

# The MULLET RAPPER

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

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### City Council Meeting Update

The Mayor and City Council held their monthly public meeting on March 6th, and several new initiatives were discussed.

One issue, the need to increase of the cost of a dock lease, has been delayed until the council can conduct a workshop to discuss all of the implications. It was noted that the city will need to increase the overall annual cost, but it was rebuked at this time because many residents are still smarting from the impact of Hurricane Irma, and an increase will only add to this hardship. The date of the workshop was not scheduled during the session (as of this writing).

A significant change will occur in the building & zoning department. It was a unanimous decision to approve Collier County as the arm that will issue permits and enforce the building codes in Everglades City. This comes after the City's attempt to hire a private firm without success. However, having the county function in this capacity saves the city a substantial amount of money as the county only collects the permit fees, and will not charge the city for this service. This was seen as a huge positive for the city and residents.

Another interesting revelation to come out of the meeting was the Seafood Festival traffic numbers. According to Lt. Jake Walker, Friday night we hosted 7100 visitors. Saturday hosted 26,000 and Sunday another 23,000 making it a well visited (and enjoyed) festival. There were very few, minor incidents to report from the festival.

The subject of boat traffic and airboats came up again, and this too will be discussed in a future council workshop.

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### Oh Baby, Baby!

#### Momma Owl is Bringing up Baby Right Before Our Eyes.

The great horned owl nest in Everglades City is providing some needed entertainment for locals and visitors alike. Saturday the 26th was the first day I spotted the single baby, and so far, that has only been one to appear.

This year the pair took over the osprey nest in the parking lot of the Community Center behind the fire department. The substantial nest is on a tall light pole and the adult is visible almost 100% of the time, and the owlet is quite active at dusk and times throughout the day.

On Saturday, March 3, professional photographer and Chokoloskee resident **Greg Dupignac** was at the nest location snapping photos of the nest. Of course I asked if he would share his photos with the Mullet Rapper and he was very generous to send us two wonderful photos. The photo below is the female guarding her offspring.



The photo at the bottom is a great shot of the baby peeking out from the rim of the nest. Thank you to Greg for sharing these photos. If you want to view the owls, the nest is located behind the gas station. When you see the fire station, look to the North a bit...and look up!



### March Marks Beginning of Sea Turtle Nesting Season in Florida

Sea turtle nesting began in Florida on March 1 and lasts through the end of October. Keeping beaches dark at night and free of obstacles will help sea turtles stay safe during their journey onto the sand to dig their nest and deposit their eggs that hatch in late summer.

Bright artificial lighting can misdirect and disturb nesting sea turtles and their hatchlings, so beachgoers should avoid using flashlights or cellphones at night. Turning out lights or closing curtains and shades in buildings along the beach after dark will ensure nesting turtles are not disturbed as they come ashore and hatchlings will not become disoriented when they emerge from their nests. Clearing away boats and beach debris at the end of the day and filling in holes in the sand are also important because turtles can become trapped in holes & debris on the beach.

Florida's beachfront residents and visitors taking these actions will help conserve the loggerhead, leatherback and green sea turtles that nest on the state's coastlines.

"Keeping Florida's beaches dark and uncluttered at night can help protect sea turtles that return to nest on our beaches," said Dr. Robbin Trindell, who heads the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) sea turtle management program. "Many agency partners, such as nature centers, marine turtle permit holders and local governments, contribute greatly to sea turtle conservation. But caring beachgoers can also make a significant difference in helping nesting and hatchling sea turtles survive."

Exactly when sea turtle nesting season starts depends on where you are in Florida. While it begins in March on the Atlantic coast from Brevard through Broward counties, it starts later in the spring, in late April or May, along the northeast Atlantic, the Keys and Gulf coasts. If you see an injured or distressed sea turtle, please call FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922) or #FWC or \*FWC on a cellphone.



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.

# MARCH 11, 2018 – APRIL 14, 2018

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
11 Bike Rides, see p. 3 & 11 Turkey Shoot, see p. 8 Set Clock Ahead 1 hr	12  No School	13  No School	14 Ladies Coffee Island Café 8 am No School	15 Book Club, see p.3  No School	16 Clyde Butcher Open House, see p. 3 No School	17 new moon ● Pancake Fly- in, see p. 3 Art-in-Glades+ Butcher Open house, p. 3
18	19	20 Dental Screening, see p. 3	21 Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8 am	22	23	24 <u>RAPPER</u> Calusa Days, see p. 8
25	26	27	28 Ladies Coffee Havana Café 8 am	29	30 Good Friday	31 Full moon ○
April 1 Easter Sunrise Service, 7 am ENP	2	3	4 Ladies Coffee Island Café 8 am	5 Book Club, see p.3	6	7 <u>RAPPER</u>
8 Bear Island Bike Ride, see p. 3	9	10 Collier School Board Mtg, EVG, 4:30 pm	11 Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8 am	12	13	14 Community Cleanup, see p. 3

April 17: Pancake Fly-in  
May 3: National Prayer Day

April 21: FBA Meeting, Naples  
May 12: 1st Responders Fish Fry

April 28: Museum Birthday Celebration  
June 30: Independence Day 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).

**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 the 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.

**Art-in-the-Glades**  
**March 17, 10 am to 1 pm**  
 Come to historic Everglades City on Saturday, March 17, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. for Art-in-the-Glades when hand-made crafts and local artworks will be available to purchase at reasonable prices.  
 Let the kids play on the swings in McLeod Park while you browse among the booths under the pavilion.

## Open House With Clyde Butcher


March 16 & 17, 10 am to 4 pm

Join Clyde and Niki at their Big Cypress Gallery Friday & Saturday, March 16th & 17th 10am-4pm for their Annual Spring Open House. They will both be showing their latest works and will be giving gallery talks throughout the day. This is Free and open to the public. Meet our Guest Photographer Paul Marcellini who will also be at the gallery during our open house for a meet and greet.

Visit the center, south of 29 on the Trail: Big Cypress Gallery, 52388 Tamiami Trail Ochopee, FL, Phone: 239-695-2428.

## COMMUNITY SERVICES


**FREE DENTAL SCREENINGS**  
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 The Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida's Health & Smiles Mobil Dental Bus is scheduled to be in Everglades City on **March 20th** 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.


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

The Harry Chapin Food Bank is open every Wednesday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot in front of River Wilderness Waterfront Villas, 210 Collier Avenue, across from the Marathon Service Station.

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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.



### ~Request for Proposal~ Cleaning Help Needed for City Hall

Weekly cleaning services for Everglades City Hall. Please submit your proposal by **March 20,**

2018 to: [accounting@cityofeverglades.org](mailto:accounting@cityofeverglades.org)

**Great American Cleanup**  
**Collier County "Bay Days"**  
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**April 14th, 8 am to 11 am**

Keep Collier Beautiful, Inc. is organizing a county-wide clean up taking place on April 14th from 8 am to 11 am.

The Everglades Lions Club is sponsoring the cleanup in Everglades City, Chokoloskee, and Plantation Island.

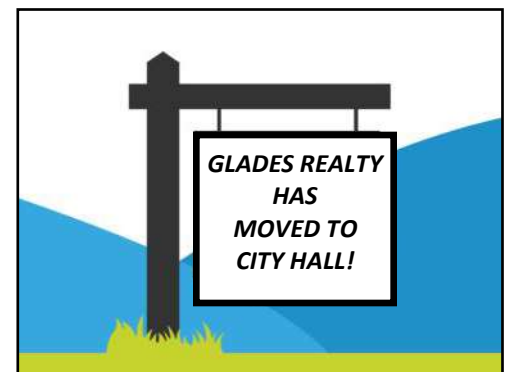
Please come out and help us pick up any of the leftover trash from the storm and the reconstruction taking place throughout our communities. **We need volunteers on land and by boat!**

Volunteers will receive T-shirts, gloves and trash bags and lots of love from their fellow volunteers.

There are many areas of our community that still need quite a bit of attention, so please tell your friends to come too!


To sign up, please contact Tony Pernas. You may email him at [tpernas@bellsouth.net](mailto:tpernas@bellsouth.net). Make sure to include your T-shirt size so that he can have one ready for you when you arrive. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

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**Birding on Chokoloskee Island**  
by Ty & Ida Baumann

My wife Ida and I lived as resident Directors of the Bay Beach Wildlife Sanctuary, a 700-acre refuge in the City of Green Bay, Wisconsin for 40 years. One of our passions was to lead weekly public bird walks, plan and guide the Bay Area Bird Club field trips, manage the refuge acreage to enhance habitat for a diversity of bird species and incorporate our rehabilitated birds of prey as ambassadors for environmental preservation.

Prior to our retirement in 2011 we made two birding trips to Chokoloskee Island. We were pleasantly surprised to encounter a good number of bird species within the confines of a relatively small land area. We found we could leisurely walk the streets and public properties, covering the entire island within a couple hours, locating and identifying the resident and migratory birds.

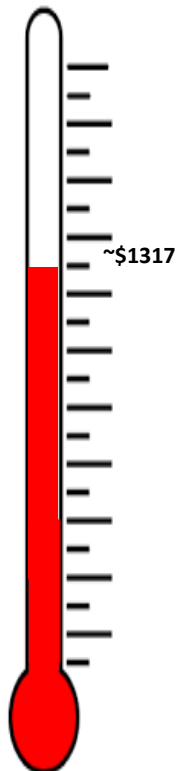
We were concerned how the recent Hurricane Irma had impacted the community of friendly people, the church we had attended, the bird habitat and the birds specifically. We arrived on February 1st, 2018 for a planned ten day visit. Each day we ventured forth seeing some evidence of the severe storm, but it was also evident to us that considerable effort and hard work by the community have returned the Island to a degree of normalcy. We quickly found that a very healthy number of birds still existed throughout the island. We counted a total of 56 species representing a good cross-section of the bird "family" including: songbirds, birds of prey, wading birds, and shorebirds. Our three-bird highlight was the four White-crowned Pigeons (a southern Florida specialty), Painted Bunting, and several Brown-crested Flycatchers.\*

Once again, we continue to be impressed with this birding oasis and look forward to our next birding adventure here on Chokoloskee Island.

*\*Editors Note: The Great Crested Flycatcher is a resident of the SW Gulf Coast of Florida. The Brown Crested Flycatcher is a winter Visitor.*

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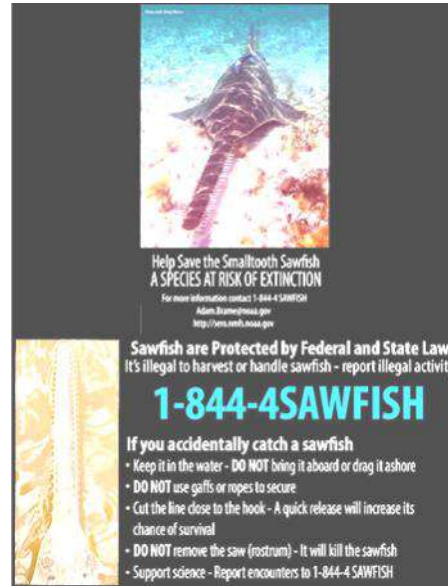
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**SAWFISH NEWS by Tonya Wiley, Havenworth Coastal Conservation**  
**Crystal Anniversary for Sawfish in the U.S.**



April 1, 2018, will mark a milestone for smalltooth sawfish of the United States. Fifteen years ago, the species was listed as an endangered species because scientists determined that the population was at risk of extinction. The listing was the result of information that indicated the U.S. population of smalltooth sawfish had dramatically declined due to overfishing, habitat loss, and the species' limited reproductive potential. And on April 1, 2003, the smalltooth sawfish became the first fully-marine fish and first elasmobranch (sharks, skates, and rays) protected by U.S. Endangered Species Act.

After the listing, NOAA Fisheries convened the Smalltooth

Sawfish Recovery Team to develop a plan to recover the U.S. smalltooth sawfish population. Recovery plans serve as road maps for species recovery—they lay out where we need to go and how best to get there. The team worked several years to build additional knowledge of the species and to identify the most severe threats to the population. The recovery plan was published in 2009 and recommends specific steps to recover the population, focusing on (1) educating the public to minimize human interactions with sawfish and any associated injury and mortality, (2) protecting and/or restoring important sawfish habitats, and (3) ensuring sawfish abundance and distribution increase. Once the plan was published NOAA Fisheries convened a team to begin implementing the Recovery Plan with the ultimate goal of protecting and expanding the remaining sawfish population in the U.S. (Sawfish News author Tonya Wiley is an appointed member of the Smalltooth Sawfish Recovery Implementation Team).

At the time of the listing in 2003, scientists knew very little about the biology, ecology, and population dynamics of smalltooth sawfish. The Recovery Plan identified actions and research goals aimed at gaining a better understanding of the species and the population. And over the last 15 years, scientists from multiple agencies, universities, and organizations have collaborated to research the smalltooth sawfish population in the United States. We now know more about their size and age at maturity, the number of young they give birth to, the food they eat, their large- and small-scale movement patterns and habitat use, and their response to a variety of stressors. These research results greatly improved our understanding of the species and made it clear that we needed to update the Recovery Plan. The team began the revision in 2016, and the new plan will update the state of knowledge of the species, identify our next research goals, and prioritize the actions needed to reach recovery as quickly as possible.

The ultimate goal of the Endangered Species Act is to conserve listed species to the point they are recovered and no longer need the protection afforded by the Act. Developing recovery and implementation teams is just one tool used in the conservation of listed (threatened or endangered) species. The sawfish team has been an excellent example of collaboration and dedication by multiple partners for the good of the species, and the sawfish population is already showing some positive signs of recovery. Continued proper management and protections of the species and its habitats will ensure that sawfish numbers increase and their range expands.

One of the best methods of monitoring the population and tracking recovery progress is the use of public sawfish encounters. If you catch or see a sawfish, please share the information with scientists by calling 1-844-4-SAWFISH (1-844-472-9347) or emailing [sawfish@myfwc.com](mailto:sawfish@myfwc.com).

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**My Little Slice of Paradise**

By Kathy Brock  
Spring is in the Air...And all of Nature Knows This

This is my favorite time of year here in the 10,000 islands area. The weather is perfect. The fishing is good, if not great. Plus all of nature is abuzz!

The birds seem to be the first to notice the subtle seasonal shift. By the last week of February, the purple martins were busy building nests in their "condos," the mockingbirds started building a nest in one of my vanda orchids, and the woodpeckers were tap-tapping away at the pole to deepen their nest cavity in preparation for a new brood.

If you look closely, the trees also take on the look of spring. The mangoes and avocados (still here after Irma) are all in bloom. The cypress trees are showing signs of new, green growth after an exceptionally colorful winter, and the rest of the 'glades is exploding with life.

What amazes me is that nature seems to absorb the blow (pun intended) and move on gracefully. Where trees came down, new growth has appeared. Where branches snapped off, new ones are popping out. And, like a fine Swiss timepiece, the creatures all know it is baby time.

The creatures of the sea are very busy too. The sea turtles will make their annual trek to the beaches to lay their eggs. The turtles return to the same beaches year after year carefully placing their eggs to give them the best chance of survival. She will lay over 100 eggs and then return to the sea. Whenever you see a video of this activity, the poor "mom" looks so darn tired when it is all over!

Our manatees are also getting in on the action so watch out for them in the channels this time of year. Prime mating time is summer, but warm spring days will get things in motion. A single female will be pursued by a herd of males when she is ready, so if you see a group of manatee you-know-what is going on.

Some things are winding down at this time of year. The vegetable growing season is nearing completion. Most crops will be exhausted by the end of April...some sooner. My garden is still producing but is starting to show signs that the end of the growing season is near. Now is the time to collect and dry seeds from your best producers so you can plant them in September for it to start all over again.

The only sad part of spring (for me) is that it signals the time when many of our winter-visitor friends start planning their trek back north. The hustle and bustle of winter and spring events & festivals will soon be over for another season. It is so much fun having them here...especially this year. After what we all went through this summer, it was nice to get much of the work underway, or for some completed, and enjoy "normal" activities again. It really makes you appreciate what you have when it was so close to being lost.

There are still many of our neighbors who are still struggling to find some sense of normalcy. Hopefully, when the "season" of 2018 rolls around in October, their work will be underway or almost completed too.

In the coming weeks, we will see the close of Stone Crab season (May 15) followed by the dog-days of summer. Then, like the fine swiss timepiece nature is, fall will approach and we will bless the fleet for the next crab season.

We will sow our seeds for the vegetable season, greet our winter friends when they come back and enjoy the season all over again.


However this time, we want to do this without a Wilma or an Irma visiting over the summer. We would like to have a "normal" thunderstorm here and there so when our winter residents return they can settle in and enjoy the 10,000 islands wearing sandals, holding a red solo cup and flashing a big, toothy smile.

**Recipes for Good Eating**  
Submitted by Julia Fitzgerald McGlannan

**Grandmother Fitzgerald's "Oh So Southern" Pineapple Casserole**

**Ingredients:**  
 28 ounces canned crushed pineapple (20 oz can plus an 8 oz can)  
 5 slices of white bread, crust removed  
 2 tsp flour  
 ¼ tsp salt  
 ½ cup sugar  
 3 well beaten eggs  
 1/3 to 1/2 stick of butter, or more (depending on your love of butter!)

**Directions:**  
 Preheat oven to 300°. Grease a 9.5 X 9.5 inch X 2-inch casserole dish. Mix the flour, salt and sugar. Add the well-beaten eggs to the dry mixture and mix well. Add well-drained pineapple to the egg mixture and again, mix well (no blender needed). Pour egg and pineapple mixture into the greased casserole dish. Tear white bread with crust removed into medium size pieces and place all over the top of the pineapple mixture. Gently press down on the bread so it begins to absorb the liquid mixture (add another slice of bread if needed). Place dabs of butter over the entire top of the bread. Bake in 300-degree oven for one hour. Let it sit for one hour before serving with a scoop of ice cream (if desired).



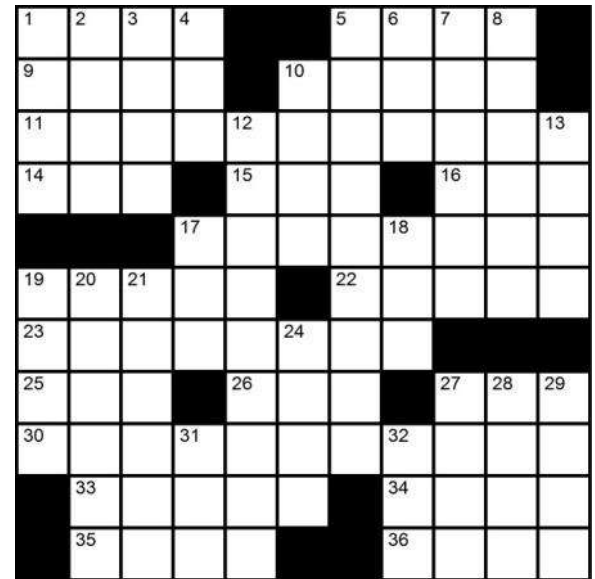
**MULLET RAPPER CROSSWORD**

**Across**

- 1 June 6, 1944
- 5 Banned pollutants
- 9 Former Soviet ruler - -- Andropov
- 10 Knife edge
- 11 Watch, 4 wds
- 14 When one is supposed to get there
- 15 Tin container
- 16 Period of history
- 17 Judicial restraint
- 19 Liquid
- 22 Covered in green growth
- 23 Hung around
- 25 First of her kind
- 26 Male
- 27 Put down in the street
- 30 Journey's end
- 33 Yearned
- 34 The power to reject
- 35 Playthings
- 36 Thrust with a knife

**Down**

- 1 Embankment
- 2 Musical composition for two
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- 4 Pup's cry
- 5 Remarkable events
- 6 Reef
- 7 Dog classifications
- 8 Fungus spreaders
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By Katherine Tullie



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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 7 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!

**More Local Events**  
**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:**  
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**Come Out and Help Celebrate the Museum's 20th Birthday**  
**AND**

**The 90th Anniversary of the Opening of Tamiami Trail!**  
**April 28th, 2017**

April 28, 2018, marks the 90th anniversary of the opening of the Tamiami Trail and the 20th Birthday of the Museum of the Everglades!



The Tamiami Trail (from Tampa to Miami) was a brilliant engineering feat, conquering the once impenetrable

Everglades and stands out as a picturesque link between the two coasts of Florida. Barron Gift Collier invested much of his personal wealth in building the Tamiami Trail, a gigantic project to link Florida's east and west coast with a continuous highway across the Everglades. The road was completed and opened to traffic on April 26, 1928.



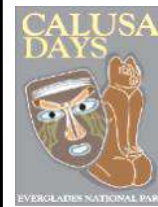
Establishing a museum was the dream of the Everglades Women's Club which eventually evolved into the Friends of the Museum of the Everglades, under the

leadership of the late Pauline Reeves, for whom the museum's front gallery is named. The Museum of the Everglades was opened 20 years ago on the 70th anniversary of the Trail. We will also be commemorating the 65th Anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Everglades City in 1953 and the 95th Anniversary of the establishment of Collier County in 1923.

The celebrations will start at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 28, at the Museum of the Everglades, located at 105 West Broadway in Everglades City, Florida. Festivities will include a parade, live music, food, and fun for all the family as well as a walking tour of historic buildings and the "old timers" storytelling. This event is free and open to the public.

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

**Park News & Events**  
**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!

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- 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."

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**Living Gulf Coast**  
by Charles Sobczak

**Wood Duck** (*Aix sponsa*) Other names: summer duck, woodie, squealer, swamp duck, acorn duck, Carolina duck / Status: FL = stable, IUCN = LC / Length: 18.5-21.3 in. (47-54 cm) / Wingspan: 26-28.7 in. (66-73 cm) / Weight: 16-30.4 oz (454-862 g) / Life span: to

22.5 years / Nests: a small, remnant population nests in Florida, most nest north of the Mason-Dixon Line / Found: All Counties, near coast, mainland / Months found: **JfmamjjASOND** (lower case indicates breeding period).

The male wood duck is considered by many birders and photographers to be one of the most beautifully adorned birds in North America. Its distinctive pattern, coupled with a multitude of colors such as its iridescent green head, white neck, red breast, and buff-colored belly make it an unmistakable sighting in the wild. The female, although also attractive, is nowhere near as flamboyant.



A combination of habitat loss and severe over-hunting brought the population of this bird to the edge of eradication around the turn of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, roughly the same time that the passenger pigeon and Carolina parakeet vanished.. The demise of the wood duck population at that time helped push through the 1916 Migratory Bird Treaty, followed by the enactment of the Migratory Bird Act of 1918. These new regulations protected the remnant wood duck population, but the bird was given an additional boost in the 1930s with the development of the artificial nesting box. Today, wood-duck nesting boxes are ubiquitous across the U.S. and well up into Canada. In the winter months, the resident Florida population swells with migrating flocks, making this an easy bird to add to your life list.

This small duck prefers hardwood swamps, especially flooded oak forests where it dines on acorns, seeds, insects, and berries. It is a cavity nester and can lay as many as 20 eggs per clutch. The newly born chicks jump out of the nest shortly after being hatched; because they are so light and down covered, they have been known to survive falls from as high as 290 feet without injury.

The wood duck has recovered from its brush with extinction and is now a game bird in Florida. The daily bag limit is six ducks per day, and three can be wood ducks. Slightly smaller than the mallard, the wood duck has a similar taste. The adult duck is taken by falcons, owls, and eagles, and the nestlings and eggs are subject to any number of tree-climbing predators.

This article is an excerpt from *Living Sanibel*-by Charles Sobczak.  
Photo of Male Wood Duck by Charles Sobczak

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**Fishing the 10,000 Islands**  
with Captain Mike Merritt

With March here we can expect better action on the outside—but with March we get the winds. Warmer waters have brought in Tarpon early this year. There have also been some nice Permit around. Snook are already biting well on the outside as well. It seems things have started early this year. Get in on the hot action and have some fun.

The Seatrout are still biting, and they seem to be on the flats in great numbers. I am still using a popping cork rigged with a 1/2oz. DOA shrimp and getting great action. Of course, they will gladly eat a live shrimp. There are days when a jig fished down in the grasses will out produce both of these. Be ready to change up if what you are doing is not producing. March is when we tend to get some really nice size Seatrout so get in on this action.

Redfish have thinned out some but March will still produce some nice



Reds in the Islands. A live shrimp fished under a cork rigged to sit just above the bottom will get bites! If you can cast a jig tipped with shrimp you can cover more area and your odds go up. But for those that are not as accurate at casting, the popping cork with a shrimp is the way to go. You can move along with your trolling motor and work a shoreline making

sure to pop it but not as aggressively as you do for trout. You may even locate some new hot spots!

Snook are heating up and the season is open if you want to keep one. There is plenty of live bait around if that is your preference. Jig fishing will also produce, and I prefer the DOA Cal tails on a 1/4 oz or 3/8 oz assassin jig heads. These hooks hold up to big fish. The same popping cork and shrimp will also catch the Snook. I just had a client catch a 41" Snook on this rig. This works!



Tarpon are out in the islands and also in the backcountry. We have been hooking up with the DOA Baitbuster. I've also had some pretty good action on live crabs. The great thing about fishing the live crabs for the Tarpon offshore is the chance you have at hooking up with some big Permit. We got a 35 lb. Permit today while Tarpon fishing.

The fishing is heating up right along with the water. Things are going to continue to get better so take part of the action now! Good Luck Fishing! ~Capt. Mike Merritt

**SNOOK SEASON IS OPEN**

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## Local News

### LCEC Electing New Board Members

By John D'Esposito, Cape Coral

Lee County Electric Cooperative will be electing three new Board of Trustees members this month, and it is essential that all LCEC members participate. LCEC is a member-owned cooperative, which means that everyone owns it. The board of Trustees acts as the members' representatives, and makes policies that are in the best interest of the members. Sadly, only a small percentage of members vote.

There are some important issues for the Board to take up. Of course, the first responsibility is to assure a reliable source of low-cost power for the members. How can we achieve that? What steps do we take to harden the electrical grid against weather and climate-related events like hurricanes and tornadoes? How should LCEC protect its computer system from cyber attacks from rogue nations and hackers? Where should LCEC obtain electricity from? Should LCEC look at generating some of its own power through sources like wind and solar? Will energy efficiency programs and incentives benefit the members by reducing the cost of purchased power? All these issues need to be addressed and reviewed constantly as the markets and political realities change.

The Board also needs to resolve the ongoing dispute with the City of Cape Coral; over LCEC's franchise to do business there. This has dragged on for years, and has only resulted in spending on significant legal fees. Additionally, LCEC needs to develop new ways to communicate with members, so that they may be more fully informed and become more involved.

Please vote.. you may do so by mail, by phone, or electronically. LCEC is YOUR electric cooperative.

### ORA Bazaar A Huge Success!!

A big thank you to everyone who attended the ORA Bazaar on Saturday, February 24th. It was a beautiful day, jam packed with lots of things going on in the area, so we're so happy you took the time to stop out by us. We sincerely appreciate it.

We hope everyone enjoyed themselves. Mark your calendars. Next years Bazaar will be held on Saturday, February 23rd, 2019.

### Everglades Community Church Reopens After Renovations

After much hard work and many helping hands, Everglades Community Church is back! On March 11, they will resume Sunday morning worship at 11 am. We are very happy for the entire congregation, congratulations!

An **Easter Sunrise Service** will be held at Everglades National Park on Sunday, April 1st at 7 am. Bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on. More information will appear in the March 24 issue.



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## Blackie & Sam (of Chokoloskee)

by Lincoln Hall

Over the past twenty-three years, we have seen a number of feral cats on our Chokoloskee Island property. We first met Blackie around 2003. His coat is black, complemented by a white patch under his throat and white toes. He showed up with two companions, Gabby a large white and yellow female, and a bob-tailed Tabby. At the beginning of our relationship, all three cats were wild and untouchable. But being the suckers we are, when we were there, we would put out scraps for them.

Due to our business, we were on the island only a few weeks each year. So whatever food they got from us was sporadic. I don't remember if it was the summer of 2004 or 2005, but we had an intense mosquito infestation and I noticed that a large percentage of Gabby's hair was missing; probably due to mosquito bites. We put cat food and discovered that Gabby would let me touch her, and after a few times of touching, I was able to pick her up. We took her to the vet on Route 41 in Naples. The vet was interested in her, said he had a client who lived on Marco Island who had just lost her cat, and she would give Gabby a good home. We felt better knowing Gabby would be out of the swamp safe and sound.

Blackie and Tabby would continue to come around looking for food but would not let us pet them. We noticed that they appeared to be sleeping under our Neighbor, Sam Harrod's, place. Sam was a great friend and proud of his University of Kentucky Wildcats. When Hurricane Wilma came in over the island October 25, 2005, Sam's home was destroyed by hurricane tornados; along with our homes and many other homes on the island and Everglades City. Both cats disappeared. We speculated that when the tornado hit, Blackie and Tabby were under Sam's home and were crushed or washed away by the tide that covered most of the island.

After a few weeks, while we were cleaning and removing the debris to prepare for rebuilding, to our surprise, Blackie showed up. He looked battered and was very hungry. Blackie stayed around while we rebuilt our homes and my wife decided to purchase an automatic cat feeder. Sam agreed to keep it replenished with cat food when we were not there. Over time, a bond developed between Sam and Blackie, to the point where Blackie would go up Sam's stairs and remind him to put out cat food. Sam fell in love with Blackie and eventually Blackie would let Sam touch him.

In the subsequent years up to 2017, our neighbors Sam, Helen, Mike, Mark and Mary, pitched in and collectively we were able sustain Blackie's food supply. Through all this time, however I was never able to pick Blackie up without getting scratched. Eventually, he would let us pet him enough to put salve on the hairless spots created by mosquito bites and his scratching.

Sadly, Blackie lost one of his main supporters when Sam passed away February 3, 2017. By this time we were spending more time on the island, but providing for Blackie was becoming more problematic. In June 2017 we had an intense infestation of salt marsh of mosquitoes. If Blackie was to survive, we felt bold action was necessary. My wife bought a large cat carrier and I finally got up enough courage to get Blackie into the carrier. I put on a long sleeve jacket and work gloves and while Blackie was eating, I grabbed him and shoved him into the carrier. To our surprise, he did not resist. We took him to our home in Orlando and, to our vet. The vet gave him a full workup (you don't want to know what that cost) and amazingly pronounced Blackie as having arthritis, fleas, hard of hearing, but otherwise healthy. Minus the fleas, Blackie's health report is close to the same report I get from my doctor.

When Irma struck Florida this past September, we were thankful that Blackie was off the island. Had he been there, Blackie would not have survived, and we would have felt guilty had we not taken action to get him off the island.

Blackie is content in his new home. His fur coat has a new luster, and he has an obvious affection for my wife. In summary, Blackie and I are old, arthritic, limping around, but enjoying life. He is twenty years old and I will soon be 84. My wife and I think of Sam often and believe that somewhere up there Sam is smiling that Blackie is in a safe, air-conditioned home, and especially happy when the University of Kentucky wins a basketball game.



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> 11 am to 4 pm
<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> 11:00 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, 6 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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3/18/18	Sun	11:33 PM	0.07	L
3/19/18	Mon	4:26 AM	2.6	H
3/19/18	Mon	11:47 AM	0.15	L
3/19/18	Mon	4:39 PM	2.58	H
3/20/18	Tue	12:15 AM	-0.01	L
3/20/18	Tue	5:11 AM	2.46	H
3/20/18	Tue	12:20 PM	0.28	L
3/20/18	Tue	5:01 PM	2.6	H
3/21/18	Wed	1:00 AM	-0.07	L
3/21/18	Wed	6:05 AM	2.28	H
3/21/18	Wed	12:53 PM	0.43	L
3/21/18	Wed	5:28 PM	2.6	H
3/22/18	Thu	1:51 AM	-0.09	L
3/22/18	Thu	7:11 AM	2.06	H
3/22/18	Thu	1:27 PM	0.59	L
3/22/18	Thu	6:04 PM	2.58	H
3/23/18	Fri	2:54 AM	-0.08	L
3/23/18	Fri	8:35 AM	1.88	H
3/23/18	Fri	2:07 PM	0.75	L
3/23/18	Fri	6:52 PM	2.52	H
3/24/18	Sat	4:08 AM	-0.08	L
3/24/18	Sat	10:06 AM	1.81	H
3/24/18	Sat	3:45 PM	0.88	L
3/24/18	Sat	8:15 PM	2.43	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 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, March 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 throughout 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 at 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)  
All proceeds benefit the Park

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RV HOOKUPS, Everglades City. Two Sites, 30 and 50 amps. Service, water, no sewage. Rent nightly or weekly. Rough boat ramp, 100 ft. dock. Private & secure. Contact Capt. Wayne of Fish Hunt Charters at 239-695-2445.

BOAT FOR SALE: 2016 Carolina Skiff 24 DLX. 2016 Yamaha F115 motor. 2nd Bimini top, Garmin 740, front bench/cooler. Used 3 months. Perfect boat for the Everglades. Very stable and perfect for commercial use, boating, guiding or photography. Mint. Asking \$28,000. Call Sandee Harraden @239-250-4662.

FOR SALE: 16' Sea Fox Boat, 50 HP Tohatsu Motor, less than 100 hours use. Aux. electric motor, depth sounder + GPS, Trailer. Located at Captain's Table. Call 231-947-4766. Also 16' canoe.

REDUCED! 2 stilt houses EC: NOW \$239,900 for 408 Buckner; NOW 339,900 for 309 S. Storter. GREAT shape! Call Steve 910-599-2698. Available dock.

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FOR SALE: RV Lots with docks. Call Bob Wells Real Estate @ 239-695-2660 for more information.

FOR RENT: Everglades City R.V. Hookups. Two sites, 30 and 50 amp service, water, no sewage. Rental available nightly and weekly. Rough boat ramp, 100 ft boat dock with water. Private and Secured. Contact Captain Wayne of Fishhuntcharters at 1-239-695-2445.

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JOB OPPORTUNITY: River Wilderness needs a part time house keeper. Year round employment. Flexible hours. Call the office noon to 6, Monday through Saturday. Call: 239-695-4499.

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# **Important Information About Your Drinking Water**

FOR CUSTOMERS SERVED BY:

## **Everglades City Drinking Water Plant**

### **SITUATION**

The Everglades City drinking water system failed to perform biannual compliance monitoring for Lead and Copper during the July-December 2017 monitoring period. The failure to perform monitoring for Lead and Copper during this period of time, is a violation of Rule 62-550-800, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.), and 40 CFR 141, Subpart I.

### **HEALTH EFFECTS**

*We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards. During the July to December 2017 monitoring period, we did not perform biannual monitoring for Lead and Copper, and therefore cannot be sure of the quality of the drinking water (with respect to these contaminants) during that time.*

### **WHAT IS BEING DONE?**

Although the above-referenced public drinking water system may not have performed compliance monitoring for Lead and Copper during the July to December 2017 monitoring period, Lead and Copper samples collected on May 5, 2017 indicated that the action level was not exceeded. Also, by no later than April 1, 2018, the water system is required to collect 20 Lead and Copper Samples.

### **WHAT SHOULD CUSTOMERS DO?**

Since the laboratory analyses results for the Lead and Copper samples collected on May 5, 2017, indicated that the action level was not exceeded at this time,

**CUSTOMERS NEED NOT TAKE ANY ACTION OR SEEK AN ALTERNATIVE WATER SUPPLY.**

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**For more information please contact: Keith Mullins at 352-302-4096.**

or contact Andrew Price of the Department of Environmental Protection's Potable Water compliance/enforcement Section at [andrew.price@dep.state.fl.us](mailto:andrew.price@dep.state.fl.us) or call 239-344-5621.

**Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly. You can do this by distributing by hand or by mail.**