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What's Happening in the Everglades City Area

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Time for Giving Thanks to the Veterans in our Area

November is that time of year when we welcome our seasonal friends, the cooler temperatures, and fantastic foods. But we must also take time to recognize the sacrifices made by those who have served our (still) great country in the Military.



Sunday, November 13th, Pastor Bob at Everglades Community Church did just that by celebrating Veteran's Day with many of our neighbors, who are also former military veterans.

Thank you to all of the Veterans, and to Pastor Bob, for honoring these special men. We recognize our veterans for their contribution and appreciate everything you have done for our country and for our community.

Former Everglades City Principal, Coach and Mentor Made Big Impact, Leaves Bigger Legacy

Every now and then, there is a special person that seems to have a very positive impact on the people they meet. Back in 1961 & 1962, that special person was the basketball coach at Everglades City School. James Stull, affectionately called "coach" by the young men he coached, was a very special man. When Bob Wells came to me to tell me about Coach Stull's passing, he took the time to describe what a great person he was, and how important he was to him, his brother and the other young men and women he mentored.

Coach Stull was a WWII veteran and graduate of Bowling Green University. When he came to Everglades City School, he taught physical education, and coached basketball, baseball and track. Bob told me about the time that Coach Stull approached him one day to



ask whether he ever played basketball. Bob told him he had not, but somehow Coach convinced very young Robert Wells to play.

That team went on to the state tournament, a great accomplishment for any school, but for such a small school, this was remarkable. The truth is, the sport itself was secondary to the other things the kids learned from Coach. Commitment, teamwork, good sportsmanship, these traits were reinforced daily.

Eventually, Coach Stull became the principal of the school, but his foray into education did not stop there. He continued his own education and eventually earned his PhD from Toledo University and went on to teach at Eastern Kentucky University where he taught in the

Education Department until his retirement in 1989.

Even though many years had passed, his former players stayed in contact with Coach. At the 50th class reunion, Coach was there of course, and met with some of his former players. He still referenced specific games, key plays and how proud he was of his students.

The photo shown above of the 1961-62 team is a virtual "who's who" of Everglades City; back row, left to right, Butch Hughes, Robert Wells, Buddy Smith, Curt Rindy, Jr. Ballard; front row, left to right, Buck Webb, Carl Brown, Coach Stull, Steve Thomas, Richard Wooten. Each and every one of these men had the good fortune of knowing Coach James Clyde Stull. He not only made an impression on the kids he taught back in the 1960's in our community, but his legacy is still having an impact on our community today.

You see, the things Coach Stull so carefully taught to our students back then are now being passed down to our youth by the men and women he affected. We were very lucky to have Coach Stull as a part of our proud history. He may be gone but his spirit is still with us, working through those who learned from him and played for him. **R.I.P. Coach Stull.**

See complete obituary on page 11.

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NOVEMBER - DECEMBER 2016

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<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
20 Turkey shoot, see p. 3	21 Hour of Prayer Copeland Baptist Church, 7 pm	22	23 Ladies Coffee City Seafood, 8 am	24 Thanksgiving Gobble-Gobble 5K, see p. 3	25 Black Friday Shopping!	26  School Fundraiser, See p. 5
27 	28  Hour of Prayer Chokoloskee Church of God, 7 pm	29 new moon ☉ 	30  Ladies Coffee Havana Café, 8 am	Dec. 1 	2  Diamonds Tea	<u>RAPPER 3</u> Swamp Heritage Festival, see p. 9
4	5 Hour of Prayer Holy Family Catholic Church, 7 pm Friends of Museum Luncheon	6	7 Ladies Coffee Christmas Party, see p. 3	8 Al-Anon Celebration, see p. 3	9	10  Art in Glades Artist Reception, see p. 7
11 	12  Hour of Prayer Everglades Comm. Church, 7 pm	13 full moon ● 	14  Ladies Coffee City Seafood, 8 am	15  Book Club, Location TBA, 9 am	16 	<u>RAPPER 17</u> Pancake Fly-In, see p. 3 Fakahatchee Dinner
18	19 Hour of Prayer Copeland Baptist Church, 7 pm	20	21 Ladies Coffee Havana Café, 8 am	22	23	24

Dec 25: Christmas Day

Jan. 1: New Year's Day

Jan. 7 & 8: White Pelican Celebration

Jan. 18: MLK Day

THRIFT SHOP: Tues., Thurs., Sat., 11 am–3 pm
 LIONS CLUB: 2nd Thursday of Month, Oyster House, 6 pm
 DR DEMARTINO: Open in Marco Island (239) 642-5552
 DR MARTIN: *Not taking appointments at this time*
 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: 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: Open Dec. 13th, 5-7pm
 FOOD PANTRY: Wed., 12 n to 2 pm, Community Church
 EVERGLADES AL-ANON: Thurs., 12noon, City Hall
 VETERANS SUPPORT: 1st & 3rd Thurs., 10 am, Com. Church
 SMALLWOOD STORE: Daily, 11 am to 5 pm
 PANCAKE FLY-IN: November 19, December 17, 10 am

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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What's Happening

In and Around Town

Art-in-the-Glades on Nov. 19th, 10 am – 2 pm



Join us November 19, from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at McLeod Park for **Art-in-the-Glades** where hand-made crafts and local art will be on display. There will be hotdogs and cold drinks available for sale a lunch time.

Everglades Lions Club Turkey Shoot, Nov 19-20



Join us in Everglades Lion Club Turkey Shoot. There will be hourly drawings and prizes, raffles, and food for sale on both days. The event takes place on **Saturday, November 19**, from 10:00 am to 5:00 pm and on **Sunday, November 20**, from noon until 5:00 pm at the old Copeland prison opposite Deep Lake at 20201 State Road 29, Copeland, 34137 (take Exit 80 from I-75). For info, call Vicky Wells at (239) 695-2660.

Join the Third Annual Turkey 5K Nov. 24th, 8 am



Register now to enter the third annual Everglades City Gobble Gobble 5K that will take place Thanksgiving morning, Nov. 24, at McLeod park 8:00 am.

Register at Eventbrite.com and search for Everglades City Gobble Gobble 5K. T shirts for the event are available through link on registration website. The fee is \$5.00 to enter. Contact Shannon Snyder @ 239-961-0669 with any questions.

Annual Luncheon Date Set December 5th, 11 am

The Friends of the Museum Annual Meeting will be held on **December 5th** at The Oyster House at 11 am. The speaker will be Tony Pernas, Supervisory Botanist of Big Cypress National Preserve.



Ladies Coffee Christmas Party December 7th, 8 am



Jan Brock will host the annual Christmas Party for the Wednesday Ladies Coffee Club on December 7th at 8:00 am at her home in Ochopee. Details and directions will be given at the weekly meeting or call Patty Huff @ 239-695-2397.

Everglades Al-Anon Family Group 5th Anniversary Celebration Thursday, December 8th

Open speaker meeting. Fellowship and snacks at 11:30 am. Program 12 noon to 1 pm. Everyone is invited. The meeting will be held at Everglades Community Church.

PANCAKE FLY-IN



Wings 10,000 Islands Tours will host a **free** pancake breakfast at the Everglades Airpark on **Saturday, November 19 and December 17th** from 10:00 am to noon. For more information, call Chuck at 695-3296.

Community Services

DOCTOR'S CLINIC



Dr. Kirk DeMartino is currently seeing patients in his Marco Island Office until returning to the Everglades area Dec. 2. Please call the office to schedule an appointment at: (239) 642-5552.

SPORTS & FAMILY MEDICAL CARE

Dr. John Martin is not taking new patients at this time. Please call Dr. DeMartino on Marco for adult needs, or Dr. Barnard for pediatrics. For x-rays or specific chiropractic care call Dr. Herb Golden in Naples @ 239-263-3600.

THRIFT SHOP Now Open 3 Days!

The Thrift Store is now open on **Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 11 am to 3 pm**, located behind the fire station. **Please do not leave items on the porch. Please bring them, in during operating hours. All donations are appreciated!**

Ochopee Fire Control District Now Managed by Naples Fire Rescue

On November 1st, the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District initiated formal management of the Ochopee Fire Control District. This was the result of an interlocal agreement executed between Collier County and Greater Naples Fire Rescue District to provide services over the next three years with a goal to lower costs, expand service, and eventually formally expand the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District boundaries to include the services areas of Port of the Islands, Everglades City, Chokoloskee, Copeland and other areas of eastern Collier County.



As part of the transition process the Greater Naples held two open house events to introduce the District to the communities. The first was held in Port of the Islands and the second in Everglades City. The community was welcomed into the fire stations and provided the opportunity to meet the existing firefighters as well as the new Fire Chief and Command Staff.

Of course, previous Ochopee Fire Chiefs Alan McLaughlin and Caleb Morris were on hand and received many compliments and accolades for their accomplishments and commitment to the communities they served for so many years. Both of these talented professionals are joining the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District leadership team along with all of the firefighters who have dedicated so much to the Ochopee Fire Control District over the years.

We are excited to bring the Ochopee personnel and community into the Greater Naples family and look forward to the opportunity to enhance services, work toward lowering costs for the citizens and most importantly serving the communities.

Area incident reporting will resume in the next issue of the Mullet Rapper.

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Small Town Taylor

by Taylor Mayberry

Remember when I told you how much I loved Volleyball? Well, just last Saturday night I went to a Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) volleyball game. It was so intense! They spiked it over the net every time. I went with my cousin Trenton, my mom, and my dad. My cousin went with us because the girls had a makeup sleepover birthday party at his house. So, Trenton stayed the night with us.

Before the game started we got pom-poms, volleyball posters for the players to sign and a miniature mascot stuffed eagle. Then, before the game started, I got to go down onto the court with the rest of my friends from Naples Juniors. When they called out the players' names they would run past us and give us a high-five. Then we went back up to our seats and watched the game.



Once the game started I got to see one of the really good players. Her name was Amanda Carroll and her number is fourteen. She reminded me of my best friend Madi from volleyball. She was good at setting and really good at spiking! The mascot came over and danced and sat right in front of us. The eagle was funny. We stood up and cheered so loud. FGCU won the game! When the game was over we got to take pictures with the players. I got to take a picture with Amanda Carroll (above).

When I grow up I'm going to college at FGCU to be a professional volleyball player. Go FGCU! I can't wait to go to another game next year!!!!

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

Nov 24 & 25:	No School for Students
Dec.21:	Early Dismissal
Dec 22-Jan 3:	No School for Students



A Message from the Principal

by Principal James Ragusa

Recognizing Our Gators! A number of our students have been recognized for great accomplishments during the month of October. Congratulations to Ashlyn Goff as she qualified for the regional cross country meet in Lakeland! Many of you probably have seen her running through town in the early morning hours or afternoons with her teammates and coaches. Great job Ashlyn! Thanks to Coach Major and Coach Wells for their work with our athletes.

We also are proud to recognize three students for being awarded the "Do the Right Thing Award" by the Collier County Sheriff's Office. The ceremony was at Lorenzo Walker Technical College in Naples. Madison Forbes and Carson Foss were recognized for their quick actions to save a young relative who accidentally fell in a pool. Hannah Levingston was also recognized for providing a classmate a backpack and school supplies when the student did not have them. She took her own supplies to share with a classmate. Thank you to these students for their commendable actions.

You may have noticed our baseball field grass dying over the last few weeks. This is being done by the school district as part of an improvement to our facility. They will be putting in a new field with Bermuda grass and that entails bringing in a layer of soil and moving the sprinkler system to accommodate the increased height of the playing surface. In addition, new restroom facilities are being added for our athletes and fans. This will provide a higher quality playing field for our baseball team.

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~Mr. Ragusa

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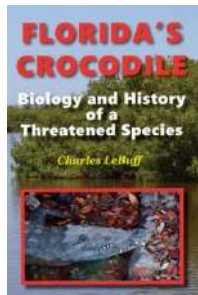
Local Artist, Folk Art Featured

Local resident and artist Dick Jay has teamed up with the Museum of the Everglades to showcase the history of Everglades City, Chokoloskee and the surrounding areas. Through a combination of Folk art and stories, visitors can take a step back in time to get a sense of what life was like in the Ten Thousand Islands in the early part of the 20th century.

This exhibit "Memories of the Past" will be display until December 31st, at the Museum. An Artist's Reception for Dick will be held on December 10th from 1 to 3 pm.

Southwest Florida Author Releases New Book on American Crocodiles

The paper edition of the new, full-color book, *Florida's Crocodile: Biology and History of a Threatened Species*, will be released shortly according to author Charles LeBuff.



The publisher is currently accepting preorders and the book should begin shipping out to those placing pre-orders before December 1. The book is available at Amazon.com and directly from the publisher for a special, discounted price.

This is an interesting book as it goes into details about our rare, native American Crocodile and has many photos and interesting facts about the animals.

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Recipes for Good Eating

by Kathy Brock

Super-Easy Acorn Squash

- 2 acorn squash, cut in half and seeded
- 1 stick of butter (you can use margarine but it is not as good)
- 1 sleeve of Ritz Crackers
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1-10-ounce package dark brown sugar
- 1/4 cup chopped walnuts (optional...but good!)



Prepare squash by cutting them in half and scraping the seeds. Wash and set aside. Melt the butter and add the brown sugar and spices. Blend until all butter is absorbed. Crush the crackers by hand so they are small but not powdered, quarter-inch pieces. Blend that into the brown sugar with the walnuts. Stuff squash and place in pan. Add about 1 inch of water into the pan, cover with foil or with top if you are using Corning Ware.

Bake 1 hour at 350° until knife tender. Let cool before serving warm with whipped topping. This is a perfect side for Thanksgiving or any holiday meal!

Rapper Crossword

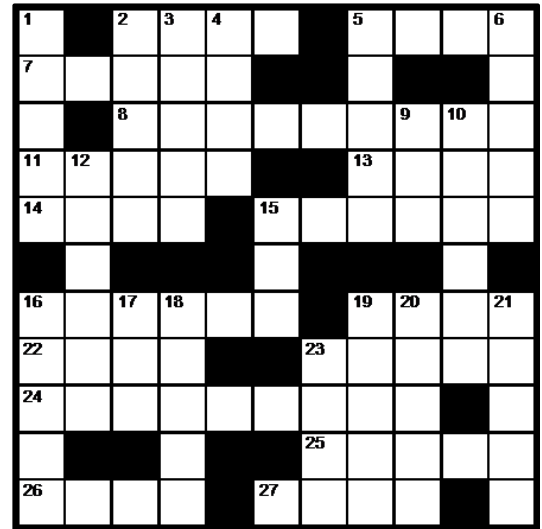
(Solution in next issue or visit www.mulletrapper.com/xword)

Across

- 2. Infant
- 5. A pregnant woman may have one
- 7. Elvis' blue shoes were these
- 8. Alike in every way
- 11. "Understood" in radio talk
- 13. Alley
- 14. A husky may pull it
- 15. Goes with bread
- 16. Irrational fear
- 19. Vessel
- 22. Drag
- 23. Position
- 24. United Brethren founder
- 25. Snake
- 26. Yellow of an egg
- 27. Minerals

Down

- 1. Former Russian rulers
- 2. Light grayish brown
- 3. Summed
- 4. Alcoholic beverage
- 5. Constructed
- 6. More wan
- 9. Sylvester is one
- 10. Low in iron (in blood)
- 12. Out dated



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(Down Continued)

- 15. Bleat of a sheep
- 16. Fake
- 17. Not in
- 18. Dreary
- 19. Slip
- 20. Clock pointers
- 21. Oysters may have them
- 23. Type of fruit

Understanding the Human Skeletal System

by Dr. John Martin

We have 206 bones in the human body (207 if you count the Ethmoid Plate in the nose). The human skeleton is designed with the axial skeleton (as the skull, spinal column, ribs and pelvis). And the appendicular skeleton (which includes the collar bone and shoulder blades the arms, legs, hands and feet). One half the bones are in the hands and feet (25 each). There are long bones (e.g. arms, legs) there are short or sesamoid bones (e.g. small round bones in the wrist), flat bones (e.g. scapula, some skull bones, pelvis), irregular bones (e.g. vertebrae), and curved bones (e.g. ribs, and various other bones of the skull). The largest (longest) bone in the body is usually the femur (thigh) bone, and the smallest are the ossicles in the ear. One bone, the hyoid bone, "floats" in the throat muscles, and has no joints. Humans are born with ever diminishing proportions of cartilage to bone, and a young person's bones continue to harden, focused around specific calcification points in each bone, until about 25 years of age.



The bones are not dry, but are living dynamic tissue with blood vessels and nerve fibers near to the surface and many times into the bone itself. Osteoblast cells lay down new bone and osteoclast cells pick up old bone. The major components of bone are the mineral nutrients calcium and phosphorus. The major function of our bones is to support us, act as levers for movement, and protection (e.g. skull for brain and ribs for other vital organs). Some bone also makes red blood cells and stores fat and is the source of stem cells in the adult. The human spine has 24 movable segments in the spine called vertebrae (singular vertebra). These spool shaped vertebrae both support our bodies upright and protect the spinal cord while allowing and providing for 31 pairs of nerves to branch out to every other body part and tell it what to do and when to do it. Four normal curves are exhibited in the spinal column front to back. No curves are supposed to be seen from side to side. These normal curves give the spine much more resilience, flexibility, and opportunity for movement.

Necessary elements in young bone is movement (movement also aids in circulation into joints), and some degree of mechanical challenge. Gravity while on earth is our foremost stressor that way. This becomes a real problem for space travelers. Must do exercises are even more important for astronauts. Demineralization here on earth often comes from the over consumption of phosphorus (e.g. red meat and soda pop). Dairy is purported to deliver plenty of calcium in our diets. However, green-leafy vegetables are a much superior source. More nutritional knowledge will be discussed at length when we review the digestive system in weeks to come. The best guard against various bone diseases and degenerative processes is prevention. Proper diets for infants and children, copious amounts of exercise, and the avoidance of food products and drugs that tend to demineralize even healthy bones is paramount in developing and maintaining strong bones. Traumatic injuries and the issue of weight control are primary issues of lifestyle management.

My next article will focus on the muscular system.
~Dr. John Martin

Living Gulf Coast

by Charles Sobczak



Blue Jay (*Cyanocitta cristata*) Other names: jaybird / Status: FL=stable to expanding north and west, IUCN=LC / Life span: to 17 years / Length: 10-12 in. (25-30 cm) / Wingspan: 13-17 in. (34-43 cm) / Weight: 2.47-3.5 oz. (70-100g)/

Nests & found throughout southwest Florida

A member of the crow family, the blue jay is a common sight on the southwest coast. Known for its loud call, *jay, jay, jay*, or sometimes *thief, thief, thief*, this very attractive bird is also an excellent mimic, known to imitate the cry of the red-shouldered hawk and the osprey to the point where even an experienced birder cannot tell the difference.



The blue jay often raids the nests of smaller birds. It will take both the eggs and sometimes the chicks. This characteristic is somewhat offset by the blue jay's tendency to go after other large predators that would be far more likely to take the adult bird of these same species. That includes eagles, hawks, and owls, which the blue jay harasses to no end when they fly into its territory.

Its diet includes just about anything smaller than itself: carrion, eggs, chicks, acorns, nuts, frogs, fish, snails, small mammals, seeds, and even green and Cuban anoles. Monogamous but not always for life, the blue jay tends to switch partners every few years, allowing for several different couplings over its 17-year life span. It is a solitary nester. Hawks and owls prey upon the adult blue jay.

Northern Cardinal (*Cardinalis cardinalis*) Other names: none / Status: FL=stable, IUCN=LC / Life span: to 15 years / Length: 89 in. (21-23 cm) / Wingspan: 10-12 in. (25-31 cm) / Weight: 1.48-1.69 oz. (42-48 g) / Nests & Found throughout Southwest Florida.



The brilliantly colored northern cardinal holds the record for being named a state bird, having achieved that honor in seven states: Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, North Carolina, Ohio, Virginia, and West Virginia. (The meadowlark comes in second with six states, and the mockingbird, Florida's state bird, is a close third with five.) On southwest coast, the northern cardinal is always a delight to see, especially during the spring when the male takes on its richer breeding plumage, giving its bright red color an almost fluorescent hue. The female has a duller coloration that sometimes resembles a cedar waxwing. The cardinal raises up to three broods during the breeding season, which runs from March through August.

The male northern cardinal can often be found pecking at itself in rearview mirrors, tinted windows, and even hubcaps. Extremely territorial, the male will shag off rivals that stray into its well-defended area. The cardinal feeds primarily on seeds and berries.

The cardinal is monogamous and a solitary nester. It is occasionally subject to parasitic cowbird hatchlings, and its nests are sometimes raided by fish crows, grackles, snakes, and rats. The cardinal is expanding its range westward and northward across the United States.

Photos: Blue Jay by Yunsoo Kim,
Northern Cardinal by Hung V. Do



My Little Slice of Paradise

by Kathy Brock

In recent issues including this one, some articles in "Living Gulf Coast" have referenced the difficulty of some small songbirds and warblers to successfully breed due to the pressure put on them by "brood parasites" or parasitic nesters. Specifically, brood parasites are organisms that rely on others to raise their young. The strategy exists among birds, insects and some fish. The brood parasite manipulates a host, either of the same or of another species, to raise its young as if it were its own (maybe people learned this from the birds!).

In our area, there is a bird that does just that, the brown-headed cowbird. It is believed that cowbirds mastered the brood parasite technique centuries ago so that they could follow the Bison herds. You see, cowbirds typically follow large land animals so that they can take advantage of the insects that are stirred up when they walk on the land and on the insects attracted to their dung. They are masterful opportunists.

Because the cowbirds learned to follow the herds for an easy food source, it became difficult to stay in one spot long enough to court, mate, nest and fledge young. Since the other birds are all keeping with tradition, they had to develop a way to keep moving and breed all at the same time. Brilliant! In the case of the cowbird, they even took it one step further...they frequently place their eggs in the nests of birds far smaller than they are, so their young are far larger and can "out muscle" the



other species chicks for food. Some research has shown that baby cowbird chicks will eject other eggs even before they open their eyes! This, of course, is devastating to the smaller chicks and often the cowbird chick is the only survivor in these cases.

Brood parasitism is not common in other groups of birds, and is only found in about 1 percent of bird species, including members of such diverse groups as ducks, and weavers. There are some birds that will occasionally lay an egg in the nest of another of its own species, but cowbirds are technically "obligate brood parasites" meaning they cannot build nests of their own and must use another's nest complete the process.



Above top, adult brown headed cowbird, below one cowbird egg in a nest of robin eggs.



Are You My Mommy? Uh, I Don't Think So Above, a Wilson's Warbler adult feeding "her" baby

The cowbird has been studied for decades because of this uncommon behavior. It is estimated that they parasitize some 200-other species. Of those, some are referred to as "accepters" and the others as "rejectors". Rejectors are those birds that seem to recognize the foreign egg and get it out of the nest. Accepters either do not recognize the egg as foreign or accept it for some other reason. There is a debate as to how a "host" may or may not recognize the egg to eject it out of the nest, but some birds seem to know and others seem to recognize it as an "intruder" after learning about what their current clutch of eggs looks like over time (thus helping them identify the intruder egg).

Behaviorist Stephen Rothstein of the University of California at Santa Barbara has shown that some North American species have indeed learned to recognize the intruder egg. He placed artificial and real Brown-headed Cowbird eggs in the nests of 43 other species, and found that those species divided rather neatly into acceptor species and "rejector species." Acceptors include many warblers, vireos, phoebes, and Song Sparrows, while robins, catbirds, Blue jays, and Brown Thrashers are rejectors. The Song Sparrow just happens to have eggs very similar in size and spotting pattern to those of the cowbird, and almost always raises the cowbird young. In contrast, catbirds and robins, which lay unmarked blue eggs, almost always eject cowbird eggs from their nests.

So, in our neck of the woods, we have both the parasitic nester and the top "rejecter" which makes for a pretty interesting standoff. Tim and I have a plaque on our wall, "Nature, the most interesting show on earth" and more and more I see the logic in that statement. If you really pay attention and take some time to learn about nature, you cannot help but be amazed at what you will see.

So, it isn't only the humans that are struggling to bring up the "kids" and jostle for their place in the world. This, too, happens in nature. Sometimes it is right in front of us, but if we are not aware of it, we will never even know it is happening right in our own back yard.

Note: Did you know that Everglades City is a "birders paradise"? There are several species of birds in the Everglades area, especially in winter, that are targeted by birders from all over the world. The mangrove cuckoo, white-crowned pigeon, roseate spoonbill, kestrel, peregrine falcon, snail kite, and swallow tailed kite, are only a few of the species that are only seen in a few places in the world. There are guides in our area that conduct birding tours. Call one and book a trip today!

If you see wildlife news, call FWC @ 888-404-FWCC

PARK NEWS

Friends of Fakahatchee Fall 2016 Tours-Book Early!

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.

There are multiple tours to choose from that started on November 14. For directions, complete details and (required) reservations for all Fakahatchee adventures, call 239-695-1023.

Big Cypress Swamp Heritage Festival

Join us for the 6th annual Big Cypress Swamp Heritage Festival on Saturday, December 3, 2016 to be held at the Big Cypress National Preserve Welcome Center, 33000 Tamiami Trail East, Ochopee, FL 34141 from 10:30 to 4:00 pm.

This is a family-friendly FREE event that celebrates our unique heritage and early pioneers.

LOCAL NEWS

Traffic Light Coming to Carnestown...Really!

The effort to get a light at the Carnestown intersection to help prevent any more accidents is now a reality. The approval was just reported by Sue Gentry in Collier County Sheriff's Office. The light has been ordered and it will be installed as soon as it arrives and the crew is allocated for installation.

Thank you to local resident Holly Livingston Dudley for leading the effort and to Sue Gentry for working with her on this very necessary safety project. We will all be a bit safer as we come and go from the area...and that is a very good thing.



Everglades City Couple Ties the Knot

Congratulations to Lycurgus E. Kidder Jr and Kimberly C. Brown (Kidder) who wed on November 12th. The ceremony was held outdoors on a spectacular, sunny day.

We wish the couple many years of health and happiness together.



STAR TREKKER REPORT

Reported by Chris Herlovich

December 4-17 – Geminids. Unlike most other meteor showers, the Geminids are associated not with a comet but with an asteroid: the 3200 Phaethon. The asteroid takes about 1.4 years to orbit around the Sun. The Geminids are considered to be one of the more spectacular meteor shower during a year, with the possibility of sighting around 120 meteors per hour at its peak. In 2016, the Geminids are expected to peak on the night of December 13 and early morning hours of December 14. A Full Moon will make viewing conditions difficult.

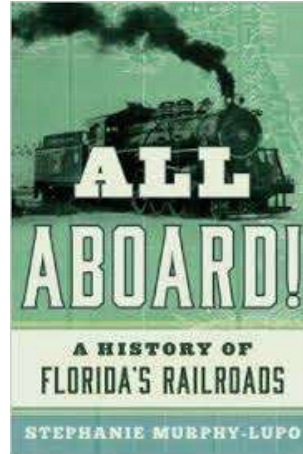
Off the Shelf - Book Review

All Aboard!

A History of Florida's Railroads

by Stephanie Murphy-Lupo

reviewed by Marya Repko



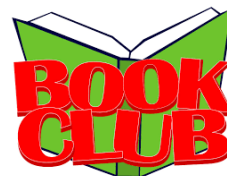
I bought this book to read about our history but what the author says about the future is even more interesting. The project called "All Aboard Florida" is funded and operated by private enterprise with appropriate layers of financial links to Flagler's original Florida East Coast line. Is it going to work? Will locals really use the high-speed train along the east coast to Orlando? Will millions of foreign tourists welcome not having to battle on our crowded roads in rental cars?

As for the history, the book goes back to before the beginning of homesteading and progresses through the 1850s when the State's Internal Improvement Fund gave away acres of land in the territory for each mile of rail (or canal) built. Taking advantage of this generosity, Henry Plant on the west coast and Henry Flagler on the east coast made it possible for commerce and tourists to travel the length of the state, even reaching Key West in 1912.

Eventually, rail gave way to automobiles, trucks, buses, and airplanes. Plant's Atlantic Coast Line came to Everglades City in 1928 but only lasted about 30 years before the tracks were torn up. Our legacy is the old Depot building.

This is a well-written book in a friendly style and has been researched thoroughly. It is not yet available in the Collier County Public Library but has been recommended for purchase. I ordered my copy from www.abebooks.com, a website I use often.

Attention Book Lovers!



The Everglades Book Club has resumed meetings for the winter season. Our welcoming group meets to discuss a different book each month and we encourage others to join in and participate. This is a great way to get to know people

and share your love for reading.

The Everglades Book Club is held on the 3rd Thursday each month, unless otherwise indicated, at 9:30 am. The meeting place changes every month so look for updates in the Mullet Rapper.

Below is the Book Club reading & meeting schedule:

Dec. 15, 2016: "Olive Kitteridge" by Elizabeth Strout
 Jan. 19, 2017: "Immokalee's Fields of Hope" by Carlene Thissen
 Feb. 16, 2017: "All the Light You Cannot See" by Anthony Doerr
 Mar. 16, 2017: "Leap of Faith" by Queen Noor of Jordan
 Apr. 6, 2017: "One Thousand White Women" by Jim Ferguson

RESTAURANTS

Angler's Cove, Port of the Islands
(642-1025): Tuesday thru Sunday,
Noon - 9 pm; closed Monday

Camellia Street Grille (695-2003):
12 noon - 9:00 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):
7:00 am to 3:00 pm; Sun thru Wed
7:00 am to 8:00 pm; Thurs-Fri-Sat

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; Tues 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

Right Choice Supermarket (695-4535):
9:00 am - 7:00 pm; daily

Grimm's Stone Crab (239-695-3222):
8:00 am - 6:00 pm, Mon thru Sat

Loco's Fresh Produce: (239-462-7050)
Friday & Sat. by EC Post Office

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

Chokoloskee Church of God
Sunday: 10 am School, 11 am Worship

Copeland Baptist Church
Sunday: 10 am School, 11 am Worship

Everglades Community Church
11 am Sunday Worship

1st Baptist Church of Everglades City
9:45 am Sunday School, 11 am Worship
6 pm Sunday, 6 pm Wed. Bible Study

Holy Family Catholic Church
10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass

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

11/19 Sat	12:36AM	0.9	L
11/19 Sat	05:07AM	3.0	H
11/19 Sat	01:24PM	0.0	L
11/19 Sat	07:19PM	2.5	H
11/20 Sun	01:44AM	0.9	L
11/20 Sun	06:30AM	2.7	H
11/20 Sun	02:25PM	0.2	L
11/20 Sun	08:17PM	2.5	H
11/21 Mon	03:04AM	0.8	L
11/21 Mon	07:53AM	2.5	H
11/21 Mon	03:30PM	0.3	L
11/21 Mon	09:13PM	2.5	H
11/22 Tue	04:21AM	0.7	L
11/22 Tue	09:16AM	2.3	H
11/22 Tue	04:32PM	0.4	L
11/22 Tue	10:03PM	2.6	H
11/23 Wed	05:25AM	0.6	L
11/23 Wed	10:35AM	2.3	H
11/23 Wed	05:29PM	0.5	L
11/23 Wed	10:47PM	2.7	H
11/24 Thu	06:18AM	0.4	L
11/24 Thu	11:41AM	2.4	H
11/24 Thu	06:19PM	0.6	L
11/24 Thu	11:24PM	2.8	H
11/25 Fri	07:03AM	0.2	L
11/25 Fri	12:31PM	2.4	H
11/25 Fri	07:04PM	0.7	L
11/25 Fri	11:58PM	2.9	H
11/26 Sat	07:43AM	0.1	L
11/26 Sat	01:10PM	2.5	H
11/26 Sat	07:45PM	0.7	L
11/27 Sun	12:29AM	2.9	H
11/27 Sun	08:21AM	0.0	L
11/27 Sun	01:45PM	2.5	H
11/27 Sun	08:23PM	0.8	L
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11/28 Mon	02:19PM	2.5	H
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11/29 Tue	02:55PM	2.5	H
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11/30 Wed	10:08AM	-0.2	L
11/30 Wed	03:34PM	2.5	H
11/30 Wed	10:04PM	0.8	L
12/01 Thu	02:17AM	3.0	H
12/01 Thu	10:45AM	-0.2	L
12/01 Thu	04:17PM	2.5	H
12/01 Thu	10:36PM	0.8	L
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12/02 Fri	11:22AM	-0.1	L
12/02 Fri	05:04PM	2.5	H
12/02 Fri	11:11PM	0.9	L
12/03 Sat	03:11AM	2.8	H
12/03 Sat	12:01PM	-0.1	L
12/03 Sat	05:53PM	2.4	H
12/03 Sat	11:53PM	0.9	L
12/04 Sun	03:50AM	2.7	H

Obituary

James Clyde Stull

March 1, 1926 - November 2, 2016

Dr. James Clyde Stull, 90, of Richmond, VA passed away Wednesday, November 2, 2016, at the Hospice Compassionate Care Center of Richmond.

Born in Galion, Ohio, on March 1, 1926, to the late C. A. and Mary Miles Stull, Jim served in the U.S. Navy during World War II from 1944-1946. In 1950 he graduated from Bowling Green State University in Ohio and married his college sweetheart, the former Jeanne Stiffney. The couple taught school on the U.S. Territory of Guam from 1952-1954. Jim subsequently earned his MS degree from Indiana University and PhD from Toledo University. In 1965, he was hired by Eastern Kentucky University (EKU) where he taught in the Education Department until his retirement in 1989. Prior to his career at EKU, Jim taught high school physical education and coached basketball, baseball and track at several schools, including Sugar Creek High School in Ohio and Everglades High School in Florida where he also served as school principal. Many of the students and ballplayers from those schools remained in contact with "Coach" Stull throughout his life. He was remembered fondly and held in high regard by them.

Survivors include his wife, Jeanne Stull of Richmond; three daughters, Susan Stull Schanzenbaker (Carl) of Haymarket, VA, Nanci Stull Alexander (Keith) of Lexington, KY, and Terry Stull Martins (Lee) of Acton, MA; one son, Thomas James Stull (Mary) of Villa Hills, KY; one sister, Mary Jane Jesson of Lexington, Ohio; seven grandchildren, Andrew and David Alexander, Casey Bailey, Kelly Stull, Candace Toms, Travis Schanzenbaker and Olivia Martins; and two nieces, Lori Dunbar (Doug) and Ann Scott (Greg).

Funeral services for Dr. Stull were conducted Monday, November 7. His burial with Military Honors took place at Camp Nelson National Cemetery in Jessamine County.



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PET PICS

“Nelix” Chris Herlovich’s kitty enjoys sitting up high on his tower!



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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, \$1500 / month. Contact: Rancho T Properties LLC, (727) 480-1640.

FOR SALE: Completely remodeled & 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.

BOAT FOR SALE: 2007 15.2 Key West center console boat with 50 HP Yamaha motor & trailer. Very low hours, and clean. Includes GPS, fish finder and jack plate, asking \$8500. Call or text Gary at 609-602-2245.

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