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Seafood Festival!

Parking will be available at the lot adjacent to Holy Family Catholic Church. Handicapped parking is available at Everglades Community Church for a donation. Parking is not permitted on the medians throughout the city.

Don't forget to visit our local booths! Try the delicious cookies at Everglades Community Church's booth in front of the church.

Visit the Everglades Society for Historical Preservation's booth in front of the Area Visitor Center.

Try the delicious fresh, homemade mullet dip, burgers and dogs at the Lions Club chuck wagon.

Pick up your collectible beer mug at one of the festival beer booths.

Try the famous and delicious chocolate key lime pie on a stick at the ReachOut booth!

Make sure you buy one of the great seafood festival T-shirts sold to raise money for the School's athletic department.

Enjoy Coca Cola! The proceeds from the sale of Coke helps raise money for Everglades City School and quenches your thirst. Enjoy the festival!

No Coolers, No Pets, and No Golf Carts inside the festival, please!

February 7, 8 & 9

Here is the Complete Lineup!

The traditional "Family Night" kicks off the festival on Friday with local **Parker Oglesby** performing. The rest of the weekend will be filled with music, food, art, crafts and much more!

This year there will be some new food vendors coming to the festival. Some popular food trucks have signed up to attend this year's fair, in addition to numerous, new craft vendors.

Of course, the time-tested favorites will also be on hand!

Friday, February, 7th

5:00 pm: Opening Ceremony
5:15 pm: The Lost Rodeo
6:15 pm: Parker Oglesby
7:15 pm: Let's Hang On Band
8:30 pm: Matt Chappell

Saturday, February 8th:

10:30-11:00 Opening Ceremony
With Sloan Wheeler
12:15: Charlie Pace
1:30: Brooke McBride
2:30-3:30 Cody Weaver
3:15: Walker Hayes
5:15: Matt Chappell
7:00: Electric Lipstick

Sunday, February 9th:

11:00: Opening Ceremony
12:00: Famous Gator Nate
1:30: Cody Weaver
3:00: Backlash
4:30: Little Texas

Please do not bring in any bottles or cans or personal coolers. Bicycles and golf carts are not allowed inside the festival.

Directions: From I-75, take exit 80. Head south on SR29 into Everglades City (21 miles). From Hwy 41, turn at CR 29 into Everglades City. Parking is available in signed lots. Note that some swales are very soft and not suitable for parking (your vehicle may get stuck). Please use signed lots.

Read the Special Seafood Festival Poem on Page 8!

**ALL YOU CAN EAT
 PANCAKE BREAKFAST**

**Saturday, February 8th at
 Everglades Community Church**
 Serving pancakes, sausage, fruit, juice, and coffee on Saturday morning starting at 7 am.

Everyone is welcomed!

Working the festival?

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**We are located in the circle across from
 City Hall.**

Now That You Are Here For The Festival, What Else Can You Do Here?
 You came for the Everglades Seafood Festival...and are wondering, "what else is there in this quaint little town?"

There are many fun and interesting things to do in the Everglades area!

We have two museums; one in Everglades City, and one on Chokoloskee. We have numerous airboat operators. Each tour is a bit different, and all are fantastic...so find the one right for you and your family!

If you prefer a more quiet ride, there are several boat tours as well!

We are located within just a few miles of Big Cypress National Preserve, Everglades National Park's Gulf Coast Center, Fakahatchee Strand and Collier Seminole State Park. We are only a few miles more from several others! Each are unique and beautiful! You can find maps and information on the website:

www.VisitEvergladesCity.com

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March 1	2 ESH, 8:30am Snakes Exhibit, Museum	3 City Council Mtg, 7 pm	4 Ladies Coffee Havana Café, 8 a	5	6	Rapper 7
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March 19: Museum Talk, 2 pm
March 20: Ultra Marathon

March 15: Bike Ride, see p. 8
March 21: Pancake Fly-in

April 27: Museum Birthday, Trail Celebration
March 21: Fakahatchee Annual Picnic

AREA INFORMATION & NUMBERS:

AA: Wed., 5:00 pm, Evg. Comm. Church, Fellowship Hall
 CARNESTOWN Recycle & Trash: 2nd Sat. of month, 9a-12p, 12:30p-3:30
 DR DEMARTINO: Little Gator Clinic, See info on page 3.
 DR MARTIN: Call for appointment: 813-787-9738
 LIONS CLUB: 2nd Thursday of Month
 MUSEUM: Open Monday-Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm. 239-252-5026
 PANCAKE FLY-IN: Jan. 18, Feb 22, Mar 21, Apr 18
 REACH OUT: 3rd Thursday of month, 4 pm
 SKATING RINK: Now open! Fri. & Sat. 6 to 9 pm
 SMALLWOOD STORE: Daily 11 am to 4 pm, 239-695-2989
 THRIFT SHOP: Open Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 11 am to 3 pm, p.3.
 VETERANS SUPPORT: 2nd & 4th Wed. of month, noon—2 pm
 VISITOR CENTER: 207 W. Broadway, Everglades City. Open daily 9-4.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Festival in the Woods February 8, 2020 Picayune Strand

The Sixth Annual Festival in the Woods, 10 am to 3 pm. The event is free and open to the public. We are promoting "Fun in the Forest" with guided hikes, bike rides, and short horse rides. There will be a bounce house, and visitors can learn different ways of cooking around a campfire, and what plants can be grown in the back yards of southwest Florida. We hope to see you there!

Movie Night @ the Museum February 14, 6 to 8 pm



Take your sweetie to the movies this valentines day and see the classic, "Follow that Dream" starring Elvis Presley. The movie will be shown at the Museum of the Everglades. Bring a seat, the movie is shown outdoors!

Everglades History & Heritage Week Museum of the Everglades February 17-21 -FREE EVENT

Join us for five days of events, talks, demonstrations, and activities exploring the unique character and culture of our region and its inhabitants - from its storied past to the challenges of the future. For more information, contact the Museum at 239-252-5026.

Pancake Fly-in

February 22, 10 am to noon

Free Breakfast, Pancakes, Sausage & Beverage!

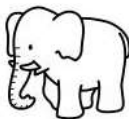
Fly-ins and walk-ups welcomed!

Future dates: March 21, and April 18th. We hope to see you at the EC Airpark!

Annual ORA Bazaar

February 29, Open at 9 am

The Annual ORA Bazaar, will be held on Chokoloskee Island, on Saturday, February 29th. The gates will open at 9:00. There will be fresh bakery and coffee. The bazaar will feature a White Elephant Sale, a "New 2 U Boutique" (featuring slightly used clothing, shoes, and jewelry). There will be local vendors and craft sales. Lunch and ice cream will be available starting at 11:00. Spaces are available for vendors and crafters to rent for \$10 each. A limited amount of spaces are available indoors, so please call early. For more information please phone Sherri Parsons at 239-695-2281.



**THE EVERGLADES AREA
VISITOR CENTER IS OPEN DAILY
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**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO
VOLUNTEER PLEASE CONTACT :
KATHY @ 954-662-7003**

ART-IN-THE-GLADES

February 22, 10 am to 1 pm



Come out to McLeod Park in historic Everglades City on February 22, 2020!

There will be goodies for the kids (and adults) and plenty of local arts and crafts. Call Marya at (239) 695-2905 for more info. Booths are available (and free). Please be sure to have your area set up

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Next Visit: February 18, 2020

The Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida's Health & Smiles Mobile Dental Bus will be in Everglades City on February 18, from 8 am to 4 pm, at the Everglades Community Center (by Thrift Shop) parking lot, providing free dental checks, blood pressure screenings and behavioral health information if requested. For more info or to schedule an appointment: call 239-202-7005.

THE FOOD BANK IS OPEN !

Wed. noon to 2pm

Everglades Community Pantry, a proud partner agency of the Harry Chapin Food Bank, is open every Wednesday from noon to 2 in Jinkins Fellowship Hall at Everglades Community Church in Everglades City. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

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A Message from Fire Chief Kingman Schultz

This week the Wuhan coronavirus is making headline news as concerns increase. There have been at least 11 confirmed cases of the Wuhan coronavirus in the United States, a number the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention predicts will continue to climb.



The novel coronavirus, which has sickened thousands and killed more than 360 people in China, belongs to a large family of viruses that mostly sicken animals. But this coronavirus, like SARS and MERS, "jumped the species barrier" to infect people on a large scale, the CDC said.

Despite its impact in China, the CDC maintains that the risk to Americans is low. But there's still a lot about the virus, its symptoms and how easily it spreads that health officials don't know. The CDC is monitoring at least 100 people in 26 states for coronavirus. About 25 of them were found not to have it. The CDC is also conducting screenings at 20 American airports that receive 90% of all passengers from China.

The symptoms of most coronaviruses are similar to any other upper respiratory infection, including runny nose, coughing, sore throat, and sometimes a fever. In most cases, you won't know whether you have a coronavirus or a different cold-causing virus, such as rhinovirus.

There is no vaccine for coronavirus. To help prevent a coronavirus infection, do the same things you do to avoid the common cold:

- ◆ Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and warm water or with an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.
- ◆ Keep your hands and fingers away from your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- ◆ Avoid close contact with people who are infected.

Here at the Fire District our EMS professionals are closely monitoring the situation and taking precautions to minimize the risks to our Firefighter Paramedics and EMT's during the delivery of emergency medical care to our community. Please help us to help you; if you request 9-1-1 services, let the first responders know if you have any signs or symptoms of the coronavirus as soon as possible in order we take appropriate steps to protect you and us.

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SAWFISH NEWS by Tonya Wiley, Havenworth Coastal Conservation
Sawfish Release and Reporting Guidelines



Sawfish are shark-like rays named for their saw-shaped snouts (rostra). Smalltooth sawfish were once found in coastal waters from Texas to North Carolina; however, fishing mortality and habitat loss led to dramatic reductions in both their numbers and range. Now they are regularly found only in southwest Florida, especially around Everglades National Park. Because of these declines NOAA Fisheries listed the smalltooth sawfish as “Endangered” under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in 2003.

Because of the protections afforded by the ESA, it is illegal to target, harm, harass, or handle sawfish in any way. While it is technically illegal to catch a sawfish except with a research permit or in a fishery where incidental take has been authorized, captures do occur while fishing for other species. Mortality from incidental captures in both commercial and recreational fisheries is an ongoing threat to this endangered species. It’s the responsibility of all fishers to follow guidance to quickly and safely release, without harm, all sawfish caught while fishing.

Sawfish are powerful animals that can whip their saw very quickly which can cause serious injury to the angler and the sawfish. The number one rule to remember when releasing a sawfish is to leave it in the water at all times. Because of the ESA protections it is illegal to possess a sawfish; removing it from the water is considered possession and is a clear violation of the law. Do not lift it out of the water onto your boat or a pier, and do not drag it onto shore. Simply cut the line as close to the hook as is safely possible.



Never remove the rostrum as sawfish use it for detecting and catching food. In addition to being illegal, removal of the rostrum severely limits the ability of the sawfish to find enough food to survive, and could result in death from starvation. Mishandling and the purposeful injury or killing of captured sawfish is both illegal and detrimental to the recovery of the population.

These guidelines ensure the safety of both the sawfish and the angler. If you catch or see a sawfish take a quick photograph of it, estimate its size, note your location, and share the details with scientists. The details of your sightings or catches of sawfish help to monitor the population and track the recovery progress. You can share your information by calling 844-4-SAWFISH (844-472-9347) or visiting www.SawfishRecovery.org. **Photos by Tonya Wiley.**

For more information about sawfish research, conservation, and management in the United States visit www.SawfishRecovery.org. Tax-deductible donations to help us continue our mission to promote the sustainable use and conservation of marine resources through research, outreach, and education can be made at <https://www.oceanfdn.org/donate/havenworth-coastal-conservation>



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An Update by Guidance Counselor Dee Sudnick

Three of EVG's outstanding seniors had the opportunity to meet with the Forum Club of Southwest Florida and present brief introductions to a group of approximately 350 in attendance. Levi Johnson, Destany Vanleeuwen, and Savanna Von Steenburgh presented with poise and humor to the group. Several members called their presentations refreshing. Afterward, we were honored to hear our very own United States Representative, Francis Rooney, present to the group. During the question and answer time, Destany presented an excellent question related to the presentation. This opportunity is given each year to our top academic seniors. The Forum Club is one of the associations assisting EVG students who are seeking higher education.

An Update by Principle Dr. Cherie Allison

Everglades City School is launching Leader in Me in big ways! Teachers are in the process of doing a Franklin Covey Book study on the importance of great working relationships and modeling great behavior for their students. Our first chapter, Wear Glasses that Work, brought about some great thought provoking ideas and questions: One of the biggest threats to working effectively with others is being overly invested in your version of the "truth." Have you ever judged a person or situation too quickly or acted prematurely—only to find out later that your original opinion was incomplete or incorrect? It happens to all of us. Because we're human (and not all-knowing all of the time), our view of life can be limited. If we're not careful, we may get stuck looking through a set of lenses that distort rather than sharpen reality.

What keeps you from looking through a different lens?

Are there students or coworkers whose reality you find hard to define?

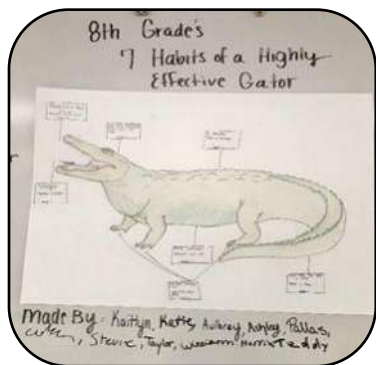
Any remaining reasons are beliefs that may be incomplete or limiting. Ask yourself: Is there a different way of seeing the person or situation?

Which beliefs—that I formerly saw as facts—might I change? What could be the impact if I changed them and put on a new pair of glasses?

Imagine if adults struggle with their lenses what it is like to be a child who is forced to look through the lenses of their adults? This aligns completely with Habit # 5 "Seek First to understand, then to be understood." It would be nice if we all had a little more understanding.

The lighthouse team kicked off an amazing school wide poster competition (see left) for the 7 Habits, challenging students to create posters that they believed embodied these character traits!

EVERY grade level willingly participated and the event was outstanding! Seventh grade students and teachers enjoyed a pizza party to celebrate their victory.



An Update From Media Specialist Melissa Owen

Book Fair Jungle: Elephants, Tigers, and Books, OH MY! Escape into the wilds of reading with the Scholastic Book Fairs® spring 2020 school theme, Book Fair Jungle: Elephants, Tigers, and Books, OH MY! Everglades City School will explore

the newest books, engaging in Fair contests, and shopping together amidst an exotic jungle theme. Students and school communities can uncover exciting new books that are unpredictable, inspiring, and more. It's the next great reading adventure! The fair kicks off Monday, March 2 – Thursday, March 5th! Be sure to mark your calendar and join us Wednesday, March 4 for our annual Books & Breakfast Family/Friends event before school! Please get the word out, that we will be in need of sponsors for our teacher's classroom "wish book baskets" again! If you would like to help, please call Mrs. Owen at 239 377-9810. Thank you!



Everglades City School is so excited to announce the first student to earn a spot on the JV Reading Team! Yes, we have a Reading Team! Students earn their spot on the team as they read and pass Scholastic Reading Counts (RC) quizzes! Congratulations to **Amaia Mayberry (pictured left)** to be the first student to join the JV team! When students earn a spot on the team they get the following to celebrate: a team personalized t-shirt, their photo on the Reading Team wall, they appear on the school's News Show and other prizes throughout the year! Plus, they don't stop there! They keep reading to earn the next level team - the Varsity team and finally, the All Star Level!

We are very proud of our Gator students! Please support them at the Seafood Festival by buying a Coke!

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Thank you to everyone who buys the Mullet Rapper every two weeks. Remember, the Mullet Rapper donates 100% of the proceeds from the sale of the print edition of the paper to Everglades City School to help students in need.

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This year's titles are excellent so we anticipate a lively discussion at each meeting. We hope to see you there!

All meetings start at 9:30 am. If you have any questions, please email Diann Lock at: DLock333@yahoo.com.

Book Club Schedule

February 20th

The Swamp by Michael Grunwald
(available at Win-Car)
hosted by Geri Freiburger

March 19th

Educated by Tara Westover
hosted by Linda Williams

April 16th

Beneath a Scarlet Sky by Mark Sullivan
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My Little Slice of Paradise
by Kathy Brock
A "Welcome" Addition to the Community

The baby was born at 11:00 am on Saturday, February 1st! Well, not really, but it sure felt like it. The Everglades Area Visitor Center is no longer a concept. It is now a reality. A missing piece of the puzzle found once again.

When I became a council member of the Collier County Tourism Development Council (TDC) in April 2019, it was very evident to me that not having a place for visitors to ask questions was not a good thing. It was also noted that a digital (web) presence was essential in the ever-changing way people find information about where they are going and what they plan to do when they get there.

We can now officially cross those two items off the list. Our center opened with much fanfare. Congressman Mario Diaz Balart, Park Superintendent Pedro Ramos, Mayor Howie Grimm, CVB CEO Jack Wert, and many others were on hand to celebrate the moment.

The weather was not fully cooperative but it did not seem to matter. Everyone knew the importance of the moment. We confirmed our commitment to keeping this community vibrant. We reassured the rest of the Paradise Coast that we mean business. And, it demonstrated to our Congressman that we too understand that tourism is vital to the State of Florida and our community.



There are so many people that put time, effort and resources into this endeavor. Thank you Bonnie & Craig Woodward for providing this space, without charge, to get this all going. Your generosity and support has been amazing. Patty Huff is our Energizer Bunny. She is simply unbelievable. Hydie Friend, Brian Widmer, Kevin Cassidy, Tim Brock, and Steve Huff all spent countless hours helping get everything ready. Mark and Mary Waterhouse graciously had custom lettering made that will soon adorn the walls. Thank you to Clark & Elizabeth Swanson for the beautiful cake.

Joan Remley, her daughter Tina and her sister Karen, set up the room, thank you!

Tim, my husband, thanks for putting up with me. Patty, you are a true partner and community stalwart. Enough cannot be said. Our center volunteers, thank you. We needed you, and you stepped up.

This center is for our businesses and our City. Thank you to them for supporting us during the process, and for having the confidence that we could get it done. This proves that we can do anything...together!

The Island Kitchen
Spinach Medley
By Kathy Brock



Ingredients:

- ✕ 1 large package fresh baby spinach
- ✕ 1 cup of mushrooms sliced
- ✕ 1 medium onion diced
- ✕ 1 cup fresh sweet peppers in strips or whole
- ✕ 1 cup cherry tomatoes
- ✕ 2 tbs chopped garlic
- ✕ Salt & pepper to taste
- ✕ Olive oil for cooking

Directions:

✕ In a large sauce pan, add oil, onion, peppers, and mushrooms. Cook until just tender. Add in garlic and cook a bit more. Just before serving, add all of the spinach, tomatoes and salt and pepper. Sauté until the spinach wilts, but do not overcook. Serve it immediately. For variety you can substitute or add different veggies. I have used small sweet peppers and keep them whole with the tops cut off. You can also melt some Boursin or cream cheese on top. This dish is very colorful and delish! Enjoy!

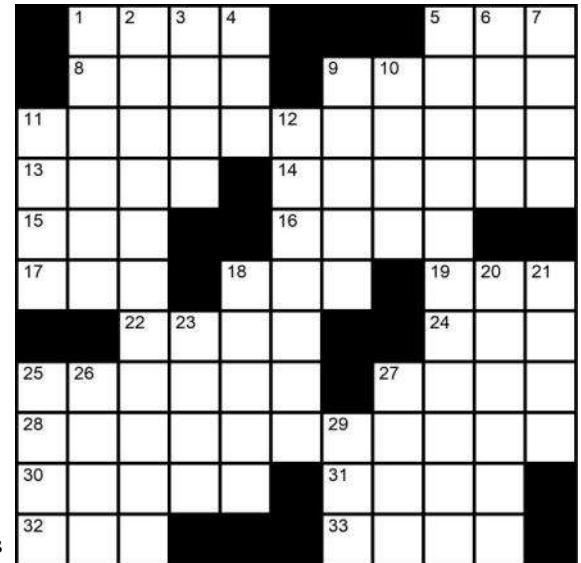
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Poetry Street
By Katherine S. Tullie

One of the great events in Southwest Florida is the Everglades City Seafood Festival! Food, Fun and activities galore! I wrote this poem called "Everglades City Seafood Festival" in celebration of this great event!

Everglades Seafood Festival

A seafood festival that cannot be beat
In Everglades City with festivities in the street
People gathering together from all around
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During the seafood festival much fun is the key
So do not miss out on this great seafood event
I guarantee you it will be time well spent
Pass the word to others that you know
Everglades City is definitely the place to go!



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FREE GUIDED BIKE TOURS
Bike Rides Through the Everglades

Loop Road Bike Ride, February 15th
By Patty Huff



Photo by the National Park Service

One of the all-time great bike rides in south Florida is located in three separate counties: Collier, Monroe and Miami-Dade.

Loop Road, located south of the Tamiami Trail, has an interesting history in itself but the beauty of the environment is one of its outstanding features. We hope to see lots of wildlife as we bicycle through this off-road rural area 17 miles east of Everglades City. Plan to meet and park at 9:00 a.m. at Monroe Station and we'll cycle a little over two miles to the Gator Hook Hiking Trail.

As we continue along this gravel lane, we'll pass by the southernmost point of the 1,400-mile long Florida National Scenic Trail. There are many culvert crossings in this area where we should find alligators to photograph. At 16.5 miles we will reach the paved section of Loop Road where we will turn around and travel back to Monroe Station, a total trip of 33 miles. This is a self-supported bike tour so bring spare tube, etc. What you'll need for the ride: off-road bicycle, lots of water, sunscreen, snacks, and please wear a helmet!

To sign up and receive more information, contact Patty at 239-719-0020 or email snookcity@gmail.com. Come join us for a fun filled day of cycling the Everglades!

For a loop road guide go to:
<https://visitevergladescity.com/loop/>

Schedule of Rides

February 15.....Loop Road in Big Cypress
March 15.....Bear Island in the Big Cypress

Please email:
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or call (239) 719-0020

BOOK REVIEW

"Lostmans Heritage"
by Karen Yvonne Hamilton
reviewed by Marya Repko



The subtitle of this book is "Pioneers in the Florida Everglades" and the author has traced her Hamilton family back into the late 1880s when they lived in several of the Ten Thousand Islands or along the rivers.

It is interesting history interlaced with her narrative of how hard it was to follow the story, especially since one of the founding fathers changed his name along the way. She quotes court cases and has plenty of references for anyone in doubt. One chapter is devoted to the shooting of Edgar Watson at the Smallwood Store in Chokoloskee.

Karen published the paperback herself and included many old photos. It is available at her website www.yesterdaypress.com. She will be speaking at the History & Heritage Festival in the Museum on Thursday, February 20, at 11:00 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

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The brick walk is organized by the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation (ESHP), a local non-profit whose mission is to help preserve the rich culture and history of the Everglades area.

The winter campaign is underway. There is still time to order yours before the window closes on February 14th! ESHP will send you a gift card that you can give to the recipient of the brick. When the bricks are installed, you will be notified by email.

Order forms are available in City Hall, the visitor center or online where you can download a form to send with a check.

There Are Many Events at Everglades National Park Now Through April 2020

There is a full schedule of educational events this season at the Gulf Coast Center located at 815 Oyster Bar Lane, Everglades City. Learn about the wonders of the Everglades from one of our local experts.

Stop in the at the Gulf Coast Center to pick up a schedule or obtain it by download:
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The Everglades Backcountry Experience With Captain Rodney Raffield



We have finally got into our winter season which has made the fishing a little more predictable. I am catching Snook as well as Trout on a steady basis in the Backcountry with the occasional Redfish making a appearance. We are catching Trout as well as Mackerel in the outside holes with some of the Macs being quite large. Our winter friends are here in force so be prepared to bump into a few more people out there on the water. For those of you not aware the National Park requires a Park Pass for all visitors as well as a Boater Education Card for the operator of the boat so go online and take care of this before enjoying the Park waters. Wildlife is in abundance with lots of Dolphins as well as hundreds of White Pelicans which ensures a incredible all round experience. So get out there and take advantage of what our beautiful area has to offer and most of all have fun. Capt. Rodney Raffield

Fish With Captain Rodney Raffield, 239-695-4626
captrodnev@centurylink.net

**THE WALL THAT HEALS IS COMING TO MARCO ISLAND
 FEBRUARY 20-22, 2020**

The Mobile Education Center Spreads Healing Legacy of The Wall and Educates About the Impact of the Vietnam War

MARCO ISLAND, FLORIDA— *The Wall That Heals*, a three-quarter scale replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial along with a mobile Education Center, is coming to Marco Island on February 19, 2020. The exhibit will be on display in the Veterans Community Park and will be open 24 hours a day and free to the public. The American Legion Post 404 is leading the effort that will bring the exhibit to Marco Island. *The Wall That Heals* honors the more than three million Americans who served in the U.S. Armed forces in the Vietnam War and it bears the names of the 58,276 men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice in Vietnam.

Sunday Night Gospel Music Returns to 1st Baptist Church in Everglades City



The 4th Sunday of the month at 6pm you can hear the music coming from 1st Baptist Church in Everglades City. You are welcomed to come and enjoy fellowship through music. Pastor Michael Peyton and his wife Marianne are in their second year at 1st Baptist, and they welcome you to attend! If you would like to perform, contact the church.

Saving the Bank Building in Everglades City

Learn about Everglades Society for Historic Preservation's progress to Save the Old Bank Building on **Friday, February 21**, at 5:30 p.m. at Island Cafe. The Bank of the Everglades is on the historic register and was recognized as the 11th most important historic structure in our State to be saved. It is imperative that this building is restored and we are focused on that effort! After a brief business meeting we will update you on our efforts to ensure the integrity of this historic structure and welcome suggestions on how we may achieve this objective.

The project, and this meeting, is being organized by the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation. For information, see www.evergladeshistorical.org or phone Marya at (239) 695-2905.

Download Fishing Regs & Get All Tides at:
www.visitevergladescity.com/

Fire that Saves by Antonia Florio, Science Communications Liaison, Everglades National Park

The Royal Palm area at Everglades National Park is on fire. Smoke fills the air, and wind blows burnt plant debris up into the sky and, sometimes, into people's faces.

Visitors watch from safe vantage points along the Anhinga Trail as sawgrass and tall Phragmites reeds are engulfed in flames.

They hold their breath as the flames come closer and closer to a resting Great Blue Heron, and then breathe a sigh of relief once the bird flies away to safety. Wildlife can easily escape from slow, controlled fires like this one. **But all this was planned.**

On January 8, members of the Everglades Fire Program met early in the morning to set up for the fire and then held a debriefing meeting to make sure everyone was on the same page.

"The main objectives today are hazardous fuel reduction, ecological benefit, and vista clearance," said Jordan Collier, Fire Operations Specialist for Everglades National Park.

Collier is the burn boss for the day. He tracks weather conditions, coordinates the fire crew, and keeps all authorities notified on the fire's status. He is also responsible for the safety of both the public and the firefighters.

He tells us about how the water levels and moisture are high so we should expect very smoky conditions. I learn that the wind conditions are favorable now, meaning that there is enough to spread the fire, but not too much to cause it to disperse too quickly.

The fire crew seems unfazed. Although they are taking all precautions seriously, this is a relatively easy and routine burn for them. They pour flaming fuel onto the ground using drip torches, and start the prescribed, or planned, burn.

Planning Fire in the Park

The park has had a prescribed fire program since the 1950s. Up until that point, people did their best to suppress fire. But Dr. Bill Robertson, a fire ecologist who worked at Everglades National Park, showed that the Everglades benefited from fire.

In the pine rock lands, fire triggers the pines to regenerate. It opens up the habitat so that light can reach the bottom of the forest floor, allowing new and smaller plants to grow. Native plants there often flower after they burn.

Fire in sawgrass prairies removes dead vegetation, which allows water to more easily flow through the Everglades, and improves habitat for animals by creating a mosaic of vegetation types.

(Read Part 2 in next edition of the Mullet Rapper)



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LOCAL EXTRA

**Meet Clyde and Niki Butcher
Saturday, Feb. 22nd 10 am – 4 pm
Come out and meet Clyde & Niki Butcher
at their Big Cypress Gallery.**

They will both be in the gallery all day for a meet & greet and book signing. This event is FREE and open to the public.

They have 2 new highlights featured at this Springs Open House.

They will be introducing Margaret and Garry Albritton's artwork. These artists are old-time friends of Clyde and Niki. Big Cypress Gallery will be the only gallery that will be representing their work. They have a nice variety from painted silks to ceramics.

Come and view Clyde's new Platinum Palladium Photographs. For years Clyde has been very interested in Platinum photographs. Following his stroke, Clyde realized it was now or never. After much research, Clyde found a master printer that he could work with personally. This summer, through months of extensive testing, they developed the perfect formula that Clyde was looking for. This collection of Platinum Palladium photographs are produced by hand using some of Clyde's iconic analog images; each captured on film over the years with various view cameras. The edition size and selection of these images are extremely limited.

Clyde & Niki look forward to spending time with you at the Spring Open House!

**The First Annual Everglades Duathlon/
Triathlon Was A Huge Success!**

On February 1st, the first annual duathlon/triathlon was held in Everglades City.

Over 50 participants entered the race that included biking, running and paddling.

The day was quite overcast and stormy weather was all around but the main storms stayed away, and the participants enjoyed a light drizzle that kept them cool the entire race.

Congratulations to Tony Pernas who organized the event. Thank you to the Everglades Lions Club that provided the support stations throughout the area during the race.

Kayaker Rescued

Mark Miele, a 67-year-old Virginia man embarked on a solo kayaking trip in Everglades National Park Jan. 22. He was due back from his trip Jan. 29 but did not return. Four days later, on Sunday, Feb. 2, Mark's bag including his wallet and phone washed up on the bank of the Lopez River. Park rangers found the belongings and asked CCSO to assist in a search.

He was rescued by CCSO and taken to a local hospital for treatment.

Fakahatchee Strand News

**Winter Fakahatchee Tram Tours
Are the Perfect Day-Excursion!**

Cooler temperatures make winter the perfect time to experience a swamp walk or tram tour in **Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park**. The park, east of Naples, is Florida's largest and has been called "the Amazon of North America."

Ghostrider Tram Tours of the park are from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The naturalist led tours are offered for \$25 per person most Thursdays in February and are named for the famous ghost orchid found in the park.

The Naturalist Led Tram Tour and Swamp Walks are from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. This excursion takes visitors into knee-high water and is offered on most Tuesdays during the season.

For directions, complete details, pricing and required reservations for all Fakahatchee adventures: www.orchidswamp.org and click on Tours and Events. Please be advised that tours sell out quickly so it is recommended to call and schedule your dates as soon as possible!

You can reach us by phone at (800) 362-8590. We look forward to seeing you there!

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Join us as we get out and explore the wonders of the Big Cypress Swamp! Protecting over 729,000 acres of this vast swamp, Big Cypress National Preserve contains a mixture of tropical and temperate plant communities that are home to a diversity of wildlife, including the elusive Florida panther.

The Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park is perhaps the best example of a subtropical, strand swamp in the United States. The Fakahatchee Strand is a linear swamp forest, approximately twenty miles long by five miles wide and oriented from north to south.

**Museum of the Everglades Events
(February 2020)**

The Museum of the Everglades has a **FULL winter schedule** with something on it for everyone!

The Museum is open Monday through Saturday from 9 am to 4 pm, and is located at 105 West Broadway Avenue, Everglades City, FL 34139.

February 3rd – February 29th EXHIBIT – Black History 2020: locally-focused exhibits at all five Collier County Museums.

Friday, February 14th at 6pm – 8pm Mid-Month Movie Night featuring "Follow that Dream" (1962) starring Elvis Presley.

February 17th – February 21st – "Everglades History and Heritage Week" Five days of presentations, tours, activities, and explorations of our region's rich past

Monday, February 17th 10am – 2pm President's Day Picnic – family fun/field

Tuesday, February 18th 11am to 1pm – Annual Marjorie Stoneman Douglas Luncheon at Everglades Isle.

Wednesday, February 19th EVERGLADES EXPO 10am – 11am - Otter John's Everglades Wildlife Show 10am – 2pm - activities, exhibitions, stories.

Thursday, February 20th – Third Thursday 10am – 11am Karen Yvonne Hamilton – Lostman's Heritage: the True Story of an Everglades Pioneer Family

2pm – 3pm Voncell Whitaker – Growing up in Dupont

Friday, February 21th 10am – Free Historic Walking Tour

11am – Free Historic Bike Tour

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Boat Trip to Daniels Cemetery/ Fakahatchee Island (must purchase tickets) *Tentative*

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M-Th 11am-3pm, Fri & Sat 11 am-9 pm

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Chokoloskee Family Church

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Sun. 6 pm & Wed. 7 pm Bible Teaching

Copeland Baptist Church

Sunday: 10 am School, 11 am Worship

Everglades Community Church

11:00 am Sunday Worship, See ad p. 11

1st Baptist Church of Everglades City

9:45 am Sunday School, 11 am Worship
6 pm Sunday, 6 pm Wed. Bible Study

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Obituary

Sue Evans, 1943-2019



Sue S. Evans, 76 of Mooresville, NC, passed away on December 20, 2019 in Statesville, NC.

Sue was born in Morganton, NC to Johnnie Benton Smith Sr. and Maybelle Jones Smith on April 21, 1943. She married

Jasper De. Evans on February 15, 1980 in Charlotte, NC. Sue worked as a trainer for AT&T for 30 years.

She volunteered at the NC Baptist Men's Association for many years alongside her husband, Jasper. They volunteered in both foreign and domestic geographies to assist with many natural disasters.

Sue was a long-time member of Pritchard Memorial Baptist Church where she was a member of the choir and assisted with the thrift store at the church. Sue & Jasper had a winter home in Everglades City, FL and they really enjoyed their time there.

Sue is survived by her husband Jasper, step children & spouses; Kathy & Roger Moore, Jean Patterson, Doug and Kathy Evans, Melanie Harper, Marcia & Robert Rhyne, Jon & Becky Evans. Brothers and sisters; Ralph M. Smith, Linda S. Gayle, Bennie S. Miller & Alva Lee Smith. She leaves a number of grandchildren & great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to the North Carolina Baptist Men's Association, PO Box 1107, Cary NC 27512-1107.



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