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### Boat Destroyed by Fire, Law Enforcement Investigating as Possible Arson



Barrier set up by investigators around fire-damaged vessel.

Law enforcement was called to the scene of a fire-damaged vessel on the morning on August 7<sup>th</sup>. The incident is being investigated as a possible arson. The location of the fire was on the west side of Barron River behind Triad Seafood. There were no reported injuries. The vessel was completely destroyed. (Photo by Chris Herlovich)

### C.O.P.S SUMMER CAMP ENDS, NEW SCHOOL YEAR SET TO BEGIN!



Thanks to Susan Gentry of the Collier County Sheriff's Office, Shannon Snyder and numerous other participants and volunteers, that helped make this year's summer camp a huge success! The kids enjoyed picnics, games, crafts and classes. Thanks to everyone who contributed to make sure our kids had a safe and fun summer full of activities!

**Top left:** summer camp kids pose for a group photo. (Photo by Susan Gentry)

**Lower left:** "Ranger John" of Everglades National Park, leads a class at the Museum of the Everglades. (Photo by Helen Bryan)

**Top right:** Counselor Shannon Snyder enjoys time with the kids. (Photo by Susan Gentry)

**Lower right:** camp kids observe student art at Museum of the Everglades. (Photo by Helen Bryan)

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**Welcome Back Students. Have a Great School Year!**

*Have news, photos, announcements, or articles? Email [mulletrapper@gmail.com](mailto:mulletrapper@gmail.com) or call or text 954-662-7003.*

# AUGUST – SEPTEMBER 2016

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Hour of Prayer Holy Family Catholic Church, 7 pm OFCD mtg., p.3  Back to School!	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>  Ladies Coffee Island Café, 8 am	<b>18</b> full moon ●	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>  Pokémon Party EC Museum 10 am – 2 pm, See p. 3 Early Voting
<b>21</b>  Early Voting	<b>22</b> Hour of Prayer Everglades Comm. Church, 7pm Early Voting	<b>23</b>  Early Voting	<b>24</b> Ladies Coffee City Seafood, 8 am  Early Voting	<b>25</b> Everglades Nat'l Park 100 <sup>th</sup> B-day Early Voting	<b>26</b>  Early Voting	<b><u>RAPPER 27</u></b>  Early Voting
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> Hour of Prayer Copeland Baptist Church 7 pm	<b>30</b> Primary Election, See p.3	<b>31</b> Ladies Coffee Island Café, 8 am	<b>Sept. 1</b> new moon ○ Snook Season Opens!	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God, 7 pm Holiday: Labor Day	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> Ladies Coffee City Seafood, 8 am	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b><u>RAPPER 10</u></b>
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Sept 24: Blessing of Fleet

Oct 15: Stone Crab Season Opens  
Nov. 8: General Election

Oct 29: Halloween Celebration

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: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 9 am to 3:30 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 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: 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday (4:30 pm) Other Tuesdays (10-11 am)  
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**Upcoming Events in Town**

**Early Voting**

Collier County Early voting will be available for the 2016 Primary Election at Everglades City Hall from **August 20-27**. During early voting, you must vote in your county; however, *you are not required to vote in your precinct*. It is ideal if you wish to vote closer to work or school, or if you are unavailable on Election Day. If you did not receive a sample ballot, you can view the full ballot by visiting <http://www.colliervotes.com/>. The primary election will be held on August 30 at your local precinct.

**Pauline Reeves Gallery**

August, 2016

Everglades City Student Art Exhibit.



Enjoy the art of the talented students of Everglades City School ages third grade to graduating seniors.

**Art in the Glades**

Sept. 24, 2016

**“Blessing of the Fleet”**



Visit the Rod & Gun Club and enjoy art from local artists as we bless the fleet for the upcoming stone crab season.

**Wings Across the Glades**



Coming this fall the featured photographer at the Museum of the Everglades will be **Gregory Dupignac**, who has had a lifelong

interest in photography.

Growing up in the Barnegat Bay area of New Jersey, Greg used a Kodak Brownie or a Polaroid camera to take pictures of real estate that his dad was selling. Today, he is an accomplished photographer and artist.

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**Notice Board**



**Mullet Rapper featured in documentary!**

The Mullet Rapper is very proud to earn a shout out in the 1-hour documentary; **Mullet; A Tale of Two Fish**. This one hour show that recently aired on PBS, discusses the importance of the Mullet and its influence on southwest Florida life, Florida pioneers, Spanish explorers and the impact felt when the fishing laws changed in the 1990's.

The documentary may be available on Netflix for viewing if you did not have a chance to see it on PBS. It can also be found on the PBS website.

**Collier County Public Schools Announces Its Policy for Free and Reduced-Price Meals**

Any interested person may review a copy of the policy by contacting **Lucy Aponte, 5775 Osceola Trail, Naples, FL at 239-377-0297**

Household size and income criteria will be used to determine eligibility. An application cannot be approved unless it contains complete eligibility information. Once approved, meal benefits are good for an entire year. You do not need to notify the organization of changes in income and household size.

You may apply on line at [www.collierschools.com/nutrition](http://www.collierschools.com/nutrition). Paper application forms are being sent to all homes with a letter to parents or guardians. To apply for Free or Reduced-Price Meals, households must complete the application online or fill the paper one and return it to the school. Additional copies are available at the principal's office in each school. The information provided on the application will be used for the purpose of determining eligibility and may be verified at any time during the school year. Applications may be submitted at any time during the year.



**OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT**

- 07/26/16: Emergency Med Plantation Island
- 07/27/16: Vehicle Accident, 51 MM I-75
- 07/28/16: Vehicle Accident, 70 MM I-75
- 07/29/16: Emergency Medical, Ochopee
- 07/29/16: Emergency Medical, Ochopee
- 07/29/16: Vehicle Accident, 80 MM I-75
- 07/30/16: Emergency Med, Port of the Islands
- 07/30/16: Car Accident, 41 & San Marco Road
- 07/31/16: Emergency Med, Chokoloskee Isl
- 07/31/16: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 07/31/16: Vehicle Accident, MM 55 on US 41
- 07/31/16: Vehicle Accident, 81 MM I-75
- 08/01/16: Vehicle Fire, 66 Mile Marker I-75
- 08/01/16: Emergency Med, Port of the Islands
- 08/01/16: Emergency Med, Plantation Island
- 08/02/16: Vehicle Fire, 50 Mile Marker I-75
- 08/02/16: Vehicle Fire, 63 Mile Marker I-75
- 08/02/16: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
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- 08/02/16: Emergency Medical, Everglades City
- 08/03/16: Emergency Medical, Copeland
- 08/04/16: Emergency Med, Port of the Islands
- 08/04/16: Vehicle Accident, 80 MM I-75
- 08/05/16: Emergency Medical, Ochopee
- 08/05/16: Vehicle Accident, US 41 and SR 29
- 08/05/16: Vehicle Accident, 56 MM I-75
- 08/06/16: Vehicle Accident, 52 MM I-75
- 08/07/16: Fire, Everglades City
- 08/08/16: Brush Fire, Port of the Islands
- 08/08/16: Emergency Medical, Copeland
- 08/09/16: Unknown Alarm, Everglades City

The Ochopee Fire Control District Advisory Committee will meet at 4 p.m. on **Monday, August 15**, 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 MEDICAL CARE**

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 [martinjohnndr@gmail.com](mailto:martinjohnndr@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 during the rainy summer months. Bring your items in on Saturday during our regular hours.**



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# SCHOOL NEWS

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## Small Town Taylor

by Taylor Mayberry

As summer is ending I have mixed emotions. I'm happy and sad. I'm happy that I get to go back to school and see my friends. But, sad that I will have less time with my family for our fun adventures together. From the Fourth of July, beach days, air-boating, trips to Orlando, the Keys, and baseball games, this summer has been extraordinary! We have a week and a half left and I am stoked! I can't wait to see my friends and my teachers. As I write this, we are on our way back to the beach resort to hang out with all of my cousins and play on the paddle board some more.

Next week we have our last family summer vacation trip



planned to go scalloping. It's our first time going scalloping so I hope that we catch a lot so that we can eat them up. I feel strongly that my little sister Rylee is going to catch the most even though she doesn't like seafood, because she's a fish in the water and a great swimmer. She's been practicing for scalloping by using her snorkel gear in the pool and diving for her dive ring toy. So, there's still more fun to pack in before school starts. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer and I can't wait to hear about what all of my friends have done over the summer.

With lots of love,

*Taylor*

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



## A Message from the Principal

by Jim Ragusa

Welcome Back!!! It is with great joy and anticipation that we look forward to the arrival of our students on August 15<sup>th</sup> for the first day of school. The first event of the year is our 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "Back to School Bash" on August 12<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 5:00 pm. We will welcome our students and their families back to another exciting school year. Students will meet their teachers while enjoying a cookout with hot dogs, chips and drinks after visiting their new classrooms.

The Florida Department of Education has released school grades for the 2015-16 school year and we received a letter "C" grade for the 2015-16 school year. While we are disappointed about the decrease in our grade, the data we received about individual student performance will allow us to target the individual needs of each student. The grading formula changed from the previous school year and we will make adjustments to address every area where students need additional assistance. Our teachers and staff are committed to making every student successful as we move forward to improve the achievements of each student.

In my next article, I will share how all of us can work together in preparing students to achieve their individual goals and dreams.

IT IS ALWAYS A GREAT DAY TO BE A GATOR!

Jim Ragusa  
Principal

### BACK TO SCHOOL TO DO LIST:

- 1. Get checkups:** You, your partner and your children should all get checkups before the school year begins. This helps identify any areas of concern so that they can be addressed before the chaos of the new school year begins.
- 2. Set bedtimes:** It's essential for kids (and adults!) to get a healthy amount of sleep each night to stay focused throughout the day.
- 3. Teach good hygiene habits:** Teach them to wash their hands after using the restroom and before going to lunch or eating a snack.
- 4. Stock up on healthy foods:** Avoid junk food.
- 5. Manage Stress:** Good time management goes a long way to good stress management.

### IMPORTANT DATES EVERGLADES CITY SCHOOL

- Aug. 12: Back to School Bash, 3-5:00 pm
- Aug. 15: First day of new school year



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Floridians can protect themselves from unwanted calls and text by

subscribing their residential, mobile or paging device telephone numbers to the Florida Do Not Call list, which is maintained by the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services.

It is unlawful to make telephone sales calls before 8 a.m. or after 9 p.m. local time or to block the solicitor's name or telephone number to the party called. The use of auto dialers with pre-recorded messages is also not permitted in Florida.

The most frequent violations of the Do Not Call law occur because a solicitor: failed to identify his or her true first and last names and the business on whose behalf he or she is soliciting immediately upon making contact; called a telephone number on the Do Not Call list (subscriber); or made a pre-recorded sales call to either a subscriber or non-subscriber.

Florida residents can subscribe to the Florida Do Not Call list by visiting [FreshFromFlorida.com](http://FreshFromFlorida.com) or calling 1-800-HELP-FLA (435-7352).

Residential, mobile and paging device telephone numbers are eligible to be on the list.

**Reporting violations is critical to the success of the program**

## Amendment 4 Provides Tax Exemption for Homeowners and Businesses

Amendment 4 enjoys unanimous bipartisan support in the Florida legislature. It is backed by the League of Women Voters, Sierra Club, Florida Retail Federation, Nature Conservancy, Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, Florida Restaurant and Lodging Association, and the Environmental Defense Fund, among others.

For more information, visit: [www.CollierVotes.com](http://www.CollierVotes.com) or call (239) 252-VOTE.

## Recipes for Good Eating

Submitted by Mary Jane Allen

### Fresh Summer Cole Slaw

One, 1-pound bag of shredded Cole slaw mix  
(You can also shred your own)

- ¼ cup red wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 teaspoons celery seeds
- ¾ cup mayonnaise
- ¼ cup white sugar
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- ¼ cup milk



Mix sugar, milk, mayonnaise, olive oil and vinegar until well blended and smooth. Add black pepper and celery seed. Fold into slaw mixture until fully blended. Refrigerate and serve cold.

Substitutions: You can shred your own cabbage, carrots and red cabbage to make your own fresh slaw. One head of cabbage will go a long way! You can use apple cider vinegar in place of red wine vinegar if preferred. Enjoy this simple, inexpensive side dish. Add to sandwiches as a garnish!

## Native Beauty Berry Food for Wildlife and a Great Fruit for Making Jam



American beautyberry (*Callicarpa Americana*) is food for over 40 species of birds and other wildlife. And...as the name suggests, it is quite a beautiful plant as well. With its 4 to 8-foot long arching branches and spectacular berries, it makes quite a nice addition to the landscape and the breakfast table.

The beauty berry is edible and makes a very tasty jam. They grow effortlessly and will add color and birds (birds cannot resist them!) to your landscape. You literally just plant them and watch them grow.

When you harvest, take only what you need and leave some for the wildlife too. Enjoy!

### INGREDIENTS:

Harvest and clean 6 cups of beautyberries.

Place berries in large pot on stove.

Add 4 cups water, and boil for 20 minutes. Allow to cool.

Place a cheesecloth-covered sieve over a bowl. Pour the boiled berries through the cheesecloth; mash to get 3 cups juice; add apple juice to make 3 cups, if necessary.

Discard any particles that don't go through cheesecloth.

Pour the juice through another sieve without a cheesecloth into a large pot.

Add 1 package Sure-Jell pectin and ½ pat butter (to prevent foaming). Bring to a rolling boil.

Stir in 4½ cups sugar, and bring to a boil for 2 minutes.

Pour into 6 half-pint jars.

Invert the jars for 10 minutes or process the jars in boiling water for 5 minutes to sterilize and preserve. Let cool before storing.





## Living Gulf Coast

by Charles Sobczak

**Red Mangrove** (*Rhizophora mangle*) Other names: mangroves, mangle, walking trees / Status: FL=stable but Florida has lost approximately 50% of its original mangrove

forests to development, IUCN=LC / Life span: to 150 years or more / Height: 15-33 ft. (4.5-10 m) / Reproduces by propagules and thrives along the back bay / Found: Throughout Southwest Florida / Status: very common.

It is impossible to underestimate the value of the red mangrove forests of Southwest Florida. To start with, the early formation of many of our islands were in large part dependent on these trees catching and trapping the sand and sediments in their extensive root systems. Without red mangroves there might not be a *Captiva, Sanibel or 10000 islands further south.*

Beyond their island and land building capabilities, red mangroves offer an extensive list of other benefits to the estuarine and marine eco-systems. To begin with, every acre of mangroves produces 3.6 tons of leaf litter per year. This litter falls into the tidal



waters and helps to feed a host of living organisms, from the micro-organisms that break down this detritus to oysters, barnacles, crabs, shrimps and the fishes that feed on them. An estimated 75% of all of Southwest Florida's game fish and 90% of all commercial species depend on the mangrove system for cover and nutrients.

Their lush canopies are utilized by dozens of birds as roosting and

nesting sites. These include almost all of the herons and egrets, the pelicans, cormorants, mangrove cuckoos, roseate spoonbills, and ibises, to mention but a few. Their trunks and tangled root systems harbor fiddler crabs, mangrove crabs, periwinkles, apple snails and scores of other spiders and insects. Their flowers feed butterflies, moths, hummingbirds and honey bees. In short, red mangroves are the cornerstones of our estuaries and without them, most, if not all of the back bay food chain would collapse.

Under ideal conditions red mangroves can grow to heights of eighty feet. Locally, the red mangroves seldom exceed thirty feet. They have the unique ability to survive and thrive in water that is so salty that 99% of the plants on earth, if exposed to these same levels of salinity, would die within weeks. They grow in soil that is anaerobic, which is the scientific term for soils holding little to no oxygen. To compensate for their harsh environment, the gnarled, exposed root systems of the red mangroves are covered in tiny holes, allowing the tree to take in the oxygen directly from the air. Its seeds, called propagules, are fully matured when they drop from the tree and may last as long as a year floating in saltwater until they find a shallow mud flat or tide pool where they can take root.



The red mangrove is a hermaphrodite, capable of self-pollinating. Another unique adaptation is that as older leaves accumulate excess salt, they are designed to drop, adding to the detritus below and ridding the tree of its unneeded sodium. Mangroves also vary the orientation of their leaves throughout the day to reduce evaporation from the tropical midday sun.

The saddest part of their story is our disregard and abuse of the mangrove eco-system. Studies indicate that more than 50% of the mangrove forests have been uprooted and destroyed due to



coastal development in the past 100 years. Where mangrove forests once dominated the environment we now find only barren sea walls and development. In some coastal regions, such as

in Louisiana and Mississippi, vast tracts of mangrove forests have been lost to agriculture and development, which allowed Hurricane Katrina's massive storm surge to penetrate much further inland than it would have if these wave-reducing plants had been left in place.

Efforts are underway to replant and re-propagate the red mangrove all across South Florida. Special permits are required to trim mangroves and uprooting or killing them is strictly prohibited. Finding these trees is easy. They line both sides of Wildlife Drive, and inhabit almost all the back bay section of Captiva, including Roosevelt Channel and the bay side of South Seas Plantation. Worldwide there are more than 110 recognized mangrove species, with the largest diversity found in Indonesia and Malaysia. In Hawaii, where it is not a native species, red mangrove is considered an invasive plant and is eradicated accordingly.

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*Red Mangrove photos by Charles Sobczak.  
Mangrove destruction photo by Joe Hughes*





## My Little Slice of Paradise

by Kathy Brock

Snook season is upon us so it is a good time to brush up on our snook facts! There are actually five species of snook; common snook, small-scale fat snook, large scale fat snook, sword-spine snook and tarpon snook. The most common is the common snook, so that is basis of this article.



Snook can tolerate a wide range of salinity and are catadromous, meaning that they move from fresh water into saltwater to spawn. They are also protandric hermaphrodites meaning that they can change from male to female...and most large fish are female which is probably a mechanism to support a strong breeding population.

Snook are voracious feeders and are actually cannibalistic as juveniles. As they mature, they prefer mullet, pinfish, small crustaceans, and other small fish. Snook can be found from Galveston, Texas, south through Florida to Rio de Janeiro. Snook cannot tolerate cold weather, and suffer harm when the water temperature falls below 60 degrees. This was obvious in the Everglades area in January 2010 when we had cold temperatures for several days straight. Thousands of fish were killed from Tampa Bay south resulting in restrictions to protect the population. Recently, the snook has had a bit of a comeback and the population is currently stable.

Snook can live over 20 years. The largest snook ever caught weighed 59 lbs., 12 ounces off the coast of Costa Rica. The largest snook ever caught in Florida was taken in Fort Myers in 1984 weighing 44 lbs. 3 ounces on conventional tackle. The fly fishing record was recorded in Chokoloskee in April 1993, weighing in at 30 lbs. 4 ounces.

Of course, today we have "slots" for snook. The current regulation is a bag limit of **1 fish per day between 28 to 33 inches**. The bottom line is that snook are not only fun and challenging to catch, they also taste excellent; fried, broiled or grilled. Catch some this season...and enjoy! Send us your big catch photo the next time you land "the big one"

Photo above, top to bottom: common snook, small-scale fat snook, large scale fat snook, sword-spine snook. Photo courtesy snook foundation.org

## Nature on Display in the Everglades Area... High in the Sky

Rainbows are a true gift from nature. Ancient cultures created numerous legends in an attempt to explain it. Greco Roman mythology believed the rainbow to be a path from Earth to Heaven. In Armenian mythology the rainbow is believed to be a belt of Tir, a Sun god. Today, it is still not uncommon to speak of the "pot of gold" at the end of the rainbow. The trouble with that thought is that there really is no "end" to the rainbow, it is actually a perfect sphere - but we only see the arc from land. By plane, if at the proper angle, one could actually see the full, colorful sphere.

A rainbow isn't really a "thing" and in actuality, it does not exist. The rainbow is an optical phenomenon that appears when sunlight and atmospheric conditions are just right—and when we are at the right angle to observe it.

### How does a rainbow appear?

A rainbow is caused by light refracting through water droplets floating in the air soon after it rains. To see it, the sun must be behind you. As the sun shines on a water droplet, light passes into it, the light bends, or refracts. The light then bounces off the back of the water droplet and goes back the way it came, bending again as it speeds up when it exits the water droplet.

### What causes the colors?

Sunlight is made up of many wavelengths or colors of light.



Some of those wavelengths get bent more than others when the light enters the water droplet. Violet (the shortest wavelength of visible light) bends the most, red (the longest wavelength of visible light) bends the least. So when the light exits the water droplet, it is separated into all its wavelengths. The light reflecting back to you when the sun is behind you, water droplets will appear separated into all the colors of the rainbow! Violet will be on the bottom and red on the top. But that is not all.

Nature will occasionally gift us with twice the beauty...a double rainbow.

### What makes a double rainbow?

A second rainbow appears if the sunlight is reflected twice inside the water droplets. Secondary rainbows are fainter, and the order of the color is reversed, with red on the bottom. Technically, the primary rainbow is caused from one reflection inside the water droplet. The secondary rainbow is caused by a second reflection inside the droplet, and this "re-reflected" light exits the drop at a different angle (50° instead of 42° for the red primary bow). This is why the secondary rainbow appears above the primary rainbow and why the secondary rainbow will have the order of the colors reversed, too, with red on the bottom and violet on the top.

Photo by Lisa Claus

## PARK NEWS

Come out with the entire family and enjoy this free event as we celebrate the Park's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday:

Troop 421 would like to invite you to the:  
**National Park Service  
 Centennial Event  
 'Sing Across America'**

**Saturday, August 20th 2016  
 11:00 am – 1:00 pm**

**Gulf Coast Visitor Center  
 815 Oyster Bar Ln,  
 Everglades City, FL 34139**

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## PARK ACTIVITIES

### Glades Biking in the Morn' – FREE Activity Shark Valley Visitor Center

Available Days: 08/14/2016, 09/18/2016 9:00 to 12:00 PM

**Bring your own bicycle or rent one from the concession for \$18.00, admission is FREE.**

**Meet on the back side of the visitor center by the benches.**

### Wild Walk in the Wilderness - FREE Activity Shark Valley Visitor Center

Available Days: 08/20/2016, 09/17/2016 9:00 to 11:00 AM

**Reservations are required (Children must be at least 12 years old), admission is FREE.**

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## Florida Panther Update



Wildlife officials say two Florida panthers have been found dead in separate incidents in southwest Florida.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

reports that a 10-year-old male's body was found dead Friday, August 5th from an unknown cause on private property in Hendry County, and a 4-year-old female was found dead the same day in Collier County from an apparent vehicle strike. The remains will be taken to a Gainesville facility for a necropsy.

To date, a total of 29 Florida panthers has been found dead in 2016, with 22 road fatalities. Florida panthers once roamed the entire southeastern U.S., but is estimated that only around 180 remain in the wild.

## LOCAL NEWS

### Lorraine Burgess Has Helped Local Kids for Years. Now, She Needs Our Help

For 17 years, whenever you would enter the Everglades City School Cafeteria, Lorraine Burgess would greet the children with her beaming smile. During the summer break, Lorraine served the summer camp attendees (and counselors) lunch and snacks, again with that familiar smile. Unfortunately, this school year, Lorraine may not be able to be in that familiar place due to her battle with Kidney disease.



Because Lorraine is not able to work, she is struggling to keep current on her bills. Additionally, Lorraine has full custody of her two young grandchildren, and receives no financial support from their parents.

Recently a GoFundMe page has been set up for Lorraine so that donations can be made so that she can stay in her home, take care of her grandchildren and pay for the medical bills she is continually receiving. Any donation will help this caring woman who has given so much to our community over the years. To help Lorraine, visit [www.GoFundMe.com](http://www.GoFundMe.com) and put Lorraine Burgess in the search bar. You can donate any amount and even do so anonymously.

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### Visitors Bureau Offers Advice on Zika Virus, Launches Zika Webpage

The Naples, Marco Island, Everglades Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) have activated a link to updated Zika Virus information about Collier County and the state of Florida accessible from the Home Page at the area's official travel and tourism website, [www.paradisecoast.com](http://www.paradisecoast.com). The CVB is in touch with



officials at the Collier County Health Department, Mosquito Control and other agencies to stay on top of the latest information, especially as it relates to our area.

Right now, there are no cases of local transmission of Zika virus by mosquitoes to people in Collier County. The information at this link will be updated as needed. The link also provides recommendations for concerned travelers about how to protect themselves from mosquito bites, the Florida Zika Virus Information Hotline, and more information. The direct link to the information can be accessed at this website:

[http://www.paradisecoast.com/articles/zika\\_virus\\_information](http://www.paradisecoast.com/articles/zika_virus_information).

There are some precautions that can be taken to minimize your exposure to mosquitoes, which is a good idea even in areas that are not affected by the Zika Virus. Always have an ample supply of an effective mosquito repellent on hand and use it as needed. Wear long sleeves, pants and other garments to cover skin. There are breathable garments that are fairly cool in hot weather...and will provide the coverage you need. Stay indoors during peak activity; which is dawn and dusk. These precautions will help you minimize bites and maximize your comfort while outdoors.

**For More Information, Call the Zika Virus  
 Information Hotline: (855) 622 6735**



**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 - 5 pm; 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

**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

**St. Finbarr Catholic Church, Naples**  
8 am (Spanish) and 10 am (English) Mass

**San Marco Catholic Church, Marco Isl.**  
8 am and 10:30 am Mass

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**TIDES FOR BARRON RIVER**

08/13	Sat	12:16AM	2.1	H
08/13	Sat	06:31AM	1.0	L
08/13	Sat	11:39AM	2.8	H
08/13	Sat	07:32PM	0.2	L
08/14	Sun	01:14AM	2.2	H
08/14	Sun	07:24AM	0.9	L
08/14	Sun	12:30PM	2.9	H
08/14	Sun	08:18PM	0.1	L
08/15	Mon	01:55AM	2.4	H
08/15	Mon	08:10AM	0.9	L
08/15	Mon	01:14PM	3.1	H
08/15	Mon	09:01PM	0.0	L
08/16	Tue	02:31AM	2.5	H
08/16	Tue	08:53AM	0.8	L
08/16	Tue	01:53PM	3.3	H
08/16	Tue	09:41PM	-0.1	L
08/17	Wed	03:05AM	2.6	H
08/17	Wed	09:35AM	0.7	L
08/17	Wed	02:30PM	3.4	H
08/17	Wed	10:20PM	-0.1	L
08/18	Thu	03:38AM	2.7	H
08/18	Thu	10:17AM	0.6	L
08/18	Thu	03:08PM	3.4	H
08/18	Thu	10:58PM	-0.1	L
08/19	Fri	04:11AM	2.8	H
08/19	Fri	10:59AM	0.4	L
08/19	Fri	03:48PM	3.4	H
08/19	Fri	11:37PM	-0.1	L
08/20	Sat	04:45AM	2.9	H
08/20	Sat	11:44AM	0.3	L
08/20	Sat	04:32PM	3.3	H
08/21	Sun	12:16AM	0.1	L
08/21	Sun	05:20AM	2.9	H
08/21	Sun	12:31PM	0.3	L
08/21	Sun	05:24PM	3.1	H
08/22	Mon	12:56AM	0.2	L
08/22	Mon	05:59AM	3.0	H
08/22	Mon	01:24PM	0.2	L
08/22	Mon	06:27PM	2.8	H
08/23	Tue	01:40AM	0.4	L
08/23	Tue	06:42AM	3.0	H
08/23	Tue	02:24PM	0.2	L
08/23	Tue	07:40PM	2.6	H
08/24	Wed	02:30AM	0.6	L
08/24	Wed	07:35AM	2.9	H
08/24	Wed	03:34PM	0.2	L
08/24	Wed	09:01PM	2.3	H
08/25	Thu	03:33AM	0.8	L
08/25	Thu	08:39AM	2.9	H
08/25	Thu	04:49PM	0.2	L
08/25	Thu	10:34PM	2.2	H
08/26	Fri	04:50AM	0.9	L
08/26	Fri	09:55AM	2.9	H
08/26	Fri	06:00PM	0.2	L
08/27	Sat	12:15AM	2.3	H
08/27	Sat	06:04AM	0.9	L
08/27	Sat	11:10AM	3.0	H
08/27	Sat	07:04PM	0.1	L
08/28	Sun	01:26AM	2.4	H
08/28	Sun	07:09AM	0.9	L

**After Someone Passes, There Are Many Ways to Honor Their Life**

Though a loved one may be gone, you can keep their memory and legacy alive by honoring them in one or more of these 25 ways recommended by Strayer University:

1. Light a candle. You can do this at church and say a prayer, or do it at home and feel the warmth of their memory.
2. Make a quilt out of their old clothes.
3. Hold a memorial service or candlelight vigil.
4. Finish any projects they were working on.
5. Bring flowers to their grave and keep the area well-tended.
6. Cook their favorite meal. The aroma and taste will bring back amazing memories.
7. Make a scrapbook of their life.
8. Get a tattoo of their name or of their handwriting.
9. Reach out to family and friends who are also grieving and share stories about the departed.
10. Plant a tree or have one planted.
11. Read their favorite books.
12. Volunteer for their favorite causes, or give a donation in their name.
13. Plant a flower or vegetable garden and put in a decoration that reminds you of them.
14. Hold a charity drive in their name for food, toys or something to help others.
15. Wear their favorite perfume or cologne.
16. Write a letter and air anything that may have been left unsaid.
17. Adopt a section of highway in their name.
18. Sing their favorite song.
19. Complete their bucket list.
20. Sponsor a bench or brick at one of their favorite places.
21. Participate in some of their favorite hobbies, even if you have a lot to learn about them.
22. Make amends with someone you've been avoiding.
23. Frame something they've written, like a poem or a recipe.
24. Remember them during life events like weddings, anniversaries, and holidays.
25. Live your life in a way that would make them proud. Finish (or go back to) school, have adventures, and be happy. It's what they would have wanted for you.

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"Jack" waits for a belly rub from his "dog mom"  
Elaine Middelstaedt

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