

# The MULLET RAPPER

**What's Happening in the Everglades City Area**

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Local churches of the Everglades City area joined in fellowship to celebrate Easter Sunrise Services at the Everglades National Park. The day before the children had fun collecting eggs at McLeod Park.



## CITY COUNCIL

The April meeting of the Everglades City Council was postponed until April 12.

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## HOKULE'A CREW VISITS AREA, RECEIVES SEMINOLE'S GIFTS

If you were fortunate enough to go boating on Easter weekend, you may have noticed a beautiful, Polynesian Sailing Ship anchored off Russell Bay. That was the vessel the Hokule'a crew arrived in on Saturday, March 26, for their visit to Everglades National Park.



The Seminole Flag is Presented to the Hokule'a Crew at the Park on March 26



Helen Bryan Meets with One of the Crew Members Dressed in His Traditional Attire

## On This Date

*Important Events That Helped Shape SW Florida History*

### April 8, 1923 - News heats up about 'lost' Tamiami trail blazers

It was a saga that drew news coverage across the country-- but with a much happier ending.

When 24 Southwest Florida men set out on April 4, 1923 to drive across the Everglades to Miami on an unpaved trail, newspapers reported they expected to complete the trip in three days. The men, mostly Fort Myers civic and business leaders, embarked upon the drive to publicize the need for state funding to pave the "Tamiami Trail" through the Everglades.



Photo: State Archives of Florida, Florida Memory

When the 10-car motorcade failed to arrive by April 6, Miami papers declared the group lost -- and began a week of stories documenting efforts to locate the group with unsuccessful search parties and airplane expeditions, mixed with speculation about likely hunger, battles with wild animals, and other dangers of the brutal Florida swamp.

In reality, the men always knew where they were and had assistance of Seminole guides familiar with the Everglades.

# APRIL - MAY 2016

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm	<b>5</b> Congressional Aide	<b>6</b> Ladies Coffee Island Café 8 am	new moon ☉ <b>7</b> Everglades Book Club	<b>RAPPER 8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b> Shark Valley Bike Ride <i>see p.3</i> Fakahatchee Dinner <i>see p.10</i>	<b>11</b> Hour of Prayer Copeland Baptist Church, 7 pm OFCD Meeting <i>see p.3</i>	<b>12</b> City Council Meeting <i>see p.1</i>	<b>13</b> Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8 am	<b>14</b> Diamonds' Tea Everglades Community Church 2 pm, <i>see p.3</i>	<b>15</b> Income Tax Filing Day	<b>16</b>
<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm	<b>19</b> Lions Club 6 pm Oyster House	<b>20</b> Ladies Coffee Sweet Mayberry's Café 8 am	<b>21</b>	<b>RAPPER 22</b> full moon ●	<b>23</b> Pancake Fly-In Museum B-day <i>see p.3, 9</i>
<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Hour of Prayer Holy Family Catholic Church 7 pm	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Ladies Coffee Island Café, 8 am	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>
<b>MAY 1</b>	<b>2</b> ESHP Meeting 8:30 am, City Hall Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm	<b>3</b> FME Mtg 3:30 pm City Hall Congressional Aide	<b>4</b> Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8 am	<b>5</b> National Day of Prayer <i>see p.3</i>	<b>RAPPER 6</b> new moon ○	<b>7</b>

May 8: Mother's Day  
July 2: Independence Day Celebration

May 14: Cookout for Emergency Workers  
Aug 20: Primary Election

June 3: Graduation  
Sept 24: Blessing of Fleet

THRIFT SHOP: Tues, Thurs, Sat, 11 am–3 pm; beginning 4/16 Sat only  
LIONS CLUB: 2<sup>nd</sup> Thurs, 6 pm, Oyster House  
DR DEMARTINO: Friday, 2:00-4:30 pm  
DR MARTIN: Mon & Wed, 10 am-2 pm & 3-6 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: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 9 am to 1 pm

SKATING RINK: Fri, Sat, 7-10 pm  
REACH OUT: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 9:30 am, City Hall  
LITTLE GATOR CLINIC: *Closed for the Summer*  
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: 1<sup>st</sup> 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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**DIAMOND TEA**

The Senior's Diamond Tea will be held on **April 14** at 2:00 pm in the fellowship hall of the Community Church. Invitations were mailed April 1. If someone at least 70 years of age did not receive an invitation and would like to attend, please contact Anne Mitchell at (239) 695-2009.



**Community Events for  
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 88<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the Tamiami Trail in addition to the 18<sup>th</sup> 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.

See page 5 for a schedule of events

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**CONGRESSIONAL VISIT**



Enrique Padron, District Representative of Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart, will meet

with constituents in City Hall on **Tuesday, May 3**, at 3 p.m. For information, phone 239-348-1620.

**Thursday, May 5**



12:00 noon - City Hall Lawn followed by a light lunch  
Pastors from Local Churches  
Mayor Sammy Hamilton  
Collier County Sheriff's Office  
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Music by Mitch Mitchell

**EVERYONE WELCOME!**

For information, call Elaine at 695-2695



**FISH FRY**

Mayor Sammy Hamilton invites one and all to the Sixth Annual Everglades City Area 'Thank You Fish Fry' to honor the members of our EMS, Fire, & Sheriff's Departments and the U.S. Military. Please join us for a Community-Wide Fish Fry Cookout

**Saturday, May 14, 5:00 p.m.  
McLeod Park**

**CITY COUNCIL**

Following the **April 12** scheduled meeting, City Council Meeting will be in recess for the months May, June and July. The next meeting will be on **Tuesday, August 2**, at 5:30 p.m. in City Hall.

**OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT**

- 03/21/16: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 03/22/16: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 03/22/16: Brush Fire, Chokoloskee Island
- 03/22/16: Vehicle Accident, 63 Mile Marker I-75
- 03/22/16: Emergency Medical, 63 Mm US 41
- 03/22/16: Emergency Medical, Chokoloskee Island
- 03/22/16: Brush Fire, Copeland
- 03/23/16: Vehicle Accident, 78 Mile Marker I-75
- 03/23/16: Vehicle Accident, 64 Mile Marker I-75
- 03/23/16: Vehicle Accident, 77 Mile Marker I-75
- 03/24/16: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 03/24/16: Vehicle Accident, 71 Mile Marker I-75
- 03/24/16: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 03/24/16: Emergency Medical, Ochopee
- 03/24/16: Vehicle Accident, Everglades City
- 03/25/16: Emergency Medical, Ochopee
- 03/25/16: Emergency Medical, Port of the Islands
- 03/26/16: Emergency Medical, Ochopee
- 03/26/16: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 03/26/16: Emergency Medical, 63 Mile Marker I-75
- 03/26/16: Emergency Medical, Ochopee
- 03/26/16: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 03/26/16: Water Rescue, Vanderbilt Beach
- 03/26/16: Emergency Medical, Port of the Islands
- 03/27/16: Emergency Medical, Copeland
- 03/27/16: Emergency Medical, 63 Mile Marker I-75
- 03/28/16: Vehicle Accident, 53 Mile Marker I-75
- 03/29/16: Vehicle Accident, 78 Mile Marker I-75
- 03/29/16: Marine Rescue (Mutual Aid)  
Caxambas Pass

- 03/30/16: Emergency Medical, Copeland
- 03/30/16: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 03/30/16: Emergency Medical, 63 Mile Marker I-75
- 03/30/16: Emergency Medical, Chokoloskee Island
- 03/30/16: Emergency Medical, 63 Mile Marker I-75
- 04/01/16: Vehicle Accident, 57 Mile Marker I-75
- 04/01/16: Emergency Medical, 52 Mile Marker I-75
- 04/01/16: Emergency Medical, Plantation Island
- 04/02/16: Emergency Medical, Port of the Islands
- 04/02/16: Vehicle Accident, Everglades City
- 04/02/16: Emergency Medical, 63 Mile Marker 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. Please call (239) 642-5552 for an appointment.

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Dr. John Martin is in the office at the Everglades Community Center on Mondays & Wednesdays 10 am to 2 pm, then 3 pm to 6 pm. Call (813) 787-9738 or email [martinjohndr@gmail.com](mailto:martinjohndr@gmail.com).

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## IMPORTANT DATES EVERGLADES CITY SCHOOL

**April 8:** Spring Pictures  
**April 12:** Early Dismissal



### "Small Town Taylor"

By Taylor Mayberry

One of the greatest things about being in fourth grade is that you get to go to Junior Deputy Fair. Last Saturday my mom dropped me off at the school and I went on the bus with my friends and Deputy Bee to the Junior Fair.

It was a lot of fun. I got to walk around with Aubrey,



Katie, Faithann, and Brook. We played games and rode rides. My favorite ride was the Tornado because it spun us around really fast and took us high in the air. It gave me a lot of butterflies in my stomach. I also

played the squirt gun game. I won a hot pink lama with a flower in her hair. I named her Thumbelina.

I spent all of my money on games and had a dollar left. We got to bob for apples. They gave us a bucket with water in it and you had to bob for the apple. I won the prize but gave it to my friend Faithann.



The whole Junior Deputy Fair was such a great experience. I wish that I could do it every year.

With lots of love,  
♥ Taylor

**Taylor Mayberry is 10 years old, in the 4th grade, and attends Everglades City School**

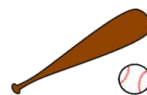


## A Message from the Principal Busy Spring Days

Students and teachers are working daily to prepare and take the assessments mandated by the state for their grade level. The Department of Education instituted a new testing platform and testing system based the Florida Standards beginning at the start of the 2014-15 school year. Our students began taking the Florida Standards Assessments (FSA) in February with a writing component of the assessment and they are now working on their reading and math tests over the next few weeks. We are looking forward to seeing growth in student scores as they have become more familiar with the format of testing as well as working daily to improve their academic achievement.

The month of April brings the conclusion of our spring sports programs as well. Our girls softball team will begin district tournament play the week of April 18th while our boys baseball team begins district play the following week. Our softball and baseball teams are in a district with 3 other schools with only one of them being in Naples. The other two schools are in the Sarasota area which results in long trips to play these schools. Our athletes compete to their best ability and are working to improve each day. We wish them well in their respective tournaments and thank the coaches and players for all their work. We must also thank the parents and community members who come to our games each week. Seeing the support of the parents, staff and community really makes a positive impact on the athletes and school community.

**IT IS ALWAYS A GREAT DAY TO BE A GATOR!**  
~Jim Ragusa, Principal



## EVERGLADES CITY SCHOOL HOME SPORTS SCHEDULE

### Boys Varsity Baseball

**Friday, April 8** vs Community Christian School at 6 pm  
**Monday, April 11** vs Dunbar High School at 4:30 pm  
**Tuesday, April 12** vs Golden Gate High School at 7 pm

### Boys JV Baseball

**Friday, April 15** vs Community Christian School at 5 pm

Girls Softball No home games; check schedule for away games

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



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## UPCOMING EVENT!

**JOIN THE  
PARADE!!**

The city is already planning for the Independence

Day Celebration which will be held on Saturday July 2.

The theme of the parade this year is "Faith, Freedom, Family" so use your imagination to win one of the parade's entry prizes.

The categories for entry include golf carts, swamp buggies, floats or whatever.



The spectacular fireworks have been booked and the deposit paid. If you would like to contribute to the celebration, send a check to:

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**For more information call Dottie at 239-695-3781.**

**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](mailto:mulletrapper@gmail.com) two weeks prior to publication.

## Recipe for Good Eating

### Sautéed Sea Trout with Dill & Capers

by Kathy Brock



6 sea trout fillets, skin & bones removed

1/4 cup capers

1 Tablespoon fresh dill (can use seeds, but sprigs are better)

Butter for sautéing

**Fish seasonings:**

**Garlic powder**

**Black Pepper**

**Juice of 1 lemon**

Prepare fillets, rinse and pat dry. Garnish each fillet with garlic, pepper and lemon juice to taste (omit any of the ingredients you do not like). I use butter for this recipe...but you can substitute it with olive oil. Sauté the fillets on one side until partially cooked and turn. Add the capers and dill and sauté until completely cooked. Serve with your favorite sides!

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

**My Little Slice of Paradise**

by Kathy Brock

**White Crowned Pigeons Can Be Seen in Everglades City!**

We are home to many beautiful birds that are native to Florida, and those that visit during the winter months. One year-around resident is a not-so-commonly-seen bird...the white crowned Pigeon. I have seen them on several occasions in the large banyan treetops along the Barron River in Everglades City (especially the one across from Paradise Island).

They like to feed on berries, so when the Banyans berries are abundant, keep

an eye out and you may see one! The best way to spot them is to look for the white contrasting head against their slate-grey bodies. They are related to doves and common pigeons, so their bodies are very similar in shape. They are strong and fast fliers, and will take long flights over water to reach their desired destination.

White Crowned Pigeons inhabit the Caribbean and into the very southern tip of Florida...including Everglades City! Flocks are usually seen flying swiftly overhead, or perching in treetops, feeding on berries in the trees.

In Florida, they breed most commonly during July and August and they will often nest in colonies. Male calls to attract female while perching erect, chest puffed out. In courtship, male struts and nods much like common pigeons. The nest site is usually on fork in horizontal branch, low (below 15') in mangroves or other shrubs and may be up to 30' above ground or over the water, or on ground on small islands. Their nests are a loosely-constructed platform of twigs, lined with grasses or other fine material. Keep an eye out for them this spring and summer and you may be lucky enough to catch a glimpse of one.



## Living Gulf Coast

by Charles Sobczak

### Tarpon (*Megalopsatlanticus*)

Other names: silver king, silverfish /  
Status: FL=stable, IUCN=NE / Life  
span: to 55 years / Length: 45-90 in.  
(114-228 cm) / Weight: 50-150 lb

(22.6-68 kg); Florida record: 243 lb IGFA: 283 lb 4 oz / Spawns:  
in the offshore waters / Found: Boca Grande Pass and in most  
near shore and inshore waters of Southwest Florida from April  
through October.

**The tarpon—along with the snook, redfish, and seatrout—  
is the most commonly sought-after fish in Southwest Florida.**

These four fish form the backbone of many of the area's  
fishing tournaments, and catching all four in one day is considered  
an inshore grand slam. Of the four, the most difficult to hang onto  
is the magnificent silver king—the tarpon.



**Every spring, beginning in late March with the warming of  
the gulf waters, the first schools of tarpon arrive from the  
south, some from as far away as the west coast of Africa.**

Anglers, who have just recovered from last year's  
brawls, spool on fresh line, sharpen their circle hooks, and oil  
their reels in anticipation of fresh battles. Strictly a catch-and-  
release sport, tarpon fishing is a major draw for anglers the world  
over. From Boca Grande Pass to Bonita Springs, fishing guides  
and amateurs alike try their hands at catching one of these  
powerful adversaries.

The tarpon does not fight like any other fish. Once  
firmly hooked, it literally explodes with energy. Tales have been  
told of green fish (a term used by anglers to describe a fish that's  
freshly hooked) jumping into boats, breaking ankles and legs, then  
jumping back out. Lines part, leaders break, knots fail, rods snap,  
and guides wince as the gears in their reels start to make that  
crunching sound familiar to anyone who has tangled with a  
tireless silver king.

Anglers use heavy tackle, with a minimum of 80-pound  
monofilament leader, 5/0 to 7/0 circle hooks and a variety of baits  
to hook the tarpon. Pinfish or greenback tossed in front of a  
school with a stout spinning outfit is a favorite, while bottom  
fishing with boat rods and cut mullet or catfish tails is another.  
There are dozens of different techniques to get a silver king to



**Anglers Look on as a Tarpon is Released**

bite, but it's when you finally touch the leader and release the fish  
that teaches you just how difficult catching one of these creatures  
can be.

By June the tarpon run starts to dissipate. By this time  
the fish can be found spawning in water 300 feet deep, due west  
of the passes it abandons. The larvae return to the estuaries on the  
incoming tides and hide in the safety of the gnarled roots of the  
red mangrove, waiting a year or more before venturing into  
deeper water. Two- to three-foot tarpon can sometimes be found  
along the spillways of the "Ding" Darling refuge.

The tarpon feeds on a wide variety of animals. In Boca  
Grande Pass it feasts on tiny pass crabs, each weighing less than  
an ounce, often consuming hundreds of crabs a day. Along the  
beaches the tarpon will crash into balled schools of glass  
minnows, charging through them with its mouth wide open,  
taking in 20 or 30 minnows at a time, and repeating this process  
for hours on end. Other favorite prey is striped mullet, catfish,  
stone and blue crabs, menhaden, greenbacks, threadfin herring,  
and shrimp. The tarpon is capable of surviving in the hot, oxygen-  
poor gulf waters because of a primitive lung that allows it to gulp  
air. This is the reason the tarpon can often be spotted rolling on  
the surface.

A host of predators take young tarpon: pelicans,  
herons, osprey, larger tarpon, and alligators. Only bigger sharks  
are capable of tackling a mature tarpon, weighing 50 pounds or  
more. Two sharks in particular are famous for following schools  
of tarpon; the great hammerhead and the bull shark. Many stories  
have been told about Old Hitler, the 12-foot-plus hammerhead  
that is rumored to haunt Boca Grande Pass. An equal measure of  
tall tales have been told about 10-foot-plus bull sharks biting  
hooked fish a few miles off of Tarpon Beach on Sanibel.

*Charles Sobczak is a Sanibel author. For more information,  
go to [www.indigopress.net](http://www.indigopress.net).*





## TAXING THINGS

by Mike the Tax Guy

### Can't Pay Taxes On Time? Here Are Some Tips

The IRS urges you to file on time even if you can't pay what you owe.

This saves you from potentially paying a penalty for a late filed return.

Here is what to do if you can't pay all your taxes by the due date.

1. File on time and pay as much as you can. You can pay online, by phone, or by check or money order.

2. Get a loan or use a credit card to pay your tax. The interest and fees charged by a bank or credit card company may be less than IRS interest and penalties.

3. Use the Online Payment Agreement tool. You don't need to wait for IRS to send you a bill before you ask for a payment plan. The best way is to use the Online Payment Agreement tool on IRS.gov. You can also file Form 9465, Installment Agreement Request, with your tax return. You can even set up a direct debit agreement. With this type of payment plan, you won't have to write a check and mail it on time each month.

4. Don't ignore a tax bill. If you get a bill, don't ignore it. The IRS may take collection action if you ignore the bill. Contact the IRS right away to talk about your options. If you are suffering financial hardship, the IRS will work with you.

**Remember to file on time. Pay as much as you can by the tax deadline and pay the rest as soon as you can.**



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



## MUSEUM of the Everglades Pauline Reeves Gallery

For the months of April and May Lynn Pierce's historic photographs of the Barron Collier days will be on display in the Pauline Reeves Gallery. 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.



### 88<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Tamiami Trail & 18<sup>th</sup> Birthday of Museum of the Everglades Saturday April 23

The [Museum of the Everglades](http://www.museumoftheeverglades.com) is excited to announce the celebration of the 88<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the opening of the Tamiami Trail in addition to the 18<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration of the opening of the Museum of the Everglades. Friends of the Museum of the Everglades may invite guests to attend the full day of festivities including lectures, antique cars and live

music in and on the museum grounds.

#### The day's schedule of events includes:

- 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. – Art-in-the-Glades
- 11:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Historic walking tour of Everglades City led by the Friends of the Museum of the Everglades.
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch complete with birthday cake and live music sponsored by the Friends of the Museum of the Everglades.
- 1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m. "Everglades Area Memories" panel discussion in the Carol Moseman Lecture Hall featuring residents of the Everglades Area telling personal accounts of living in Everglades City during its heyday.



## HOUSEHOLD TIP

by Marya Repko

One summer I left my car in a hotel parking lot while I went on a 2-week vacation. It was in September so I locked up all the windows tight and pushed the air-conditioning control in "inside" because I was worried about hurricanes.

When I returned, the driver's side window was taped over with plastic and there were shards of glass on the ground outside it. The maintenance man at the hotel explained that it got so hot inside the car that it literally exploded!

Thus, leave at least one window a tiny crack open and make sure the air-conditioning to set to "outside" which will let in some air.

## PARK NEWS

### Friends of Fakahatchee

### Annual Dinner Sunday, April 10

Renowned wetlands expert, Dr. Bill Mitch, will talk about "The Watershed and Global Roles of Wetlands in Mitigating Pollutants". Dr. Mitch has been Eminent Scholar and Director, Everglades Wetland Research Park, and Juliet C. Sproul Chair for Southwest Florida Habitat Restoration and Management at Florida Gulf Coast University's field station in Naples, Florida since the Fall of 2012. Before that he was the Distinguished Professor at the Ohio State University where he taught for 26 years and was Founding Director of the Olenangy River Wetland Research Park. Among his many publications is the textbook *Wetlands*, now in its 5th edition. Reservations are required.

To book your places, visit [www.orchidswamp.org](http://www.orchidswamp.org) and click on "events".

## Everglades National Park

### EVERGLADES / BIG CYPRES

### 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:

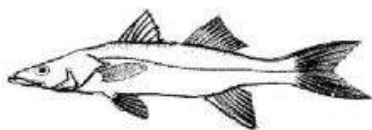
**Everglades:** [www.nps.gov/ever/planyourvisit/tamiami-trail-triathlon.htm](http://www.nps.gov/ever/planyourvisit/tamiami-trail-triathlon.htm)

**Big Cypress Preserve:**

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

## SNOOK RULES!!!

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



## Fish & Wildlife News

### Look out boaters – Manatees are on the move

Taking their cues from the warm spring weather, Florida manatees have begun leaving their winter retreats and heading north along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts and through inland waters. So if you're a boater enjoying spring days on the water, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) cautions you to look out for manatees and follow posted manatee zones.

From April 1 through Nov. 15, seasonal [manatee zones](#) require boaters to slow down in certain areas to prevent manatees from being struck by motorboats or personal watercraft.

FWC law enforcement officers will be on patrol in state waters to remind boaters of the seasonal manatee speed zones and will take enforcement actions when necessary. Manatee zones and maps are available at [MyFWC.com/Manatee](http://MyFWC.com/Manatee), where you can select "Protection Zones" for links to county maps.



"Our officers do their very best to support conservation of this species," said FWC Capt. Gary Klein. "We ask that boaters take notice of the zones and do their part as well by increasing their awareness of the possible presence of manatees."

Because manatees are large, slow-moving and difficult to detect when underwater, operators of boats and personal watercraft need to take basic steps to avoid causing injury to manatees:

- Wear polarized sunglasses to help spot manatees.
- Look for the large circles on the water, also known as manatee footprints, indicating the presence of a manatee below.
- Look for a snout sticking up out of the water.
- Follow posted manatee zones while boating.

The FWC also asks anyone seeing an injured, distressed, sick or dead manatee to call the agency's Wildlife Alert Hotline, [888-404-3922](tel:888-404-3922) (FWCC) or dial #FWC or \*FWC on a cell phone.

You can watch manatees without disturbing them if you follow "[Guidelines for protecting native wildlife – Florida Manatees](#)," a brochure that includes tips for canoers, kayakers, paddle boarders, snorkelers and scuba divers. It's available at [MyFWC.com/Manatees](http://MyFWC.com/Manatees), click on "Boat, Personal Watercraft and Paddle-sport Operators" and then on "Paddle-sport Operators."

Support the FWC's manatee research, rescue and management efforts by purchasing a "[Save the Manatee](#)" Florida license plate at [BuyAPlate.com](http://BuyAPlate.com), or by donating \$5 to receive an [FWC manatee decal](#) by going to [MyFWC.com/Manatee](http://MyFWC.com/Manatee) and clicking on "Decals."

**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):**  
Closed for the Summer
  - 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 - 5 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
- 1<sup>st</sup> 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  
Pot Luck after 10:30 am Mass April 10



Captain Kent Daniels shared this photo of a beautiful Polynesian ship HOKULE'A anchored near Russell Bay

**TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER**

Lat: 25.87°N Long: 81.37°W

<http://TIDESANDCURRENTS.NOAA.GOV>

04/08	Fri	04:02AM	2.9	H
04/08	Fri	11:07AM	0.2	L
04/08	Fri	03:48PM	3.1	H
04/08	Fri	11:39PM	-0.4	L
04/09	Sat	04:56AM	2.7	H
04/09	Sat	11:49AM	0.3	L
04/09	Sat	04:24PM	3.1	H
04/10	Sun	12:29AM	-0.4	L
04/10	Sun	05:55AM	2.5	H
04/10	Sun	12:32PM	0.5	L
04/10	Sun	05:05PM	3.1	H
04/11	Mon	01:21AM	-0.4	L
04/11	Mon	06:59AM	2.3	H
04/11	Mon	01:19PM	0.6	L
04/11	Mon	05:55PM	2.9	H
04/12	Tue	02:18AM	-0.2	L
04/12	Tue	08:09AM	2.1	H
04/12	Tue	02:15PM	0.8	L
04/12	Tue	07:00PM	2.7	H
04/13	Wed	03:23AM	-0.1	L
04/13	Wed	09:24AM	2.0	H
04/13	Wed	03:32PM	0.9	L
04/13	Wed	08:21PM	2.5	H
04/14	Thu	04:33AM	0.0	L
04/14	Thu	10:52AM	2.0	H
04/14	Thu	04:59PM	0.8	L
04/14	Thu	09:46PM	2.4	H
04/15	Fri	05:41AM	0.1	L
04/15	Fri	12:12PM	2.1	H
04/15	Fri	06:15PM	0.7	L
04/15	Fri	11:07PM	2.3	H
04/16	Sat	06:41AM	0.1	L
04/16	Sat	12:50PM	2.2	H
04/16	Sat	07:16PM	0.6	L
04/17	Sun	12:16AM	2.4	H
04/17	Sun	07:32AM	0.2	L
04/17	Sun	01:13PM	2.4	H
04/17	Sun	08:04PM	0.5	L
04/18	Mon	01:09AM	2.4	H
04/18	Mon	08:17AM	0.2	L
04/18	Mon	01:36PM	2.5	H
04/18	Mon	08:46PM	0.3	L
04/19	Tue	01:52AM	2.5	H
04/19	Tue	08:57AM	0.3	L
04/19	Tue	02:00PM	2.6	H
04/19	Tue	09:24PM	0.2	L
04/20	Wed	02:28AM	2.5	H
04/20	Wed	09:34AM	0.3	L
04/20	Wed	02:25PM	2.7	H
04/20	Wed	10:00PM	0.1	L
04/21	Thu	03:03AM	2.5	H
04/21	Thu	10:07AM	0.4	L
04/21	Thu	02:51PM	2.8	H
04/21	Thu	10:35PM	0.0	L
04/22	Fri	03:38AM	2.5	H
04/22	Fri	10:39AM	0.5	L
04/22	Fri	03:17PM	2.8	H

**OBITUARIES**

**Laverne Brown Stokes**, of Copeland, age 84, passed away peacefully on March 21 with her family by her side. Laverne was married to Odolph Stokes (who passed away in 2010) on March 25, 1946. For those of you who knew them would know they lived a very exciting and fulfilled life. Preceding her in death was father Alvin Clark Brown and mother Pleamon Elizabeth Brown. Also preceding her in death were brothers Clark and Carl Brown and sister Yvonne Balance. Laverne was born in Miami, FL, on July 11, 1931, and is survived by daughter, Hazel (Danny) Mitchell, sons, Ervin (Lynn) Stokes, Michael Stokes, and Bart (Barbie) Stokes. Preceded in death by daughter, Corliss (Alexander) Balkin and son, Brett (Debbie) Stokes. She had 19 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, 3 great-great-grandchildren, and nieces and nephews, who all loved her dearly. She was the happiest when she was spending time with her family and going to church. Her hobbies were shopping and getting manicures and pedicures with family and she could brag and tell them that we have four generations sitting in these chairs today. It always put a huge smile on her face. She always wanted to look nice no matter how many years went by; she was a lovely lady.



**David R Wallace**, 67, of Chokoloskee, passed away on March 31. He is survived by his wife Kathleen Wallace, a son Robert Papich, daughter Samantha Papich; two grandsons Emanuel Wooten and Zachary Papich. His sister Carolyn Powers, two nieces, Julie Heilman and Dawn Lipsitz, nephew PJ Powers. A memorial service will be held at Everglades Community Church at 1 pm on Sunday, April 10. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to St Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas PL, Memphis, TN 38105.



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## SNOOK CLASSIFIEDS

**WANTED TO RENT:** Apt. or room for annual rental. Single gentleman, non-smoker. Please call (239) 687-6512.

**FOR SALE:** WATERFRONT Stilt Home - 2BR/2 1/2BTH - Large Great Room opening onto 40' screened porch with beautiful views - extra large pantry to cut down on those shopping trips - dock with boat cover. Bob Wells Real Estate (239) 695-2660.

**FOR SALE:** Unique Opportunity! Location, location, location. Susie's Station on Town's circle. Building is 3,000 +/- sq. ft. with large porch. Great potential. Call Karen Cochran @ Glades Realty (239) 695-4299.

**FOR SALE:** Homes, condos, vacant lots and boat slips. Glades Realty (239) 695-4299 or [www.GladesRealty.com](http://www.GladesRealty.com).

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

**WANTED:** Motor Homes, 5<sup>th</sup> wheels and travel trailers. Any condition. Cash paid on the spot. Call (941) 347-7171.

**FOR RENT:** Mobile home lot in Copeland. Electric power pole, sewer tie in hook up and mobile home pad. 1.25 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](mailto:fishnw.mykee55@live.com).

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

## Pet Pics



Chris Herlovich's cat "Nelix" relaxes in his EC kitty paradise!

## SNOOK CLASSIFIEDS

**FOR RENT:** 1 BR / 1 Bath furnished Everglades City condo with water views; large screened in porch; pool; boat ramp. No smoking; no pets. \$900/mo 1-2 yr lease. For information, call Dave (612) 282-2443.

**LOT FOR SALE:** Desirable large residential lot on historic South Storter. Includes architect's drawings for attractive cottage stilt house. [hannahi@tidewater.net](mailto: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.

**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](http://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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**Call 239-695-3781**

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