



# The MULLET RAPPER

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

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**It's Official. We are Back! Perfect Weather, Good Food, Arts & Crafts and Great Music Provide Us With a Fun-Filled Weekend!**

## Sloan Wheeler Belts out National Anthem and Steals the Show...and Our Hearts

At only ten years old, Sloan Wheeler, left, daughter of Everglades City School Vice Principal Michelle Wheeler, opened the show and then stole it with her fantastic rendition of our National Anthem. Her singing was so angelic the crowd was buzzing about it well after she left the stage!

We are so proud of Sloan, and thank her for helping us kick off the festival each day with such talent and grace.

**Congratulations Sloan! You are Our American Idol!**



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**Photos above:** The food is ready to serve and the crowd is ready to eat! The fun and games and booths were well received by the festival goers, especially the hats...to help block out the heat and sun during the daytime activities.

Once the music started, people started dancing in the streets to the beat. All in all it was an amazing weekend made even more amazing by the recovery from the storm that almost caused its cancellation (Hurricane Irma).

However on this weekend, the weather was picture perfect with few if any visible reminders of what happened back in September.

Thank you to Carol Foss and the Everglades Betterment Association for forging ahead, organizing the festival and bringing it together so we could all enjoy it. We look forward to it again next year. A shout out to the Kettle Corn Vendor! Thanks! I got my 3 bags!!!

**VISIT THE MSD FESTIVAL ON SATURDAY, FEB. 24TH! SEE P. 3 FOR DETAILS**

**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.**

# FEBRUARY 25, 2018 – MARCH 31, 2018

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
25	26	27	28 <b>Ladies Coffee</b> Linda Williams house. 943 Panther Ck., Dupont	March 1 full moon ○	2	3 <b>Vintage Everglades,</b> see p. 9 <b>Fishing Tourney,</b> See p. 5
4	5 <b>ESHP Mtg., 8:30 am, City Hall</b>	6 <b>City Council Mtg, 7:00 pm, City Hall</b>	7 <b>Ladies Coffee</b> Havana Café 8 am	8 <b>Lions Club,</b> 6 pm Havana Café	9	10 <b>RAPPER</b> <b>Turkey Shoot,</b> see p. 8 <b>Cattle Drive,</b> see p. 9
11 <b>Bike Rides,</b> see p. 3 & 11 <b>Turkey Shoot,</b> see p. 8	12	13	14 <b>Ladies Coffee</b> Island Café 8 am	15 <b>Book Club,</b> see p.3	16	17 new moon ● <b>Pancake Fly- in, see p. 3</b> <b>Art-in-Glades</b>
18	19	20 <b>Dental Screening,</b> see p. 3	21 <b>Ladies Coffee</b> City Seafood 8 am	22	23	24 <b>RAPPER</b> <b>Calusa Days,</b> see p. 8
25	26	27	28 <b>Ladies Coffee</b> Havana Café 8 am	29	30	31 Full moon ○

April 8: Bear Island Bike Ride

April 17: Pancake Fly-in

April 21: FBA Meeting, Naples

April 28: Museum Birthday Celebration

**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, Evg. Comm. Church, Fellowship Hall  
**MUSEUM:** Open Monday-Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm. 239-695-0008  
**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:** 3/17 & 4/21 at 10 to 12, E-City Airport

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# What's Happening

In and Around Town



## COME RIDE WITH US!

**March 11th**

Join our group as we cycle through the beautiful Everglades.

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).

**March 11 - Ave Maria** (on-road).

Meet at McLeod Park, Everglades City, 9 am

**April 8 - Bear Island in the Big**

Cypress (off-road). Meet at Bear Island (end of Turner River Road).




## ORA Bazaar February 24th

The Annual ORA Bazaar, will be held on Chokoloskee Island, on Saturday, February 24th. 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).


## Book-of-the-Month Club March 15th, 9:30 am

 Join us as our annual book club meets each month at 9:30 a.m. to discuss an interesting title. For more details, contact Patty Huff at: 239-695-2397.

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

**April 5:** The Tale of Edgar Sawtelle, Hostess Diann Lock, 498 Collier Ave., phone: 812-361-7402.

## PANCAKE FLY-IN BREAKFAST March 17th, 10 am to noon

 The pancake fly-in is back! Please join us each month to meet and enjoy a free pancake breakfast with sausage and coffee. Of course, fly-ins are encouraged and we welcome walk-ins as well! Remaining fly-in dates are: 3/17 and 4/21. We hope to see you there!

## Annual Garage Sale - Port of the Islands Saturday, March 17 8:00 am - 1:00 pm

Hundreds of neighbors are cleaning out their unwanted treasures and all three areas of the "Port" will have garage sales!

There are three entrances to the sales areas: Newport Drive, Cays Drive, and Orchid Cove.

( More Upcoming Events on Pages 8 & 9)

## MSD Fest / Art-in-the-Glades February 24th

There will be an arts & crafts fair in Everglades City on Saturday, February 24, to coincide with the last day of the annual **Marjory Stoneman Douglas Festival at the Museum**.

Art-in-the-Glades will take place under the pavilion in **McLeod Park** across from the Museum from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Local artists and crafters will offer photos, prints, handmade soaps, jewelry, and other items for sale. And, if you feel hungry, delicious baked goods will be available for a donation to benefit a local charity. For more information, call Marya @ 239-695-2905.

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### FOOD BANK OPEN! Wednesdays 11 am to 1 pm

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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.

## A MESSAGE FROM COLLIER COUNTY SCHOOLS

**Collier County Public Schools and Collier County Law Enforcement agencies launch "See It? Say It! Don't Spread It, Report It" safety campaign**

Keeping Collier County Public Schools safe is everyone's business. False information on social media or online rumors can cause further fear or concern. **DON'T SPREAD IT, REPORT IT!**

We need students, staff, parents, and community members to remain vigilant in identifying any potential school safety threats. In an effort to expedite reporting of suspicious activity, we are launching the "KEEP COLLIER SAFE" initiative.

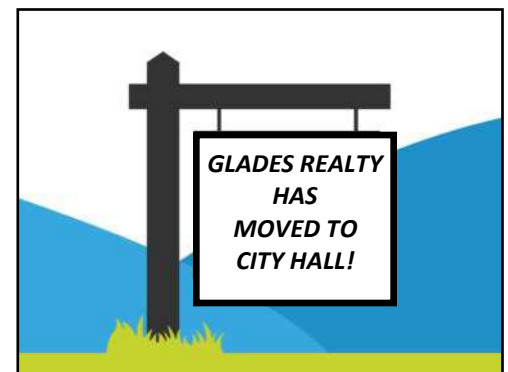
If you see something suspicious in person or online, whether it be written or verbal, please make sure you say something. Most importantly, if you see something that concerns you or looks like a possible threat of school violence, please report it. No concern is too small.

On Collier County Public Schools' "KEEP COLLIER SAFE" webpage ([www.collierschools.com/keepcolliersafe](http://www.collierschools.com/keepcolliersafe)), you can click the REPORT IT button and send your tip directly to law enforcement. You will also find videos that have 10 tips for parents on keeping their kids safe on social media, and 7 tips for students to stay safe on social media. We have also provided a section that includes resources to help talk to your child about violence.

Parents, please check what your students are bringing to school and monitor student communications and social media accounts (for example: Snapchat, Instagram, Twitter, Facebook).


The best defense against school violence is heightened awareness and vigilance by all. If you See It? Say It! Don't Spread It, Report It! Thank you.

Kamela Patton, Ph.D.  
Superintendent of Schools



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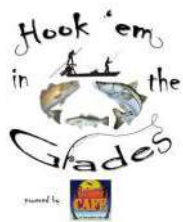
**A Message From the Principal,  
Mr. James Ragusa**



**Home at Last**

The simple pleasure of enjoying an athletic contest here in Everglades City is quickly approaching. With the change of athletics seasons we are entering the baseball and softball seasons for our athletes. The students are practicing and preparing for the upcoming games here in Everglades City as well as the away games that are scheduled.

I would like to thank all of our coaches and our Athletic Director, Coach Jill Whitcomb, for the countless hours they spend working with our athletes. You can find our schedules on the school web site at [www.collierschools.com/evg](http://www.collierschools.com/evg).



We are also looking forward to this year's **Hook'em in the Glades fishing tournament on March 3<sup>rd</sup>**. Mrs. and Mr. Whitcomb have worked tirelessly to create a memorable tournament so come on out and join us for a great day of fishing. For more information regarding the tournament please visit our web site dedicated to the tournament at [hookemintheglades.com](http://hookemintheglades.com) or call the school at 239-377-9800.

A special thank you goes out to Mayor Grimm, our city council members, all of the members of the Betterment Association, and Carol Foss for their generosity in allowing us to operate the soft drink concessions at this year's Seafood Festival. We are so blessed to have your support and the entire community's love of the school! It amazes me each day the level of assistance that we receive and words cannot express my gratitude for all of your efforts on behalf of our students and staff.

~Principal Ragusa

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**School Schedule:**  
**March 12-16: Spring break**  
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*The Unthinkable Happens Again...  
 This Time at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School*

by Kathy Brock  
**In My Opinion...**

The Mullet Rapper is a small town paper that seldom delves into anything controversial. We like to keep it light. But this is simply too big, too devastating to not address it at all. It wouldn't be right, especially since our community is the home of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Festival, and that festival is just wrapping up Saturday, February 24th...Only 10 days after the devastating shooting at her namesake school, Marjory Stoneman Douglas High in Parkland, Florida in Broward County.

I am especially saddened because Broward is the place where I was born, raised and lived for over 40 years...and to know that 17 lives were lost in such a horrific act...it is hard for me to come to grips with it.

There is a debate simmering in our country and we all know what that is about. I do not intend to address that issue here. However, I am going to address what I think may be a contributing factor to some of the shocking violence we are seeing throughout our society.

I attended a conference this past week and one of the firms I had the pleasure of meeting was a company that develops games for children. They aren't just game developers, however. They are educators and psychologists that are also game developers.

Of course the subject came up about this terrible tragedy and one of the company's owners, a psychologist and a father of four, shared with me what he believes to be a contributing factor in the social disconnect he is seeing in some of his young patients; violent video games, violence in movies and constant gaming (when kids play games hour after hour).

He explained that when kids are exposed to such violence over and over it can make them numb to seeing it. It can affect their ability to feel empathy. It also reinforces killing as something of a challenge, a number to reach to "win". It reinforces an unnatural, positive reaction to seeing death.

Constant gaming, and the recurring rewards from it release dopamine in our brain...the satisfaction hormone. It makes us feel good. The problem is, we weren't wired to do or feel this **all the time, constantly**. He explained that this can set our kids on a path of unrealistic expectations and a feeling of being "let down" by normal life which is not "rewarding" us every few minutes. He went on to explain that it can lead to depression, and a disconnect from society *or worse* in some children.

Parents are old enough to remember a time when there were not games shoved in the faces of us at all times. We had time in our day to sit, think, contemplate and experience some of the ups and downs of everyday life. This is what prepares you for life and sets a realistic example of what life may be like for you in the future...A series of ups and downs. Quiet time is when we figure things out. It is when children fantasize about the future. It makes for healthier minds.


The good news is there are games in the making, and out there now, that are more educational in nature and far less violent. Look for those for your children and grandchildren. Try and make this time a more productive time for them. Attempt to reduce the amount of violence children are seeing, especially at a young age.

This is certainly not suggesting that violent video games are underlying reason that this sad event happened, or why it is repeatedly happening in our society. I am saying I am sure that if children are exposed to them day in and day out, it cannot be good for their social development. It is obvious that something is very wrong and we better pay attention, look for all of the possible reasons why and identify potential solutions. We must be willing to make changes so that we do not unintentionally participate in the short-circuiting of our children's brains. Ignoring the warning signs does not mean they are not there...it simply means we are not paying close enough attention to them.

Let's not be too stubborn to make changes when changes are needed. We cannot deny that something is wrong when the same action keeps repeating itself over and over. We can change it, and we must.

We owe it to our country. We owe it to our children, and we owe it to the 17 people who lost their life on February 14th. Vow to be a force for positive change so the next generation sees less of what we had to witness on television, and an entire school had to witness in person on Valentine's Day. RIP victims of MSD High massacre. #EnoughisEnough

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**My Little Slice of Paradise**

By Kathy Brock  
I love When My Dogs Take Me for A Walk

People will stop me on the street and ask who is walking who? My typical reply is that I am walking them, but who am I kidding?

If you are a pet owner like we are, you probably started out with good, strict intentions, but after a while the beasts take over the house. Or at least, mine have.

We have two older dogs. Tank our husky is 13 and Butchie our mutt is 11. At this point of their life, there are two points of interest in a day. The walk and food. I should reorder that, food and the walk.

Dogs learn continually throughout their life. It is NOT true that you cannot teach an old dog new tricks. Older dogs are just too smart to "perform" such tasks anymore when they know you will eventually give in and give them what they want anyway for just staring at you.

When they are as old as mine, they know the ins and outs of the daily routine. They know what they want, when they want it and how to obtain it. They make sure they let you know this in multiple ways.

Annie, a beloved dog of ours long since gone, would position herself in front of the TV and stare you down. She was a master at strategic positioning. Our first dog together, TK, was super-smart. He would fake like he had to go out by barking at the door, and then run to where we kept the cookies once he got you up...that is 100% true. He was quite a manipulator.

Our current pair have learned to work in tandem. As soon as the sun peeks out, one of them will start stirring, and then the other will start whimpering until there is a chorus of barking until the food is in the bowls. That is the breakfast ritual. Dinner is a different story.

The other day, Butchie was out with me in the yard as I was watering the tomato plants. Once it hit 4 O'clock I could no longer see him in the yard with me but I heard him bark. There he was up on the deck barking to get inside...wanting to eat. Because he was so vocal outside it got Tank going inside and I just had to give in. We refer to this as "the belly bell". Our dogs have this special alarm bell for sure. Any movement in and around the kitchen in late afternoon will set the alarm off, and once it goes off it can only be turned off by serving food, and they like only good food.

They go through similar shenanigans for walks. They typically get two outings per day. One is the morning walk, the other is the evening ride in the golf cart. After breakfast, the focus immediately switches to a walk. Each will intently watch us for the signs that the walk is going to happen soon. Tank wants it to happen immediately after breakfast. Butchie waits for the "cues" before he gets excited. Any of his cues start the excitement so do not put on socks, shoes or grab a hat until you are ready to take him on the walk. We refer to this as "creating" as he is creating what he wants to happen by seeing our actions and assuming it is because a walk is about to happen.

It is a brilliant strategy because it works every time. Who can resist a dog spinning in circles, jumping with excitement at the mere sight of a ball cap? Heaven forbid we don't go for some reason...the disappointment is so obvious. We call in "hang dog"

Yes, our dogs have trained us well. We have learned the proper actions to perform based on the cues they give us. It took us a few years but we eventually caught on. It is the least we could do to return the unconditional admiration and love they give us everyday. Dogs have pretty pure intentions and I love sharing my life with them. If people were more like dogs the world would be a kinder place.

*Just be the kind of person your dog thinks you are.*

**Recipes for Good Eating**  
by Kathy Brock  
Quick & Easy Applesauce

**Ingredients:**  
6 to 10 apples peeled, cored and sliced  
1/2 cup brown sugar  
1/8 teaspoon cloves  
1/8 teaspoon cinnamon  
3/4 cup water

**Directions:**  
You can cook this on the stovetop, in a pressure cooker or in the microwave. I prefer the stovetop so that is what I will refer to here... Put all ingredients in a large pan with plenty of room. Slowly bring to a boil, cover and simmer for 15 minutes. Remove from the heat and let it sit until it is cooled down.  
Put the cooked apples with all of the juices in a food processor and process until it is smooth. If you like some chunks, withhold some of the cooked apples to add back into the rest of the mix.  
You can also jar some of the applesauce to save it for later. Serve this warm or refrigerated. A scoop of vanilla ice cream is very yummy with slightly warm applesauce. Enjoy it!

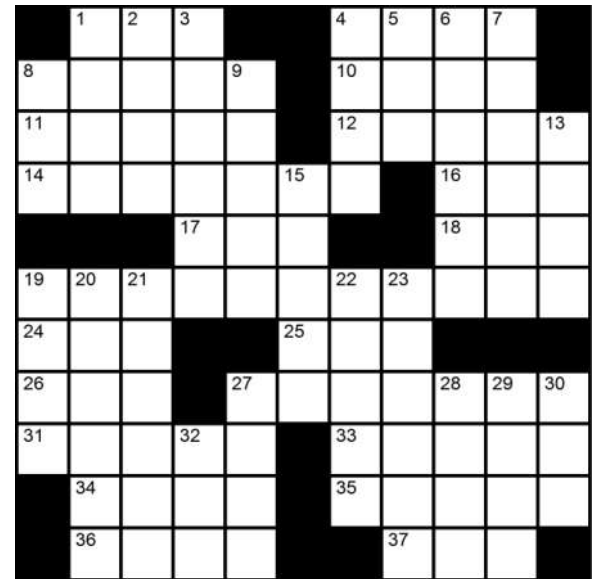
**MULLET RAPPER CROSSWORD**

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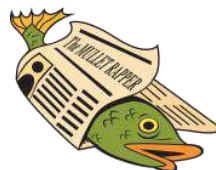
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- 17 Cover
- 18 Very small
- 19 Picnic favorite
- 24 Post-operative room
- 25 Muscleman's pride
- 26 Perfect score
- 27 Riot-squad weapon
- 31 Steamy ballroom dance
- 33 Southwest Native American
- 34 Common sign gas
- 35 "Cosmos" co-creator Carl ---
- 36 Assassinate
- 37 Motion of the head

**Down**

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- 2 Make over
- 3 Designer --- McCartney
- 4 Father of Goneril
- 5 Kind of drug
- 6 Poor penmanship
- 7 The Old Man and --- (Hemingway)
- 8 Allow
- 9 The moon is in one
- 13 Raced
- 15 Solar-treated brick
- 19 Actor Brad
- 20 The Atlantic and Pacific
- 21 Underpass
- 22 Lounges in the tub
- 23 Rocky's wife
- 27 Type of award
- 28 Funk music style or type of dancing
- 29 Big bucks, 2 wds
- 30 Before Francisco
- 32 Former part of Portuguese India



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**Poetry Street**  
By Katherine Tullie



*Let us look forward to each day. The Sun will rise for us to start in a new way. The poem that you are about to read plants a beautiful, optimistic seed.*

**THE OPTIMISTIC CANDLE**

The optimistic candle shines ever so bright  
 In a land of harmony shining both day and night  
 It does not flicker and it does not sway  
 The candle is very strong they say  
 Bringing boundless hope in every direction  
 Always striving for earthly perfection  
 This candle is a guiding light for all to see  
 Even in our own imagination it will be  
 Like a lighthouse it guides us through the stormy seas  
 Never letting us down.  
 The candle will always be.  
 It has origins from long ago  
 From a spark of love that first made it glow  
 As it was cultivated with more love all around  
 The synergy and energy gave it a sound  
 The sound was a heartbeat you see  
 Pulsating and alive for you and for me  
 Its optimistic attitude is an infectious one  
 For it shines as bright as our sun

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**Poetry is Not Only Fun to Read, It Helps Us in Many Other Ways!**

**Kids! Submit Your Poem by March 31 To Win a \$50 Gift Card\***

Poetry is important. We need it... We really do. Poetry promotes literacy, builds community, and fosters emotional resilience.

Poetry can help an adult or a child sort through their feelings and "vent" in a very positive manner.

Poetry can cross boundaries that little else can and can help us find common ground where very little else in common may exist.

**Submit Your Poem by March 31st at 5 pm!**

\*April is National Poetry Month. To celebrate, we are having a poetry contest for children in two age groups; Children 12 and under, and Children 13-18.

The Mullet Rapper & Poetry Street will pick one winner from each age group. The winners will receive a \$50 Walmart Gift Card and we will publish the winning poems in the April 7th edition of the Mullet Rapper.

To submit your poem, email it to [mulletrapper@gmail.com](mailto:mulletrapper@gmail.com) by 3/31/18 and put "poem entry" in the subject line! Make sure to include your age and full name!

**Local News**

**Save the Dates!**  
**March 10-11**  
**Lions Club Turkey Shoot**



**When: March 10 & 11**  
**Where: Port of the Islands Gun Club, US 41**  
**Times: Saturday 10 am to 5 pm**  
**Sunday: Noon to 5 pm**

**Hourly prize giveaways!**  
**Call Joe West for Info:**  
**954-558-0545**

**Come Out and Help Celebrate the Museum's 20th Birthday AND The 90th Anniversary of the Opening of Tamiami Trail!**

**April 28th, 2017**

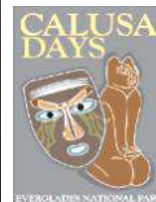


Our museum is turning 20! Each year we get together to celebrate with the Friends of the Museum, the Museum staff and numerous speakers and guests. Please mark it on your calendars and check the website for updates in March so you do not miss out on any of the festivities. We hope to see you there.

**For information go to:**  
**[www.evergladesmuseum.org](http://www.evergladesmuseum.org).**  
**We will post information in March about the details of the events!**  
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**Park News**

**Calusa Days, March 24th**



Join the fun on Saturday, March 24th for a free outdoor event!

Help Everglades National Park celebrate Calusa Days by learning about the 10,000 Islands. Come discover how these fascinating islands have shaped many lives.

**WHERE:** Everglades National Park's Gulf Coast Visitor Center, 815 Oyster Bar Lane, Everglades City 34139

**WHAT to Expect:** 10am-3:00pm engaging outdoor demonstrations \* interesting activities\* riveting storytelling \* thought provoking programs.

**WHO will be there:** At 1:00pm-2:00pm hear local historian Marya Repko tell The Story of Barron Collier.

On Friday, March 23rd 7:30 pm-8:30 pm & Saturday March 24th 11:00 am-12:00 pm, see Florida Public Archaeology Network's, Mallory Fenn, archaeo-astronomy program-ancient stargazing presentation.

**Call the Gulf Coast Visitor Center at 239-695-3311 for more information**

**National Park Fee-Free Days 2018**



**FREE PARK ENTRY DAYS!** The next fee-free day of 2018 is just around the corner on April 21, 2018. Take advantage of this opportunity to #FindYourPark at any of the over 400 National Park sites across the nation!

You can also enjoy great scenery and history with great savings at a national park for free on any or all of the entrance fee-free days in 2018:

- April 21: First Day of Nat'l Park Week
- September 22: National Public Lands Day
- November 11: Veterans Day

"National parks connect all of us with our country's amazing nature, culture and history," said National Park Service Deputy Director Michael T. Reynolds. "The days that we designate as fee free for national parks mark opportunities for the public to participate in service projects, enjoy ranger-led programs, or just spend time with family and friends exploring these diverse and special places. We hope that these fee-free days offer visitors an extra incentive to enjoy their national parks in 2018."

An annual \$80 America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass allows unlimited entrance to more than 2,000 federal recreation areas, including all national parks that normally charge an entrance fee.

**For more information, please visit:**  
**<https://www.nps.gov>**  
**Schedule your visit today!**





**Living Gulf Coast**  
by Charles Sobczak

Florida Black Bear (*Ursus americanus floridanus*)  
Other names: Bear / Status: FL = endangered, IUCN = LC / Length: 4-6 ft (1.2-1.8 m) / Height at shoulder: 2.5-3 ft (.76-.91 m) / Weight: 150-300 lb (68-136 kg) / Life span: to 27 years / Breeds: in the early summer

with the female giving birth to twins or triplets mid-winter / Found: All six counties, near coast, mainland / Months Found: Present all year round.

Unlike the coyote, wild turkey, and white-tailed deer, the black bear has not done so well adapting to manmade changes in the environment. Secretive and with a low reproductive rate, the black bear struggles throughout its broad range to hang onto its remnant populations from the Midwest to Florida. According to the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission, 2,500 to 3,000 black bears are left in the state; some estimates indicate less than half of that. Because of the black bear's reclusive nature and tendency to keep to dense forests with heavy understories, getting an accurate census of the largest land carnivore in Florida is a daunting task.

In Southwest Florida one of the best remaining intact habitats is the Big Cypress National Preserve in southern Collier County. The chance of actually seeing a black bear in Florida are only slightly better than seeing a panther. You might come across bear signs, however, such as bear scat, clawed trees, or tracks (its hind paws resemble a squat, oddly shaped human foot with claws). In the Sunshine State the bear does not hibernate, although it will sometimes remain dormant during periods of cold weather.



Bear hunting was legal in Florida until 1993 when the state imposed a moratorium that remains in place today. The bear is still hunted across the United States, where more than 18,000 bears are killed annually. Canada, which has an estimated black bear population approaching 400,000, also allows controlled hunts of this impressive predator. The largest black bear ever taken was in North Carolina in 1998. It weighed 880 pounds. The meat of black bear is said to taste similar to pork.

Human/bear encounters are rare and seldom fatal. A mother with cubs presents one of the most obvious dangers, but a young, healthy male is also of serious concern. Most attacks occur in places where bears have been fed, such as dump sites or campgrounds, and happen because the animal loses its fear of people. There have been only 52 documented cases of fatal black bear attacks in North America in the past 100 years, none of which was ever recorded in Florida.

The bear is an omnivore. More than 85 percent of its diet consists of herbs, grasses, fruit, acorns, nuts, and tubers. It is very fond of honey and bee larvae, a trait that often brings it into direct conflict with Florida's beekeepers. It also eats termites, carpenter ants, and other colony-building insects. Less commonly, the black bear will take white-tailed deer and smaller mammals such as opossums and raccoons. It will readily feed on carrion and has been known to chase panthers off of a fresh kill.

In Florida the bear is at the top of the food chain. Only the cubs, which are born extremely small at 7.8 to 10.4 ounces, are vulnerable to predation. The majority of bear cub deaths do not come from other predators but from male black bears wanting to induce the female back into estrus. The female becomes reproductive between three and five years of age and rears two to three cubs every two years.

One of the leading causes of bear mortality in Florida are automobile collisions on remote highways. With its slow reproductive rate and need for large, unbroken tracts of forested lands, it is highly unlikely that the Florida black bear will be removed from its endangered status anytime soon.

This article is an excerpt from *Living Sanibel-A Nature Guide to Sanibel & Captiva Islands* by Charles Sobczak.

Photo: by Judd Patterson

**History of the Everglades Comes Alive March 3!**

The 8th annual Vintage Everglades Day will bring alive the past on Saturday, March 3, at Everglades National Park! This year's celebration will highlight how the Everglades' rich history has been told through art, music, and literature.

There will be activities for guests of all ages to enjoy, including a concert, a play, special tours, and presentations by local artists and writers. Guests can even create their own Everglades masterpieces with assistance from professional musicians, poets, and watercolor artists.

Visitors will interact with costumed characters representing those who shaped the Everglades as we know it today – including Henry Flagler, Marjory Stoneman Douglas, Napoleon Bonaparte Broward, Zora Neale Hurston, Guy Bradley, and early activists from the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs. Others will share the stories of less famous, but ever important, farmers, loggers, dredgers, and hunters of plumes, orchids, and snails – yes, orchids and snails!

The Ah-Tah-Thi-Ki Museum and other local museums will have exhibits on display. Guest speakers will include author and activist Audrey Peterman, historian and author Cesar Becerra, and musical conductor Mary Adelyn Kauffman. Grant Livingston, Miami's "historian in song" will perform at noon.

The hub of the day's activities is the Royal Palm Visitor Center, but at 2:30 pm, there will be a dramatic reading of Sandra Riley's play *Footprints: Mary Barr and Kirk Munroe's Love Letter to Florida*, at the Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center. Guests can also enjoy the AIRIE Nest exhibit of Christina Pettersson's *The Unavoidable Twilight*, as well as an exhibit of children's art, at the Coe Visitor Center.

Park guests who leave their cars at the Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center will be admitted free to the park as they ride a special trolley back in time to Royal Palm. There is also a free trolley from Losner Park in Homestead beginning at 9:00 am.

For additional information, contact park information at 305-242-7700 (during regular business hours, Monday-Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.).

**WHAT:** Eighth Annual Vintage Everglades Day where park visitors can explore the human history of Everglades National Park.

**WHEN:** Saturday, March 3, 2018, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**WHERE:** Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center and Royal Palm Visitor Center at Everglades National Park near the Homestead entrance to the park.

Visitors coming from Naples, Marco or Everglades City will take I-75 to the Florida Turnpike (Route 821) south until it ends merging with U.S. 1 at Florida City. Turn right at the first traffic light onto Palm Drive (State Road 9336/SW 344th St.) and follow the signs to the park.



**Immokalee Cattle Drive & Jamboree**  
Saturday, March 10

Experience the pioneer spirit and rich agricultural history of Florida's heartland in Immokalee with a Cattle Drive and Jamboree on Saturday-March 10, 2018 from 8 am to 6 pm. at the Robert's Ranch. **Pioneer Museum, located at 1215 Roberts Ave. W., Immokalee.**

At 8 am there will be a Pancake Breakfast (\$4) to raise funds for the 4H Club in Collier County....the location will be at the Robert's Ranch also.

*We encourage your participation in this grand event.  
You may come dressed "Western Style" to enjoy the festivities!*

**Feral Felines ~ Help is Needed**  
Please help our feral cats by donating so Barbara can continue to help them! Send donations to:  
**Feral Felines, P O Box 564, Chokoloskee, FL, 34138**

**Local News**

**Resident Tim Brock Recognized During National Engineers Week**



Congratulations to Everglades City resident, Timothy Brock for receiving recognition during National Engineers Week. The recognition was given to three engineers in each of 8 districts in Florida for their outstanding work and achievement.

Florida's transportation infrastructure was recently named the best in the nation. Our bridge system is one of the most well-maintained in the country. The engineers, engineer trainees and engineering support staff at the Florida Department of Transportation play an integral role in the design, building and maintenance of the state's transportation infrastructure.

Congratulations to Tim, and kudos for being a key team member on the number one engineering team in the nation!

**Panther Death Toll On Pace with 2017**



Sadly, 2018 is starting off as deadly for panthers as 2017. In 2017, there were 11 deaths in January & February and so far we have matched that number in Collier & Hendry Counties and we have over a week left in the month (as of this writing). Panthers are on the move at this time of year. Females are with their kittens and males are staking out their territories. This movement often brings them too close to the roads where they become victims of vehicle accidents.

Panthers roam mostly at dawn and dusk so please pay close attention when driving during those times. If you see an injured panther or animal, please contact myfwc.com or call: 888-404-3922.

**MSD Festival Honors Grand Dame of the Everglades**

On February 20th through 24th the red carpet is rolled out for the 14th annual Marjory Stoneman Douglas Festival. Many of the events take place in and around Everglades City including the luncheon that featured speakers, prizes and history talks.

The event is hosted by the Friends of the Museum of the Everglades and held at the Everglades Museum and surrounding areas. A great time was had by all during the first days of the event.



**About Marjory:** Marjory Stoneman Douglas died in 1998 at the age of 108. It was in the 1960's that she became an activist for the everglades at the age of 78. Her passion and drive and love for the 'glades pushed her to stay vocal and active in an effort to preserve this unique national treasure. Today, her book, "The River of Grass" is still viewed as one of the most important works written about the Florida Everglades.

**TAXING THINGS**

by Mike the Tax Guy

The Internal Revenue Service today warned taxpayers of a quickly growing scam involving erroneous tax refunds being deposited into their bank accounts. After filing fraudulent tax returns, criminals use the taxpayers' real bank accounts for the deposit and then use various tactics to reclaim the refund from the taxpayers.

**Different Versions of the Scam**

In one version of the scam, criminals posing as debt collection agency officials acting on behalf of the IRS contacted the taxpayers to say a refund was deposited in error, and they asked the taxpayers to forward the money to their collection agency.

In another version, the taxpayer who received the erroneous refund gets an automated call with a recorded voice saying he is from the IRS and threatens the taxpayer with criminal fraud charges, an arrest warrant and a "blacklisting" of their Social Security Number. The recorded voice gives the taxpayer a case number and a telephone number to call to return the refund.

The IRS urged taxpayers to follow established procedures for returning an erroneous refund to the agency. The IRS also encouraged taxpayers to discuss the issue with their financial institutions because there may be a need to close bank accounts. Taxpayers receiving erroneous refunds also should contact their tax preparers immediately. Taxpayers who file electronically may find that their tax return will reject because a return bearing their Social Security number is already on file. Taxpayers unable to file electronically should mail a paper tax return along with Form 14039, Identity Theft Affidavit, stating they were victims of a tax preparer data breach.

**Here are the official ways to return an erroneous refund to the IRS.**

**Taxpayers who receive the refunds should follow the steps outlined below. If the erroneous refund was a direct deposit:**

- Contact the Automated Clearing House (ACH) department of the bank/financial institution where the direct deposit was received and have them return the refund to the IRS.
- Call the IRS toll-free at 800-829-1040 (individual) or 800-829-4933 (business) to explain why the direct deposit is being returned.
- If the erroneous refund was a paper check and hasn't been cashed:
  - Write "Void" in the endorsement section on the back of the check.
  - Submit the check immediately to the appropriate IRS location listed below. The location is based on the city (possibly abbreviated) on the bottom text line in front of the words TAX REFUND on your refund check.
  - Don't staple, bend, or paper clip the check.
  - Include a note stating, "Return of erroneous refund check because (and give a brief explanation of the reason for returning the refund check)."

**The erroneous refund was a paper check and you have cashed it:**

- Submit a personal check, money order, etc., immediately to the appropriate IRS location listed below.
- If you no longer have access to a copy of the check, call the IRS toll-free at 800-829-1040 (individual) or 800-829-4933 (business) (see telephone and local assistance for hours of operation) and explain to the IRS assistor that you need information to repay a cashed refund check.
- Write on the check/money order: Payment of Erroneous Refund, the tax period for which the refund was issued, and your taxpayer identification number (social security number, employer identification number, or individual taxpayer identification number).
- Include a brief explanation of the reason for returning the refund.
- Repaying an erroneous refund in this manner may result in interest due the IRS. IRS mailing addresses for returning paper checks
- Mail to one of the IRS mailing facilities.

**Below is the address for Florida returns;**

**ATLANTA – Internal Revenue Service, 4800 Buford Highway, Chamblee GA 30341**

**Check the IRS website for the correct IRS address for your area.**



EATERIES & AREA WORSHIP



<b>Angler's Cove, Port of the Islands</b> (642-1025): Monday - Wed 5 to 11 pm, Thurs to Sun Noon - 11 pm
<b>Camellia Street Grille (695-2003):</b> 11:00 am – 9:00 pm daily
<b>City Seafood (695-4700):</b> 9:00 am – 6:00 pm; daily Supper Upstairs is Closed
<b>Glades Haven Deli (695-2091):</b> Deli Closed for Repairs Live bait available at marina
<b>Havana Café (695-2214):</b> 7 am to 3 pm daily Fri & Sat 5 pm to 8 pm
<b>Island Café (695-0003):</b> 6:00 am – 9:00 pm; daily
<b>Ivey House (695-3299):</b> 6:30 – 9:30 am; daily
<b>Joanie's Blue Crab Café (695-2682):</b> 11:00 am – 5:00 pm; Mon - Saturday Closed Sunday
<b>Oyster House Restaurant (695-2073):</b> Currently closed for repairs Please check back!
<b>Rod &amp; Gun (695-2101):</b> 11:30 am - 8:00 pm; daily
<b>Tastes of the Everglades (695-0075)</b> Closed--reopening soon!
<b>Triad Seafood &amp; Café (695-2662):</b> M-Th 10:30-6 pm, Fri & Sat 10:30-9 pm Sunday 10:30-9 pm
<b>MARKETS</b>
<b>Right Choice Supermarket (695-4535):</b> 9:00 am – 7:00 pm; daily
<b>Grimm's Stone Crab (239-695-3222):</b> 8 am to 5 pm M-Sat, Closed Sunday
<b>Fresh Produce</b> 1181 Hamilton Lane, Chokoloskee, 9-3 By E City Post Office, Sat & Sun 8:30-3
<b>SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES</b>
<b>Chokoloskee Church of God</b> Sunday: 10 am Sch., 11 am Worship We. 7 pm Hr. of Prayer
<b>Copeland Baptist Church</b> Sunday: 10 am School, 11 am Worship
<b>Everglades Community Church</b> 9:30 am Sunday Worship
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church of Everglades City</b> 9:45 am Sunday School, 11 am Worship 6 pm Sunday, 7 pm Wed. Bible Study
<b>Holy Family Catholic Church</b> Sunday Mass 10:30 am
<b>St. Finbarr Catholic Church, Naples</b> Phone: 239-417-2084
<b>San Marco Catholic Church, Marco Isl.</b> 239-394-5181

**EVERGLADES CITY -  
BARRON RIVER TIDES**  
LAT: 25.87° N LONG: 81.37°W

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3/9/18	Fri	9:11 AM	1.58	H
3/9/18	Fri	3:31 PM	0.82	L
3/9/18	Fri	8:16 PM	2.13	H
3/10/18	Sat	4:38 AM	0.12	L
3/10/18	Sat	1:02 PM	1.67	H
3/10/18	Sat	4:51 PM	0.84	L
3/10/18	Sat	9:28 PM	2.12	H

**Friends of Fakahatchee**  
**2018 Event Schedule**  
(Check Online for Additional Dates)



The Friends of Fakahatchee have announced their 2018 schedule of guided adventures to introduce visitors to Florida's largest state park -- Fakahatchee Strand Preserve. The park entrance is on State Route 29 in Copeland, FL, just north of Everglades City.

**Ghost Rider Tram Tours** from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. are offered for \$25 per person on Saturday, March 3, Thursday, March 8, Thursday, March 15 and Thursday, March 22. The tours are named for the famous ghost orchid found in the park.

**A Naturalist Led Swamp Walk** is scheduled for Saturday, February 24th and will be led by park biologist Mike Owen. On these five-hour adventures, naturalists lead participants deep into the swamp in knee high water. Swamp walks are \$75 and begin at 9:30 am.

**The Combination Tram Tour and Swamp Walk** is offered at 9:30 am on Tuesday, March 13 and Tuesday, March 20, and Tuesday, March 27. This popular four-hour tour pairs a one-hour swamp walk with a guided tram tour for \$60 per person.

To make your required reservations and check for **additional dates through March**, visit: [www.orchidswamp.org](http://www.orchidswamp.org) and click on the "Tours and Events" tab.

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**Fakahatchee Biking Event!**  
**March 11, 8 am to 4 pm**

The Fakahatchee Grind is an opportunity to ride your gravel bike or mountain bike through one of the most diverse and unique ecosystems in all of Florida.

The chance of seeing a panther on this ride is in your favor!

**When:** Sunday March 11, 2018

**Time:** 8 am to 4 pm

**Where:** Fakahatchee event field, turn immediately past the park visitor center entrance.

**Address:** 137 Coastline Drive, Copeland FL 34137

**For more information contact Mike Duey, 239-695-4593**

**Explore Florida's largest state park!**

The Friends of Fakahatchee lead guided swamp walks and tram tours of Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park each week during season. For complete details and required reservations, visit: [www.orchidswamp.org](http://www.orchidswamp.org)  
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