16, approving the acquisition of a parcel of land owned by Florida Power & Light Company in the East Everglades Expansion Area of Everglades National Park. The NPS will acquire fee title to the FPL property through an exchange for park property, as authorized by Congress in 2009 (P.L. 111-11).

The FPL parcel consists of about 320 acres within the boundaries of Everglades National Park. The parcel was purchased by FPL in the 1960s and early 1970s, prior to the park's expansion, with the intention of supporting future power transmission lines. The NPS land to be conveyed in exchange for the FPL parcel consists of about 260 acres along 6.5 miles of the eastern boundary of the EEEA. The NPS will also convey a 90-foot-wide perpetual nonnative vegetation management easement to FPL adjacent to the entire length of the exchange corridor.

The land exchange will be subject to terms and conditions between NPS and FPL. For example, the United States will have the perpetual right to flood and submerge the exchange corridor, consistent with hydrologic restoration requirements. A key change in the selected alternative from the Draft EIS to the Final EIS is a commitment that FPL shall re-convey to the NPS all acreage in the exchange corridor that is determined to be unneeded by FPL to build transmission lines in accordance with the State of Florida final certification order related to transmission line siting. These commitments and conditions will be incorporated into a binding exchange agreement between the two parties.

The Record of Decision and the Final EIS can be downloaded at the NPS website:

<http://parkplanning.nps.gov/documentsList.cfm?projectId=37220>

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 (239-695-3222):**
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



Andy Hill's dog, "Apollo" tried to help his master fit this Red into the slot! Luckily for the fish, he was released into Chokoloskee Bay before he became canine-sushi.

TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER

Lat: 25.87°N Long: 81.37°W

<http://TIDESANDCURRENTS.NOAA.GOV>

03/25	Fri	04:26AM	2.5	H
03/25	Fri	11:39AM	0.3	L
03/25	Fri	04:22PM	2.6	H
03/26	Sat	12:06AM	0.0	L
03/26	Sat	05:05AM	2.3	H
03/26	Sat	12:06PM	0.4	L
03/26	Sat	04:46PM	2.6	H
03/27	Sun	12:43AM	0.0	L
03/27	Sun	05:51AM	2.2	H
03/27	Sun	12:29PM	0.5	L
03/27	Sun	05:10PM	2.6	H
03/28	Mon	01:25AM	0.0	L
03/28	Mon	06:45AM	2.1	H
03/28	Mon	12:49PM	0.6	L
03/28	Mon	05:35PM	2.5	H
03/29	Tue	02:14AM	0.1	L
03/29	Tue	07:50AM	1.9	H
03/29	Tue	01:12PM	0.7	L
03/29	Tue	06:09PM	2.4	H
03/30	Wed	03:15AM	0.1	L
03/30	Wed	09:04AM	1.8	H
03/30	Wed	01:48PM	0.8	L
03/30	Wed	06:59PM	2.3	H
03/31	Thu	04:25AM	0.1	L
03/31	Thu	10:22AM	1.9	H
03/31	Thu	03:58PM	0.9	L
03/31	Thu	08:30PM	2.3	H
04/01	Fri	05:33AM	0.1	L
04/01	Fri	11:34AM	2.0	H
04/01	Fri	05:44PM	0.9	L
04/01	Fri	10:29PM	2.3	H
04/02	Sat	06:32AM	0.0	L
04/02	Sat	12:27PM	2.2	H
04/02	Sat	06:49PM	0.7	L
04/02	Sat	11:44PM	2.5	H
04/03	Sun	07:24AM	-0.1	L
04/03	Sun	01:07PM	2.3	H
04/03	Sun	07:43PM	0.5	L
04/04	Mon	12:44AM	2.6	H
04/04	Mon	08:13AM	-0.1	L
04/04	Mon	01:41PM	2.5	H
04/04	Mon	08:31PM	0.3	L
04/05	Tue	01:35AM	2.8	H
04/05	Tue	08:58AM	-0.1	L
04/05	Tue	02:13PM	2.7	H
04/05	Tue	09:19PM	0.1	L
04/06	Wed	02:24AM	2.9	H
04/06	Wed	09:42AM	-0.1	L
04/06	Wed	02:44PM	2.9	H
04/06	Wed	10:05PM	-0.1	L
04/07	Thu	03:12AM	3.0	H
04/07	Thu	10:25AM	0.0	L
04/07	Thu	03:15PM	3.0	H
04/07	Thu	10:52PM	-0.3	L
04/08	Fri	04:02AM	2.9	H
04/08	Fri	11:07AM	0.2	L
04/08	Fri	03:48PM	3.1	H

OBITUARY



Elton R. Tullie, 92, passed away on March 17th. A long time visitor and eventual resident of Everglades City, Elton was originally from

Providence, RI. Elton moved to Florida after serving in the U.S. Navy in WWII. Elton served in both the Pacific and Atlantic, including service on an Aircraft Carrier as part of a Flight Crew. After the war, Elton had a long and successful career as a metallurgist as the General Manager of Rex of Florida, Inc. in Dania, FL; a heat treating company that did work for the Defense Department, for businesses and for NASA.

Elton resided in Hollywood, FL for 54 years where he raised his family. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, reading, and nature. Later at the age of 85, he moved to Everglades City where he enjoyed the slower pace of southwest Florida in his twilight years.

Elton was married to his wife Catherine "Kitty" for many years. They had two children: Kathy and Richard. Kitty passed away years ago. Elton is survived by his two beloved children; Kathleen (Tullie) Brock and Richard Tullie. Elton will be terribly missed, his life will be celebrated and he will never be forgotten.

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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.

FOR SALE: Cabins #7 & #8 at Glades Haven. Call (239) 695-9142 or email at fishnw.mykee55@live.com.

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

Pet Pics



Tim & Kathy Brock's husky "Tank" "smiles" for the camera

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 stilt house. hannahi@tidewater.net, 207-380-4334.

FOR RENT: Cozy furnished 2/1 house. Seasonal at \$900/week or \$3,200/month. Call (508) 677-5136.

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

CONDO FOR SALE: Hidden haven of man caves at waterfront complex with gateway to 10,000 islands; Fisherman's Paradise \$240,000 OBO (239) 398-7990 www.FlexTeamRealty.com.

FOR SALE or LEASE: Waterfront Lot, 165 ft. on the water; 60 ft. dock; deep water. \$350,000 (239) 253-2844.

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