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Monroe Station Update Trespass, Photography Stunt, Likely Cause of Fire

As reported earlier, this historic structure was consumed by fire and burnt to the ground on April 9. Big Cypress Law Enforcement Rangers investigated all leads and within 48 hours focused in on a person of interest. The primary suspect, a man from South Florida turned himself in on April 11. According to Bob DeGross, Chief of Interpretation and Public Affairs at Big Cypress, the suspect confessed to entering Monroe Station and climbing onto the roof to conduct "Spinning" also known as "painting with light".

Spinning involves taking a piece of steel wool that is lit and swinging it in a circular fashion which produces a photo similar to a giant sparkler. Two additional men from the ground photographed the event. It appears that during the photography activity a fire was sparked. The three men stated that they tried to put the fire out, but it spread too quickly and they fled the scene. The incident continues to be an ongoing investigation.



The Golden Lion Motor Inn Reunion 2 and Good-bye Salute to Monroe Station

The Golden Lion motel-restaurant-bar opened 1970, and it roared through the decade to find its demise as the Big Cypress preserve headquarters in 1986.

Calling all Golden Lion bartenders, customers, or anyone curious enough to experience a legendary refuge for the downhearted and oasis for the lucky. Fortunately, we still have Joanie's Blue Crab Café just down the road, opened 1979. There will be plenty of food, drinks, and music from the famous Raiford Starke.

This event will also celebrate the eighty-eight-year-old Monroe Station. Having burned to ashes weeks ago, the monument deserves a final sign-off.

Join us **Saturday June 4th** at 11am - 5pm or **Sunday June 5th** at 11am - 5pm. Copies of the Ochopee history-handbook: What Happened to Ochopee? will be available.

Joanie's Blue Crab Café is located at 39395 U.S. Highway 41, Ochopee, FL 34141 ([239\) 695-2682](tel:2396952682)



Color Tinted Photo by Niki Butcher

History of Monroe Station by Bob DeGross

Monroe Station was one of six way stations constructed in the late 1920s in the remote reaches of Collier County along the Tamiami Trail. Monroe Station and the Royal Palm Station, located at the intersection of CR 92 and Tamiami Trail were the only two that remained near their original locations. Three of the stations have been destroyed over time and one was moved a great distance from its original site and modified for other use. The purpose of the way stations was to provide gas, and other conveniences to travelers.

In 2000 the structure was added to the National Register of Historic Places. Since 2005 the National Park Service had been seeking financial support for the stabilization and restoration of the structure. Next steps related to the site are undetermined at this time.

If anyone has any memories or artifacts of Monroe Station, please contact Marya Repko, President of the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation, at (239) 695-2905.

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MAY - JUNE 2016

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
15 Last Day of Stone Crab Season	16 Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm	17	18 Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8 am	19	20	<u>RAPPER</u> 21 full moon ● Fundraiser Dinner <i>see p.3</i>
22	23 Hour of Prayer Holy Family Catholic Church 7 pm	24	25 Ladies Coffee Island Café, 8 am	26	27	28
29	30 Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church 7 pm Memorial Day	31	June 1 Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8 am	2	3 Graduation Ceremony E-City School 7:00 pm	<u>RAPPER</u> 4
5	6 Hour of Prayer Copeland Baptist Church, 7 pm OFCD Meeting <i>see p.3</i>	7 Congressional Aide Visit, <i>see p.3</i>	8 Ladies Coffee Island Café, 8 am	9	10	11
12	13 Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God 7 pm	14	15 Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8 am	16	17	<u>RAPPER</u> 18

July 2: Independence Day Celebration
Aug 15: Back to School

Aug 5-7 No Tax Holiday
Aug 20: Primary Election

Sept 24: Blessing of Fleet

THRIFT SHOP: Sat, 11 am–3 pm
LIONS CLUB: 2nd Thurs, 6 pm, Oyster House
DR DEMARTINO: *Closed for the Summer Season*
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: 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: *Closed for the Summer Season*
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: *Closed for the Summer Season*

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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FUNDRAISER

Sat., May 21, 1 to 4:00 pm, McLeod Pk. You are invited to attend the fundraiser for Gator-Man Mike. He was forced to retire from a job he loved because of his battle with Stage-4 esophageal Cancer. His wife Joan, will be serving home-made lasagna, sloppy Joes, green beans and apple sauce. Cold water and soda will also be served. You can make a donation by calling Joan at 239 695 2559 or by mail: The Gator-Man Mike Fund, 22777 State Road 29, Jerome, FL 34141, or make donations at the Park. Thank you.

CONGRESSIONAL VISIT

Enrique Padron, District Representative of Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart, will meet with constituents in City Hall on **Tuesday, June 7**, from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm. For information, phone 348-1620.

**REACH OUT / C.O.P.S
Summer Camp**

Everglades City Community Center 9 am – 2 pm **June 13-18 & July 18-21** For information or questions please call Shannon Snyder at 239-961-0669 Registration forms will be sent home from school and will be available at City Hall.

**COLLIER COUNTY
COMMITTEE OPENINGS**

The Collier County Board of County Commissioners is seeking applications for positions on the following advisory committees (for a complete list and more information, visit the county's website):

**Affordable Housing Advisory
Black Affairs Advisory Board
Board of Bldg. Adjustments & Appeals
Coastal Advisory Committee
Conservation Collier Land Acquisition
Advisory Committee
Contractor Licensing Board
Floodplain Management Planning
Growth Management Oversight
Health Facilities Authority
Historical/Archaeological Pres. Board
Ochopee Fire Control District Advisory
Public Safety Authority
Public Transit Advisory Committee.**

To apply for an advisory committee vacancy, submit an application online at [Advisory Committee Application](#). Residents may also receive a hard copy application by visiting colliergov.net or by calling Wanda Rodriguez at (239) 252-8400.

**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: **Everglades City Fireworks Fund, PO Box 110, Everglades City FL 34139. For more info, call Dottie at 695-3781.**

**Art-in-the-Glades**

In celebration of Independence Day, Art-in-the-Glades will be held **SATURDAY, July 2, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.** under the pavilion in McLeod Park and you can watch the parade from there. This is a great day for kiddies **and we need a face-painter!** There is more information at the links below (in the online edition).

[CLICK HERE](#) for a program.

[CLICK HERE](#) for a Patriotic Pets poster.

See you there ...

Marya Repko (239) 695-2905

**Museum of the
Everglades
Pauline Reeves
Gallery**

For the month of **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. The Museum of the Everglades is open Monday through Saturday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. For more information or if you would like to volunteer at the Museum, call Martha at 695-0008.

OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

05/03/16: Emergency Med, Port of the Islands
05/03/16: Emergency Medical, Copeland
05/04/16: Vehicle Accident, US 41 West of Port of the Islands
05/04/16: Emergency Medical, Ochopee
05/04/16: Emergency Medical, Copeland
05/05/16: Emergency Med, Chokoloskee
05/06/16: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
05/06/16: Brush Fire, Bird On Road & US 41
05/06/16: Emergency Med, Port of the Islands
05/06/16: Vehicle Accident, 54 MM and I-75
05/07/16: Power Line Down, Everglades City
05/07/16: Emergency Medical, Copeland
05/07/16: Emergency Medical, 52 MM I-75
05/08/16: Vehicle Accident, 74 MM I-75
05/08/16: Vehicle Fire, 52 Mile Marker I-75
05/08/16: Emergency Medical, Ochopee
05/09/16: Public Assist, Port of the Islands
05/10/16: Vehicle Accident, 59 MM I-75
05/11/16: Emergency Medical, 80 MM I-75
05/11/16: Emergency Medical, Copeland
05/12/16: Emergency Medical, 63 MMI-75
05/14/16: Vehicle Accident, Ochopee
05/14/16: Emergency Med, Plantation Island
05/15/16: Emergency Med, Plantation Island
05/15/16: Emergency Medical, Copeland
05/15/16: Mutual Aid to Broward County, 49 Mile Marker I-75

The Ochopee Fire Control District Advisory Committee will meet at 4 p.m. on **Monday, June 13**, in the Port of the Islands Fire Station, located at 525 Newport Drive #C in Naples.

DOCTOR'S CLINIC

Dr. Kirk DeMartino will continue to see patients in his Marco Island Office. Please call (239) 642-5552 for an appointment.

SPORTS PHYSICIAN

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.

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The Thrift Store is open on Saturdays from 11 am to 3 pm, located behind the fire station. **Please do not leave items on the porch where they will get damp.**

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IMPORTANT DATES EVERGLADES CITY SCHOOL

June 3: Graduation
June 7: Last Day for Students



"Small Town Taylor"

by Taylor Mayberry

I love Mother's Day! It's the day that we can show our moms how much we appreciate them for all that they do. My mommy is special to me

because she is loving and supportive. She does fun things with my sister and me.

For Mother's Day we went on the boat to Picnic Key with our family and friends but Daddy had to work at the fire station. So, he made us a dinner to take out to the island. We had BBQ ribs, mac and cheese, salad and corn on the cob. Uncle Ry and Pop-Pop drove all of us out to the island.

My sister, cousins, Turner and I got to play in the water and float in the current. We run down the island, then get in the water and drift to the other end of the island. Then we



run back and do it again. It is so much fun! It is like a natural lazy river.

Mommy, Grandma and Aunt Nani took us all exploring on the island and we couldn't go through the mangroves so we had to swim around them and it was scary at first but then fun. As we were swimming around the mangroves to the other side of the island we saw Jack and Henry go by on

their boat with their Mommy and Daddy. They stopped to play and we all looked for hot rocks together. We found a lot of them.

Jack and Henry walked back to our boats with us and we played in the sand, found a starfish, and played battleships on the boats.

It was so much fun! If I could rate the day I would give it a ten! I hope my Mom had a good time too. Happy Mother's Day to every Mom!

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

Recognizing our Great Gators

It is hard to believe that we have already reached the last few weeks of school. The year has flown by and it is a busy time as we take time to recognize our students for their accomplishments over the course of the school year. Our Athletic Awards night was held on May 7th in our school cafeteria. A big thanks go out to our Athletic Booster Club as they were responsible for an exceptional ceremony that honored our athletes and coaches. I cannot say enough about the support they have provided to us this year. It is a testament to the commitment that they have to the children of this community as they spend countless hours working to raise money to assist our students and staff.

An exciting date is also coming soon as our seniors will be celebrating the culmination of their high school years on Friday, June 3rd at 7:30pm in our school cafeteria. This is always a wonderful evening as the graduation ceremony allows us to honor on our seniors as they prepare for the next stage of their life. We will also have a special guest as our Superintendent, Dr. Kamela Patton, will be joining us this year.

Thank you all for a great year. It has been a pleasure to work with our students and families and we are already planning for the 2016-17 school year.

~Jim Ragusa, Principal

GRADUATION CEREMONY

Friday, June 3

School Cafetorium, 7:30 p.m.

**Everyone is Welcome to Attend and
Congratulate our Graduates!**

**The next issue of The Mullet Rapper will be
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Off the Shelf – Book Review

Thomas Jefferson and the Tripoli Pirates

by Brian Kilmeade and Don Yaeger
reviewed by Patty Huff

Well, this is sort of a review of this book. I found it very interesting and I learned a lot about the Barbary States and our need to establish a naval presence in the Tripoli area to protect our commerce, our citizens and our vessels from the coastal pirates. It is well worth reading and would recommend it to anyone who is fascinated with American history and world events; some of the events are relevant to today's world.

Usually, I prefer to recommend books about south Florida, but I did find a link between Tripoli and the Everglades so I thought I would share that in this article.

When I read about a “Commodore Samuel Barron” replacing Edward Preble to command the navy fleet on the Barbary Coast, I immediately recalled that Barron Gift Collier was named after his father's two friends who were Confederate naval officers. However, this was an earlier war, 60 years before the Civil War. After some more research, I discovered that this “Commodore” had a son of the same name who served as the Captain on the USS Wabash from 1858 to 1859, and that Colonel Cowles Myles Collier served under him. Also, they both lived in Hampton, Virginia, before Collier moved to Memphis where his son Barron was born in 1873. Collier's other friend, Lieutenant George Washington Gift, was born outside of Nashville (my hometown). He was a U.S. Navy officer, writer, banker, civil engineer, politician, Confederate Navy officer, businessman, and newspaper editor.

Another interesting fact about Barron Collier's father is that, in addition to being a sailor and soldier, he was an artist and painter of nautical scenes and sailors. Many of his paintings now hang in the West Gallery, donated by his daughter (Georgia Collier Comer) who established The Cowles Myles Collier Art Galleries at Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia. Small world, isn't it!

Recipe for Good Eating

Shrimp & Rice

submitted by Patty Huff

Ingredients:

2 cups cooked white rice
1 lb Shrimp, peeled and deveined
2 TBS Extra Virgin Olive Oil
2 Garlic cloves (diced)
1 Small onion (sliced)
1 Green bell pepper (sliced)
1 Red bell pepper (sliced)
1 Yellow bell pepper (sliced)
1 can Diced Tomatoes (with basil, garlic and oregano or other spices)
1 can Chicken or shrimp stock
Dash of hot sauce

Crushed red pepper, lemon zest, Parmesan cheese (optional)

Cook rice as directed. While rice is cooking, sauté garlic, onions and peppers in olive oil until vegetables are soft; add diced tomatoes and stock; add shrimp and simmer for 10 minutes or until shrimp is cooked.

This is a simple recipe that has been a hit with my husband and his friends.



COLLIER COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY SUMMER READING PROGRAM MONDAY, JUNE 6, TO FRIDAY, JULY 29

Collier County Public Library has a Summer Reading Program for people of all ages who want to spend their summer reading and have the chance to win some fantastic rewards. The program is divided into three categories: Children entering kindergarten through fifth grade this fall; youth entering grades six through 12 this fall; and adults. You can participate by reading a book or an eBook, listening to an audio book, or attending a select library program.

Adults will earn “Book Bucks” to spend at any library's book sale table and chances to win raffle prizes. Children and youth will earn points and badges, and can win prizes! You can complete missions, earn more points and unlock fun online games. Children and youth can also be entered into a drawing to win sporting equipment, family dinners, passes to the Naples Botanical Garden, Collier County Parks & Recreation gym memberships, a bicycle or a Fitbit.

There will be a special “Opening Day” ceremony for the Summer Reading Program from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. on Monday, June 6, at the Headquarters Library, 2385 Orange Blossom Drive, Naples, Florida 34109. This is a celebration for the entire family. At the event, you can register for the program and learn about upcoming events at the Library. There will be special guest appearances, games, activities and treats!

For more information, call [\(239\) 593-0334](tel:239-593-0334) or online: www.collierlibrary.org.





From Savannah's Eyes

2016 has already filled my life with amazing memories and its only May! One of them is that I finished my first year of college and I am already a sophomore at the University of Florida! Crazy how time just slips away from your life. Speaking of UF, I never mentioned how much we raised for Dance Marathon – all together we raised \$2,434,315.18 for Shands Children's Hospital. Dance Marathon was one of the best experiences I've ever had in my entire life. It changed me as a person for the better. Meeting the beautiful and strong children who are fighting these illnesses, yet they still are as happy as any other child, really makes you realize how blessed it is to be alive and healthy. I can't wait to do it all again next year!

Some other exciting news is that I have my first job! Ever! I always was playing sports and participating in activities so I never really had the time for one. Now that I am home for the summer I will be working as an Intern at Everglades City Hall! Not only is this such a blessing and exciting opportunity in my life, it is also a great learning experience to teach me a work ethic for whenever I get jobs in the future!

Now for a story that I just have to share! About a week ago I was at the pool in ORA with my friend just relaxing and soaking up some rays. She randomly turns to me and says "Savannah there's a cat over there" (knowing how much I obsess over cats of any kind), I turned to see around 25 black birds swooping on this giant cat in the bush, thinking that it probably had one of their baby birds. My friend just disregarded it, but for some reason something just wasn't right about this cat. Its tail was too short and its fur was more spotted than the usual. My eyes grew as I gasped and came to the realization that it was, in fact, a Bobcat. "That's a Bobcat!" We could now see its big round face, with tall ears and white fur like side burns on its face. "Mom!" I yelled as we both ran towards her. "There's a Bobcat over there!" "Y'all are kidding right?" she said as she got up and walked around the pool to our chairs. "Savannah call your dad!" she proclaimed as I reached for my phone. Honestly, I have never seen my dad run this fast in my entire life. He was so excited; he came running through the gate, phone in hand frantically looking for it. I was at the gate on the other side taking pictures of it (while my mom yelling at me in the background to not get to close because it's wild). Dad then ran after it along with a worker in ORA. When he finally came back he had photos, videos, everything featuring the Bobcat, and he was tickled to death about it. According to him (and the video on his phone) it was so tame that it walked right beside him and didn't attack or do anything to him. All I can say is... Only in Everglades does something like this happen.

Happy to be home for the summer! Can't wait to see what adventures I embark on.

~Love, Savannah



Living Gulf Coast

by Charles Sobczak

Wilson's Plover

(*Charadrius wilsonia*) /
Other names: ringneck,
thick-billed plover /



Status: FL=stable, IUCN=LC / Life span: to 10 years / Length: 8 in. (20 cm) / Wingspan: 14-16 in. (35-40 cm) / Weight: 1.9 oz (53 g) / Nests on islands / Found: Throughout Southwest Florida on the coastal beaches.

Named after an early ornithologist, Alexander Wilson, who first discovered the bird in 1913 at Cape May, New Jersey, this plover is considerably larger than the snowy plover. The primary differences are the neckband, which for the Wilson's plover continues all around the bird's neck—hence the nickname ringneck. Another noticeable difference is the thicker, longer black bill, allowing the Wilson's plover to feed on larger prey, such as fiddler crabs, crustaceans, and insects.

The primary habitat for the Wilson's plover is along the water's edge, where it looks for coquinas, marine worms, and other prey. Like its cousin the killdeer, both the male and female feign a broken wing when its nest or chicks are approached by animals or beachcombers. The Wilson's plover is monogamous and a solitary nester. Its primary threat is continued beach-front development, which results in loss of suitable nesting habitat.

Wilson's Plover Photo by Rob Pailles

Piping Plover (*Charadrius melodus*) Other names: none / Status: FL=Threatened, IUCN=NT / Life span: to 14 years / Length: 6.7-7.1 in. (17-18 cm) / Wingspan: 14-15.5 in. (35-39 cm) / Weight: 1.5-2.2 oz (43-63 g) / Nests: in the Great Plains during the summer / Found: from May through August on all Southwest Florida beaches.



Very similar in size and appearance to the snowy plover, the piping plover is estimated to number 450 in the entire state of Florida. The easiest way to distinguish between the snowy and the piping is by the piping's bright yellow legs and multicolored beak with an orange base and black tip. Because its coloration resembles the sand it forages over, the piping plover is very difficult to see, even when it is mere yards in front of you. Unlike some of the other sandpipers, the piping plover prefers feeding along the upper segments of the beach, hanging closer to the vegetation line. There it feeds on fly larvae, beetles, and crustaceans. The piping plover was once a relatively common shorebird. It has suffered primarily from habitat loss because of human intrusion into much of its former range: beaches and beach dunes. The bird has been unable to adapt to a species that loves the beach as much as it does—namely, *Homo sapiens*. It also suffers from irregular releases of dams, which can result in the loss of entire broods.

Piping Plover Photo by Judd Patterson

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

CORRECTION: The photo of the "Marsh Trail View" published in the May 7 issue of The Mullet Rapper was incorrectly credited "Courtesy of Collier Chamber of Commerce." The credit should be "JoNell Modys, Naples Marco Island Everglades CVB."

CLYDE BUTCHER'S BOOK AMERICA'S NATIONAL PARKS

Last month Clyde Butcher introduced his new book *America's National Parks* and is offering to sign 100 more books for pre-orders. This book is 50 years in the making and was released this year for the Centennial Anniversary of our National Parks. The books will ship in June. This Limited Edition Book is expected to sell out before the end of the year. If you have ever thought of becoming a collector, this is a great opportunity – when you purchase Clyde's Limited Edition Book, you get a signed and numbered silver gelatin photograph "Moon Over Tetons". Every 25 they sell the price jumps, get yours soon. To purchase the book and view a video, visit online at: <http://clydebutter.com/pc/books-and-gifts/>.

For questions, call (941) 486-0811 or email mail@clydebutter.com.

COLLIER COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION IS GOING MOBILE WITH NEW SMARTPHONE APP

Collier County Parks & Recreation is going mobile with a new app. Now you can register for programs, stay updated on upcoming events, view the seasonal Recreation Education Activities Leisure (REAL) Guide and interactive map, and connect with us through social media all from your phone.

The app is available for download on Apple and Android phones. Just search Collier County Parks in either the Google Play Store (for Android) or Apple Store (for Apple). To receive special updates, coupons and promotions on your phone, text COLLIERPARKS to 77948. Standard message rates apply.

For more information, visit www.collierparks.com/ or call (239) 252-4000.

New District Lt. for the Everglades Sub Station



Lieutenant Jake Walker began his law enforcement career in 1992 as a police officer for the Village of North Palm Beach Department of Public Safety. During his two years there, Jake specialized in community oriented policing, and he was the police department's police officer of the year in 1992.

Lieutenant Walker began his career with the Collier County Sheriff's Office in 1994 and currently works as the District Commander of the Everglades Sub-Station. During his career, he has served in several capacities from Patrol Deputy, Patrol Sergeant, Violent Crimes and Property Crimes Detective Sergeant, Special Enforcement Team Sergeant, Community Oriented Policing Unit Sergeant, District Administrative Sergeant, and SWAT Team Member.

In addition to his current duties, Lieutenant Walker is one the agency's trainers; specializing in Emergency Vehicle Operations / Driving, Defensive Tactics, Firearms, and Response to Mass Violence Incidents.

Lieutenant Walker holds an Associate in Science Degree in Criminal Justice and a Bachelor in Science Degree in Management. He is actively striving to complete a Master's in Arts Administration degree.

Lieutenant Walker has received the Collier County Sheriff's Office Medal of Valor award, Command Recognition Award, three Unit Citation/Team Work Awards, and numerous other awards and letters of commendation.

Lieutenant Walker has been married to his wife, Marci, for twenty-three years, and they have four vibrant children.

"I believe the key to all success in law enforcement, and certainly in life, is our desire to serve others first, to build authentic relationships, and to work collaboratively to solve our community's problems in creative and comprehensive ways."

Photo by Sue Gentry

PARK NEWS

Big Cypress National Preserve News NPS Signs Document Related to Burnett Oil Company Seismic Survey

The National Park Service issued a finding of no significant impact following a nearly 20-month environmental review of a proposed 3-D seismic survey of the Nobles Grade area within Big Cypress National Preserve by Texas-based Burnett Oil Company, Inc. The finding is based on information and conclusions outlined in an environmental assessment completed for the proposed survey. Burnett Oil is required to implement a variety of measures to prevent lasting impacts and minimize short-term impacts to the preserve's resources during survey activities.

Burnett Oil's plan calls for a seismic survey of 110 square miles. The survey will use sound waves created by truck-mounted vibrators to create 3-D maps of potential oil and gas reserves. Scientists with NPS evaluated the potential effects of the survey on the preserve. After extensive agency and tribal consultation and analysis of public comments, the agency found that the proposed seismic survey would pose no significant environmental impacts. The Park Service considered the proposal because the federal law specifically grants owners of non-Federal oil and gas rights access to preserve lands to 'provide reasonable use and enjoyment' of those private interests.

The environmental assessment only covers the seismic survey. Should Burnett Oil wish to pursue production of resources, they must submit a new plan of operations which would undergo additional environmental review and public comment periods.

The finding of no significant impact (FONSI), environmental assessment (EA), and plan of operations (POP) can be viewed under "Burnett Oil Company Nobles Grade 3-D Seismic Survey" at <http://parkplanning.nps.gov/documentsList.cfm?projectID=53498>.

Everglades National Park launches online sale of park e-passes

Visitors to Everglades National Park now have the convenience of purchasing online—at no additional cost—annual and seven-day electronic entrance passes in advance of their trip. The annual entrance pass fee for Everglades National Park is \$40. Seven-day entrance passes are \$20 for a private vehicle, \$15 for a motorcycle, and \$8 for an individual. Persons under age 16 are admitted free. All national parks honor the America the Beautiful – The National Parks and Federal Recreation Lands Annual, Senior, Access, Military and Every Kid in a Park 4th Grade passes. Information and the link for the new e-pass:

<https://www.nps.gov/ever/planyourvisit/fees.htm>.

Park Offers \$5 Million Investment Incentive for Flamingo Business Proposal

The National Park Service (NPS) has released a prospectus calling for business proposals to provide commercial visitor services in the extremely popular Flamingo District and Long Pine Key areas of Everglades National Park. As part of an incentive for businesses, the NPS will pay down real property investments by the Concessioner up to \$5 million upon completion and NPS approval of the cottages, restaurant, eco-tents and other concession facility improvements.

The Prospectus describes in general terms the future business opportunities as well as the existing business operations for this area of the park. The Flamingo District of the park is located at the southern tip of the peninsula and boasts magnificent water recreation in the backcountry and expansive Florida Bay. Long Pine Key is a popular camping area closer to the entrance station in Homestead. With an average of one-half million visitors entering the park through the Homestead entrance each year as well as several hundred thousand boaters in Florida Bay this is a significant business opportunity.

The Prospectus outlines the package of visitor services that can be offered at Flamingo (38 miles from park headquarters) including small cottage and eco-tent lodging with food and beverage service, boat tours, canoe/kayak rentals, retail sales, skiff rentals, houseboat rentals, full service restaurant, marina services and slip rentals as well as a walk-in campground for both Long Pine Key and Flamingo.

The contract term for operations at Flamingo has been expanded to twenty (20) years. The contract will require a minimum franchise fee to be paid to the NPS. The minimum franchise fee will be 1% of gross revenue for the first two years of the contract and 9% of the annual gross revenues for the remaining term of the contract. Information on historical revenues can be found in the prospectus.

The park will not hold an official site visit. If you would like an informal site visit, please contact Bill Stevens, Chief of Commercial Services Southeast Region at 404-507-5636 or Bill_G_Stevens@nps.gov.

The prospectus is available on the NPS website at <https://concessions.nps.gov/ever001-17.html>. Hardcopies are available upon request by sending a check or money order for \$50 payable to the National Park Service at the address below. Please include a physical address (no post office boxes) and telephone number for FedEx delivery. Individuals obtaining a prospectus from the website should contact Mr. Stevens to ensure they receive future responses to questions or amendments to the prospectus.

All contract offers must be received by Bill Stevens, Chief of Commercial Services, National Park Service, Southeast Region, 100 Alabama St. SW, Bldg. 1924, Atlanta, GA 30303 no later than **4:00 p.m. on July 13, 2016**.

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 - 8:00 pm; daily
- Subway at Gator Express (695-3937):**
7:00 am - 7:00 pm; daily
- Sweet Mayberry's Café (695-0092):**
11 am-5 pm; Mon thru Sat
May 1 New hours; 11am-5pm
- Tastes of the Everglades (695-0075)**
11 am - 8 pm; daily
- Triad Seafood & Café (695-2662):**
Closed for the Summer
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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):**
Closed until October 15
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- Loco's Fresh Produce: (239-462-7050)**
Closed for the Summer

FISHING REGULATIONS
May-Aug-Snook Season Closed
May 16-Oct 14-Stone Crab
Season Closed
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Season Opens
 View full schedule:
<http://myfwc.com/fishing/saltwater/recreational/>

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05/21 Sat	02:46PM	3.0	H
05/21 Sat	10:50PM	-0.2	L
05/22 Sun	04:08AM	2.4	H
05/22 Sun	10:39AM	0.7	L
05/22 Sun	03:10PM	3.0	H
05/22 Sun	11:26PM	-0.2	L
05/23 Mon	04:50AM	2.4	H
05/23 Mon	11:10AM	0.8	L
05/23 Mon	03:32PM	3.0	H
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OBITUARIES

Our condolences to Adela Butler whose mother **Josefina Padron** passed away on her 90th birthday on May 6. The family would appreciate your signing her mother's guestbook on the funeral home's website: RiveroFuneralHomeHialeah.com. Thanks to everyone for their prayers and concern.



Constance H. Bain, 72, of Andover, CT passed away on May 5, 2016 after a hard-fought battle with cancer. She was predeceased by her loving husband,

Fillmore Bain and their beloved cat, Tiggee, and is survived by her two sons, Tim and Mick, her daughters-in-law Kristin and Kristin (yes, two Kristin's), her five grand-children, Justin, Kayla, Maddie, Aidan and Josh, her brother, Gerald, and by her dear and loving friend, Boyd Tuttle.

A celebration of Connie's life will be held on Saturday, May 28, 2016 at 2:30 p.m. at the Trinitarian Congregational Church, 54 Walden Street, Concord, MA. All of her friends, relatives and people she held dear are welcome and invited to attend.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to either of these two charities:

Little Free Library, which is dedicated to promoting literacy and the love of ready by building free book exchanges worldwide. <https://littlefreelibrary.org/>
 St Jude's Children's Hospital: <https://www.stjude.org/>

To sign the online memorial guest book visit: www.potterfuneralhome.com

There will be a memorial service at everglades community church in the fall after her many friends return for the season.

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- 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
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- St. Finbarr Catholic Church**
8 am (Spanish) and 10 am (English) Mass
- San Marco Catholic Church**
8 am and 10:30 am Mass

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Pet Pics



Denise Rousseau took this photo during a early morning bike ride in the Fakahatchee.

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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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