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City Council Meetings Set



Everglades City Council Meetings are slated to begin for the fall session. There are numerous important issues under review so attendance and participation is encouraged.

The preliminary meeting schedule is as follows:

Public Hearing & Council Meeting,
1st reading, budget and millage:
Tuesday, September 6, 5:30 pm

Public Hearing & Council Meeting,
2nd reading budget and millage:
Monday, September 12, 5:30 pm

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Collier County Chosen as the #1 Place to Retire in U.S!

Policy Zip has weighed in on the top retirement communities in the States...and Collier County took top billing. Many factors were taken into account such as a high percentage of fellow retirees, access to healthcare, recreational activities, and, of course, weather.

This study set out not to just find a pretty place to retire, but to discover the areas that retirees can enjoy the life they've worked so hard to build. See the list full list of the top counties throughout Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia and West Virginia to retire below:

Top Spot: Collier County, FL

Boasting great weather, reliable access to healthcare, and plenty of recreational activities, Collier County comes in at the top spot in the rankings. Retirees will love areas like the Big Cypress National Preserve and, of course, Everglades National Park.

In Order, The Top Eight Retirement Communities in the U.S.!

- 1. Collier County, FL
- 2. Benton County, AR
- 3. Baldwin County, AL
- 4. St. Johns County, FL
- 5. Kanawha County, WV
- 6. Oconee County, SC
- 7. Montgomery County, VA
- 8. Marion County, FL

Pokémon Party Huge "Lure" for Area Kids

Pokémon Go has become a cultural phenomenon since it launched July 6 in the United States. The game, which one gets by downloading the free mobile app, lets users see tiny creatures called Pokémon through their phones, as if they existed in the real world. It has gotten people to rack up miles of walking in an effort to catch them all.



The "lure" parties, held at Collier museums, have been a tremendous success. The Museum of the Everglades hosted their party on August 20th and the area kids had an amazing time. Thank you to Collier County for hosting these Pokémon parties in our area!



Have news, photos, announcements, or articles? Email mulletrapper@gmail.com or call or text 954-662-7003.

AUGUST – OCTOBER 2016

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
28	29 Hour of Prayer Copeland Baptist Church 7 pm	30 Primary Election, See p.3	31 Ladies Coffee Island Café, 8 am	Sept. 1 new moon ☉ Snook Season Opens!	2	3
4	5 Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God, 7 pm Holiday: Labor Day	6 City Council Mtg, 5:30 pm	7 Ladies Coffee City Seafood, 8 am	8 Lion's Club Mtg, Oyster House, 6 pm	9	<u>RAPPER 10</u>
11	12 Hour of Prayer Holy Family Catholic Church, 7 pm OFCD mtg., see p. 3 City Council Mtg, 5:30 pm	13	14 Ladies Coffee Island Café, 8 am	15	16 full moon ●	17 Coastal Cleanup, See p. 3
18	19 Hour of Prayer Everglades Comm. Church, 7pm	20 Reach Out Meeting, City Hall, 9:30am	21 Ladies Coffee City Seafood, 8 am	22	23	<u>RAPPER 24</u>
25	26 Hour of Prayer Copeland Baptist Church 7 pm	27	28 Ladies Coffee Island Café, 8 am	29	30 new moon ☉	Oct. 1 Blessing of the Fleet, See p. 3

Oct 15: Stone Crab Season Opens

Oct 29: Halloween Celebration
Nov. 24: Thanksgiving

Nov. 8: General Election

THRIFT SHOP: Sat, 11 am–3 pm
LIONS CLUB: 2nd Thursday of Month, Oyster House, 6 pm
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 3:30 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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Upcoming Events in Town

Last Day of Early Voting

The last day for early voting before the primary election is **August 27th**. The primary election will be held on August 30 at your local precinct.

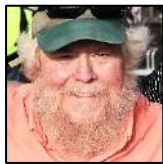
Coastal Collier Cleanup

September 17, 8:00 am to 11:00 am. Keep Collier Beautiful - Coastal Cleanup. We are seeking volunteers for the annual effort to keep our coastal areas clean. Interested individuals contact us for more information: 239-580-8319. Visit the website: keepcollierbeautiful.com.



October 1, 2016

Family fun day at the Rod & Gun Club, 10am-1pm, for the annual blessing of the stone crab boats. Kiddies' contest, Art-in-the-Glades.



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.

BECOME A RAPPER CONTRIBUTOR!

Please send us your articles, news, area events, recipes, and photos of the day's big catch. Become a contributor to our community paper. The deadline for submissions is Saturday, a week before publication. Publication dates are posted in the calendar of each issue of the Rapper.

Send to: mulletrapper@gmail.com, or call 954-662-7003.

Notice Board

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 or call (239) 252-VOTE.

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.

Visitors Bureau Offers Advise 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.

There are no reported cases of local transmission of Zika virus by mosquitoes to people in Collier County.

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

OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

- 08/09/16: Emergency Medical, 59 MMI-75
- 08/09/16: Vehicle Fire, 77 Mile Marker I-75
- 08/10/16: Vehicle Accident, SR 29 and US 41
- 08/10/16: Emergency Med, Port of the Islands
- 08/12/16: Vehicle Accident, 76 MM I-75
- 08/12/16: Vehicle Accident, 78 MM I-75
- 08/13/16: Vehicle Accident, 54 MM I-75
- 08/13/16: Vehicle Accident, 68 MM I-75
- 08/13/16: Call Canceled, 63 Mile Marker I-75
- 08/14/16: Emergency Medical, Copeland
- 08/14/16: Smoke, Port of the Islands
- 08/14/16: Vehicle Fire, US 41 and SR 29
- 08/15/16: Emergency Med, Chokoloskee Isl.
- 08/16/16: Vehicle Accident, Port of the Islands
- 08/16/16: Emergency Med, East of Port of the Islands on US 41
- 08/17/16: Vehicle Accident, 70 MM I-75
- 08/18/16: Emergency Med, Port of the Islands
- 08/18/16: Mutual Aid, 44 Mile Marker I-75
- 08/18/16: Fire Alarm, Everglades City
- 08/19/16: Emergency Med, Plantation Island
- 08/20/16: Emergency Med, SR 29 and Wagon Wheel Road
- 08/20/16: Emergency Med, US 41 West of Port of the Islands
- 08/21/16: Emergency Medical, Copeland
- 08/21/16: RV Fire, Jerome

The Ochopee Fire Control District Advisory Committee will meet at 4 p.m. on **Monday, September 12th**, at 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 martinjohndr@gmail.com.

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Small Town Taylor

by Taylor Mayberry

So, it's my last family vacation before school starts. Some of you know that we went up to Crystal River. It was a lot of fun because we got to do so many different things. First, we went scalloping. It was our first time ever scalloping but, we caught our limit both days (2 gallons/person). I was with my Mommy and Rylee was with my Daddy. It's just like an underwater Easter egg hunt and is so much fun. We all decided as a family that we are going to go back every single summer and make scalloping a family tradition.



The next day we packed away and headed to go snorkeling in the springs. The first spring we went to is one of the coolest places I have ever been to in my life! It's called Devil's Den Springs. It is a cave that you can swim in. It is the coldest water I have ever swam in. We had to walk down stairs underground in the cave to get to the spring. We also went to Rainbow Springs that day. It was very cold and very clear water which also makes it great for swimming.



Today, we went to Weeki Wachee Springs. It was one of my favorite things I did this week. When we first got there we had to wait in line for like 30 minutes to see the mermaids, but every minute was worth it. The mermaids were fake but my little sister thought they were real and I didn't want to break her heart so I acted like they were real. After the mermaid show we went on the boat tour and swimming in the springs

there too. This was the perfect vacation to end our summer. I'm writing this from the hotel room and we leave tomorrow to head back home to Everglades City. School starts in two days. So excited!

With lots of love,
Taylor



P.S. Go Team USA! You're doing great!!!!!!

Taylor Mayberry is 10 years old and in the 5th grade attending Everglades City School.

IMPORTANT DATES EVERGLADES CITY SCHOOL

Sept. 05: School closed for Labor Day
Sept. 23: Early dismissal day



A Message from the Principal

by Jim Ragusa

Off and Running! Students returned to campus on Monday, August 15th ready to embark on another year of learning and activities. It has been a pleasure to observe the level of work and commitment from teachers and students alike. Students came prepared to learn and we thank them for the focus they have displayed to improve their academic achievement the last two weeks. Before you know it, we will be celebrating the graduation of the Class of 2017!

We are fortunate to have an exceptional group of teachers and staff returning for the 2016-17 school year! Only one new teacher is joining us, and she spent time working at Everglades City School only two years ago. Our teachers are dedicated to meeting the needs of every student inside as well as outside of the classroom. Thanks to all of our staff for the many hours they devote to serving the children of this community.

We would like to remind our parents and their families to encourage their children to read daily. A great family activity is to read to your children and set aside time in the day to read together. Students benefit greatly when they have the opportunity to read with members of their family or adults in their life.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve the children of this community!

Jim Ragusa
Principal

IT IS ALWAYS A GREAT DAY TO BE A GATOR!


Visit: <http://www.evgathletics.com/main/calendar>
for a calendar of school athletic events

Top 5 Tips to Encouraging Your Kids to Read*

1. **Let your child choose.** Plan a field trip to the library and let your child choose books that interest them. Keep books readily available at home, in the car, wherever your day takes you.
2. **Read to your children.** Establish a routine for reading. Whether before bed or at snack time, reading can fit into almost any part of your daily routine.
3. **Read aloud together.** It's never too early to start reading to your little ones. For older kids, take turns reading each page of a favorite book.
4. **Talk about what you are reading.** Asking questions before, during and after the read helps your child make connections and increase reading comprehension skills.
5. **Show your children that you enjoy reading.** Be a reading model. Children often mimic parent behavior. Let your children see that you enjoying reading too.

*From (Reading is Fundamental) rif.org

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TAXING THINGS

by Mike the Tax Guy

Back to School? Learn about Tax Credits for Education



If you are paying for college in 2016, you may be eligible to receive some

savings on your federal tax return. Both the American Opportunity Tax Credit and the Lifetime Learning Credit may reduce the amount of tax you owe.

American Opportunity Tax Credit – The AOTC is worth up to \$2,500 per year. This credit is available for the first four years of higher education. Forty percent of the AOTC is refundable. That means you can get up to \$1,000 of the credit as a refund, even if you do not owe any tax.

Lifetime Learning Credit – The LLC is worth up to \$2,000 per tax return. There is no limit on the number of years that you can claim the LLC.

Qualified Expenses – You may use only qualified expenses. These include the costs you pay for tuition, fees and other related expenses at an eligible educational institution.

Eligible educational institutions – are those that offer education beyond high school. This includes most colleges and universities. Vocational schools or other postsecondary schools may also qualify.

Form 1098-T – This form reports your qualified expenses to the IRS and to you. The amounts shown on the form may be either: (1) the amount you paid for qualified expenses, or (2) the amount that your school billed for qualified expenses; the amounts shown on the form may be different than the amounts you actually paid. Don't forget that you can only claim the credit for the expenses that you paid in the tax year and not just the amount that your school billed.

Income Limits – Education credits are subject to income limitations and may be reduced, or eliminated, based on your income.

Recipes for Good Eating

by Kathy Brock

Key West Style Chicken

Four, skinless, boneless chicken breasts, halved.

3 tablespoons soy sauce

1 tablespoon honey

1 tablespoon vegetable oil

1 teaspoon lime juice

1 teaspoon minced, fresh garlic

1 teaspoon black pepper



In a shallow bowl, blend soy sauce, honey, vegetable oil, lime juice, pepper and garlic. Place chicken breast halves into the mixture, and turn to coat. Cover, and marinate in the refrigerator at least 30 minutes. If you have the time, you can marinate this overnight. The longer you marinate it, the more flavorful the chicken will be!

Preheat an outdoor grill for high heat.

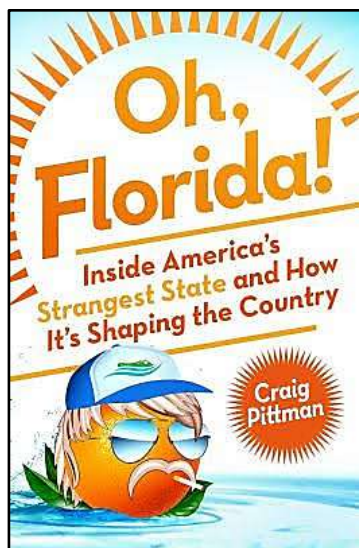
Lightly oil the grill grate. To minimize flare-ups, you can rinse off the chicken breasts before grilling. Discard leftover marinade, and grill chicken 6 to 8 minutes on each side, until juices run clear. Serve with grilled or steamed vegetables and quinoa or rice

Off the Shelf - Book Review

Oh Florida! How America's Weirdest State Influences the Rest of the Country

by Craig Pittman

reviewed by Marya Repko



The author is a reporter and columnist for the *Tampa Bay Times* but the articles in this book are from a blog he wrote over the years. They range in subject from growing up in Florida before Disney World to the current political struggles of candidates.

For example, the chapter "Trading Gators for Beer" is devoted to some of our state parks and how they came into being. He credits environmentalist Nathaniel Reed with being partly responsible and describes him as "tall and slender with an aristocratic bearing. He reminds me of a wading bird so much I halfway expect to see him standing on one leg." It was thanks to Reed that the jetport was stopped and Big Cypress National Preserve created. Then Pittman criticizes feeding wildlife and, referring to alligators, says "in Florida, nature bites the hand that feeds it." He also describes the woman who rode on the back of a manatee and comments "A lot of people in Florida can't just watch a wild animal being wild."

The articles are short and easy to read but provocative so you can jump around in the book, depending on your mood. This new hardback is available from our public library.

Fishing the Ten-Thousand Islands in September

by Captain Mike Merritt



Well, as September rolls around Snook season is upon us. The big females are done spawning so they are feeding voraciously this month. This is the time of year when we start catching a lot more of these fish. It's not quite

as good as it was before the freeze, but they have made a great come back! I have had some 50- 75 fish days and each year it gets better. Of course, to have a day like this you have to fish the right conditions.

Fishing the optimum tide is a great way to start. I am amazed at how many people still ask if the phase of the moon matters. Of course it means everything. If you can choose your day you will want to fish 3 days on either side of the full or new moon. This will give you maximum water flow and higher tides to fish. I prefer the new moon tides but I catch plenty on the full moon also. The best tide will be an early morning low. This will give you a full day of incoming and then the high outgoing to fish. This will be for

any inshore species; Snook, Redfish, Seatrout, Snapper, and even Tarpon.

I prefer to fish the outside islands this time of year due to the high numbers of Snook and the large schools of Redfish that are



here. It is quite possible to catch close to 100 fish during a good bite this month. It is also a great month to catch a slam here in the islands. Snook, Redfish, Seatrout for the slam and a Tarpon for the grand slam! Live bait is plentiful and will work great. If you prefer to lure fish I would give a jig a try. Jigs will catch all 4 and allow you to cover more area without having to rebait your hook.

Snook and Reds will be caught around the oyster bars and mangrove shorelines while the Seatrout will mostly be on the grass flats. Tarpon will be moving south and will be rolling offshore in 8-15 ft. of water. Of course there will be some on the flats but I always do better out deeper this time of year. Get out and enjoy the bite! Remember the slot if you keep a Snook, and release them quickly if you don't.

There are lots of Sharks this time of year and once they get a fish it will probably be best to move on so as not to feed the sharks all our good fish. Be careful when releasing the fish as these sharks will come right up under the boat. This is why I try to release the fish while they are still green. Till next time, good luck fishing!



Living Gulf Coast

by Charles Sobczak

Poison Ivy (*Toxicodendron radicans*)

WARNING: TOXIC PLANT! Other names: kudzu of the north, eastern poison ivy / Status: FL=thriving / Life span: n/a / Height: a woody vine that can reach 50 feet or higher but is generally under 8 feet in height (2.4-15 m) /

Reproduces by a greyish/white drupe that is consumed and spread by birds / Found: Everywhere / Status: Far too common.

This familiar, three leafed vine grows just about everywhere. The only place it does not seem to thrive is in red mangrove forests, but a few steps back from the water's edge, poison ivy can readily be found climbing the trunks of black mangroves in the area.

The biggest reason poison ivy is so prolific lies in its drupes. These grayish-white fruits are a favorite of cardinals, robins and warblers. More than 60 species of birds feed on poison ivy drupes and the seed hidden inside readily passes through their digestive system intact, creating a dynamic dispersal system that is unrivaled by any other vine. In the winter and fall, the three-cluster leaves will turn an attractive reddish orange, similar in color to an autumnal maple leaf.



The physical reaction to the oil, called urushiol, varies widely among individuals. Around 15-30% of people have no allergic reaction at all. The remaining 70% of people can develop everything from a mild rash that vanishes in a few days to severe dermatitis, requiring hospitalization. There are recorded cases of people going into anaphylactic shock and dying from contact with this extremely toxic plant. Eating poison ivy, which would be an incredibly stupid thing to do, can damage the digestive tract, the airways, lungs and kidneys of the victim. Even the smoke from burning poison ivy has been known to make people extremely ill. People who are allergic to poison ivy should also avoid contact with mango trees and the outside skin of the mango fruit, as they are from the same family and produce a chemical compound similar to urushiol.

Once contact is made a blistering rash soon develops. This is followed by oozing or weeping, wherein the toxins are excreted from the initial point of contact and weep downward, making a single incident last as long as four weeks. Remedies include the use of rubbing alcohol, Calamine lotion or Burow's solution during the early stages of the dermatitis. **Do not** wash the rash with soap and water as this will only serve to spread the toxins, instead use rubbing alcohol. There are more than 350,000 reported cases annually of poison ivy dermatitis in the United States alone. Worldwide these cases number in the millions.

In its natural setting poison ivy is an important plant. Its leaves provide a safe haven for butterflies to land on, since nothing will attack them when they are resting on a toxic surface. Birds love the drupes and left alone, it's nothing more than a harmless vine.

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Poison Ivy photos by Charles Sobczak



My Little Slice of Paradise

by Kathy Brock

One of my favorite things to do in the Everglades area is to sit on my porch at night and watch a lightening show. It can be truly spectacular. When it gets too close for comfort, I scurry inside. Call me a lightening lightweight. I'll admit I have little courage when it comes to severe weather...and with good reason.

In Florida, there are approximately 1.45 million strikes per year. In the United States, there are about 25 million lightning flashes every year. Each of those 25 million flashes is potentially deadly. While lightning fatalities have decreased over the past 30 years, lightning continues to be one of most dangerous weather hazards in the United States. *Lightning strikes kill more people in Florida than all other weather hazards combined; there have been 62 deaths in 10 years due to lightning strikes.*



Central Florida is the lightning capital of Florida, and the United States, with over 90 thunderstorm days per year; with the most active months being June, July and August. This is due to an abundance of moisture (humidity), atmospheric instability and storm triggering sea breezes. Moisture is almost always available in the summer because Florida is a peninsula surrounded by water with the Gulf of Mexico to the west and the warm Atlantic Gulfstream to the east.

Unstable air is caused by surface heat and cool air above, something present for most of the summer season in Florida. A trigger is also needed to fire up thunderstorms. This is provided daily in the form of the sea breeze that forms on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts. As a sea breeze forms, it typically moves inland (from the Atlantic or Gulf of Mexico) and dramatically aids thunderstorm formation. Surface winds also play a big part in determining which areas get the most lightning and at what time they get it. With westerly morning winds across the peninsula, afternoon thunderstorms tend to pile up on the east coast. If the morning winds are from the east, afternoon thunderstorms will cluster on the west coast. During the summer months, you can almost bet that there is a thunderstorm somewhere on the peninsula.

Lightning seeks the path of least resistance on its way to and through the ground. The human body is an extremely good conductor because of its large water content. Metal is a better conductor than most objects so lightning can travel easily through metal objects such as fences or railroad tracks, which can conduct electricity for long distances. Trees, because of their height and water content, are also great conductors.

In fact, many of our stately palms fall victim to lightning strikes, like the one pictured in this article. The strike took place on the crown of the palm and exited out the trunk. Debris from the trunk blow-out was strewn throughout the yard along the Barron River.



Anyone seeking shelter under that tree during the storm would not have survived.



The fact is, if you live in or are visiting Florida, you are potentially at risk. So, please study these lightning safety rules and share them with the people you care about!

Lightning Precautions:

- Avoid open high ground and isolated large trees.
- Avoid water (swimming pools, lakes and rivers), beaches and boats.
- Seek shelter inside a building or an automobile, but not a convertible or a golf cart.
- Stay away from doors, windows, and metal objects such as pipes or faucets.
- Stay off the telephone and away from electrical devices.
- Monitor NOAA Weather Radio.

More Lightning Fast Facts

- Air in a lightning stroke is heated to **50,000 degrees Fahrenheit**. This rapid heating of the air produces the shock wave that results in thunder.
- A ground strike can produce somewhere between **100 million to one billion volts of electricity**.
- Average peak current in a cloud-to-ground lightning stroke is **100,000 Amperes**.
- You can tell how far away lightning is by counting the seconds between seeing the lightning flash and hearing thunder.
- **For every five seconds you count, lightning is one mile away.**
- **VOLTS** in a lightning flash--between 100 Million and one Billion
- **AMPS** in a lightning flash--between 10,000 and 200,000

How far away is lightning from you? Here's how to calculate:

- 1...When you see the FLASH
 - 2...Count the number of seconds to the BANG of thunder
 - 3...Divide this number by 5,
 - 4...And this gives you the MILES the lightning is away from you
- It is recommended if the thunder arrives within 30 seconds or less from your location, you should seek shelter!

Warning!

If it takes 15 seconds between the time you see a lightning flash and hear the rumble of thunder, then the lightning flash is 3 miles from your location (too close!!), seek shelter!

30-30 Rule--Determine the threat of lightning in your area.

30 Seconds: Count the seconds between seeing lightning and hearing thunder. If this time is less than 30 seconds, lightning is still a potential threat. Seek shelter immediately.

30 Minutes: After the last lightning flash, wait 30 minutes before leaving shelter. Half of all lightning deaths occur after the storm passes. Stay in a safe area until you are sure the threat has passed.

PARK NEWS

Everglades National Park Celebrates 100th Anniversary

As we celebrate the centenary of the National Park Service, we should also remember that Royal Palm state park was founded in 1916 and later became the nucleus of Everglades National Park.

If it were not for dynamic women like May Mann Jennings, the majestic Paradise Key near Homestead could have been developed for housing or cultivated as farm land. She mobilized the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs and persuaded the legislature in Tallahassee to pass a bill allocating funds to purchase the property. There was also a generous donation from the widow of Henry Flagler whose Florida East Coast Land Company owned some of the property, bought when the entrepreneur was planning his Overseas Railroad from Miami to Key West.

You can read more about the brave pioneers who settled in the wilds of South Florida and achieved amazing landmarks, even before they had the vote, in a new book *Women in the Everglades; Pioneers and Early Environmentalists*, which is now available at the book shops at our local National Park visitor centers or at local outlets around Everglades City or directly from the author at www.ecity-publishing.com or call (239) 695-2905.

PARK ACTIVITIES

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

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

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



Florida Panther Update

Wildlife officials say a male Florida panther was killed by a vehicle on SR 29, 2 miles north of the I-75 entrance ramp. The animal was discovered on August 14th. Panthers are native to the entire southeastern U.S., but is estimated that only around 180 remain in the wild. Please drive carefully in the Everglades area, especially in the evening when driving sight distance is reduced. Panthers are most active at dawn and dusk.

Since March, there have been 11 panther kittens handled and tagged in the Big Cypress area; 5 males and 6 females.

LOCAL NEWS

Identity Theft & Financial Fraud Up 47%

Florida officials are warning people about identity theft scammers—a common form of financial fraud. Scammers typically gain people's information through identity theft scams.

"...using credit card skimmers, or phishing emails or dumpster diving even," said Jamie Mongiovi, the Office of Financial Regulation spokeswoman. "But, telephone scams and credit card scams and stolen personal items are common ways they get your personal information, and once they have it, they may try to apply for a loan or a credit card in your name or even file taxes."

So, to reduce the risk of becoming a victim, Mongiovi says there's a few things people should know. One of the goals of her agency is to help reduce financial fraud in Florida.

"Never give out personal information over the phone or through e-mail, especially if someone is contacting you and it's unsolicited contact," she added. "Don't click on links on e-mails that ask you to verify or provide personal information. You want to shred any documents that have personal information on them." Anyone who believes they're a financial fraud victim should contact OFR at (850) 487-9687 or file a complaint online at www.flofr.com.

"So, they can always call the Office of Financial Regulation to file a complaint and we can get that to the right place," Mongiovi continued. "However, the most important thing is to call the company if you know where the fraud occurred and then place a fraud alert on your credit report and get copies of that report and then report identity theft to the Federal Trade Commission and you can do that online."

In early 2016, the Federal Trade Commission reported identity theft complaints were up 47-percent over last year. Mongiovi says much of that can be attributed to tax and wage related fraud.

Aviation Scholarships Now Available

The Aircraft Owners and Pilots Association (AOPA) is making it easier for your children, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and neighbors to achieve their aviation dreams. Applications are now open for two scholarship programs that will award \$115,000 in financial assistance to deserving teens. Learn more online at: <https://www.aopa.org>. **It's FREE to apply – no application fee!**

AOPA AV8RS Scholarships (www.apoa.org)


- \$15,000 in scholarships
- Available for primary flight training expenses, attendance at an aviation or aerospace camp, pursuit of an aviation/aerospace degree or certification from an aviation technical program.
- Must be a current member of AOPA AV8RS, AOPA's FREE membership for teens aged 13 – 18.
- Teens – apply now for: Flight training scholarship, Aviation camp scholarship or Collegiate or technical aviation program.

AOPA High School Flight Training Scholarships

- \$100,000 in scholarships (twenty \$5,000 scholarships)
- Scholarships are for direct flight training expenses.
- Must be a high school student, aged 15 – 18.

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; *Closed for Summer*
- 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
- 1stBaptist 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

08/27 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
08/28 Sun	12:17PM	3.1	H
08/28 Sun	08:00PM	0.0	L
08/29 Mon	02:05AM	2.5	H
08/29 Mon	08:05AM	0.8	L
08/29 Mon	01:11PM	3.2	H
08/29 Mon	08:50PM	0.0	L
08/30 Tue	02:32AM	2.5	H
08/30 Tue	08:54AM	0.7	L
08/30 Tue	01:57PM	3.3	H
08/30 Tue	09:34PM	0.0	L
08/31 Wed	02:56AM	2.6	H
08/31 Wed	09:38AM	0.6	L
08/31 Wed	02:37PM	3.3	H
08/31 Wed	10:15PM	0.1	L
09/01 Thu	03:21AM	2.7	H
09/01 Thu	10:19AM	0.5	L
09/01 Thu	03:15PM	3.3	H
09/01 Thu	10:52PM	0.1	L
09/02 Fri	03:47AM	2.8	H
09/02 Fri	10:58AM	0.4	L
09/02 Fri	03:51PM	3.2	H
09/02 Fri	11:28PM	0.2	L
09/03 Sat	04:15AM	2.8	H
09/03 Sat	11:36AM	0.4	L
09/03 Sat	04:28PM	3.1	H
09/04 Sun	12:01AM	0.4	L
09/04 Sun	04:46AM	2.8	H
09/04 Sun	12:13PM	0.4	L
09/04 Sun	05:08PM	2.9	H
09/05 Mon	12:33AM	0.5	L
09/05 Mon	05:18AM	2.8	H
09/05 Mon	12:53PM	0.4	L
09/05 Mon	05:53PM	2.7	H
09/06 Tue	01:03AM	0.6	L
09/06 Tue	05:54AM	2.8	H
09/06 Tue	01:37PM	0.4	L
09/06 Tue	06:47PM	2.5	H
09/07 Wed	01:31AM	0.8	L
09/07 Wed	06:34AM	2.7	H
09/07 Wed	02:30PM	0.5	L
09/07 Wed	07:50PM	2.4	H
09/08 Thu	01:58AM	0.9	L
09/08 Thu	07:26AM	2.6	H
09/08 Thu	03:37PM	0.5	L
09/08 Thu	09:03PM	2.2	H
09/09 Fri	02:41AM	1.0	L
09/09 Fri	08:36AM	2.6	H
09/09 Fri	04:50PM	0.5	L
09/09 Fri	10:23PM	2.2	H
09/10 Sat	04:45AM	1.1	L
09/10 Sat	09:55AM	2.6	H
09/10 Sat	05:57PM	0.4	L
09/10 Sat	11:40PM	2.3	H

Obituary



Randy Malicoate, 49 died suddenly on August 20th. Randy was a resident of Chokoloskee and former student of Everglades City School. Randy was originally from Brooksville, Florida. She is survived by her three children, grandson, Brody, her mother, Lynn Weatherly, her father, George Malicoate, her longtime partner, Bryan Sanders of Chokoloskee, three sisters, a brother and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews.

Randy adored her two dogs Daisy and Boots, and loved to fully live life. Her wide smile lit up a room and her laugh made everyone else smile. A Celebration of Life Memorial will be Saturday, August 27 at Chokoloskee Church of God at 2 pm.



Memory Books Can Help Survivors Cope

When someone you care about passes away, the feeling of emptiness can be overwhelming. Often, the best way to cope is to put together a collection of positive memories about those that have passed. Memory books are the perfect way to remember a loved one. They can hold some of the most precious memories and life stories of a special person in your life who deserves to be honored in a special way.

There are different types of memory books, and what book style you choose depends on your own personality.

Photo albums have several different ways to lay them out. You can put the photos in order from the earliest to the oldest one or you can start with the oldest photos.

Scrapbooks are also a great way to honor someone. For this type of memory book, you place pictures on a blank cardstock and can add embellishments to highlight the photos. Some people will also journal on the page by writing about the feelings they have when looking at the photos or about the stories and experiences behind them.

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“Smokey” smiles and sits at perfect attention for “dog mom” Julia McGlannan

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