



# The MULLET RAPPER

What's Happening in the Everglades & 10,000 Islands  
DECEMBER 2 - DECEMBER 15, 2017

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RESTAURANTS  
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## COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

CALLING ALL VOLUNTEERS FOR THE COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP!  
December 9th & 10th

*Come out on December 9 & 10 and join us in the big Community Clean-up effort for our little area. We need volunteers!*

Now that the large debris has been picked up by the big equipment, there is quite a bit of small debris still littering our streets, swales and medians. The truth is, unless we get outside and start picking it up, it will be there for a long time as a sad reminder of Irma and the storm surge she brought with her in September.

On Saturday and Sunday morning we will meet at 8 a.m. at the temporary City Hall parking lot next to the fire station where you will be given gloves and trash bags. Then, we will go out into the community and pick up the leftover debris. All volunteers will be entered into the day's raffle where you can win prizes provided by area businesses and event sponsors. We will have plenty of water, snacks and sandwiches for lunch.

If you would like to volunteer or donate any supplies or prizes, please contact the *Mullet Rapper* by email at [mulletrapper@gmail.com](mailto:mulletrapper@gmail.com) or by calling us at 954-662-7003. We hope to see you there...we need everyone to chip in.

**NOTE: DECEMBER 10TH IS THE LAST DAY YOU CAN PUT OUT HURRICANE DEBRIS FOR BULK PICK UP!**

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## THE VOTERS HAVE SPOKEN... Howie Grimm Wins Mayor's Seat With 74% of the Vote



There was a very good turnout for the election that changed the face of Everglades City politics. Long-time resident Billy Snyder was unable to unseat the Mayor-Pro Tem, keeping Howie Grimm (Left) in place for at least the next 2 years. Come Tuesday, December 5th, new council members will be seated next to him after the swearing in ceremony that evening. All in all, Everglades City residents rose to the occasion with the stakes being so high and change in the air.

and Tim Smith, Sr. to round out the 5 member council (McBeth Collins & Parker Oglesby occupy the other 2 seats that were not on the ballot this cycle).

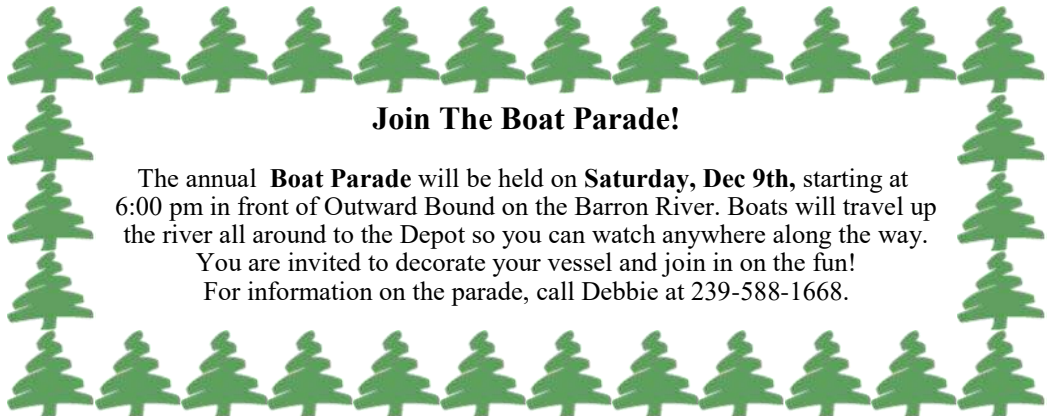
The new Mayor immediately announced that the "new way" will be a strong council-focused form of government and governing more by committee. We also learned that the DEP fine once hanging over the City's head has been "stayed" and the City can move forward with sewer plant improvements knowing that this liability is no longer dogging them.

### BY THE NUMBERS

Total Registered Voters	264	
Ballots Cast	166	
%	62.88%	
<b>Mayoral Candidate</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>% Votes</b>
Howie Grimm	121	73.78%
Billy Snyder	43	26.22%
<b>Council Candidate</b>	<b>Total Votes</b>	<b>% Votes</b>
Tim Smith, Sr.	114	26.57%
Vicky Wells	99	23.08%
Elaine Middelstaedt	77	17.95%
Johnnie Potter	53	12.35%
Wayne Krystopa	43	10.02%
Joseph "Joe" West	43	10.02%



It is clear the community is ready to pay attention by the large turnout for the election and the City Council meeting. This was a standing room only event that brought praise from the Supervisor of Elections for Collier County Jennifer J. Edwards, pictured lower right, who also attended to validate the results of the election at the precinct.



### Join The Boat Parade!

The annual **Boat Parade** will be held on **Saturday, Dec 9th**, starting at 6:00 pm in front of Outward Bound on the Barron River. Boats will travel up the river all around to the Depot so you can watch anywhere along the way. You are invited to decorate your vessel and join in on the fun! For information on the parade, call Debbie at 239-588-1668.

If you have news, photos, announcements, or articles ... email us at: [mulletrapper@gmail.com](mailto:mulletrapper@gmail.com) or call us at: 954-662-7003.

# DECEMBER 3 – JANUARY 6, 2018

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
3 full moon ○	4 ESHP Meeting 8:30 a.m.	5 City Council Mtg, 7 pm City Hall Reach Out Mtg, 4:00 pm, Connie Barker's House	6 Ladies Coffee Havana Café, 8 am No School	7	8 Lions Club Holiday Potluck @ Liz West house, 6pm	9 Art-in-the- Glades, see p.3 Community Cleanup & Boat Parade, see p. 1
10 Community Cleanup, see p. 1 Bike Ride, see p. 10	11 FME Luncheon, see p. 3	12	13 Ladies Coffee Island Café, 8 am	14 Dental Bus, see p. 3 Book Club, 9:30 am, see p. 3	15	<b>DEC 16</b> <b>RAPPER</b> Fakahatchee Luncheon, see p. 3 Santa Visits!
17	18 new moon ●	19	20 Ladies Coffee Jan Brock's House, 8 am	21	22	23
24	25 Christmas Day!	26 Boxing Day!	27 Ladies Coffee Havana Café, 8 am	28	29	<b>DEC 30</b> <b>RAPPER</b>
31	JANUARY 1 full moon ○ Happy New Year!	2	3 Ladies Coffee Island Café, 8 am	4	5	6

January 13: School Fundraiser Plant Sale

January 20: Art-in-the-Glades  
February 20-26: MSD Festival

February 9-11: Seafood Festival

THRIFT SHOP: Closed until further notice  
LIONS CLUB: 2nd Thursday of month, , 6 pm  
DR DEMARTINO: Marco Island office information on p.3.  
DR MARTIN: Call for appointment: 813-787-9738  
AA: Wed., 5:00 pm, temporary City Hall bldg.  
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 TBA  
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: See p. 3  
SMALLWOOD STORE: 10 am to 5 pm  
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

**POST OFFICE PHONE NUMBERS & HOURS: TEMPORARY HOURS DURING REMODELING**  
Everglades City (239) 695-2174 (no phone now)      Mon-Sat: 10 am to 3 pm-Truck in circle by City Hall  
Chokoloskee (239) 695-4468 (no phone now)      Mon-Sat: 10 am to 3 pm– Truck in front of Chok. Church of God  
Ochopee (239) 695-2099      Mon-Fri: 8 am to 10 am, noon to 4 pm; Sat: 10 am to 11:30 am

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CURBSIDE TRASH PICKUP (FRIDGES, WASHING MACHINES, TVs): 239-252-2380, CALL TUESDAY FOR THURSDAY PICKUP

# What's Happening

## In and Around Town

### NOTICE FROM CHOKOLOSKEE CHURCH OF GOD

Nov 26th, will be the last service at Chokoloskee Church of God until Dec 17th. We have crews arriving the week of November 27th and I'm anticipating the most beautiful sanctuary Chokoloskee has ever seen!

A dedication service is planned for Friday, December 15th, spread the word please. We will post a time for the service in the coming weeks. Thank you for your patience and endurance during this trying season.

God has provided ALL that's needed and we look forward to our new season together! God bless everyone that has been a part of our recovery process. God's Pit Crew, Men and Women of Action, State Office, Broadway Church of God, various laborers, donors, and prayer warriors, thank you and we are forever grateful ~

### ART-IN-THE-GLADES

December 9th, 10 am to 1 pm

A vast array of artisans will be selling their wares at Art-in-the-Glades on Saturday, December 9, under the pavilion in McLeod Park.



There will be everything from jewelry to soaps to decorated buoys so have a fun day out and support local crafters in this laid-back little town. When you get hungry at lunchtime, hotdogs & burgers & drinks will be on sale plus baked goods from local charities. And, bring the kiddies who can play on the swings while you shop.

For information, call Marya at (239) 695-2905 or see [www.evergladeshistorical.org](http://www.evergladeshistorical.org).

### FME ANNUAL MEETING & LUNCHEON

December 11, 11:30 am

The FME annual meeting and luncheon will be held on December 11, at 11:30 am at Everglades Isles (803 Collier Avenue, Everglades City). If you would like to attend, please RSVP by email to: [fme\\_98@hotmail.com](mailto:fme_98@hotmail.com). We hope to see you there!



### FRIENDS OF FAKAHATCHEE WELCOME BACK LUNCH

December 16th

The Welcome Back lunch will be held at the Naples Botanical Garden on Saturday, December 16th, featuring speaker Nick Ewy.

For information call: 239-695-1023 or visit the website at [orchidswamp.org](http://orchidswamp.org) and click the "tours and events" tab. We hope to see you there!

### FOOD BANK REOPENED!

Wednesdays 11 am to 1 pm

The Harry Chapin Food Bank is resuming weekly food distribution in November and December every Wednesday from 11AM to 1PM in the parking lot in front of River Wilderness Waterfront Villas, 210 Collier Avenue, across from the Marathon Service Station. This is a temporary arrangement until Jinkins Fellowship Hall at Community Church has been repaired.

### 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



### DOCTOR'S CLINIC

Dr. Kirk DeMartino is seeing patients in his Marco Island Office. You may call his office to schedule an appointment to see him there: (239) 642-5552.



### NATURAL MEDICINE

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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- DEC. 14

9 am to 4 pm

The Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida's Health & Smiles Mobil Dental Bus is scheduled to be in Everglades City on December 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 239-986-7323.



Join us as our annual book club meets each month to discuss an interesting title. Below is our winter schedule. For more information, contact Patty at: 239-695-2397. We hope to see you there.

**Dec.14:** The Immortal Life of Harrietta Lacks, Hostess Linda Williams home on Dupont at 9:30 am

**Jan. 18:** Granny D's Walk Across America at Age 90 hostess to be announced

**Feb. 15:** The Orphan Train, hostess to be announced

**Mar. 15:** A Girl Named Tommie, author will attend and Elaine Middelstaedt will lead discussion

**Apr. 19:** The Tale of Edgar Sawtelle, Hostess Diann Lock, 498 Collier Ave., phone: 812-361-7402

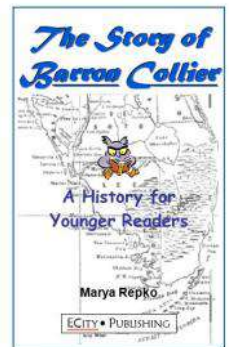
### Great New Book About Area Pioneer Released in Time for Holidays! *The Story of Barron Collier*

Read about the amazing man who bought over 1 million acres of South Florida land and had a county named after him.

Besides completing the Tamiami Trail across the swamp and developing the Everglades City, he also owned a group of resort hotels which attracted the rich and famous to Useppa, Tampa, West Palm Beach, Boca Grande, Lakeland, Bradenton, Punta Gorda, Sarasota, and the most renowned one, the Rod & Gun Club. But that's not all -- he operated a telephone service, published newspapers, and provided transportation on ships and buses.

And, he was a big player during the Roaring Twenties in New York City where he hobnobbed with important people and reduced traffic accidents with his "Aunty J. Walker" campaign. He had grown up in Memphis and made his fortune in streetcar advertising which he used to promote charitable causes such as the Boy Scouts.

The new book *The Story of Barron Collier* by local historian Marya Repko summarizes it all for younger readers (and older ones who like a quick synopsis) just in time for holiday gift-giving. It has a plethora of historic photos and suggestions for Further Reading. To order online, see [www.ecity-publishing.com](http://www.ecity-publishing.com) or for more information, call the author at (239) 695-2905.






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**School Schedule:**

**December 21:** Early dismissal  
**December 22-30:** No School. Winter break  
**January 4:** Students return to school



**A Message From Principal James Ragusa  
 Great Neighbors**

Work on campus is moving along on restoring our buildings that were flooded by Hurricane Irma. We are happy to report that this restoration will address the damage and we are hopeful that the gym will be available once again for our graduation ceremony in May. The art and music rooms are included in this effort and we are looking forward to having them functional in the spring as well.



We have received tremendous support from individuals and many groups over the last few months that display how people from communities all over the country have reached out to our school. We are also fortunate that a number of schools in our area have done so to assist our student athletes. First Baptist Academy reached out to us and they offered to buy our girls two sets of basketball shoes so they would be all set for the season. In

addition, they provided a significant check to assist our boys' team purchase their shoes as well. Seacrest Country Day School and the Community School also conducted fundraisers that directed funds to our athletic programs as they knew our situation would be difficult traveling to every game. These are only a few examples of the generosity we have seen from the teams we face in athletic contests across Lee and Collier Counties. We are blessed to have such great neighbors!

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

~Jim Ragusa

**Sports Events / Schedule**

- December 5: 4:30 Boys MSV, Marco Island Academy, 5:00 PM, Girls VR, 6:30, Boys VR
  - December 7: Seacrest County Day, Boys VR 1:00 PM, Girls VR 2:00 PM
  - December 8: Moore Haven, 5:30 Girls VR, 7:00 PM, Boys VR
  - December 11: First Baptist, Girls VR, 6:00 PM
  - December 12: Southwest Florida Christian: Girls VR 5:30 PM, Boys VR, 7:00 PM
  - December 14: MA: Middle School Boys, 4:00PM
  - December 15: First Baptist, Boys VR, 5:30 PM
- Website: [www.collierschools.com/evg](http://www.collierschools.com/evg)

**Fort Myers Winter Resident Ginny Bowan Treats Entire Town to a Gourmet Thanksgiving Feast (And, "feast" we did!)**

When Ginny Bowan of Hartford, Wisconsin and winter resident of Fort Myers heard about the destruction in the Everglades City, Chokoloskee and the Plantation Island areas, she immediately wanted to do something special for the people here. Ginny reached out to Everglades City resident Connie Barker and explained to Connie that she would like to treat the area (and everyone was literally invited) to a gourmet feast organized locally by Connie and catered in by Ginny. Ginny enlisted a country club chef she knows and put her plan into motion.

Sunday November 26th was the day and she loaded up multiple vehicles and brought the food into town. It was fabulous. Everything was fresh, including homemade cranberry sauce, stuffing, salad and tender and delicious turkey!

On top of the food, Ginny and her friends were so kind and caring. They served the food to the community and did so with a smile. "Gift cards to Lowes and contributions to the Lions Club can help people get back into their homes, we mustn't forget, there is still work to be done," said Ginny. Thank you to Ginny for the wonderful gift she gave our community and her continued commitment to our area. Everyone enjoyed the food and community fellowship on this very special day.



Top left: (left to right) Anne Kniskern, Sami Lucas, Ginny Bowan, Connie Barker . Top Right: Pastor Bob & Millie Wallace and Mayor Grimm Bottom Left: A heaping plate of yummy turkey & fixings.

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### My Little Slice of Paradise

By Kathy Brock

What a difference a few months can make! For those of us living on the SW coast of Florida, this can mean something very different from those of you who reside elsewhere.



In addition to the obvious, the hurricane made a profound difference in our thinking...and my personal Christmas gift wish list.

Whereas a few months ago I would have probably wanted a gift certificate for shoes, now a sturdy squeegee is at the top of my wish list! In fact, I want at least two in case one breaks. Rubbermaid containers with the snap on lids. Things I stored in

these survived, so I have a newfound appreciation! Make them stackable!

I have yet to find it, but any product that will remove the grey haze left behind by the mud would look very nice with a bow on it under my tree - gallons of it, please! A doormat that actually does remove the residue from the bottom of your shoes would be a winner too. Mine looks nice but isn't very functional. LED candles. We cannot have too many of these. They kept the house nicely illuminated during the power outage...so I want a good supply of these and the batteries that power them, lots of them. Contractor cleanup bags. These are invaluable. Nothing breaks through and you can cram in a lot. A case of these would be fantastic.

A Swiffer WetJet or a Bona mop. These are almost equal to jewelry at this point. Traipsing in the "grey haze" made these items go from a yawner to a "yippee" overnight. How about dogs with paws that do not hold on to the mud...even after you wash them? Mine have pads like magnets. Nothing we did worked which is why the Bona mop is on the list. I'll keep the dogs as they are, but it was getting a bit "iffy" for a while... A generator, any brand will do as long as the starter-pull is something I can manage on my own. Red is a nice color and wheels so I can move it around would be great.

This experience also put some items on the "do not get list." Tuna in the can. I still cannot look at it. We ate so much of it, I just cannot go there yet. Cardboard boxes for storage. These are a complete flop. Now, if I am storing items in a cardboard box, I will take it straight to the garbage because that is where it will end up eventually anyway.

"Regular" trash bags. No matter how carefully you put things in them, you invariably get a hole in the bags and stuff starts falling out. These are off the list for good.

Yes. These kinds of events make you reevaluate things and gain an appreciation for things you once overlooked. I will no longer under-appreciate the household items that make life a bit easier over the "foofy" stuff that really doesn't matter...because none of the latter helped us one iota when we needed it most.

Now, a note to my husband who will eventually read this article too...

Honey, if you are going to buy me a case of contractor clean up bags for Christmas, you may want to include a smaller box with some nice earrings or something in them too...just for "old time sake". Christmas traditions are important and I would not want to break a long standing family tradition for anything so shop on!



### Recipes for Good Eating

Submitted by Patty Huff

Kathy Watkins Shrimp & Clam Appetizer



#### Ingredients

- 1 small can minced clams
- 2 small cans small shrimp
- 1 8-oz cream cheese
- 1 cup chopped celery
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- ½ cup minced onion
- 2 tsp. lemon juice
- Tabasco, salt & pepper to taste
- 1 package plain gelatin



**Directions:** Cream mayonnaise and cream cheese together. Take juice from clams and heat with gelatin and let cool. Mash shrimp (drain off juice). Mix all ingredients together and place in a greased mold (or small round glass bowl). Refrigerate till sets up; turn upside down on plate and serve with Ritz crackers. Enjoy!

This recipe was a traditional Christmas Eve dish made by my sister-in-law. When she passed away, her husband gave me the recipe (with her decorative mold) so I continue making this delicious appetizer during Thanksgiving or Christmas.



### MULLET RAPPER CROSSWORD

#### Across

- 1 Biblical homicide victim
- 5 Iraqi port
- 10 Double-check
- 13 Forewarning
- 14 Watch
- 15 Fumed
- 19 Temperment
- 22 "... but I could be wrong"
- 23 --- firma
- 24 Software trial version
- 25 What a parade does
- 26 Set of moral principles
- 28 Home of Bin Laden
- 34 Agree
- 35 Groups of animals
- 36 Round, red root vegetable

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#### Down

- 1 Stage equipment
- 2 Drinking place
- 3 Supplement
- 4 Moon lander
- 5 Place of confinement
- 6 Now and again

#### Down Continued

- 7 St. Elmo is their patron
- 8 City it can be blamed on?
- 9 Raggedy one
- 11 Lust after
- 12 Lady of "Idylls of the King"
- 15 Move up and down
- 16 Metal-bearing mineral
- 17 Natural number
- 18 Hated big-time
- 20 Globe

#### Down Continued

- 21 Eight hours, to most workers
- 23 Implied
- 25 Turpentine source
- 27 Fort --- State University, Kansas
- 28 Fire residue
- 29 Sum charged
- 30 Weep
- 31 Golfer's peg
- 32 Affirmative vote
- 33 Fish scoop





**When the World You Know Disappears:  
Part V: Advice on Maintaining a Relationship During a Crisis**

by Author & Therapist Neil Rosenthal

Anytime we go through a genuine crisis, our intimate relationships with other people — spouses or sweethearts, children, family and friends — are affected. Whether those relationships help us through the crisis, or go down in flames, depends on a host of factors, most of which are within our control.

People in crisis find it difficult to socialize with others, concentrate and have any get-up-and-go. Even small tasks or chores feel overwhelming and hard to complete. Libido diminishes considerably, and emotions other than depression or anxiety feel blunted and difficult to access. Normal things that have brought pleasure in the past — watching a movie, going out on the town, dancing, sports or having sex — no longer feel that pleasurable or interesting. And some people have mood spirals, where their hopelessness or anxiety intensifies the more depressed they get.

A crisis strains a relationship. People in crisis are likely to be morose, pessimistic, hopeless, sad, anxious, fatigued and less fun to be around. They complain a lot. They say negative things about what's wrong with their lives, their work, their families, their partners and with the world. They often have flat emotions, withdraw from their vital relationships, and are prone to saying or doing things that are insensitive, hostile, angry or uncaring.

It is hard to feel loving to someone who is giving little back. It is hard to feel connected to someone who is withdrawn, angry, impatient, negative or simply not present. This is profoundly multiplied if both people in a relationship are going through a crisis together, and neither of them have a whole lot to give to each other.

Here's what you can do to keep your relationship intact while one or both of you are going through a crisis:

- **Affectionate touch** is the one thing you can't let slide. Touch grounds us and keeps us connected to each other. Whether it's through cuddling, holding hands, hugging or just sitting next to each other, staying in touch is vital to keeping a relationship connected through hard times. It's also wonderfully comforting.
- **Develop control over your words and actions** toward others. Don't take your anger or irritation out on your intimate partner, your children, your pets or other people. It will not help you if you push other people away.
- **Make yourself go out and play together** occasionally. As counter-intuitive as it sounds, play and having fun reduces despair and reminds us that we're still alive. It also keeps us connected, knowing that someone is here with us through the hard times.
- **Buy yourselves something** you've been wanting and would enjoy.
- **Create a list of goals and interests** you wish to experience, achieve, accomplish or try together.
- **Dress up occasionally.** Put something on that makes you feel good.
- **Take turns asking each other questions** and listen to the answers: What losses are you grieving? What are you depressed about? What are you anxious about? How angry are you? How do you envision reducing these emotions so you can feel better? What helps you stay connected? How would you like me to nurture or take care of you?
- **Get out in the sunlight** as much as possible. If you must be indoors, sit near a window and use full-spectrum light bulbs.
- **Be physically active.** Motion aids emotion.
- **Look beyond your current feelings.** Tell yourself: "I'm more than these emotions, more than this setback or loss. I'm not going to let these things define me, ruin my life or destroy my relationship."
- **Spend time with a pet.**
- **Eliminate sugar, caffeine, junk food** and limit your intake of alcohol. You want to get through this, not numb it so that it stays buried just below the surface.
- **Try the following communication exercise** with each other, stimulated by author Nathaniel Branden. Take turns answering these questions, and answer each question thoroughly:  
I feel most connected with you when...;  
You could help me to talk about my feelings more if you would...;  
If I were more willing to expose how vulnerable I feel...;  
If I brought 5 percent more friendliness to my encounters with you...;  
If I were 5 percent more open to hearing your feelings...;  
If I were 5 percent more responsive to your needs...;  
When I get withdrawn, you could pull me back by...;  
I love that you...;  
I love that we....
- **Get help from a psychotherapist** and/or a marriage and family therapist. Grieving, depression and anxiety are all highly treatable.

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**TAXING THINGS  
BY Mike "the Tax Guy"**

**Important Information for Business Owners Who  
Have Filed & Are Receiving Insurance Benefits  
INVOLUNTARY CONVERSIONS**

Insurance settlements or government payments for hurricane losses known as Involuntary Conversions have some tax implications for business owners.

If you receive property similar to what you lost, the conversion generally won't affect your tax situation in the short term. The same is true if you receive money as compensation, and use it to buy a replacement property for the one you lost. An insurance settlement that rebuilds a building you own after a flood wouldn't have any tax implications.

• If you receive similar property as compensation, or if you use the money you receive to buy a replacement, the adjusted basis of your lost property is simply transferred to your new property. This is important because it means you generally won't have to pay any taxes if the value of the compensation you receive is greater than your adjusted basis in the property you lost.

• If you receive money as compensation for your lost property and you don't use that money to buy a replacement property, then the involuntary conversion will generally be treated like a sale and is a usually taxable capital gain. If the compensation is less than your basis, you likely have a capital loss, which you may be able to write off on your taxes; however, capital losses that you owned only for personal use cannot be written off. This is true except for a primary residence.

• Involuntary conversions of private homes are an exception to the rules. If the property you lose to involuntary conversion is your primary residence, generally, you will not have any tax consequences, even if you don't purchase a new home and realized a capital gain or loss.

**Most Homeowner's Insurance Proceeds Not Taxable  
According to Bankrate.com**

Whether you've received a payment to fix your roof or to replace your income while you recover from an accident, you're likely to feel relieved that you had insurance and that it worked the way it's supposed to.

"Generally, if you're paying premiums yourself, such as for homeowners insurance and auto insurance, then your insurance benefits are not a taxable event," says Adam Sherman, CEO of Firsttrust Financial Resources in Philadelphia. "Your benefits are reimbursement for expenses, rather than income."

Still, there are times when an insurance payout or policy will attract the attention of the Internal Revenue Service or state tax authorities.

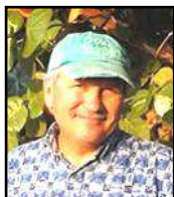
**Homeowners Insurance Benefits** are generally not taxable. When you are reimbursed for a claim to repair your home or even replace it if it's destroyed, such as in a fire, no tax is owed.

"If you're repairing damage to your personal residence, then your benefits are not taxable," says Gregory Burke, a certified public accountant with John Waddell & Co. in Sacramento, Calif.

But he adds: "There may be an exception in the case of an insurance claim on an investment property, because the insurance proceeds could be considered a taxable gain if you don't reinvest the money fast enough to repair or replace the property."

*Always check with your own accountant to verify  
how the rules will affect your taxes!*





## Living Gulf Coast

by Charles Sobczak

**Ornate Diamondback Terrapin** (*Malaclemys terrapin macrospilota*) Other names: none / Status: FL=species of special concern, IUCN-NT / Length: 5-9 in. (12-23 cm) / Weight: 0.90-1.7 lb (300-1,400 g); the male is much smaller than the female / Life span: unknown / Reproduces: lays up to 3 clutches a year with 6-7 eggs in each clutch / Found: Sarasota Co., Charlotte Co., Lee Co., Collier Co., coastal / **JFMAMJJASOND** (the ornate diamondback breeds year round).



In all four coastal counties of Southwest Florida the ornate diamondback terrapin spends most of its life in and around the mangroves where it forages on carrion, snails, crabs, and salt-marsh plants. Along the Eastern Seaboard and west to Texas it lives in salt marshes. The terrapin is equipped with a special gland next to its eyes that allows it to secrete excess salt. It has one of the most heavily embossed shell patterns of any turtle and a unique spotted lavender skin. It is also becoming extremely rare.

The reason for its demise is simple: it is delicious. Until recently the terrapin was hunted in much of its range for terrapin soup. It has also suffered from coastal development. Its biggest threat today is crab traps, which it enters to feed on the bait, then drowns. There are five subspecies in Florida and two more in its greater range from southern New England to Corpus Christi, Texas. Although these small reptiles can be seen in captivity, where they do well in saltwater aquariums, seeing a terrapin in the wild is nothing short of astonishing. They are shy and elusive turtles, and a terrapin sighting is a special experience for any nature enthusiast.

**Florida Softshell Turtle** (*Apalone ferox*) Other names: flatback, pancake turtle, river flyer / Status: FL= stable, IUCN=LC / Length: 6-25 in. (15-63 cm) / Weight: 20-50 lb (9-22.5 kg) / Life span: to 30 years / Reproduces: lays 2-3 clutches of 12-20 eggs in burrows on land / Found: All Counties, coastal, near coast, inland / Months found: **JFmamjjaSOND** (lower case indicates breeding and nesting season).

A favorite food of the American alligator, the Florida softshell turtle can be found in almost every pond and lake in Southwest Florida. It is easily recognized by its unusually long snorkel-like snout and flat, olive-black carapace, which resembles stretched leather. The largest Florida softshell on record topped the scales at 93 pounds (42 kg). The average size found in this region is 25-35 pounds.



The softshell turtle is capable of pharyngeal breathing. This means it can bypass its lungs by taking in oxygen and releasing carbon dioxide through a special membrane that lines the throat, creating a direct gas exchange with the water. Think of it as a turtle gill device, giving the softshell the unique ability to remain underwater for extended periods of time. It is, in effect, part fish.

The Florida softshell turtle is primarily a carnivore, dieting on insects, crustaceans, mollusks, fish, waterfowl, and amphibians. It has also been known to eat other turtles. Softshell eggs and hatchlings are heavily preyed upon by otters, raccoons, skunks, and snapping turtles. Adults are taken by alligators and humans, who turn it into turtle soup.

On land the softshell turtle can be very aggressive and should never be handled. It is capable of delivering a nasty bite, and because of the habitat it thrives in, infection is a strong possibility.

This article is taken from "The Living Gulf Coast – A Nature Guide to Southwest Florida."

Charles Sobczak is a writer & photographer from Sanibel  
Photos by Eric Holt



## Fishing in the 10,000 Islands

by Captain Mike Merritt

Fishing this month has definitely changed with the cooler water temps. Redfishing is still good with some exceptional days of 30 fish or more. Live shrimp is the best bet right now. How you fish them will depend on many factors. Fishing a shrimp under a cork is one of the best ways, especially over the oysters. But don't count out using a knocker rig as sometimes they will eat better right off the bottom. Just remember to mix things up until you figure out what is working. The nice thing about shrimp while fishing this time of year is all the other species it will produce for. Black Drum and Sheepshead will be more abundant as the month progresses, and you can still catch Snook while using them.

If it is Snook you are after, then the back country is where you want to target. There will be more Snook in the back country during the winter months. Live shrimp will also work back here but soft plastics will be hard to beat. I still prefer using a DOA Shrimp along the mangroves. Working this bait slowly while giving it an occasional twitch is a sure way to provoke a strike. There are lots of small Snook feeding, so a single hook rig is my preferred method. Releasing these guys unharmed insures us a good future fishery. That is also why I use Owner light wire semi circle hooks. The majority of the fish I catch are hooked in the mouth with very minimal injury. There is no better way to spend the day than fishing the shorelines in the back country this time of year.

The grass flats should be producing some nice Seatrout and this is another way to use the shrimp under a popping cork. This is also another way to use the DOA shrimp. The 1/2 oz. glow shrimp is my favorite and will out fish live shrimp on most days. As long as you have moving water you will be able to catch them biting. Three to four foot of water is the prime depth to try. Then move around from there until you find them.

If it's offshore fishing you desire then you can target Permit, Cobia, and Tripletail too. Shrimp, crabs, live bait and artificials all produce. What you use depends on what your target is. You never know what you're going to see while offshore. For example, Capt. Ray Culver reported seeing thousands of Black Drum schooled up traveling slow offshore this week. These are part of what is coming ashore to feed this time of year. So be prepared to change your plans if something else comes your way. You have to be an opportunist some days!

So whatever you decide to fish for the bite has been good. It's a great time to catch a variety and it's also a great time to get kids in on the action. Mild weather and a good bite on shrimp make it easy!

~Good Luck fishing, Capt. Mike Merritt

### 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:** Closed December 1, 2017 through February 28, 2018.  
Reopening March 1, 2018

\*Please refer to the official regulations for your guidance at:  
<http://myfwc.com/media/4219696/QuickChart.pdf>

**COME OUT AND RIDE WITH US!**

**Everglades Bike Ride Schedule**

Please join our group as we cycle through the beautiful Everglades and enjoy the nature and comradery of our fellow riders.

The rides will take place the 2nd Sunday of each month, Each ride takes a trip through a unique part of the area where you can see the beautiful scenery like never before Please note some rides are "on road" and "off road" as indicated in the schedule below.

For more information, please email [info@evergladesrogg.org](mailto:info@evergladesrogg.org) or call Patty at: 239-695-2397. You can also review the schedule online at [www.evergladesrogg.org/events](http://www.evergladesrogg.org/events).



**EVERGLADES RIDE SCHEDULE**

**December 10 – Janes Scenic Drive in the Fakahatchee Strand** (off-road). Meet at Fakahatchee Headquarters on Janes Scenic Drive

**January 14 – Everglades City / Chokoloskee** (on-road). Meet at McLeod Park, Everglades City

**February 11 – Loop Road in the Big Cypress & ENP** (off-road). Meet at west end of Loop Road



**Patty Huff Named New President of the Florida Bicycle Association**

Patty Huff was recently elected President of the Florida Bicycle Association at their quarterly meeting in St. Petersburg.



Past President Steele Olmstead is passing on the baton in this photo. FBA is a statewide organization whose vision for Florida is

to be a state where bicycling is safe, respected and encouraged as a means of transportation and recreation. For information, visit [www.floridabicycle.org](http://www.floridabicycle.org).

*"The baton is a 'symbol of the gold standard' whereby FBA recognizes individuals and organizations that are committed to improving safety for pedestrians and bicyclists."*

**MUSEUM OF THE EVERGLADES ASSISTANT MARTHA HUTCHESON WINS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD!**



The Museum of the Everglades Museum Assistant Martha Hutcheson has been named the 2017 Naples Marco and the Everglades Convention and Visitors Bureau Tourism Star Award Winner in the Attractions category!

Martha was honored at a luncheon at the JW Marriott on Marco Island on November 21st.

We all knew that Martha is one of the most warm, welcoming, and knowledgeable people in Collier County's tourism and hospitality industry—and now, everyone else knows it, too!

**MORE BIG CYPRESS CAMPGROUNDS REOPEN!**

Big Cypress National Preserve facility conditions are steadily improving. Burns Lake, Bear Island, Pink Jeep, and Gator Head Campgrounds will all reopen effective immediately. Visitors may expect one or two campsites that are not yet fully open within the units. Monument Lake Campground remains open. Mitchell Landing, Pinecrest, and Midway Campgrounds remain closed due to higher than normal ground water levels.

"I'm pleased to welcome visitors back to our campgrounds in time for the busy winter season. Camping in Big Cypress beneath our dark night skies is an experience every family should enjoy," said Superintendent Tammy Whittington.

Loop Road remains closed to all non-local and through traffic. Although teams have completed vegetation and debris clearing along the scenic road, high water levels continue to make the road impassable. Staff will continue to update signs along the roadway and reopen by press release as conditions allow.

Improving resource conditions have also lead to reopening Zones 1 and 2 of the Stairsteps Unit to all recreational use, including hunting. Currently, Zones 3 and 4 of the Stairsteps Unit remained closed to all use.

Additional updates and changes in closures will be provided as they come available.

To learn more about camping in Big Cypress National Preserve, visit <https://www.nps.gov/bicy/planyourvisit/campgrounds>. For up to the minute closures, updates, and program information, follow us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram at "BigCypressnps."



**Off the Shelf - BOOK REVIEW**

**Bohemians, Bootleggers, Flappers & Swells reviewed by Marya Repko**

I've been reading about the 1920s to get in the mood to write about Barron Collier.

We thought the "swinging sixties" were wild but it was nothing compared to what went on almost 100 years ago in the "Roaring Twenties". My father told us stories about his youth in New York City before the Depression -- speakeasies to circumvent Prohibition, crazy dances like the Charleston, hot (and cool) jazz with the big bands and Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue". When I was growing up in the conservative 1950s (Bobbie socks, saddle shoes, twin-sets), his life seemed out of this world. But, now after my researches, I can well imagine his life in the "flapper era".

And, that was the heyday of Collier's life, too. The little boy from Memphis moved to the big city after he'd made his first fortune in streetcar advertising and hobnobbed with all the important people including flamboyant Mayor Jimmie Walker and Governor (later President) Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

The book I found most interesting and informative about that era was Bohemians, Bootleggers, Flappers & Swells which is subtitled "The Best of Early Vanity Fair" and has reprints of articles in that erudite magazine from 1910 through the 1930s. The authors and subjects are varied, from P. G. Wodehouse decrying the trend for physical exercise to J. M. Keynes about the collapse of money. Some of the articles are funny, some serious, and some are short stories by well-known writers (Colette, William Saroyan, Thomas Wolfe) or poems (Dorothy Parker, Edna St. Vincent Millay, T. S. Eliot). And, there's even an essay about "The Jimmy Walker Era" which praises him for liberalizing Sunday laws but criticizes his high city taxes.

The collection is edited by Graydon Carter and was published in 2014 as a paperback by Penguin. It is available at the Golden Gate branch of the Collier County Public Library or for sale at [www.abebooks.com](http://www.abebooks.com) for a reasonable price. And, yes, I recommend it for dipping into and enjoying a glimpse of another era.

**Support our Local Authors!**







**EATERIES & AREA WORSHIP**



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

(642-1025): Mon.– Wed. 5 -11 pm,  
Thurs. to Sun noon - 11 pm;

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

We have reopened! Call to verify hours!

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

8:00 am – 6:00 pm; daily  
Supper upstairs is  
currently closed

**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):**

*We Have Reopened!*  
Please call to verify hours!

**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):**

We are open! Call for hours

**Sweet Mayberry's Café is Closed**

We have enjoyed serving you.

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

Closed, reopening soon!

**Triad Seafood & Café (695-2662):**

8 am to 5 pm

**MARKETS**

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

Open 9 am to 7 pm Daily

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

8 am to 5 pm Mon—Sat, Closed Sunday

**Fresh Produce**

Chokoloskee, see p.5, E-City, Marathon Gas

**SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES**

**Chokoloskee Church of God**

Sunday 11 am Worship, Wed. 7pm Hour of

**Copeland Baptist Church**

Sunday: 10 am School, 11 am Worship

**Everglades Community Church**

9:30 am Sunday Worship

**1st Baptist Church of Everglades City**

Sunday School 9:45 am, Worship 11 am

Evening Services: Sun. & Wed. 6 pm

**Holy Family Catholic Church**

Sunday Mass 10:30 am

**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](http://www.weather.gov) for conditions

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12/13	Wed	12:07 PM	2.2	H
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12/13	Wed	11:21 PM	2.7	H
12/14	Thu	7:09 AM	0	L
12/14	Thu	1:00 PM	2.2	H
12/14	Thu	7:08 PM	0.7	L
12/14	Thu	11:58 PM	2.8	H
12/15	Fri	7:52 AM	-0.1	L
12/15	Fri	1:37 PM	2.3	H
12/15	Fri	7:52 PM	0.7	L
12/16	Sat	12:32 AM	2.9	H
12/16	Sat	8:32 AM	-0.2	L
12/16	Sat	2:08 PM	2.3	H
12/16	Sat	8:33 PM	0.8	L

**Do You Like Following the Weather?  
The National Weather Service is Looking  
For A New Official Weather  
Observer in Everglades City!**



The National Weather Service Miami is seeking a new official weather observer in Everglades City. The Cooperative Observer Program has been around for 120 years with approximately 10,000 observers in the

United States, and there has been an observer in Everglades City on and off since 1926.

Rainfall and temperature data collected is used to determine federal disaster declarations for federal aid. The data is also used by the insurance industry to settle claims, energy companies to determine energy costs, local officials to make water resource decisions, and education institutions to study climate. If you have a passion for weather and can dedicate a couple minutes each morning, we'd love to hear from you! Most of our observers across south Florida are retirees, farmers, or individuals that just love weather.

So what exactly would the observer need to do? We're looking for someone to take rainfall measurements each morning at 7am and report any amount into our website. The rain gauge would be provided and maintained by the National Weather Service. We just need a suitable spot in your yard to place the small rain gauge. We operate 365 days a year at the Weather Service so we would need the person to be able to report each morning, or be able to have a friend or family member report for them if you are going out of town or unable to report for any reason.

If this sounds like something you might be interested in, or if you have any further questions about what is expected, don't hesitate to contact Christopher Fisher at the National Weather Service by email at: [christopher.fisher@noaa.gov](mailto:christopher.fisher@noaa.gov).

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