

# The MULLET RAPPER

## What's Happening in the Everglades & 10,000 Islands

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### Diaz-Balart Votes for Additional Disaster Relief Funding to Help Hurricane-Impacted Areas

WASHINGTON – Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart (FL-25) issued the following statement after the passage of additional supplemental appropriations for disaster relief. In the wake of Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria, this funding would help those in the hurricane-impacted areas.

“In the weeks following Hurricane Irma, we are able to see the lasting effects this storm will have on our community, and it is evident that additional funding is necessary.

This legislation delivers over \$18 billion directly to FEMA’s Disaster Relief Fund, ensures the National Flood Insurance Program has the funding it needs to pay its claims, and grants food aid and loan eligibility to the storm-ravaged island of Puerto Rico. Additionally, the impact of the storm has devastated our state’s farmers and growers, and it will be a long road to recovery for them. Specifically, the citrus industry, critical to Florida’s economy, was hit catastrophically and federal resources will be needed. I will fight to ensure Florida’s agricultural industry has the resources it needs to get back on their feet.

“As we continue to recover, I look forward to working with Speaker Ryan, Chairman Frelinghuysen, and our colleagues. I’m proud to support Florida and other impacted areas to rebuild our strong, beautiful communities.”

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### It is Estimated That Less Than 5% Of Hurricane Victims Have Applied for SBA Assistance The Deadline to Apply for FEMA & SBA Assistance is November 9th

A quick drive around Everglades City, Chokoloskee & Plantation Island will confirm one thing...Almost all of us were impacted by Hurricane Irma. Yet only 5% have applied for relief assistance from SBA according to Carl Sherrill, Public Information Officer for SBA in our area.

SBA offers assistance to both businesses and homeowners and renters and after insurance will make up most of the funds for recovery in Southwest Florida.

And there are people here to help you complete your application. If you have questions or don't want to complete your application on line at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela> go to the Disaster Recovery Center at:

Golden Gate Community Center  
4701 Golden Gate Parkway  
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Businesses will find help there with their Florida Bridge Loan as well as SBA Disaster Recovery loan to cover other losses.

Collier County—and certainly Everglades City, Chokoloskee, & Plantation Island—was one of the hardest hit areas of Florida. As of Friday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, SBA had received 38,440 referrals from FEMA in Collier County—however only 1,774 (**less than 5%**) had submitted their application.

You don't have to wait for insurance to be settled; you don't have to know how much it will take to recover—and if approved you don't have to start repaying until a year after you close the loan. If you are approved and change your mind, you do not need to accept it either.

As Nike's slogan says: **JUST DO IT!** Get your SBA Disaster Loan application in today—it could lead to further funds for your Irma recovery.

### Stone Crab Season off to Best Start in Over a “Decade”



*Now, for some good news!* According to our local crab houses, stone crab season got off to a great start. In fact, Grimm’s Stone Crab reports that it was their best start in over a decade...even with a full moon (which typically slows activity).

Triad has plenty of Crab and so does City Seafood. All in all, the first days of harvest was a very good beginning, perhaps signaling the end of a very rough patch for the area after Hurricane Irma.

Now, what is next? Well, we eat crab of course! We must support our local fisherman and spread the word that crab season is in full swing.

Our local eateries are also open, or opening every day, and they are serving the delicious crustaceans...City Seafood is open. Havana Café is open. Island Café is open. Triad Seafood is open. Grimm’s market is open. Gator Express is open and is also serving sandwiches & coffee. They have a good supply of milk, bread and other necessities. Our grocery and bait shops are all close to opening again, and Mount Trashmore, which was reaching Everest proportions, is now getting smaller as the debris is getting hauled out by very large trucks.

But no news tops the heartbeat of our area, the stone crab. Whether you love them hot with drawn butter and garlic (yum) or chilled with mustard sauce, there isn't much that can beat their mild, sweet taste. Nine out of 10 times, we like them cold with my favorite mustard sauce recipe...simple but oh, so good:

- 1 cup Mayonnaise
- 1/4 cup Dijon Mustard (Grey Poupon is great)
- 1 Tablespoon Horseradish

Serve it with chilled crabs and a side salad and enjoy.

*It's that time of year again.  
Let's get cracking!*

**OCT. 21 – NOV. 25, 2017**

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
22	23	24	25 Ladies Coffee Havana Cafe 8 am	26	27 Clyde Butcher Fall Festival, see p 3	28 Halloween Celebration Clyde Butcher Fall Festival, Both: See p 3
29	30	31	NOV 1 Ladies Coffee Island Café, 8 am	2 Lions Club, 6 pm @ 605 Collier Ave	3 Expect King Tides  Indian Arts Fest, see p. 3	NOV 4 RAPPER full moon ● Expect King Tides  Indian Arts Fest, see p.3
5 Daylight Savings. Clock ahead 1 hour  Expect King Tides	6 ESHP Mtg, Location TBD	7 FME Mtg. 3:30 pm Location TBD  City Council Mtg, 7 pm School	8 Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8 am	9	10	11 Veteran's Day
12	13	14	15 Ladies Coffee Havana Café, 8 am	16	17 History Talk, 5:30 pm Location TBD	NOV 18 RAPPER new moon ○  Art-In-Glades 10am—2 pm McLeod Pk
19	20	21	22 Ladies Coffee Island Café, 8 am No School	23 Thanksgiving  No School	24  No School	25

November 24: Black Friday

December 25: Christmas

February 9-11: Seafood Festival

THRIFT SHOP: Closed until further notice  
 LIONS CLUB: 2nd Thursday of month, , 6 pm, location TBD  
 DR DEMARTINO: Marco Island office information on p.3.  
 DR MARTIN: Mon. & Wed 10-n, 3 – 6 pm, call 813-787-9738  
 AA: Wed., 5:00 pm, Community Church  
 MUSEUM: Closed until further notice  
 CARNESTOWN Recycle and Trash: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 9 am to 3:30 pm

SKATING RINK: Closed until further notice  
 REACH OUT: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 9:30 am, location TBD  
 LITTLE GATOR CLINIC: Not seeing patients at this time  
 VETERANS SUPPORT: 2nd & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. of month, noon—2 pm  
 COMMUNITY CHURCH FOOD PANTRY: Location TBD  
 SMALLWOOD STORE: Closed until further notice  
 PANCAKE FLY-IN: Opening soon!

SHERIFF AT CITY HALL: Tuesdays, 2 to 5 pm  
 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Mon–Thurs (9 am to 2 pm); Fri-Sat (9 am to 3 pm)  
 COLLIER COUNTY: 239-252-8999

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# What's Happening

In and Around Town



## TRUNK OR TREAT HALLOWEEN CELEBRATION TO BE HELD AT SEABOARD VILLAS OCTOBER 28TH, 5-8 PM

On October 28th the annual Halloween Celebration will be held at Seaboard Villas for kids from 5 to 8 pm. Due to the continued cleanup effort, children will not be encouraged to go door to door throughout Everglades City, instead we will host the party at Seaboard Villas where kids can go to the homes in this area and also get treats from the decorated trunks of cars driven in by residents. Hotdogs & soda will be served and hosted by the Lion's Club. There will be fun activities, face painting, and costume contests.

**We encourage everyone to come out to make this a memorable day for our kids...and you! For ideas, google trunk or treat!**

## BIG CYPRESS GALLERY ANNUAL FALL FESTIVAL Meet Clyde Butcher and the BCNP Rangers October 28 - October 29

EVENT DETAILS: Clyde, Niki, and the Big Cypress National Preserve Rangers are looking forward to meeting everybody October 28th & 29th from 9:00am – 5:00pm for their 3rd Annual Fall Festival. Come on out and help us support our park! This event is FREE and open to the public.

**Lots to do inside and outside of gallery – View new works, meet rangers, and learn more about our park!**

(Optional) Support our park with a ranger led swamp walk! If you participate in a swamp walk wear long pants, hat, and old tennis shoes. Bring bug spray, water bottle, and complete change of clothes. When you arrive you will pay a fee of \$50 per adult to the South Florida National Park Trust for your guided tour, kids are FREE. 100% of the proceeds will be donated to the educational dept. of the Big Cypress National Park.

**The event will be held at:  
52388 Tamiami Tr.  
Ochopee, FL 34141**

Please call 239 695 2428 for details

## 20TH ANNUAL AMERICAN INDIAN ARTS CELEBRATION (AIAC)

NOV. 3 & 4, 10 AM—5 PM

The Seminole Tribe of Florida's Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum will host the event featuring an exciting lineup of Seminole musical artists, and Seminole artisans.. Saturday will also include the 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Fashion Show highlighting a range of clothing from traditional dress to contemporary styles. Call (863)902-1113, X12211 for more information.

## EVERGLADES CITY SEAFOOD FESTIVAL, FEB 9-11

The annual Everglades City Seafood Festival will go on as planned and take place February 9, 10 & 11. The three days of fun will feature foods, carnival rides, arts & crafts and the (almost) famous collectible Budweiser mugs. Great country music will be performed by local artists and national headliners!

## COMMUNITY SERVICES



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### THRIFT SHOP

Sorry...the thrift shop is currently closed for repairs! We are working hard to reopen as soon as possible! Thanks for your patience while we make repairs.

### FREE DENTAL SCREENINGS ALL AGES— NOV. 14 9 am to 4 pm



**The Dental Bus is scheduled to be in Everglades City on November 14**

from 9 am to 4 pm, in the Fire Station parking lot, providing free dental health screenings. You can also schedule an appointment for cleanings, fillings, extractions and x-rays. For more information or to make an appointment call 239-658-3013.

## LEAVING HURRICANE SHUTTERS UP IS A POTENTIAL DANGER

(From WBBH, NBC 2, Fort Myers)

If you've driven around Southwest Florida since Hurricane Irma came through, you've probably noticed a lot of homes still boarded up.

Plywood and metal shutters can help keep you and your property safe during a storm but can be devastating in a different kind of emergency.

Fire rescue crews say shutters can block critical exits for you and entrances for firefighters during an emergency.

This week, the Villas Community in Fort Myers proved to be an example of just how dangerous shutters can be outside of a storm.

A home on West Park is now unlivable after a fire destroyed it. Hurricane shutters can be seen hanging on the structure amid piles of charred belongings and a crumbled carport.

Neighbors said flames and smoke could be seen shooting out of the house after a generator and extra fuel caught fire.

Fire rescue officials said the family living there got out safely with no injuries, but the scene remains a scary reminder of what can go wrong after a storm's danger has passed, and storm shutters remain.

Neighbors like Brian Harney worry about nearby homes that still have shutters in place. A home right across the street from his house even has the front door covered.

"They have all the doors covered, there is nothing uncovered at all," he explained, "A fire department can't get a hose around to the back door."

"You may have two minutes to escape from a fire, and that is not very long, that's not enough time to run from door to door," Public Information Officer Christie Knudsen with South Trail Fire and Rescue explained.

Knudsen recommended families make a fire escape plan, leaving two ways to exit any room in your home. In bedrooms, the second exit is often a window.

She said not only can shutters trap you inside, but they can also make it harder for firefighters to put out the flames.

"The windows can be an access point to them, and when they're blocked as well, that is a lot more difficult," Knudsen said.

To top it off, fire hazards like generators, drying, piled up debris, and potentially faulty water-damaged wiring, are making houses more vulnerable right now. All reasons, officials say, to put in the extra work now to keep your family and your home safe in the future.

Knudsen also recommends checking your smoke detectors to ensure they're working properly to give you as much warning as possible in the event of a fire.






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Everglades City School Calendar

- November 11: Hurricane make-up day. There is school!
- November 23-25: No School. Fall break
- November 29: Interim reports
- December 21: Early dismissal

8 Things You Can Do for Your Kids to Help Them Deal with Difficult Times & Tragedy

(From Parenting.com)

It is important to create an environment where children can process their emotions and work through what has happened around them. These 8 steps can help children cope with loss & difficult times:

1. **Maintain routine and structure.** Resume normal activities. This helps restore a sense of normalcy and safety.
2. **Be selective about how much exposure your child has to the replay of events.**
3. **Your reactions influence your child's reactions.** Avoid talking in fatalistic terms about what has happened.
4. **Acknowledge out loud what's good in the world and in your lives.** List all the things for which you feel grateful each and every day with your child.
5. **Honor life.** Celebrate your family. Eat a healthy meal together, go for a walk, throw a ball and go to the park.
6. **Watch a funny movie or play a favorite game together.**
7. **Turn any sense of powerlessness into action.** Light a candle for those who have passed. Plant a flower or tree to commemorate a transition. Say a prayer together.
8. **Spend extra time with your children.**

**ATTENTION READERS!**

100% of the proceeds from the sales of the print edition of the *Mullet Rapper*, sold in all Everglades City and Chokoloskee locations, will be donated to the Everglades City School athletic department. We look forward to this and many other future partnerships and events to help our school and our community.

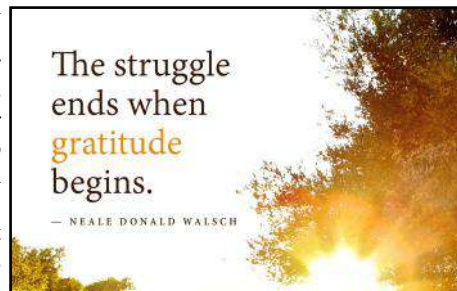
A Message From Principal Ragusa

Gratitude



It has been a tumultuous start to the school year but our students and staff are moving forward as are many of our readers. The storm and the aftermath have created many challenges on a personal level for so many of our families and friends. These challenges were not expected but our students have been remarkable in returning to school and the activities they enjoyed prior to the landfall of Hurricane Irma on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

We would like to express our gratitude to the many individuals and groups that came into our area to assist our community immediately after the storm as well as those who continue to stop by the school each day with school supplies or items for our students and their families. Not a day goes by without a phone call or letter offering support to our students and community. These efforts have taught us a great deal about the goodness that exists in our country.



Our volleyball and cross-country teams have seen this outpouring of kindness at every athletic contest. Our opposing schools have conducted fundraisers, provided supplies, fed our athletes, and even donated money to support our students as they continue to participate in athletics. Schools in our area have continued to offer their support for our basketball teams as we work to reschedule games and events into the spring. It will take time to rebuild, but with the outpouring of support we are receiving, our students know there are many people out there who support them and our community!

**IT IS ALWAYS A GREAT DAY TO BE A GATOR!**

Sports Events / Schedule

- **October 26: Cross Country Districts!** Good luck to our cross country teams! We have 12 runners competing in districts this year!
- **October 30: Girls basketball tryouts begin**
- **November 6<sup>th</sup>: Boys basketball tryouts begin**
- **Check the EVG website under the athletics tab for all the required paperwork and video requirements.**
- **November 28: Boys and Girls basketball games will begin. Stay tuned for the full schedule!**


Website: [www.collierschools.com/evg](http://www.collierschools.com/evg)

Please note that you can purchase cool Gator gear for the games this year! Ask Coach Whitcomb about it.



Dear Readers, Please check with our local businesses to confirm their hours of operation as many have been impacted by the hurricane. Some are currently closed for repairs, but they are re-opening every day...  
 October 15th marked the re-opening of stone crab season! We may look a little different, but we are open for business!

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### My Little Slice of Paradise

By Kathy Brock  
The New Normal

There is so much to do to get things back to our "new normal" inside of our homes, you tend to forget about some of the things on the outside of your home. Obviously, much of our landscaping was trashed due to the flooding and wind, but there are things that you can do to salvage anything that is still hanging on...even if it is only by a thread.

Trees are remarkably resilient. If you right them, they can survive **and it is not too late**. They will be setback for sure, but they can live.

There are a few steps to help save a fallen tree. Number one is right it. To do this you may need to dig out some soil under the tipping point so that it has room to come back into position. If the tree is fairly small, you can often push it back into position. If it is large, it may require pulling it up with the help of a vehicle (please get help for this!).

Once it is back into position, you must support it. Do this with either straps, rope or wood but be careful not to create more wounds in the tree. When using rope, you may want to use a section of an old garden hose surrounding the rope where it touches the tree to guard it against rubbing. You can Google "how to support a tree" and it will show you multiple different options. One can suit your situation.

Replenish the soil once it is supported in its final spot. When you add the soil around the tree, make sure to water it in good so that it surrounds the roots well. You can add a small amount of fertilizer around the drip line to give it a little boost. Water it in well and repeat the fertilizer application in approximately a month's time. I noticed a lot of settling in my planter boxes so we needed to add soil to almost everything, so check that out as well.

Something all trees and shrubs need is the damaged and broken branches removed. This is important after wind damage, frost damage, and any other type of damage that may occur. Trees and shrubs will attempt to heal any wounds. A badly damaged branch that is left on a plant will sap energy that is needed to regenerate the plant as it is nearly impossible for this to "heal over." Remove broken and damaged branches either at the point of the damage or cut it all the way back to the lateral point. Do not trim a branch and leave a small stub on the trunk. It is best to trim it very closely to the trunk, this makes it easier for the tree to seal over the wound.

Also, look for crossing or rubbing branches. I noticed several branches that were bent and now crossing and rubbing another branch. These too should be removed to prevent additional damage.

It is amazing what will survive if you help it along a bit. I see signs of regeneration everywhere. Things are looking better! The plant life is trying to come back...it just needs a little help, just like we did, to get back to our "new normal".

### Attention Landscapers! We Need Your Help

If you have a landscape company, or you have landscaping experience & equipment, and you would like to donate your time and services in the Everglades City area, we need your help...badly!

We have many toppled trees in our medians and common areas, some are still alive, but they desperately need some attention. Chain saws, pole saws and supports (to reset trees) will be required.

If you would like to donate your time, please contact Kathy Brock: 954-662-7003, or send an email to MulletRapper@gmail.com. Thank you.



### Recipes for Good Eating

by Kathy Brock

Fresh Cranberry Jello Mold  
Perfect for a Thanksgiving Treat!

#### Ingredients

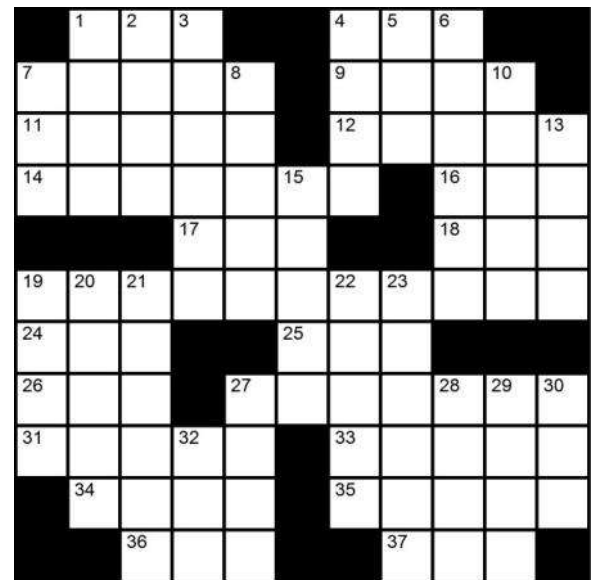
- 2 packages Berry Jell-O (strawberry, cherry, raspberry, etc.)
- 2 cups fresh cranberries, chopped
- 3 stalks celery, chopped
- 1 crisp apple, peeled, chopped
- 1 small can water chestnuts, chopped
- 1/2 cup walnuts, chopped -optional
- 1 large container vanilla yogurt (garnish)

**Directions:** Prepare ingredients, chopping all of them into small pieces. Boil 1/2 of the water required to make the Jell-O. Dissolve the Jell-O, and then mix in an equal amount of cold water. Add all chopped ingredients and mix well. Prepare a Jell-O mold or large bowl by rubbing a small amount of oil with a clean paper towel on the mold (or bowl) to prevent sticking. Pour in the Jell-O mixture. Chill until firm. You can serve this with the yogurt as a garnish. It is great with your meal, for breakfast or as a snack. After making this once, it became a family tradition!



### MULLET RAPPER CROSSWORD

- 1 Plea at sea
- 4 Acquire
- 7 Runs through wires
- 9 Singer Burl ---
- 11 The ---, Dutch seat of government
- 12 Alice's husband on Honeymooner's
- 14 Infinitely repeated geometric pattern
- 16 Now I \_\_\_ Me Down to Sleep
- 17 Senior army rank, abbr.
- 18 Not even
- 19 Morning must-have, for many
- 24 Optional choice
- 25 Possessive pronoun
- 26 Source of gas at the race track
- 27 Meet expectations
- 31 --- Merman, actress
- 33 Nimble
- 34 Up-and-down toy
- 35 Largest moon of Saturn
- 36 Western State, abbr
- 37 Society newcomer



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#### Down

- 1 Eagles do it
- 2 Gymnast Korbut
- 3 Wall finish
- 4 Not a boy
- 5 "Desperate Housewives" actress --- Longoria
- 6 Spread the word about
- 7 From 30 to 300 MHz
- 8 Words before keys or wheels
- 10 Digging tool
- 13 Twinned with Jekyll

#### Down Continued

- 15 Aluminum producer
- 19 Batman has one
- 20 Togetherness
- 21 Squeezing snake
- 22 He's \_\_\_ / \_\_\_ third base!
- 23 Icy
- 27 No neatnik
- 28 Web \_\_\_
- 29 Excess fat
- 30 Hankering
- 32 Inspect





## When the World You Know Disappears: How People Overcome Major Loss: Part II

by Author & Therapist Neil Rosenthal

### How People Regenerate Themselves

How do you handle severe life trauma and adversity? What traumas, experiences or woundings have been major life lessons or wakeup calls for you? Which woundings have been the hardest to recover from?

Following are recommendations about how people overcome major loss (like a hurricane) so that they can regenerate themselves:



- Focus on what's most important at this time. You must stay focused on what matters the most so you don't get too scattered by trying to do too many things at the same time.
- Is there anything you've always wanted to do, but haven't gotten around to? Are there any dreams or life goals you have, but that you've not been doing anything about? What are you shooting for in life? This is a good time to re-evaluate how you have been living your life and to make some changes focusing on what you wish to experience, accomplish or try before you die.
- Tend to the health of your significant relationships. We all need other people, and you especially need the important people in your life to lend comfort, solace and support.
- Tend to your intimate relationship. This is no time to take someone you love for granted or to be ill tempered with him/her. You need warmth and understanding, and you need someone to lean on. Ignore this recommendation at your own peril.
- Write down a few sentences about how you experience each of the following emotions: fear; anxiety; fatigue; exhaustion; confusion: **helplessness**; guilt; shame; mistrust; sadness; cynicism; isolation; taking your blessings for granted and feeling no joy in them; revenge; unfairness; abandonment; impotence; denial; chaos; hopelessness and hurt. These emotions are windows into your deepest feelings. It will help you to explore them thoroughly.
- Be in control of your anger, hostility, anxiety, helplessness, victimhood and any addictive or compulsive behaviors. Taking your negative emotions out on other people just means that you've decided to charge other people a price for what you're going through. But it will harm your relationships with other people, and it won't help you to feel better.
- Believe in your ability to ultimately prevail, and don't let obstacles or setbacks defeat you or diminish your inner spirit.
- Make decisions that look out for your well-being, your happiness and your peace of mind. Your response to a crisis says a great deal about how much you believe in yourself and the value of your life. You must rise to the occasion so you don't let adversity (like the hurricane) defeat you.
- Figure out how you can find value in what you are going through, and how you can grow from the experience.
- Even if you don't feel very sexy, making love is regenerative. Need I say more?
- Get some exercise. It's freeing.
- Get out in nature when you can. Nature is healing.
- Give yourself permission to play every so often. Play knocks people out of despair.
- Take time out to do nothing. Create some quiet time to just be alone with yourself.
- If you look at what you've lost, you'll feel awful. If you look at what you have to build--or what you have to look forward to--you'll feel better. Both are important, but don't let yourself wallow in misery for too long. There's also an upside to what you are going through. Find that upside.
- Plan a vacation for some time in the not too distant future. You want something interesting to look forward to.
- If you pay attention to when a hurricane sweeps through an area of nature, you'll notice complete devastation, eventually followed by trees and plants reseeding and slowly poking their heads above the soil. Does this analogy fit you?

*"We must live misfortune out."*—David Copperfield by Charles Dickens.

*"One thing about pain: it proves you're alive."*—Ashleigh Brilliant

Neil Rosenthal is a licensed marriage and family therapist in Colorado. Contact him at 303-758-8777 or visit [neilrosenthal.com](http://neilrosenthal.com).

## Everglades Historical Village Could Stimulate Business & Create Jobs for Area

The Everglades Society for Historic Preservation has announced its big plans for a little village inside the city limits of Everglades City (see concept drawing below).

Marya Repko, who came up with the idea, believes it could transform old, "unwanted" buildings into a city focal point for business and leisure.

The idea came about as Marya learned about some historical buildings that were "condemned" or slated for destruction by home and business owners. Rather than destroy these historic buildings, they could be moved to a location within the city to create a village of history, a garden and small shops.

What this would also create is more opportunity for small businesses to operate and jobs for those employed by these businesses.

Of course, it also helps preserve the area's history that is so uniquely "olde Florida".

### Do You Have An Old Home Or Building That You No Longer Want?

If you own a historic building that was damaged by Hurricane Irma, please call ESHP before you have this building demolished! Your donation of this building to this Not-For-Profit organization is a tax-deductible donation.

### Do Have Land That Would Provide a Good Location For this Village?

If you have land within the City that you feel would be a great location, please contact ESHP.

### Would You Like to Donate to ESHP Towards the Historical Village?

If you would like to become involved in this project ESHP would love to hear from you. If you would like to make a donation, you can do so by making your check out to:

**ESHP, P.O. Box 46**

**Everglades City, FL, 34139**

**or donate with a credit/debit card at the website  
[www.evergladeshistorical.org](http://www.evergladeshistorical.org)**

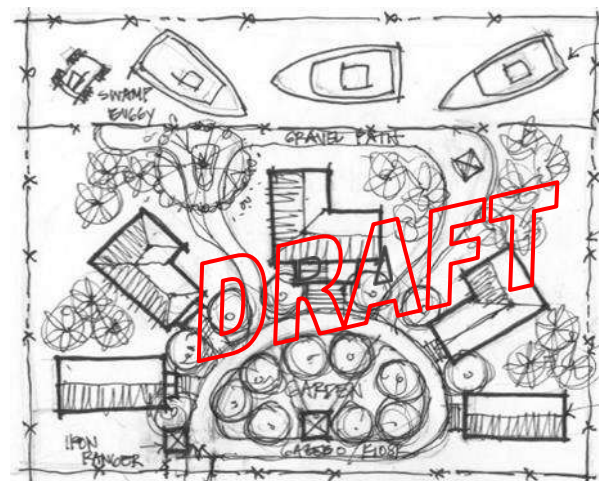
**Sponsor** (\$10,000 plus) for name on front fence and acknowledgement on ESHP website

**Patron** (\$1,000 - \$9,999) for name on special plaque

**Donor** (\$100 - \$999) for guided tours & personal welcome with advance notice

**OR any amount you wish to donate**

**Need more information? Call Marya: 239-695-2905.**







### Living Gulf Coast by Charles Sobczak

**Great Blue Heron (*Ardea herodias*)** Other names: blue crane, pond scoggin / Status: FL=stable, IUCN=LC / Life span: to 24 years / Length: 38-54 in. (97-137 cm) / Wingspan: 66-79 in. (167-201 cm) / Weight: 5.7 lb (2.59 kg) / Nests: throughout SW Florida / Found: All Counties, coastal, near coast, mainland / Months found: **jfmamjjASOnd** (lower case indicates nesting season).

The great blue heron is the largest and most widespread heron in North America. A magnificent bird to watch, this skilled hunter can be found throughout Southwest Florida. It has adapted well to human environments and can often be found leaning over open bait wells at marinas or begging for handouts at local fishing piers. Migratory herons, which frequent the region during winter, tend to be far more skittish than the resident herons.



Although there is a white morph called the white morph of the great blue heron, its range does not extend as far as Southwest Florida, though it can be readily found in the Florida Keys and may be seen rarely in southern Lee and Collier County. There is also a mixed breed, known as Würdemann's heron, that is a meld of the blue and white morphs.

Feeding mostly on fish, which it spears with amazing precision, the great blue heron also eats mice, lizards, and snakes and has even been observed feeding on hatchling alligators. On rare occasions a great blue will choke to death when attempting to eat a fish or animal too large to swallow.

An injured or captured great blue heron must be handled with extreme caution. It has been known to drive its long, powerful beak into a person's eye. Covering its head with a towel or t-shirt is always advised if you come across a sick or injured bird.

When disturbed, the great blue heron lets loose with a very loud squawk that can be quite alarming. It is monogamous, nesting in large single-species colonies. When discovered these colonies should not be disturbed, as any intrusion could result in the agitated chicks falling from their nests where they will be preyed upon by raccoons, otters, and bobcats. The adult bird is sometimes taken by alligators. Overall, the great blue heron is thriving.

Charles Sobczak is a writer & photographer from Sanibel Island

### Find an Injured Bird? Here's is How You Can Help

To report an injured wild bird in the SW Florida area, contact the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. Please call the Conservancy for advice on how to handle or capture the injured animal:

Conservancy of SW Florida  
1495 Smith Preserve Way  
Naples, FL 34102  
(239) 262-0304  
Website: [www.conservancy.org](http://www.conservancy.org)

### Area Churches Starting to Rebuild

The renovations have started according to leaders at the houses of worship in the area. Pastor Lynette from Chokoloskee Church of God reports that Chokoloskee services are being held Sunday's at 11:00 a.m. and also Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.. They had 4-6 feet of water in the sanctuary along with the Annex/youth facility. The parsonage also had 3 feet of water requiring a total gutting of the house. The church was also gutted of everything and the rebuilding will begin in December. The annex was demolished due to the water damage and building being detached from the foundation. They are looking to rebuild that in the future as well.

Everglades Community Church and First Baptist Church also received serious damages from the flood. Renovations have begun and excellent progress is being made. Services are being held outside at Everglades Community at 9:30 a.m. on Sunday's. First Baptist is currently closed due to the renovations.

Holy Family Catholic Church sustained roof damage. They are scheduled to reopen in December. Copeland Baptist Church is operating on their normal schedule. Contact information for each is on page 11.

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### Want to Donate or Volunteer? Here's How...



So many of you have asked, "What can I do to help?" Here are some options: Many businesses have set up their own GoFundMe site to accept donations for their recovery effort. To find them, go to [www.gofundme.com](http://www.gofundme.com) and search for

Everglades City and/or Southwest Florida, Hurricane Irma. This is one way you can find your favorite local business and make a donation to them directly.

Reach Out Everglades & COPS Association, Inc.(to give its full name) is a local charity that supports families in crisis. It is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation. Their website accepts donations by credit or debit card. See [www.ReachOutEverglades.org](http://www.ReachOutEverglades.org) to submit your very welcome support. Or, send a check with IRMA on the memo line to Reach Out Everglades, P O Box 894, Chokoloskee, FL, 34138.

You may also donate your services to a family in need. To volunteer call Joe West: so he may coordinate that effort: 954-558-0545.



### Fishing Regulations Snapshot Southwest Gulf Coast\*

-  **Cobia:** 33" at fork, 1/day/license. 6/vessel/day max
  -  **Drum, Black:** 14-24" slot, 5/day/license 1 over 24" permitted per day
  -  **Drum, Red:** 18-27" slot, 1/day/license
  -  **Flounder:** 12", 10/day/license
  -  **Grouper, Black:** 24" min., 4/day/license
  -  **Grouper, Gag:** 24" min., 2/day/license (open June-Dec.)
  -  **Grouper, Red:** 20" min., 2/day/license
  -  **NOTE: 4 of any/combo grouper/day/license limit**
  -  **Mangrove Snapper:** 10" min., 5/day/license
  -  **Florida Pompano:** 11" at fork
  -  **Seatrout:** 15-20" slot, 4/day/license. 1 over 20" permitted per day/vessel
  -  **Snook:** 28" to 33" slot, 1/day. Permit + saltwater license required.
- \*Please refer to the official regulations for your guidance at: <http://myfwc.com/media/4219696/QuickChart.pdf>



**Local & Area News**

**Bridge Loan Helps Everglades Area Tours Rebuild, Retain Employees Following Irma (Originally Published by SBDC)**

Everglades Area Tours is a family-owned business that offers educational-based eco-experiences by kayak, foot, and boat in the Everglades National Park, Big Cypress National Preserve, and the 10,000 Islands National Wildlife Refuge.

The company's tours and operations encourage stewardship of Florida's natural resources and awareness of its history and cultural heritage. During Hurricane Irma, Everglades Area Tours sustained flood damage to its property. Seeking assistance, owner Charles Wright turned to the Florida SBDC (Small Business Development Center) at Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) for help securing a Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan. When asked about his experience with the storm and the assistance received, he recalled:

**Q: What type of damage occurred?**

A: Following Hurricane Irma, our property sustained flood damage, including our guides' quarters and vehicles. Our marina and docks were also destroyed.

**Q: How helpful was the Emergency Bridge Loan?**

A: The bridge loan provided the capital needed to repair basic equipment and quarters and provided payroll for the guides who cannot presently work.

**Q: How helpful was the SBDC?**

A: They were extremely reactive to our situation. I do not know how they could have been better.

About the Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan Program:

Administered by the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity, in collaboration with the Florida SBDC Network, and supported by Florida First Capital Finance Corporation (FFCFC), the Florida Small Business **Emergency Bridge Loan is a short-term, interest-free working capital loan intended to help small businesses "bridge the gap" between the time of a declared disaster and when the business has secured long-term recovery resources, such as insurance proceeds or federal disaster assistance. Governor Rick Scott activated the Florida Small Business Emergency Bridge Loan program on Thursday, September 14 and the first loan was distributed the following Monday. Eligible businesses with two to 100 employees may apply for loans up to \$50,000 for 90 or 180-day terms.**

As a principal responder in the state's Emergency Support Function for Business, Industry, and Economic Stabilization, the Florida SBDC Network supports disaster preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation through its Business Continuation Services. As part of its service offering, Florida SBDC professionally certified consultants and disaster specialists are available to provide confidential, no-cost consulting to help affected businesses prepare disaster loan applications and with other post-disaster challenges.

**Locations:**

**Naples of Collier SCORE**

900 Goodlette Road North

Naples, FL 34102

Phone: (239) 430-0081

**Florida SBDC at Florida Gulf Coast University, Ft. Myers**

10501 FGCU Blvd S

CLI, Lutgert College of Business, Unit 2320

Fort Myers, FL 33965-6502

Phone: 239-745-3700

Website: [www.sba.gov](http://www.sba.gov) click on the "Local Assistance" tab to find the office nearest you.

**Everglades City Firefighters Used to Helping Others Could Use Some Help Themselves**

Robby and Jordan Mayberry put the final touch on their Everglades City home just last month. Installing their kitchen backsplash marked the end of a five-year saga of home improvement projects.

Their two daughters got the pool they wanted. Robby Mayberry got his garage. The kitchen and two bathrooms were Jordan Mayberry's favorite rooms. Hurricane Irma did away with all of it.

"The foundation shifted, and there were 16 inches of water inside," said Robby Mayberry, a lieutenant for the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District. "There's mud everywhere, and mold is already growing through the house."

One of his coworkers, Lt. Robert Campbell, also lost his Everglades City home.

"We lost a lot, but they're just material things," Campbell said. "They can be bought again. We have enough right now to survive. We're just grateful we're all here."

It's not every day that firefighters lose their homes to the same tragedy from which they're helping their community recover.

Mayberry and Campbell grew up in Everglades City and went to school with some of the people with whom they work. Everyone in the city looks out for each other and knows one another, they said.

"This isn't a small community," Mayberry said. "It's a big family."

"This is a big speed bump, but we're all going to get over it," Campbell said. "The community comes together like it always does and moves forward."

The Greater Naples Fire Foundation, a nonprofit established to support firefighters in times of crisis, is raising money to help Campbell, Mayberry and their families get back on their feet. Donations can be dropped off or mailed to fire headquarters at 14575 Collier Blvd. or the Fire and Life Safety Facility at 2700 N. Horseshoe Drive.

**Paws-atively Wonderful!**



Patty Meyers of Isles of Capri delivered a full pallet of donated pet supplies, dog and cat food (dry and wet), homemade toys, treats, shampoo, brushes, and collars, to our area. What makes this donation so special is that it originated from a small town in Henniker, NH. The folks there collected all of these items as Irma was heading for SW Florida.

The truck arrived at Marco Veterinary Hospital on a Thursday, and due to time constraints, they immediately had to turn around and head home, even before the clinic could properly thank them. Dr. Beth Stewart at MVH knew exactly where these items should go as she's been actively volunteering in Everglades City with fundraising and assisting Doug Meyer on the Mr. Finer Food Truck. **A huge thank you to the folks in Henniker, NH and to Marco Veterinary Clinic & Patty Myers!**

**Park News**

**The Gulf Coast Visitor Center is closed due to damage from Hurricane Irma, But Some Areas Open!**

The park's marine areas, including the Ten Thousand Islands are open for day use. Backcountry permits are not being issued and camping is not allowed at this time.

We are working on having temporary visitor facilities for the upcoming winter season.

**Boat Tours at the Gulf Coast are Suspended.**

Due to damage cause by the hurricane, concessions boat tours will be suspended until further notice. **Accordingly, Everglades National Park Boat Tours, is issuing refunds to visitors who have already purchased tickets.** To obtain a refund, please email your request - and a copy of your purchase confirmation - to [BoatTours@enpbt.com](mailto:BoatTours@enpbt.com). We look forward to having tours resume soon.





EATERIES & AREA WORSHIP



**Angler's Cove, Port of the Islands**

(642-1025): Tuesday thru Sunday,  
Noon - 9 pm; Closed Monday

**Camellia Street Grille (695-2003):**

Closed for Repairs

**City Seafood (695-4700):**

8:00 am – 6:00 pm; daily  
Supper Upstairs is  
opening In November

**Glades Haven Deli (695-2091):**

Sorry, Closed for Repairs  
Please Check Back!

**Havana Café (695-2214):**

7 am to 3 pm daily

**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):**

Due to hurricane damage  
closed for repairs

**Oyster House Restaurant (695-2073):**

Sorry, Closed for Repairs  
Please Check Back!

**NEW! Right Choice Pizza (695-0102)**

**Local Delivery!**

Closed for repairs.

**Rod & Gun (695-2101):**

Closed for repairs

**Sweet Mayberry's Café (695-0092):**

Closed until Further Notice

**Tastes of the Everglades (695-0075)**

Closed for the Summer, reopening soon!

**Triad Seafood & Café (695-2662):**

8 am to 5 pm

**MARKETS**

**Right Choice Supermarket (695-4535):**

Closed for repairs

**Grimm's Stone Crab (239-695-3222):**

Open for Business!

**Fresh Produce**

Next to Post Office– Currently Closed

**SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES**

**Chokoloskee Church of God**

Sunday: 11 am Worship, Wed. 7pm Hour of Prayer

**Copeland Baptist Church**

Sunday: 10 am School, 11 am Worship

**Everglades Community Church**

9:30 am Sunday Worship

**1st Baptist Church of Everglades City**

Renovations are underway  
Closed until completed

**Holy Family Catholic Church**

Closed Until December 3, 2017

**St. Finbarr Catholic Church, Naples**

Phone: 239-417-2084

**San Marco Catholic Church, Marco Isl.**

Phone: 239-394-5181

**EVERGLADES CITY TIDES**

LAT: 25.87° N LONG: 81.37°W

Check: www.weather.gov for conditions

10/21	Sat	3:23 AM	3.2	H
10/21	Sat	11:23 AM	0.1	L
10/21	Sat	4:33 PM	2.9	H
10/21	Sat	11:33 PM	0.8	L
10/22	Sun	3:49 AM	3.1	H
10/22	Sun	12:01 PM	0.1	L
10/22	Sun	5:15 PM	2.8	H
10/23	Mon	12:05 AM	0.9	L
10/23	Mon	4:16 AM	3	H
10/23	Mon	12:40 PM	0.1	L
10/23	Mon	6:04 PM	2.7	H
10/24	Tue	12:36 AM	0.9	L
10/24	Tue	4:44 AM	2.9	H
10/24	Tue	1:23 PM	0.2	L
10/24	Tue	7:00 PM	2.5	H
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10/25	Wed	5:19 AM	2.8	H
10/25	Wed	2:13 PM	0.3	L
10/25	Wed	8:02 PM	2.5	H
10/26	Thu	1:48 AM	1.1	L
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10/27	Fri	4:22 PM	0.4	L
10/27	Fri	10:11 PM	2.4	H
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10/30	Mon	7:10 PM	0.4	L
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11/1	Wed	8:36 PM	0.5	L
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11/2	Thu	2:20 PM	3.1	H
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11/4	Sat	2:33 AM	3.4	H
11/4	Sat	10:29 AM	-0.2	L
11/4	Sat	3:50 PM	3.1	H
11/4	Sat	10:38 PM	0.6	L

**Obituaries**

**Lee Marteeny, Plantation Island**



Lee died on Saturday, September 16 from the bacteria in the storm waters of Hurricane Irma; he was 72. Lee is survived by his wife Lisa of Everglades City, FL, his Daughter Kate of Ft

Lauderdale, grandchildren Ashley (Willowick OH) Chris (Painesville OH) and Halle Gillenwater (Eastlake OH) and great grandkids Aiden and Ava.

Lee grew up in Cleveland OH and graduated from Fenn College of Engineering. After serving in the US Army as a Radio Communications Instructor, he worked as a Consulting Engineer with Bowshot-Cooper and Hatfield Electric Company.

Moving from Cleveland to the Ft Lauderdale area, Lee created L Lee Marteeny and Associates, an engineering and construction management firm that provided electrical engineering for shopping plazas, commercial retail and hotels; when he became a stay-at-home dad for newly adopted daughter Kate, he developed Caribbean Construction that provided heavy construction of sea walls, docks, and piling systems. Upon retirement, Lee settled into life on Plantation Island and worked as a handyman to fill his time in the Everglades area.

Lee was an amazing guy. He was funny and smart and he had a brilliant mind. Lee had a keen sense of character; if he liked you, you knew it. Unfortunately if he didn't like you, you knew that too. Lee had a booming voice, an uncanny sense of humor, and a heart of gold. He and wife Lisa made a great "us" and he will be missed.

**Michael Anthony Rain**

1960-2017



Michael Anthony Rain passed away on October 9th. At the time of his passing, Michael was a resident of Copeland, Florida.

A service was held at the Atkins-Davis Funeral Home is LaBelle on October 20th where friends and family attended. "Rest easy Dad, we will truly miss you"



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**LOST:** Picnic Table...Has names carved in the top. Please call Patty if you find it: 239-719-0020.

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