

# The MULLET RAPPER

## What's Happening in the Everglades City Area

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**OCT. 8 – OCT. 22, 2016**

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### Blessing the Fleet!

There was a great turnout for the annual Blessing of the Fleet celebration to kick off our much anticipated stone crab season. Pastor Tim Navin of Holy Family Catholic Church blessed each vessel as crewmembers waited aboard their boats.



The weather was completely cooperative this year as the sun was out and the sky royal blue. It was really a perfect day to enjoy the festivities.

Thank you to all the volunteers who made this event so special including: Tod Dahlke for organizing and keeping things moving, Mitch Mitchell for his amazing voice and entertainment, Charlie Pace for singing the national anthem, Pastor Joe Brown for his blessings, and of course, thank you to the Rod & Gun Club for hosting the event at their beautiful venue.

### Big Smiles, Good Food, Frogs & Cake!

There was something for everyone at this year's "Blessed" event

Never underestimate the importance of the stone crab industry in the Everglades Area. Sure we have so much more, but stone crabs are the backbone of our community. Saturday's event was a great reminder for anyone who may have forgotten that the crewmembers who motor out at 4 a.m., and often do not return till dark, are the primary reason why our area is able to sustain the \$11-million-dollar industry that attracts visitors from near and far to purchase the delicious crustaceans. Heck, it may even be the reason why the snowbirds wait until after October to come to our area...well, maybe it is really the weather, but it is an interesting coincidence. Do your part everyone...**Eat More Everglades City Stone Crab!**



The boats make their way to receive the blessing



Mitch Mitchell entertains the crowd



Left: Charlie Pace sings the national anthem.

Middle Right: Winners of the frog race hold up their trophies.

Lower Right: Marya Repko and Helen Bryan discuss what needs to happen next!


Bottom Left: Cake contest entries.



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

# OCTOBER 2016 – NOVEMBER 2016

 Indicates prime fishing time!

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b> Hour of Prayer Holy Family Catholic Church, 7 pm OFCD mtg., see p. 3 Meet Tamara Paquette, 5-7pm see p. 3	<b>11</b> Safe Community McLeod Park, 6pm, see p.3	<b>12</b> Ladies Coffee Island Café, 8 am	<b>13</b>  Lions Club Oyster House, 6pm	<b>14</b> 	<b>15</b>  Stone Crab Season Open! Artist Reception, see p. 3
<b>16</b> full moon  	<b>17</b>  Hour of Prayer Everglades Comm. Church, 7 pm	<b>18</b>  City Council Mtg., 5:30 pm	<b>19</b>  Ladies Coffee City Seafood, 8 am	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<u>RAPPER 22</u>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> Hour of Prayer Copeland Baptist Church, 7 pm	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Ladies Coffee Island Café, 8 am	<b>27</b> 	<b>28</b> 	<b>29</b>  Halloween Party McLeod Pk., 8 pm
<b>30</b> full moon  	<b>31</b>  Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God, 7 pm	<b>Nov. 1</b> 	<b>2</b>  Ladies Coffee City Seafood, 8 am	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<u>RAPPER 5</u>
<b>6</b> Daylight Savings, Clocks forward 1 hour	<b>7</b> Hour of Prayer Holy Family Catholic Church, 7 pm	<b>8</b> General Election	<b>9</b> Ladies Coffee Island Café, 8 am	<b>10</b> 	<b>11</b>  Veteran's Day	<b>12</b> 

Nov. 18: History Talk  
Nov. 25: Black Friday

Nov. 19: Art-in-Glades  
Dec 25: Christmas Day

Nov. 24: Thanksgiving  
Jan. 1: New Year's Day

THRIFT SHOP: Sat, 11 am–3 pm  
LIONS CLUB: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: Schedule to be announced  
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)  
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

October 10, 5 to 7 pm

### First Baptist Church

Meet Tamara Paquette, candidate for Commissioner, District 5, community volunteer and spokesperson for the environment.

October 11, 2016 6:00 to 8:00 pm, McLeod Park

Celebrate your safe community with the Collier County Sheriff's Office!

Saturday, October 15

Reception for artist, Greg Dupignac, at the Museum of the Everglades, 1 to 3 p.m.

### Wings Across the Glades

On display through October 31<sup>st</sup>  
Museum of the Everglades

## Sign up Early for the 10th Annual Everglades Bike Ride



The Everglades Bike Ride is offering cyclists three different routes through the Everglades in this year's annual event: a 15-mile tour of the Everglades City area; a 27-mile off-road tour through Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park; and a 62-mile tour along Tamiami Trail (US41).

Every year cyclists enjoy the ride, the seafood, the camaraderie and the fun! The bike ride is scheduled for **Sunday, April 2, 2017**.

For more information about this event, copies of maps and brochures, and to obtain a copy of the River of Grass Greenway Master Plan, visit the Friends of the River of Grass Greenway's website at [www.evergladesROGG.org](http://www.evergladesROGG.org).

### 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](mailto:mulletrapper@gmail.com),  
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## Notice Board

### Seafood Festival Planning Started, Sponsors Needed

You could have your company's name on the famous, and coveted, festival beer mugs, and brand your company to every festival attendee during the 3-day event.

These are just some of the opportunities offered for sponsors of the Everglades Seafood Festival.

Sponsors can meet the top-line country & western entertainers and hang a huge banner with your company's logo and information on the large, central stage.

Sponsors will also be introduced by Mayor Sammy Hamilton during the opening ceremony on either Saturday or Sunday before the musicians take over.

If you want lasting impact, sponsor the traditional festival beer mug. The mug can feature your company and logo, and goes home with festival attendees to remind them about your company for many years to come. Your company name and logo will be on a large banner over the beer tent and will get mentioned from the stage.

Sponsor's information will also be listed on the official website and mentioned in the media and press kits.

The Seafood Festival takes place in 2017 on February 10, 11 & 12. Organizers have been busy all summer planning for this annual event.

Remember, profits from this event are donated for scholarships and other local causes, so your sponsorship has impact far beyond the days of the festival.

For more information, please visit:  
[www.evergladeseafoodfestival.org](http://www.evergladeseafoodfestival.org)  
or call (239) 695-2277.

### Updated Tamiami Trail Map / Brochure Published

A new "Amenities along the Tamiami Trail" brochure has just been published and is now available at various businesses around town and along US41.

This light-weight glossy brochure includes a map and provides both hikers and cyclists who are traveling between Naples and Miami - a valuable source of information and details about accommodations.

You may also find a copy online at  
[www.evergladesROGG.org](http://www.evergladesROGG.org).

## OCHOPEE FIRE CONTROL DISTRICT

09/21/16: Emergency Medical, Copeland  
09/23/16: Emergency Medical, Port of Islands  
09/23/16: Power Lines Down, On US 41 East of Port of the Islands  
09/24/16: Emergency Medical, Everglades City  
09/25/16: Emergency Medical, Ochopee  
09/25/16: Vehicle Accident, 53 MM I-75  
09/27/16: Vehicle Accident, 70 MM I-75  
09/27/16: Emergency Medical, Port of Islands  
09/27/16: Vehicle Accident, SR29 and US 41  
09/28/16: Power Line Down, Port of Islands  
09/28/16: Vehicle Accident, 74 MM I-75  
09/28/16: Vehicle Accident, 76 MM I-75  
09/30/16: Vehicle Accident, 64 MM I-75  
10/01/16: Vehicle Accident, 67 MM I-75  
10/01/16: Vehicle Accident, US 41 and SR 29  
10/02/16: Vehicle Accident, 58 MM I-75  
10/02/16: Vehicle Accident, 71 MM I-75  
10/02/16: Emergency Medical, Everglades City

The Ochopee Fire Control District Advisory Committee will meet at 4 p.m. on **Monday, October 10th**, at the Port of the Islands Fire Station, located at 525 Newport Drive #C in Naples.

## DOCTOR'S CLINIC

Dr. Kirk DeMartino is currently seeing patients in his Marco Island Office. Please call the office to schedule an appointment at: (239) 642-5552.



## 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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## Small Town Taylor

by Taylor Mayberry

One of the best things about Florida is going to the beach. Don't you agree? Just look at Naples' beaches. They're beautiful. In order to

keep them healthy we need to keep them *clean*.

My sister and I just participated in the Keep Collier Beautiful Beach Cleanup at the Naples Pier - and we picked up a lot of trash. There were so many cigarette butts that I couldn't even count them all. We found cigarettes, bottle caps, pieces of Styrofoam, balloons, caution tape, cans, bottles, rope, metal, broken toys, Subway and Publix wrappers, and so much more!

Yuck, I know! Don't worry we were wearing gloves. Seeing all of the trash on the beach made me disappointed and sad. But, picking it up made me feel happy because I knew that I was helping the environment and animal habitats. Our beaches are too beautiful to have garbage on them that can injure, or even kill, wildlife.

There was a storm just a few days before we did the cleanup, and when it flooded during the storm, it made all of the garbage float up into the sand dunes. This is where we found most of the trash. It really makes you feel good to help pick up the garbage, and afterwards my little sister and I played in the sand and swam. My little sister actually played in the sand a lot because she kept getting distracted when we were picking up trash.



After picking up garbage on the beach we were really hot and wanted to go and get some cold ice cream. We went to Dairy Queen, but we were sure to throw our garbage away when we were done. Let's all work together to keep our beaches and Earth beautiful!

With lots of love,



Taylor

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

### IMPORTANT DATES EVERGLADES CITY SCHOOL

Oct 12, 13, 14: No School for Students

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

## Collier County Supervisor of Elections Office Hosting Art Contest

Winning Students Will Receive \$500 Scholarship



The Collier County Supervisor of Elections office will partner, once again, with the Collier County Public School system to present an art contest encouraging students of all ages to express the spirit of democracy through art.

A \$500 scholarship will be awarded to one winning entry submitted by a high school senior and a \$500 donation will be awarded to the art program at the school with the "Best of Show" entry. Four additional runner-up entries will be featured in election materials distributed by the elections office educating voters on the voting process.

The window for entries will take place between Thursday, October 6 and Thursday, November 17. Winning entries will be announced on Friday, December 2, 2016. For further information, please visit the Collier County Supervisor of Elections website at [www.CollierVotes.com](http://www.CollierVotes.com) or call (239) 252-VOTE.

## Tips for Discussing Report Cards

It is important to stay involved in your children's education, and discussing grades can be stressful. However, there are some things you can do to make the process more productive and less negative:

- Meet privately with your child, without distractions.
- Be sure you have enough time to talk without interruptions.
- Perhaps start with a review of what the child has learned in each subject during the past grading period.
- Ask your child to tell you how the report card grade was determined in each subject. Tests? Homework? Reports? Class participation? Having access to this information during the discussion could be very useful.
- Ask your child to tell you if he/she is satisfied with the grade. If not, what could the child do to improve the grade? Discuss specific steps your child could take, and consider steps you can take to help.
- Review other indicators on the report card such as teacher's comments and attendance.
- Discuss your child's goals for the next grading period. Are the goals reasonable and challenging?
- Help your child plan her or his next steps. Should your child change their homework routine? Should your child talk with the teacher to discuss concerns, explain new goals, or ask for the teacher's suggestions? Is your child interested in learning more about certain topics?
- Discuss your next steps. How will you help your child meet his/her goals? How will you help your child be more successful with homework? If your child is interested in learning more about certain topics, what can you do to help?
- When praise is in order, let your child know you are proud of his or her efforts.

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**Quest for Better Health Leads to Business for Local Resident**

by Kathy Brock

Sometimes good things do happen unexpectedly! After dealing with Fibromyalgia for years, Glenda Johnson decided that a more natural approach to better health was the path she wanted to take. Over the next several months, she poured over articles and research to learn as much as she could. Soon she started dabbling in natural bath & body salts, oils, herbal remedies and aromatherapy.

One afternoon a friend visited with her 10-year-old daughter, Faith Ann. Glenda gave Faith Ann one of the natural bath salts she developed as a gift...not really thinking of it as anything more than a gift. A few days later Faith Ann asked Glenda, "Auntie Glenda, why don't you sell them? They are really nice!" That was the first time the thought ever entered Glenda's mind. "I wasn't thinking about a business, I was really just looking to learn more about natural health and do something I enjoyed."

In her giving nature, Glenda gave me some as a gift a few months back, then again a few weeks ago. I must say, I am a fan. The natural ingredients she uses create a very nice experience and the aroma is, I'll call it, delicious. The most



notable change from the first samples I received is the presentation. I love the jar almost as much as the product. Even after everything is used up, I'll keep the jar!

With the holidays around the corner, this is a really great gift idea. Glenda's Gifts has items from \$8 and up. Each one is hand made to order, so do give her some advance notice about what you need and when, and she will get it ready for you. These are great gifts to bring as a "thank you" to a dinner party and also perfect as a gift for anyone who loves a relaxing bath.

You can find Glenda's Gifts at Speedy's in town, or you can order them by calling Glenda at: 239-695-2376 or by email at: tod1964@gmail.com.



*Recipes for Good Eating*

**Tasty Greek Style Barley Salad**

- 1 cup pearly barley, cooked and chilled
- Kosher salt
- 2 cups red cherry tomatoes, halved
- 1/2 cup sliced black olives
- 1/2 cup diced celery
- 1 small red bell pepper diced
- 1 shallot, minced
- 3 tablespoons red wine vinegar
- 2 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 1/2 cup crumbled feta cheese
- Freshly ground black pepper



Make barley according to directions but do not overcook. Set aside and chill. Prepare remaining ingredients and mix together with cooled barley. Add feta to taste. Serve chilled. This can be served as a side with any meal or for lunch with a sandwich, or even by itself.

**Rapper Crossword**

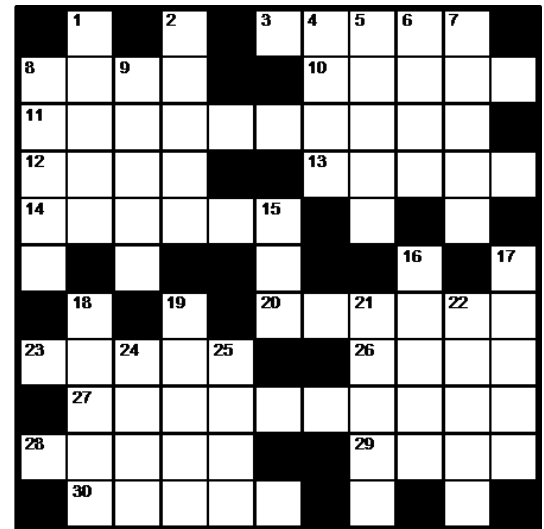
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**Across**

- 3. Diving equipment
- 8. Lake
- 10. Embarrass
- 11. Clock to wake you up
- 12. Number on a baseball team
- 13. Creates
- 14. Spider creation
- 20. Italian hard sausage
- 23. Dish made of raw vegetables
- 26. Scent
- 27. Vehicle restraint
- 28. Roof overhangs
- 29. Donkey cry
- 30. Songbirds

**Down**

- 1. Salk developed a vaccine for this
- 2. Tossed forward
- 4. Still
- 5. German submarine
- 6. Rear part of the human body
- 7. Inquired
- 8. Cavalry weapon
- 9. US author
- 15. Mass transit vehicle



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**(Down Continued)**

- 16. An egret is one
- 17. Grimy
- 18. Pertaining to the nose
- 19. Thin, crisp biscuit
- 21. Foyer
- 22. Tooth
- 24. Molten rock
- 25. Writing table at school



## Fishing in the Ten-Thousand Islands

by Captain Mike Merritt

Fall is here and the Redfish bite is on! Water temps will be slightly cooler and the Snook bite should heat up too.

The Reds have been biting best on the incoming tide and they are eating just about anything. If you are using live bait the action has been plentiful. Mullet, Pilchards, Menhaden, Threadfins, they are all here. Live shrimp are a sure way to find Reds and they should start getting better this month.

Fishing the outside islands will be your best bet. Many of the outside points will be good on the first of the incoming tide. Then as the tide rises, make your way along the same islands as the Reds move in with the tide. If you prefer to use artificial bait, then a jig will be the best bet for the Reds. Rigged with a Gulp tail will make it hard to beat.

There will be Snook in the same areas as the Reds and they will feed on the same baits too. The rivers and the backcountry Snook fishing should pick up this month.



Live bait may not live in certain areas with all the fresh water so keep this in mind if you plan on taking it in the backcountry. I prefer lures in the back and the DOA is hard to beat back there. Again the Snook fishing on the outside should be better and these fish will bite best on the incoming tides. Top water lures will work early in the morning. Once it starts to heat up and the tide gets up, you should switch to sub surface lures or jigs for the Snook. They are going to like moving water -especially as it pushes the bait in.

The Sea Trout fishing should also get better this month on the



grass flats. We have been catching some 20" fish in about 4 ft. of water on the flats. Just move on up farther on the flats as the tides gets higher. A popping cork rigged with a DOA shrimp will be hard to beat for this. I out fish live shrimp with this

technique all the time.

Of course, if you are after Tarpon there are still some big fish here this month too. These fish will be in the river mouths or out along the edges of the flats, and even off shore in 10-15 ft. of water. Whatever you decide to target this month, we have it happening here in the islands. Fall fishing is hard to beat so get in on the action!



## Living Gulf Coast

by Charles Sobczak

### The Ruby-throated Hummingbird

(*Archilochus colubris*) Other names: none / Status: FL=stable, IUCN=LC / Life span: to 9 years / Length: 2.8-3.5 in. (7-9 cm) / Wingspan: 3.1-4.3 in. (8-11 cm) / Weight: 0.1-0.2 oz (2-6 g) / Nests: in northern Florida to southern Canada / Found: throughout all but the summer months in Southwest Florida.

The regions' smallest bird, the ruby-throated hummingbird is an amazing creature.

One of the few birds able to truly hover and the only bird able to fly backwards and upside down, the ruby-throated hummingbird beats its wings so fast it creates a humming sound. When in flight its feet virtually disappear into its tiny body, making it more aerodynamically perfect.



This bird is found in our area only on occasion and is far more commonly seen in the summer throughout its northern range. Despite its tiny size, the ruby-throated hummingbird stores enough fat to enable it to fly nonstop across the 600-mile expanse of the Gulf of Mexico twice a year.

The hummingbird is found only in the Americas, from Tierra del Fuego to Alaska. There are an amazing 325 species of hummingbirds, though the vast majority of these birds live in Central and South America.

Unlike humans, the hummingbird is able to see things in the ultraviolet color spectrum, which lies far above our eyesight capabilities. This allows the hummingbird to spot the flowering plants upon which they rely for nectar. Fascinating to observe at feeders, it seems to be attracted to the color red. Sadly, this is also a cause of mortality, since it is attracted to the red tops of certain power-line capacitors and is electrocuted when attempting to feed on them.

The hummingbird is an important pollinator, but it also eats nectar-eating insects and tiny spiders. The high-energy diet of nectar is essential to its metabolic needs, with some hummingbirds known to have heart rates as high as 1,260 beats per minute. That is roughly 1,200 beats faster than the heartbeat of a well-trained athlete. As if that isn't enough of an amazing feat, it has been calculated that when flying forward, a hummingbird's wing can exceed 4,500 beats a minute, or 75 beats per second.

The hummingbird is seldom preyed upon as an adult, but the size of its tiny eggs—smaller than jellybeans—and chicks make them vulnerable to being eaten by predators as small as lizards, mice, and tiny snakes. Some of the South American species, especially the highly specialized birds, are endangered, but the ruby-throated hummingbird appears to be doing well throughout its range, possibly in part because of the innumerable feeders put out across the backyards of North America every summer.

Photo by Hung V. Do





## My Little Slice of Paradise

by Kathy Brock

One of the most amazing things about the Everglades area is the diversity of nature. From birds to insects, to game, and everything in the sea, we have an abundance of nature all around us.

One of the more interesting creatures that inhabit our waters is the smalltooth sawfish, *Pristis pectinata*. These fish look like a shark with a saw on the end of their snout. However, they are not related to sharks, they are actually more closely related to a ray. If you look at their pectoral fins, you



will see the resemblance to the ray.

Smalltooth sawfish (sawfish) used to range the entire eastern coast of the US, down to Brazil and west to Texas. But due to overfishing, they were nearly brought to extinction. There are many old photos of fishermen with several large fish caught in a

single afternoon. In 2003, they were thankfully, and officially, added to the Endangered Species List, and are now fully protected by Federal law. The only remaining population is off of our coast in southwest Florida, as shown in the above photo, where they are closely monitored and protected.

Sawfish were once considered a good food fish, their livers were used for oil, and because they put up a great "fight", they were always highly sought after by fisherman. Because they are not finicky eaters, they were also not too difficult to hook, hence the overfishing. The sawtooth can grow to 18 feet and weigh in at over 700 pounds, so you can see why they were so frequently targeted by fisherman.

Not much is known about the lifecycle of the smalltooth sawfish. It is believed that the oldest captured was approximately 14 years old. Sawfish are *ovoviviparous* meaning that they reproduce by internal fertilization with females giving birth to live young. Smalltooth sawfish embryos grow inside the mother without a placental connection inside yolk sacs. The length of the smalltooth sawfish gestation period, or pregnancy, is not confirmed, but it is assumed to be as long as a year. Female smalltooth sawfish can give birth to up to 20 young called "pups" measuring 2 to 2.7 feet long. Given the length of the



gestation period, it is possible that a female reproduces only a few times in her lifetime. Young pups are also preyed upon by other predatory fish, so their mortality rate is thought to be quite high making it difficult to quickly recover from the stresses of overfishing.

When baby sawtooth are born, the protruding "saw" is covered by tissue similar to a sheath, to prevent injury to the mother and the other pups in the womb. The saw is also very malleable at birth. The tissue covering the saw teeth disappears approximately two weeks after birth and the saw grows more rigid as the baby sawtooth ages.

The "teeth" on the saw are actually not teeth at all. They are a type of scale called "dermal denticles". Unlike the teeth in their mouths that would grow back if lost, if the denticles are damaged or lost, they are gone forever. This makes it very important to take care when releasing an accidentally caught sawfish so that the denticles are not damaged or broken off. The saw and teeth

are approximately 25% of the entire body length of a sawfish. A 10-foot fish will have a saw of approximately 2.5 feet.

Many wonder what the saw is used for. The fish use this to capture prey by slicing it through the water, back and forth. Stunned and hurt prey are then more easily eaten. Sawfish prey on smaller bait fish and crabs (crabs have been found in the bellies of sawfish taken years ago). Crabs are unearthed by the fish as they use their saw to dig in the sea floor. The saw is also used as protection from larger animals like sharks.

The saw is very sharp and is extremely effective at warding off aggression or attacks from sharks. It is not used to attack humans, but be aware that they will use it if you capture them...so don't!

Inside a sawtooth's mouth are several rows of teeth. Ten to twelve rows of teeth are maintained in both jaws of the smalltooth sawfish. The upper and lower jaws have approximately 88-128 and 84-176 teeth respectively. The teeth are rounded with a blunt cutting edge. If these teeth are broken or pulled out, they will grow back throughout the lifecycle of the smalltooth sawfish.



Large sawfish, Florida. Circa 1950, W. Boyd

To report sightings of sawfish email: [Sawfish@MyFWC.com](mailto:Sawfish@MyFWC.com).  
You may also call 941-255-7403

Photos by W. Boyd, and Florida Historical Archives

## PARK NEWS

The 93-5 vote that passed the senate to help restore Everglades National Park from contaminated water coming from Lake Okeechobee's water discharges damaging Florida's coasts includes several other provisions that benefit other areas of concern in the state. The bill authorizes nearly \$2 billion for Everglades restoration and also funds for other important projects. Now we need the House to ratify this bill (so call or write or email your congressman) so these critical projects can get underway!

The Senate bill authorizes these other Florida projects as well:

**Picayune Strand Restoration Project.** An additional \$113 million would be authorized for the project in Collier County to fund new features and improvements to the original design. This amount would be on top of money originally approved in 2007, bringing the project's total authorized cost to \$618 million.

**Port Everglades dredging.** The bill authorizes \$322.7 million to deepen the main shipping channels at Port Everglades in Broward County from 42 feet to 48 feet.

**Flagler County Hurricane and Storm Damage Reduction Project.** The bill authorizes \$30.78 million for a beach renourishment project to extend an existing dune in central Flagler Beach 2.6 miles to help protect State Road A1A, the only north-south hurricane evacuation route for communities along the coast.

**Daytona Beach Flood Protection project.** The bill authorizes the Army Corps of Engineers to conduct a feasibility study for the project.

### Friends of Fakahatchee Announce Fall 2016 Tours

The Friends of Fakahatchee have announced their fall 2016 schedule of five adventures to introduce visitors to Florida's largest state park, Fakahatchee Strand Preserve.

A two-hour Moonlit Tram Tour of the Fakahatchee starting at 6:30 p.m. Sunday, October 16 and Nov. 14 and Dec. 14. These \$40 tours sell out rapidly.

Daytime naturalist-led Ghost Rider Tram Tours from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. get underway Nov. 15 and are offered for \$25 per person each Tuesday through Dec. 20.

Original Fakahatchee Swamp Walks are scheduled on three Saturdays—Nov. 19, Dec. 3 and Dec. 10. Swamp walks begin at 9:30 am and are \$80 for adults and \$60 for teens.

The Combination Tram Tour and Swamp Walk begins Thursday, Nov. 17 at 9:30 a.m. and is also offered on Dec. 1, 8, and 15, \$60 per person.

The Friends' newest offering is a 90-minute tour of the Big Cypress Bend Boardwalk on the Tamiami Trail. The tours are offered on Wednesdays at 9 a.m. starting Nov. 16 for \$20 per person.

For directions, complete details and (required) reservations for all Fakahatchee adventures, call 239-695-1023.

### Clyde Butcher Exhibit October 29 & 30

On Saturday, October 29 and Sunday, October 30, Clyde Butcher will exhibit -- for the first time -- all of his photographs of 33 National Parks that he has photographed over the past 50 years.

Big Cypress Gallery is located along the scenic Tamiami Trail (U.S. 41), 47 miles east of Naples and 36 miles west of Miami at Mile Marker 54.5, about half mile east of the Big Cypress National Preserve Oasis Visitor Center.

## LOCAL NEWS

### New Yard Waste Rules in Effect-Bundle it, Bag it or it Doesn't Get Picked Up!

Waste Management is now responsible for picking up yard waste and they have very specific rules...and if you don't follow them, the yard waste will not be picked up. Some waste piles are already tagged with green citations noting the non-compliance. Compliant yard waste will be picked up on **Thursday's** and must be either bundled, bagged or put into containers as described below:

#### **Bundles must be securely tied with twine:**

Bundles must be less than 50 pounds

Bundles must be no longer than 4 feet

Branches must be less than 4 inches in diameter

#### **32 Gallon Personal Containers:**

Must not weigh over 50 pounds

Waste may not extend over 12 inches over top of container

#### **Paper Waste Yard Bags Only – NO**

#### **Plastic Bags:**

Plastic will not be accepted

Paper is for leaves, grass and yard trimmings only



### Collier County Supervisor of Elections Begins First Mailing of Vote-by-Mail Ballots for the 2016 General Election

The Collier County Supervisor of Elections office will send its first mailing of requested Vote-by-Mail ballots to domestic voters on Tuesday, October 4, for the upcoming General Election on November 8.

Voters may submit requests online: [www.CollierVotes.com](http://www.CollierVotes.com) under the "Vote-by-Mail" tab. Requests can also be made by calling the Supervisor of Elections office at (239) 252-VOTE. By law, ballots cannot be forwarded.

The deadline for voters to request a ballot to be delivered by mail for this election is 5 p.m. on November 2. Voted ballots must be physically returned (not just postmarked) to the Supervisor of Elections by 7 p.m. on Election Day, November 8.




## STAR TREKKER REPORT

by Chris Herlovich

**November 4, 5 - Taurids Meteor Shower.** The Taurids is a long-running minor meteor shower producing about 5-10 meteors per hour. It is unusual in that it consists of two separate streams. Best viewing will be just after midnight from a dark location far away from city lights. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Taurus, but can appear anywhere in the sky.

**November 16, 17 - Leonids Meteor Shower.** The Leonids is an average shower, producing up to 15 meteors per hour at its peak. This shower is unique in that it has a cyclonic peak about every 33 years where hundreds of meteors per hour can be seen. That last of these occurred in 2001. The Leonids is produced by dust grains left behind by comet Tempel-Tuttle, which was discovered in 1865. The shower runs annually from November 6-30. It peaks this year on the night of the 16th and morning of the 17th.

**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):**  
Reopening October 15th
  - 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):**  
*Monday-Thurs, Sunday 10:30-6*  
*Friday & Saturday 10:30 - 7*
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- Right Choice Supermarket (695-4535):**   
9:00 am - 7:00 pm; daily
- 
- Grimm's Stone Crab (239-695-3222):**  
*Reopening 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**

10/08 Sat	02:00AM	1.1	L
10/08 Sat	06:48AM	2.6	H
10/08 Sat	03:59PM	0.4	L
10/08 Sat	09:51PM	2.4	H
10/09 Sun	04:06AM	1.1	L
10/09 Sun	08:55AM	2.6	H
10/09 Sun	05:09PM	0.4	L
10/09 Sun	10:59PM	2.5	H
10/10 Mon	05:34AM	1.1	L
10/10 Mon	10:26AM	2.6	H
10/10 Mon	06:09PM	0.4	L
10/10 Mon	11:54PM	2.6	H
10/11 Tue	06:34AM	0.9	L
10/11 Tue	11:35AM	2.8	H
10/11 Tue	07:02PM	0.3	L
10/12 Wed	12:37AM	2.8	H
10/12 Wed	07:23AM	0.7	L
10/12 Wed	12:31PM	3.0	H
10/12 Wed	07:50PM	0.3	L
10/13 Thu	01:12AM	2.9	H
10/13 Thu	08:09AM	0.5	L
10/13 Thu	01:21PM	3.2	H
10/13 Thu	08:35PM	0.3	L
10/14 Fri	01:44AM	3.1	H
10/14 Fri	08:54AM	0.3	L
10/14 Fri	02:07PM	3.3	H
10/14 Fri	09:18PM	0.3	L
10/15 Sat	02:15AM	3.3	H
10/15 Sat	09:39AM	0.1	L
10/15 Sat	02:53PM	3.4	H
10/15 Sat	10:01PM	0.4	L
10/16 Sun	02:45AM	3.4	H
10/16 Sun	10:25AM	-0.1	L
10/16 Sun	03:40PM	3.3	H
10/16 Sun	10:43PM	0.5	L
10/17 Mon	03:16AM	3.5	H
10/17 Mon	11:12AM	-0.2	L
10/17 Mon	04:31PM	3.2	H
10/17 Mon	11:25PM	0.6	L
10/18 Tue	03:51AM	3.5	H
10/18 Tue	12:00PM	-0.2	L
10/18 Tue	05:27PM	3.1	H
10/19 Wed	12:09AM	0.7	L
10/19 Wed	04:30AM	3.4	H
10/19 Wed	12:51PM	-0.2	L
10/19 Wed	06:30PM	2.9	H
10/20 Thu	12:56AM	0.8	L
10/20 Thu	05:18AM	3.3	H
10/20 Thu	01:47PM	-0.1	L
10/20 Thu	07:37PM	2.7	H
10/21 Fri	01:52AM	1.0	L
10/21 Fri	06:23AM	3.1	H
10/21 Fri	02:49PM	0.1	L
10/21 Fri	08:48PM	2.5	H
10/22 Sat	03:04AM	1.0	L
10/22 Sat	07:52AM	2.9	H
10/22 Sat	03:58PM	0.2	L
10/22 Sat	10:02PM	2.5	H
10/23 Sun	04:28AM	1.0	L
10/23 Sun	09:22AM	2.7	H

**Obituaries**

**Thomas "Turkey Tom" Freiburger, 64**, passed away unexpectedly, despite his treatments for cancer, on September 25<sup>th</sup>.



Thomas loved the Everglades area. His favorite pastime was to drive through Big Cypress looking for turkeys, bears, deer, snakes and any other wildlife.

He will be missed by all who knew him. Thomas is survived by his wife Gerianne, and two brothers.

Services are being held in St. Paul, MN with burial at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

**JOE BROWDER, 78**, Everglades warrior and environmentalist has passed away on Sept. 18 at his home in Fairhaven, Md.

Browder founded the influential Friends of the Everglades group with Marjorie Stoneman-Douglas and also was affiliated with Audubon and Friends of the Big



Cypress National Preserve. From 1977 to 1981, during the Jimmy Carter administration, Browder was an official with the U.S. Department of the Interior on energy, natural resources and environmental matters.

Browder — who in recent years had run the environmental consulting firm Dunlap & Browder Inc. in Washington, D.C. —also played a key role in the creation of the Big Cypress National Preserve in the Everglades.

Born in Amarillo, Texas, Browder moved to Miami with his first wife, Joan Browder, and their two sons, Ron and Monte. The two were married for 13 years.

The book "The Swamp: The Everglades, Florida and the Politics of Paradise," praised Browder as a "dogged activist" who "won some amazing battles for the Everglades, Big Cypress, Biscayne Bay and the rest of the ecosystem."

Joe Browder is survived by his wife Louise Dunlap and two sons, Ron and Monte Browder.

## RAPPER CLASSIFIEDS

**NEW JOB LISTING:** Attention USCG Captains! Everglades Area Tours is in search of part-time captains to a run a boat a couple of days a week during the winter season. (239) 695-3633.

**FOR SALE:** Fifth Wheel 2008 Durango LX, 37 feet, 4 slides, power awning, central vac., fireplace, cherry wood cabinets, lots more, call (239) 687-6512.

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

**FOR RENT:** Cozy furnished 2/1 house. Seasonal at \$900/week or \$3,200/month. Call (508) 677-5136.

**WANTED TO RENT:** Secure, covered storage for 32' Travel Trailer needed November 2016 – May 2017. Need access for travel use & maintenance. Please call Joe or Mary at: 815.404.9286.

**FOR RENT:** Mobile home lot in Copeland. Electric power pole, sewer tie in hook up and mobile home pad. 1.25-acre lot. Rent \$292/month ...first / last month rent required. (727) 480-1640.

**FOR SALE or RENT:** Cabins #7 & #8 at Glades Haven. Call (239) 695-9142 or email at [fishnw.mykee55@live.com](mailto:fishnw.mykee55@live.com), or [www.GladesRealty.com](http://www.GladesRealty.com).

## PET PICS

8-Week old "Spike" was adopted during the Blessing of the Fleet, by Patty Huff's grandkids! AWWW!



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**FOR LEASE:** Deep water commercial dock and lot on Barron River. Premium sought-after location at 909 DuPont St. in Everglades City. Perfect for lucrative airboat business, eco-tour business, commercial fishing or even a restaurant with chickee bar and tourist gift shop attraction. Contact: Rancho T Properties LLC, (727) 480-1640.

**FOR SALE:** Restored, original Collier home. Vintage cottage style, 2 bdrm, 1.5 bath, large fenced yard, river view, huge screened porch, beautiful kitchen, oak floors, tin roof, deeded dock. Ready for you to move in today and start fishing. Call or text for appt: (954) 662-7003.

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