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What's Happening in the Everglades City Area

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JULY 2 – JULY 15, 2016

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Join The Celebration Saturday, July 2nd



Everyone is invited to attend this year's Independence day celebration. Here is a lineup of the day's activities:

10:00 a.m., Opening Ceremony at City Hall

10:30 a.m., Patriotic Parade starting at City Hall Circle

11:00 a.m., McLeod Park, booths, food, fun for kids, Patriotic Pet contest, raffles and more!

9:00 p.m. Grand Finale – Our amazing fireworks display over the east horizon of Everglades City.

We hope to see everyone there!

Pictured above: Parade in E-City, 2015

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Summerfest Build-A-Chair Fun!



Thanks to all the Build-a-Chair kids and to the parents that let them attend. As always, the kids had a

great time learning and spending time together. Everyone did a great job on their chairs.



The photos show the work the kids put into the chairs, from cutting and sanding the wood, putting them together, to painting or burning, and varnishing. It is a lot of work and they did it all in 2 days. We are all already looking forward to next year (see photo on page 5)!

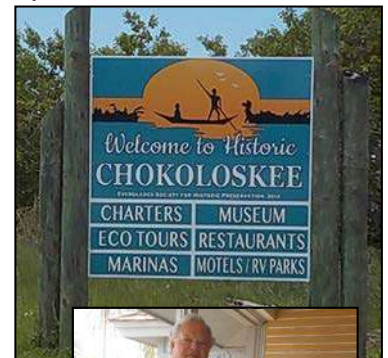


New Welcome Sign For Chokoloskee

It may be the "slow season" but businesses are glad to welcome tourists and anglers to Chokoloskee with their new welcome sign. The project was organized by the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation (ESHP) with cooperation from local organizations, and spearheaded by Kenny Brown at Outdoor Resorts. It replaced a much-older, similar sign which was falling apart and faded.

ESHP has a campaign to improve signage in the area and has installed markers in front of a number of historic buildings and on original, historic homes.

For more information, visit www.evergladeshistorical.org or call Marya at 239-695-2905.



Pictured Above: The new sign on the causeway (top), Kenny Brown & Karen Brown Birdwell with the sign just prior to installation.

If you have news, photos, announcements, or articles ... email mulletrapper@gmail.com or call or text 954-662-7003.

JULY 2016

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
26	27	28	9	30	JULY 1	<u>RAPPER 2</u> Independence Day Celebration, See p. 1, 3
3	4 new moon ☉ Hour of Prayer Copeland Baptist Church, 7pm Independence Day	5	6 Ladies Coffee Island Café, 8 am	7	8	9
10	11 Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God, 7 p.m. OFCD meeting, See p.3	12	13 Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8 am	14	15 Hot Summer Night Event McLeod Park 6-9pm, see p. 3	<u>RAPPER 16</u>
17	18 Hour of Prayer Holy Family Catholic Church, 7 pm Summer Camp, See p. 3	19 full moon ● Summer Camp, See p. 3	20 Ladies Coffee Island Café, 8 am Summer Camp, See p. 3	21 Summer Camp, See p. 3	22	23
24	25 Hour of Prayer Everglades Community Church, 7 pm	26	27 Ladies Coffee City Seafood, 8 am	28	29	<u>RAPPER 30</u>

Aug 5-7 No Tax Holiday
Aug 15: Back to School

Aug 20: Primary Election
Sept 24: Blessing of Fleet

Oct 15: Stone Crab Season Opens

THRIFT SHOP: Sat, 11 am–3 pm
LIONS CLUB: Meetings to Resume in Fall
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)

POST OFFICE HOURS:
Everglades City (239-695-2174) Mon-Fri: 9:30 am to 1 pm and 2 to 4:30 pm; Sat: outside pick-up 3:45 pm
Chokoloskee (239-695-4468) Mon-Fri: 9:30 am to 1 pm and 2 to 4:30 pm; Sat: outside pick-up 3:30 pm
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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. you can watch the parade from there. For more information, call Marya at 239-695-2905.

Hot Summer Night Event

The Collier County Sheriff's Office will host its annual Hot Summer Night event at **McLeod Park on Friday, July 15th from 6 to 9 p.m.**

Kids can come jump around in the police car, bounce-house, go rock wall climbing, play corn hole games or have



an epic battle with friends at the water balloon and water gun station. For the older kids, there will be karaoke and two inflatable giant screens; one to watch a movie, and the other to play Wii games!

Hot dogs and popcorn will also be available.

Don't forget – it's all free!

REACH OUT / C.O.P.S

Summer Camp

Everglades City Community Center, 9 am – 2 pm July 18-21. For information or questions please call Shannon Snyder at 239-961-0669. Registration forms will be available at City Hall.

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**Everglades National Park
FREE Summer Activities**

Everglades Exploration

Time: 2:30 PM to 3:00 PM
Location: Shark Valley Visitor Center
Fees: Free
Schedule: Every Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday from July to September 30th.

The Everglades is a complex system of plants, animals, water, and history. Join us for a short talk and get an in-depth glimpse of the Everglades.

Ranger Walk

Time: 9:15 AM to 10:00AM
Location: Shark Valley Visitor Center
Cost: Free
Schedule: Every Sunday, Monday, Friday, and Saturday from July to September 30th

Join a Park Ranger or a volunteer for a stroll and discussion along the Shark Valley Canal.

**Museum of the Everglades
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Come out and see the Annual Everglades City School Art Exhibit featuring art from our talented students through August 31st. For more information, please visit www.evergladesmuseum.org.

*****Important Summer Notice***
Mosquito Control Key to
Disease Prevention**

There are some simple things we can all do to prevent mosquito borne diseases like the Zika virus from developing in our area. Practice these habits and you will stay a step ahead of the bugs:

1. Dump and cover all standing water sources in your home and garden.
2. Cover windows and doors with screens to prevent mosquitoes from entering the home.
3. Wear shoes, socks, long sleeves and pants when outdoors, and avoid being outdoors at dawn and dusk when mosquitoes are most active.

OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

- 06/14/16: Emergency Medical, 53 MM I-75
- 06/15/16: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 06/15/16: Vehicle Accident, 53 MM I-75
- 06/16/16: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 06/16/16: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 06/17/16: Emergency Medical, Copeland
- 06/17/16: Emergency Medical, 81 MM -75
- 06/17/16: Emergency Med. Choko Island
- 06/18/16: Emergency Med. Choko Island
- 06/18/16: Vehicle Accident, 63 MM I-75
- 06/18/16: Vehicle Accident, 70 MM I-75
- 06/19/16: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 06/21/16: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 06/22/16: Vehicle Accident, 70 Mile Marker I-75
- 06/22/16: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 06/22/16: Vehicle Accident, 79 Mile Marker I-75
- 06/22/16: Vehicle Accident, 65 Mile Marker I-75
- 06/25/16: Mutual Aid, Cape Marco
- 06/25/16: Emergency Medical, Copeland
- 06/25/16: Mutual Aid (Vehicle Accident), 45 Mile Marker I-75
- 06/26/16: Emergency Medical, Ochopee
- 06/16/16: Vehicle Accident, 80 Mile Marker I-75
- 06/27/16: Vehicle Accident, 67 Mile Marker I-75

The Ochopee Fire Control District Advisory Committee will meet at 4 p.m. on **Monday, July 11**, 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 & FAMILY
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Dr. John Martin is in the office at the Everglades Community Center on Mondays & Wednesdays 10 am to noon, then 2 pm to 6 pm. Call (813) 787-9738 or email martinjohnandr@gmail.com.

THRIFT SHOP

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

Aug. 15: First day of new school year

Small Town Taylor

by Taylor Mayberry



Summer is all about fun times, family and water. So, my family went to Wet N Wild. We had so much fun! The first ride we went on was the Aqua Drag Racer. It is a huge four-lane slide where you lay on a mat on your belly and race the other three people. It worked out perfectly because Mom, Dad, Sissy and I all got to ride at the same time. My dad won all three times.

One of the scariest rides I went on was the Der Stucka.

It is a slide that is six stories high and very steep. At the end it tells you how fast you went. It was so scary when I went to scream nothing came out. It took my breathe away. Two of my favorite rides were The Brainwasher and The Disco H2O. In between riding the rides, we swam in the wave pool.



We went to Benihana's for dinner one night and they cooked our food in front of us. Our chef was funny and could do cool tricks. He flipped shrimp tails into his hat using his spatula, what he called a "mighty eagle". He also made a volcano with onions and set them on fire with his "dragon breath" powder. It was so cool! We always have so much fun on our family vacations.

~With lots of love, Taylor

Taylor Mayberry is 10 years old and will be going into the 5th grade at Everglades City School.

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STUDENT'S ARTWORK ON DISPLAY IN EC MUSEUM

Artwork from Everglades City School is now on display at the Museum of the Everglades. Visitors "ooh and aah" about it, commenting on how talented our kids are. You really have to see it to believe it!

The artists are from all grades, from 3rd up to 12th, and have been taught by Mr. Tribble who really knows how to encourage them.



Above: Student Artwork on Display at E-City Museum
Located at: 105 Broadway Ave W, Everglades City, FL 34139

Build -A-Chair Summer Fun!



Above: Sue Gentry of CCSO shares this photo of our talented kid's "chair art". Thank you to Sue for participating!

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Practice Safety in "Gator" Country

There has been a lot of news about alligators lately, and rightfully so. They are powerful, wild animals that can be very dangerous. However, co-existing with alligators *is possible*.

Concerns about having negative encounters with alligators can largely be eliminated by using common sense and having a basic understanding of alligator behavior. To put the risk of an alligator attack in the proper context, you are more likely to get struck by lightning or win the lottery than you are to be seriously injured by an alligator.

However, accidents can and do happen, especially if you put yourself or family at risk.

Here are some basic rules to follow to minimize the possibility of a negative alligator encounter:

- **Don't feed alligators.** It is not only dangerous, it is illegal. Feeding them connects people to food...or as food. Just don't!
- **Keep your distance.** Although they may look slow they aren't. Getting close is a bad idea.
- **Do not attempt to move alligators out of the road.** This doesn't sound smart...and it is not smart...at all!
- **It is illegal to harass or throw things at alligators.** Never intentionally aggravate a wild animal of any kind.
- **Never disturb nests or small alligators.** Some female alligators protect their young and may become aggressive if provoked or believe their offspring are in danger.
- **Do not attempt to keep alligators as pets.** Keeping a baby alligator as a pet is a foolish idea - not to mention illegal.
- **Keep your pets and children away from alligators.** This sounds obvious, but you will see people swimming with their kids *in the everglades!*
- **It is best to avoid swimming in areas that are known habitats for large alligators.** Pretty much in Florida, lakes and canals are off limits, period.

Recipe for Good Eating

By Kathy Brock

Yummy Ice Cream Sandwiches



COOKIE RECIPE:

2/3 cup all-purpose flour
 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon
 1/4 teaspoon salt
 1/2 cup (1 stick) unsalted butter, softened
 1/3 cup packed dark brown sugar
 1/3 cup granulated sugar
 1 egg
 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
 1 1/2 cups rolled oats
 1/2 cup finely chopped chocolate, bitter or semi-sweet

FILLING:

1-pint vanilla ice cream
 1 cup crushed toffee bits (found in the baking aisle)

To make the cookies, heat the oven to 350 degrees. In a small bowl, whisk together the flour, baking soda, cinnamon and salt. In a large bowl, use an electric mixer to beat the butter and both sugars until light and fluffy. Add the egg and vanilla and beat well. Stir in the flour mixture and beat until just combined. Stir in the oats and chocolate. Divide the dough into 24 tablespoon-size balls and arrange on 2 ungreased baking sheets, leaving about 3 inches of space between them. Bake for 10 to 12 minutes, or until golden brown around the edges. Transfer the cookies to a rack and cool completely.

Soften the ice cream until it can be stirred, but is not melted. The easiest way to do this is to transfer the ice cream to a microwave-safe bowl and heat in 10-second intervals until it reaches the desired consistency. Add the toffee bits and mix well.

While the ice cream is soft, scoop a bit onto the bottom of a cooled cookie, then top with another cookie. Freeze until the ice cream is solid. Store in an airtight container in the freezer. Makes 12 sandwiches.

Angels of the Swamp



Our Independence Day Celebrations would not happen if it weren't for a few dedicated volunteers who organize it each year.

They start as early as April sending out letters asking for donations to the Fireworks Fund so that we can pay a deposit on the spectacular display. Then they advise the media of the date, encourage entries in the parade, invite dignitaries, order trophies, arrange food and crafts vendors - and hope that no detail has been forgotten.

Of course, on the day they are busy from early morning until the last visitor has left, lining up the parade, supervising the kiddies' events, and finally cleaning up.

Chief angels are Dottie Joiner, Elaine Middelstaedt, and Sue Gentry with help from Carol Foss and Marya Repko. Thanks also to Mayor Sammy Hamilton, the Collier County Sheriff's Office, Jimmy Brewer, and all local participants.



Fishing in The Ten Thousand Islands in July with Captain Mike

Well, summer is in full swing and it's hot! Afternoon thunderstorms can be counted on so plan your day accordingly. Start early and get in early is the rule I like

to follow. Water temps are up so if it's Snook you are after you will want to keep this in mind. If you catch an early morning rise or last of the falling tide, try top-water lures along the edges of the island and sandy beaches. The fish will lay out off the shoreline sometimes as much as 100ft. so stay out and make the long cast. Once the tide gets up or it gets hot you will want to switch to a jig. Use either a 1/4 oz. or 3/8 oz. jig head and right now either a DOA Cal tail or Gulp are working great.

Now as the tide comes up you move in closer to the shorelines to cast. This time of year I like using something with a chartreuse tail. The advantage the Gulp has is that you will catch more Redfish with this tail. Fish it slowly with a mild jigging action. If you are live bait fishing, then the incoming tide has been the best bet. Once the water starts to cover the bars and the flow gets stronger the Snook have been turning on really good. Get up current from your spot and nose hook your baits with a small sinker rigged knocker rig style. If you find some fish generally there will be a school, there so keep the baits going without too much time in between. These fish will move out once the bait stops. If you keep it going your bite will last longer. If you have the ability to fish after the thunderstorms pass this is a great time also as the water temps sometimes will drop down enough to get the fish biting again. There have been lots of big Mangrove Snapper all throughout the islands this year and you will pick them up using the same knocker rig. Sea Trout on the grass flats are still biting but the fish are smaller this time of year. You will still find some nice ones and going out to deeper water is the key sometimes. If it is offshore wreck fishing you are into then this is a great time of year for you too. Calm water and lots of bait offshore make for a great time to do this. Permit, Snook, Seatrout, Snapper, and Grouper are just a few reasons to venture out there.

It seems like you can always get some kind of action this time of year so it's a great way to keep the kids busy. Just be extra careful to keep an eye out on the weather and don't take any chances. I say live to fish another day when it comes to lightning and head in!

If you have someone that wants to catch sharks, then this is one of the easiest things to do in summer. Fish the flats or the troughs on the beaches or out by the markers or out on the wrecks and you will find sharks. If you want to make it happen fast just cut up some fish and chum it up. It won't take long. I've had anglers catch 10 ft. Lemon Sharks already this year. Just be extra careful once you get these giants to the boat. They can turn on you quick!

Whatever you decide to do this summer it is a great time to get out on the water. Just be prepared for heat and rain and lots of action! Good luck fishing! ~Capt. Mike Merritt



Living Gulf Coast

by Charles Sobczak

Red-bellied Woodpecker (*Melanerpes carolinus*) Other names: zebra

woodpecker, ladder-back, orange sapsucker / Status: FL=stable to slightly expanding its range, IUCN=LC / Life span: to 12 years / Length: 9 in. (24 cm) / Wingspan: 13-17 in. (33-42 cm) / Weight: 23 oz. (65-91 gm) / Nests throughout SW Florida / Found: AC, coastal, near coast, mainland / Months found: **JFmamjASOND** (lower case indicates breeding and nesting season).

Anyone with a home located near a nesting pair of red-bellied woodpecker may be all too familiar with the habits of this medium-size woodpecker. In the spring, during the breeding season, it loves to hammer on tin roofs, hollow trees, or anything loud that might attract a mate but will assuredly drive the homeowners half-crazy. This noisy bird also makes a trill-like sound that is fairly easy to identify, resembling a rolling *churr, churr, churr* sound, like a gargled chirp.

This species is misnamed because it doesn't have much of a red belly. Its underside has a slightly rosy hue, but it is far easier to identify from its partially red head and beautiful back markings, which resemble a black and white ladder—hence its nickname, ladder-back (not to be confused with the smaller Southwestern ladder-backed woodpecker).

One amazing characteristic of the woodpecker is the length of its tongue. Although shorter than that of some species, the



male red-bellied woodpecker's tongue can be up to four inches long, protruding deep into holes and crevices where it pulls out arthropods, a primary part of the woodpecker's diet. It also eats seeds, nuts, sap, and fruit and has been known to feed on tree frogs and small lizards.

The red-bellied woodpecker loves nesting boxes and can be found using them when available anywhere in its range. It sometimes competes with starlings for the best nesting boxes, and it's not unusual to see the two species quarreling over them. This woodpecker is sometimes taken by hawks, and its nests, when in trees rather than nesting boxes, can be raided by palm rats and snakes. It is monogamous and mates for life.

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

Red Bellied Woodpecker Photo by Bob Gres

My Little Slice of Paradise

By Kathy Brock



One of the wonderful things about south Florida is we really have a yearlong growing season. There isn't a season here where something won't grow. In the north, the majority of vegetables, fruits and herbs are most productive over a 4 or 5-month long season. Here, we can take advantage of our moderate climate and plant throughout the entire year successfully - if a few general rules are followed.

A great thing to remember is that plants need food too, so make sure put yours on a feeding cycle to get the best out of them.

I follow the "March / June / October" feeding cycle and it works quite well. Find a type of plant food that your plants like and you do too...and they will respond. There are numerous types of plant food available today; traditional, organic, granular, liquid and more. Read the labels to find what suits your plant's needs and what suits your budget best. Mulching from kitchen waste is one way to defray the cost of commercial fertilizers. Vegetable peels, coffee grinds and eggshells are things we throw away every day that can be "recycled" in the garden. Google for articles about how and what to mulch and you'll find you can help your plants organically with things you are throwing



away!

Our summer is hard on delicate plants but great for those that like rain and humidity. Many types of fruiting trees do very well in our area and can be purchased from local nurseries. Vegetables do very well throughout the winter months with August and September being the best time to germinate seeds to get them started for our prime gardening season; fall and winter. You can save yourself a lot of money starting seeds if you are patient. Planting them in pots first makes it easier to manage, and when they are sturdy enough, you can put them into the ground.

Do some research about the trees you would like to plant before you purchase them. Many fruiting trees are grafted onto nematode resistant, and/or fungus resistant root stocks to make them more hardy in our climate (so growing citrus from seed is not recommended). Some trees respond to humidity and others do not, so research is key when choosing your trees and vegetable types to achieve the best results. No matter what you do, have fun. To me there is nothing better than eating what I grow in our garden...and there is always plenty to share with family, friends and wildlife (Oh yes, they like it too). Enjoy!



Pictured: Pineapple and jalapeno peppers grown in our EC garden. Photos by Tim Brock.

A Gem in Our Backyard The 99-mile Wilderness Waterway

By Kathy Brock

We have so many options when it comes to enjoying the outdoors in our area. There are so many unique things, those of us lucky enough to live here, often do not fully appreciate it the way we should or could. The Wilderness Waterway is one of our country's best kept secrets. Personally, I have not had the pleasure of taking the entire trip from our vantage point (Everglades City) to the Florida City base. But I have done about 35% of the trip and that was amazing. My definition of the Wilderness Waterway is that it is like a James Bond chase scene...but beautiful, oh so beautiful! Winding in and out, beauty everywhere you look. It really feels like you are back in time before development changed the face of Florida. Birds, manatee, critters and fish are all a part of this wonderful adventure.



The key for a successful trip is planning and research. If you have never taken this trip before, you will want to make sure you have accurate

navigational maps or the proper chip for GPS navigation or both. Electronics can fail so I would recommend a map as a backup even if you have the best GPS. If you are using a motor boat, you should have a draft that is two foot or less as some of the areas can be quite shallow. You must also be aware of kayakers and be mindful that the sight distance around turns is limited...so be cognizant of others.

If you are planning on doing this by kayak, make sure you are very well prepared, if not over prepared. The currents are strong and our summer weather can be treacherous, so you really need to pay attention to the elements. Be realistic about the progress you can make in one day. Experienced kayakers can advance from 8 to 10 miles per day (according to the Park service, and they know this area).

If you are planning on camping, you will need to obtain permits, and you will want to learn the rules and follow the rules of the park. You should also file a float plan with a friend or a family member that includes predetermined check in times. Remember that your cellular phone will not work when it is out of tower range, so a ship to shore radio is never a bad thing to have.

Some other "must-haves" for the journey; fresh water, 1-gallon per day per person. There is no fresh water anywhere, so this is a must. Others; charts, compass, rain gear, mosquito repellent (bring 2x more than you think you will need), anchor, sunscreen, food supplies and sleeping gear. Bug screening is highly recommended as a fail-safe and backup plan.

When Tim and I go scuba diving we always say, "plan your dive, dive your plan". The same is true for the Wilderness Waterway trip, "plan your trip, follow your plan" and you will have one of the best adventures of a lifetime....and best of all, you can do it again because it is right in our own backyard.

PARK NEWS

June Juvenile Smalltooth Sawfish Abundance Survey

By: Andrea Kroetz, NOAA Fisheries, Panama City
Laboratory, Panama City, FL

In June, the NOAA Smalltooth Sawfish Abundance Survey was stationed in Everglades City, sampling coastal areas from Goodland to Pavilion Key.

Smalltooth sawfish were listed as endangered in 2003 under Section 9 of the Endangered Species Act. Remember, it is illegal to “take” (harass, harm, pursue, target, hunt, shoot, wound, kill, trap, or capture) this animal. The current core population is limited to waters off the coast of southwest Florida and incidental encounters between smalltooth sawfish and fishermen do occur. If you incidentally hook or net a smalltooth sawfish, please do not remove the animal from the water. Cut the line or gear as close to the animal as possible and release the animal immediately.

If you see or incidentally catch a smalltooth sawfish, please contact the International Sawfish Encounter Database at 352-392-2360 or the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission at 941-255-7403. You can also email: Sawfish@MyFWC.com. All input and cooperation from the public is greatly valued and helps guide our field expeditions.

The Smalltooth Sawfish Abundance Survey field team will be in Everglades City, sampling areas surrounding Chokoloskee Island up to Ten Thousand Island National Wildlife Refuge from **August 14-19, 2016**. This research follows permits EVER-2016-SCI-0016 and ESA-17787. Funding is provided through the NOAA Fisheries Service Southeast Regional Office in St. Petersburg, FL.

New Supervisor of Elections Office Grand Opening, Announced-Public Invited

Supervisor of Elections, Jennifer J. Edwards, announces the grand opening of their new facilities located at 3750 Enterprise Avenue, Naples FL, on Thursday, July 14. The Supervisor of Elections office will host a ribbon cutting ceremony and guided tours directly after the opening ceremony; from 10:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

“We want to acknowledge everyone who supported our move and also invite the public to see where their elections office is now located.” – Jennifer J. Edwards.

For more information, please contact the elections office at: (239) 252-VOTE.

LOCAL NEWS

Collier Area Transit Disadvantaged Business Enterprise 45-Day Public Comment Period Announced

The Collier County Public Transit & Neighborhood Enhancement Division is announcing a 45-day public comment period for the Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Goal Setting.

The Department of Transportation Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) program applies to projects funded from traditional Department of Transportation (DOT) sources. It was established to ensure nondiscrimination in the award of state and federally funded contracts. The goal of the DBE program is established to remedy past and current discrimination against disadvantaged and small business enterprises, ensuring a “level playing field” in which DBEs can compete fairly for DOT and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) contracts.

Collier Area Transit (CAT), as a grantee of both the Department of Transportation and the Federal Transit Administration, is in the triennial process of establishing its goal for its DBE program. The final goal will be in effect for the next three fiscal years (2016-17, 2017-18 and 2018-19).



Collier Area Transit is recommending the following Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal for applicable professional, consulting, construction and procurement contracts during fiscal years 2016, 2017 and 2018, beginning Oct. 1, and ending Sept. 30, 2019. The overall total DBE goal being proposed will be 1.60 percent.

The draft goal will be available for public comment for 45 days and CAT would like to gain your input. Comments can be sent to alltransmodes@colliergov.net or submitted in writing.

The proposed DBE Goal will be considered the final DBE Goal unless substantive public comments are received within the public comment period. The public comment period for the DBE Goal Setting will end on Aug. 9. The POP will be on display at the customer service desks at location listed below:

Everglades City Hall
102 Copeland Ave. N.,
Everglades City, Florida 34139

RESTAURANTS

- Angler's Cove, Port of the Islands (642-1025): Tuesday thru Sunday, Noon - 9 pm; closed Monday
- Camellia Street Grill (695-2003): 11 noon - 5pm; daily
- City Seafood (695-4700): 6:00 am - 6:00 pm; daily Supper Upstairs 6-9 pm; Thursday-Sunday
- 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
- Tastes of the Everglades (695-0075) 11 am - 8 pm; daily
- Triad Seafood & Café (695-2662): Closed for the Summer
- Right Choice Supermarket (695-4535): 9:00 am - 7:00 pm; daily
- Grimm's Stone Crab (239-695-3222): Closed until October 15
- Loco's Fresh Produce: (239-462-7050) Closed for the Summer

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

FISHING REGULATIONS
 May-Aug-Snook Season *Closed*
 May 16-Oct 14-Stone Crab Season *Closed*
 Aug 6-Spiny Lobster Season *Opens*
 View full schedule:
<http://myfwc.com/fishing/saltwater/recreational/>

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07/01	Fri	08:30PM	-0.2	L
07/02	Sat	02:15AM	2.4	H
07/02	Sat	08:24AM	0.7	L
07/02	Sat	01:18PM	3.3	H
07/02	Sat	09:21PM	-0.4	L
07/03	Sun	03:05AM	2.4	H
07/03	Sun	09:16AM	0.7	L
07/03	Sun	02:02PM	3.4	H
07/03	Sun	10:10PM	-0.4	L
07/04	Mon	03:49AM	2.4	H
07/04	Mon	10:05AM	0.7	L
07/04	Mon	02:46PM	3.5	H
07/04	Mon	10:56PM	-0.4	L
07/05	Tue	04:31AM	2.4	H
07/05	Tue	10:52AM	0.7	L
07/05	Tue	03:29PM	3.4	H
07/05	Tue	11:40PM	-0.4	L
07/06	Wed	05:11AM	2.4	H
07/06	Wed	11:38AM	0.6	L
07/06	Wed	04:14PM	3.3	H
07/07	Thu	12:23AM	-0.3	L
07/07	Thu	05:52AM	2.4	H
07/07	Thu	12:23PM	0.6	L
07/07	Thu	05:02PM	3.0	H
07/08	Fri	01:05AM	-0.1	L
07/08	Fri	06:34AM	2.5	H
07/08	Fri	01:11PM	0.6	L
07/08	Fri	05:53PM	2.8	H
07/09	Sat	01:47AM	0.1	L
07/09	Sat	07:17AM	2.5	H
07/09	Sat	02:05PM	0.6	L
07/09	Sat	06:51PM	2.5	H
07/10	Sun	02:32AM	0.3	L
07/10	Sun	08:01AM	2.5	H
07/10	Sun	03:07PM	0.6	L
07/10	Sun	07:53PM	2.3	H
07/11	Mon	03:21AM	0.4	L
07/11	Mon	08:47AM	2.5	H
07/11	Mon	04:17PM	0.6	L
07/11	Mon	09:01PM	2.1	H
07/12	Tue	04:16AM	0.6	L
07/12	Tue	09:36AM	2.6	H
07/12	Tue	05:25PM	0.5	L
07/12	Tue	10:16PM	2.0	H
07/13	Wed	05:15AM	0.7	L
07/13	Wed	10:29AM	2.6	H
07/13	Wed	06:25PM	0.4	L
07/13	Wed	11:35PM	1.9	H
07/14	Thu	06:12AM	0.8	L
07/14	Thu	11:21AM	2.7	H
07/14	Thu	07:18PM	0.3	L
07/15	Fri	12:46AM	2.0	H
07/15	Fri	07:04AM	0.8	L
07/15	Fri	12:10PM	2.8	H
07/15	Fri	08:05PM	0.1	L
07/16	Sat	01:39AM	2.1	H
07/16	Sat	07:51AM	0.9	L
07/16	Sat	12:53PM	2.9	H

OBITUARIES

Richard "Skip" Wood passed away on June 16 at the age of 84 in Indiana. He and Joan Remley spent their winters in Everglades City. Services were held at the Greenwood Cemetery in Michigan City, IN.



Connie Lewis (78) resident of Macclenny, FL, former resident of Chokoloskee, died June 11 at St. Vincent Hospital in Jacksonville, FL. Connie was the great, great granddaughter of C.G. McKinney an early pioneer of Chokoloskee, FL. She is survived by two sons, Jeff (Terri) Lewis of Chokoloskee and Greg Lewis of Macclenny, FL. She leaves 5 grandchildren Samantha, Joshua, Dillon (Tasha), Tyler and Austin Lewis' 2 great grandchildren. Connie was preceded in death by her husband Dalton F. Lewis.

A private burial was held by the family.

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"Edgar" Enjoys the beach in Sanibel with dog "mom" Deb Trujillo

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