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Perfect Day, Biggest Parade Ever & Fantastic Fireworks!

Celebrating Independence Day

The turnout was fantastic for the annual Independence Day celebration - the Everglades City way!

As always, our celebration takes place on the Saturday before the actual 4th, so this year we celebrated on June 30th...and celebrate we did!

The day started with the opening ceremony and big cannon BOOM, the special fire house dedication and the parade.

This year's parade was very special. The Greater Naples Fire Department led the parade with an impressive collection of fire trucks, and the Collier County Sheriff's Office participated with Mounted Officers. The horses were beautiful.

The parade had more local participants than any in memory. The community was out in force and red, white and blue was everywhere.

The decorated golf carts are becoming quite a tradition. Carts featured flags, garland and even some pulled carts! There were so many, we joked that everyone in town was actually in the parade!

After the parade, we set off to McLeod park for the art, crafts and delicious hot dogs that were sponsored by the Lions Club. Over 300 hot dogs were given out on this beautiful summer day.

Of course, the day closed with our amazing fireworks at 9 pm. They were beautiful. They went off in rapid succession and ended with a spectacular finale.

This was the perfect closing to a picture-perfect day in the Everglades area. Thank you to everyone who participated to make this a very special day for all.



Opening Ceremony on City Hall Steps



CCSO is in the Spirit!



Friends of Fakahatchee is in the Spirit!



Friends of the Museum is in the Spirit!

Firehouse Dedicated & Named After Everglades City Pioneer



Tommy Mitchell's family moved to Everglades City in 1958. After graduating from Everglades City School in 1967, Tommy worked at various jobs and as a volunteer fireman. However, his goal was to become a certified fireman so he attended fire college and obtained his certification. Soon after, he began working at the Ochopee fire station.

As an Everglades City resident, he knew the City needed its own fire department so he began working on that goal with friend, Charley Reynolds. They talked with residents and received some donations. They also got additional funding from the Organized Florida Fisherman group from the proceeds of the weekly dinners they sponsored and also from the Seafood Festival that debuted in 1977.

Tommy eventually drew up the plans for the fire house and by 1980 his dream became a reality.

In late 2017, Councilman Tim Smith made the suggestion for the dedication at a City Council meeting. The Council and Mayor all agreed, and the plan for the dedication was put into motion.

The dedication and signage was approved by the Greater Naples Fire Department, and the dedication ceremony was set for the City's Independence Day celebration June 30th!

We are so very pleased that Tommy Mitchell has been honored by our community with the fire station that now bears his name.

Thank you Tommy Mitchell for your dedication to Everglades City. You have made us a much better and safer community.

Photos: Top: The Lt. Tom Mitchell Station sign on the east side of the fire station. Bottom: Tommy Mitchell (left) and Mayor Howie Grimm at the ceremony.

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JULY 15, 2018 – AUGUST 18, 2018

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
JULY 15	16	17 P & Z Mtg, 7 pm, City Hall	18 Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8 am	19	20	21
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Sept. 1: Snook Season Reopens

Sept. 15: Fishing Tourney (see swflgo.com)

Sept. 29: Blessing of the Fleet

Oct. 15: First Day of Stone Crab Season

Oct 27: Halloween Celebration

Oct 27 & 28 Butcher Swamp Weekend

AREA INFORMATION & NUMBERS:

AA: Wed., 5:00 pm, Evg. Comm. Church, Fellowship Hall
 CARNESTOWN Recycle and Trash: 2nd Saturday, 9 am to 3:30 pm
 DR DEMARTINO: Marco Island office information on p.3.
 DR MARTIN: Call for appointment: 813-787-9738
 LIONS CLUB: Meetings suspended for summer.
 MUSEUM: Open Monday-Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm. 239-695-0008
 PANCAKE FLY-IN: Closed for summer.
 REACH OUT: 3rd Tuesday, 4 pm, City Hall
 SKATING RINK: Closed until further notice
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Florida Tax Free Days for Back-to-School, August 3-5

The Florida tax free weekend for back-to-school supplies will be held the first weekend in August in time for the new school year which begins on August 15th.

Qualifying items include; backpacks, diaper bags and fanny packs. Clothing and footwear, wallets. Other tax free items under \$15 like; calculators, compasses, crayons, pens, pencils, tape, scissors, paper, notebooks, pads and other items commonly used in classrooms by students.

For a complete list of items that qualify for no sales tax, go to: <http://swflgo.com/back-to-school-tax-free-2018/>.

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Voice Your Community's Needs! Take PACE the Survey!

The Florida Department of Health in Collier County wants to help you make where you live even better.

You can take the online survey at: www.surveymonkey.com/r/PACE-EHSurvey
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Everglades Community Pantry, a proud partner agency of the Harry Chapin Food Bank, is open every Wednesday from noon to 2 in Jinkins Fellowship Hall at Everglades Community Church. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.


DOCTOR'S CLINIC

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NEW THRIFT SHOP

 The new thrift shop is open, Thursday & Saturday from 11 am to 3 pm. Come see the new store! Please do not leave donations on the porch outside where they can get wet or damaged! Please do not drop off damaged items.

Donors Make Fireworks Possible in Everglades City

Our little town sure knows how to put on a party. The full-day totally free events on June 30th were no exception.

The Lions Club ran out of hotdogs after serving over 300 of them...all supplied and prepared by the club. The City Hall looked sleek with the new landscaping provided by Rick Perez Landscaping...but the one thing everyone is still talking about is the fireworks!

Each year the city relies on donations to fund the spectacular program. Because we celebrate a bit "off date" we get the pyrotechnic experts a bit less expensive too.

However, none of this could happen without the help from businesses and individuals who give what they can so we can have a complete celebration.

There are far too many donors to list them all, but we would like to thank our "top" donors this year for helping our town celebrate our country's independence that includes an awesome fireworks display:

- \$500 donors: Captain Mitch's Airboat Rides, Grimm's Stone Crabs, LCEC Community Relations
- \$250 donors: Robert & Nancy Gemma, Lions Foundation of Everglades
- \$200 donors: Peter & Robin Strauss, Publix Supermarkets
- \$151 donors: Captain Jack's
- \$150 donors: Katherine Tullie, Clyde Butcher Gallery, Triad Seafood

Thank you to everyone who donated that is not mentioned above. Not matter what amount you give, it made a difference, and it is appreciated.

Thank you for everyone who helped organize the event. A special thank you to councilwoman Elaine Middelstaedt who organized the (much) larger parade this year.

Thanks to Mayor Grimm who continues to make improvements in the community, it is not going unnoticed.

And, thanks to all of the residents that came out to show the rest of the state that we may be small...but we know how to make an impact! Red, White & KaBoom!

If you haven't seen the fireworks in Everglades City yet, come next year to see them. You'll be glad that you did!



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Our Amazing Bodies by Dr. John Martin
The Gut-Brain Connection

Recent studies show what we nutritionists have known for many years, have agreed upon and strived to share for decades.

It really depends a great deal on what you eat, that determines whether your brain is working at its full potential. And furthermore, whether you will be at greater risk than necessary for dementia in your later years. And is suspect in no small degree in childhood Otitis media, ADHD and Autism. Decades of poor lifestyle choices and exposure to our toxic environment can lead to a whole host of dis-eases (especially neurological) at any point in one's adulthood. Yes, one can perhaps be genetically predisposed to various diseases. But we now know we can influence the expression of our DNA in positive ways leading to longer lives with less disease. A major influence on our positive beneficial genetic expression is through wise diet decisions.

A newer "buzzword" amongst the researchers and health professionals alike, is "Micro-Biome" - which refers to the microbial populations that inhabit your digestive tract.

This multitude of varieties of organisms as well as the astronomical numbers of individual critters in your gut (the microbiome) is vital for your entire health picture. Your body is made up of millions and billions of cells. The nervous system alone is to consist of trillions of individual cells. The number of microorganisms on you, and in you, is easily a hundred-fold. Recent studies have proven over and over again, that a proper balance of populations of beneficial bacteria (esp. those that help you digest food stuffs) is a critical aspect of a healthy individual.

An imbalance of the proportional populations, of microbial types of organisms that should be there, and a properly functioning nervous system to communicate needed messages between the brain and the gut, can contribute to a healthy, self-healing individual, OR wreak havoc with all eleven systems of the human body and cause or greatly exacerbate all sorts of disease.

Of course, although paramount, nutrition is just one facet of a healthy human being. With eleven systems in the human body (Systems detailed in articles in the Mullet Rapper over the past two years) other internal and external issues must be in balance. The undisputed communication system is the nervous system, the brain being "command central". Without a healthy and balanced gut flora, however, the ultimate cause of most disease - inflammation - impacts the brain as well, never in a good way.

The biochemistry and physiology of how this all works is - yes, amazing. And sometimes very complicated. The reader is encouraged to "Google" and research on their own to one's own personal level of interest. Let's review some age-old tenets of developing and maintaining a healthy gut flora (and with it, a healthy brain).

Fresh is always better than frozen, is always better than canned, is always better than boxed. Modern day technology gives us greater variety and shelf life, but it also tempts us to eat less nutrient dense foods (often out of season). If bugs have a hard time digesting your food, because it's processed and packaged for market and by design has longer shelf life, you will have a harder time digesting it and enjoying the innate benefits.

Organic is worth the price. It's always a healthier start to buy organic, Non-GMO, locally grown produce and meats. The environmental cost of meats is the greatest in beef, then less in pork, then poultry, then fish. We will detail these real cost factors in forthcoming articles. Including just how much protein (and carbohydrates, and fats) do we really need(?) ***Fats is NOT the culprit. Sugar IS!

For nearly seventy years, since a flawed study, a biased comparison of countries around the world were compared to one another as to the incidence of cardiovascular disease and the amount of fats consumed. The U.S. Government and the general public has been misled. The food industry and the medical industry have gotten fatter as has the general U.S. Population. And SICKER.

It's not the fats nor the cholesterol that adversely impacts our hearts, circulation and brains, pancreas, and waistline, and keeps us in a constant state of systemic inflammation. But after waging war on fats, and pursuing a low-fat, no-fat, vs. trans-fat diet - we gravitated to a higher caloric intake via carbohydrates, i.e. more sugar. A hundred years ago, we consumed about 3 pounds of granulated sugar per person per year. That figure is now up to an estimated equivalent of 130 pounds per person per year.

We are fast becoming a nation of sugar addicts. The major universal preservatives are salt, alcohol, yeast, and SUGAR. Sugar comes with many names. If not added as a sweetener, it's added to much of our food as a preservative, most often in the form of corn syrup. Grains and baked goods (carbs) follow close behind. More on this to come! (See Dr. Martin's contact information on page 3.)

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*A Message From the Superintendent
Dr. Kamela Patton*



I am so excited to say that we continue to be an "A" rated school district! Collier County Public Schools is tied for the third highest in percentage points out of 67 districts in Florida. Our District has 50% of its schools earning an "A" and no "D" or "F" schools. It is the first time in CCPS history that we have all "A", "B", and "C" schools since the inception of school grading in 1999. We are #CCPSProud of the achievements of individual students, families, teachers, school administrators and the collective District performance. Earning an "A" is a significant accomplishment for our schools and the community.

Along with our outstanding school and District grades, I want to congratulate students, staff, and administrators on the recent assessment results released by the Florida Department of Education (FDOE). Despite the unique challenges this year, CCPS outperformed the State in 19 of 21 tested areas. Grades three, four, five, and six outperformed the State in all areas. In addition, all areas of science increased again this year due to a continued focus on Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM) and an emphasis on student engagement. We continue to be encouraged by the District's upward progression, which is a true testament to the hard work and dedication of our students and staff. Our continued upward progression is definitely a #CCPSSuccess!

It is always surprising how quickly time flies during the summer months. I hope everyone is enjoying this time off by relaxing and spending quality time with family and friends. At CCPS, we are hard at work preparing for a phenomenal 2018-2019 school year.

I always recommend keeping up with academics during the summer months. There are many ways to avoid the "summer slide" and to *Keep Learning Alive* in your household. Our summer information page has resources and activities the whole family will enjoy.

Continue having great summer and we look forward to seeing you back on the first day of school, August 15th!

~ Dr. Kamela Patton

Editors Note: Everglades City School received a "C" grade for last school year according to the State's grading system. The Mullet Rapper gives the school an "A" for overcoming a very difficult year impacted by Hurricane Irma. We also give the entire school staff an "A" for helping the community during that very difficult time!



**Mullet Rapper Donations to Everglades City School
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Thank you to everyone who buys the Mullet Rapper every two weeks. Remember, the Mullet Rapper donates 100% of the proceeds from the sale of the print edition of the paper to the Everglades City School Athletic Department! When you see the coin receptacle, please put your quarter (or more) into the slot!

When You Buy the Print Edition of the Mullet Rapper, It Helps Everglades City School!

**New Decals Support Florida's Manatees & Sea Turtles
Waterproof Decals Help Fund Manatee & Sea Turtle Conservation**

Florida's waters and beaches are not only popular with people, but are also key habitats for manatees and sea turtles. More of these iconic species live here than in any other state. The manatee and sea turtle decals, created by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), are a fun way for people to support the research, rescue and management efforts that conserve these species.



Every July, the FWC introduces new manatee and sea turtle decals that are available with a \$5 donation. The waterproof decals are designed to look good on a vehicle's bumper or the side of a boat. Get them when registering or re-registering a vehicle or boat at local tax collector's offices across the state.

"Florida provides critical habitats for manatees and sea turtles," said Carol Knox, who leads the FWC's Imperiled Species Management Section. "Public support is making a difference in helping us conserve these imperiled species. Please get these decals to show your support."

Over 6,000 manatees swim in the state's coastal waters, rivers and freshwater springs, and about 20,000 sea turtles nest each year on Florida's Atlantic and Gulf coast beaches. The decals help fund manatee and sea turtle conservation efforts. For example, when someone calls the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922) to report an injured, entangled or sick manatee or sea turtle, FWC staff works with partners to respond and rescue the animal.

FWC Says Boat Sober, or Get a Ticket (or Worse)!

FWC officers will be focused on educating boaters about safe boating practices, which includes boating sober and enforcing the Florida's boating under the influence laws.

With the summer boating season underway, the FWC reminds boaters that impaired boating is against the law. In 2017, a total of 944,162 boats were registered in Florida, with an estimated 1 million additional non-registered boats enjoying Florida's waters. And last year, July had more reportable accidents (113) and more fatal accidents (11) than any other month.


Operating a vessel under the influence of alcohol or drugs is illegal on all bodies of water and can lead to serious injuries and consequences. In Florida, it is illegal to operate a vessel with a blood alcohol content level of .08 or higher - the same as it is to operate a vehicle.

"The accidents and tragedies that happen because individuals choose to drive drunk or impaired, on land or on the water, are preventable. The decision lies with the individual on whether they choose to operate a boat or vehicle while under the influence," says Maj. Robert Rowe, FWC's Boating and Waterways Section Leader. "As law enforcement, it is our job to do all we can to ensure the safety of our recreational boaters and paddlers. That is why the FWC is joining other states and agencies across the country to do our part in keeping boaters safe and preventing accidents related to boating under the influence."

Alcohol is a leading contributing factor in recreational boating deaths, and a major contributor to accidents. Last year in Florida, out of the 67 fatal accident victims, 24 percent (16) were related to alcohol or drug use. If a person decides to take alcohol on their voyage, it is important to designate an operator who isn't drinking alcohol and will remain sober to ensure everyone gets home safely. The FWC encourages boaters to enjoy the boating season to its full extent by boating sober, wearing a life jacket and taking a boating education course.

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How Did That Spider Web Span Two Trees? We'll Tell You How!



Have you ever seen a spider web that spans a great distance and wonder how they do it? We have seen webs that span from tree to tree, webs across a pool and even from a street light to a shrub.

Certainly, the spider doesn't make its way from both places to span its web...or does it?

According to a study published in the journal *Current Biology*, spiders use natural electric fields to help them travel as far as hundreds of miles.

The phenomenon of spiders seemingly floating for long distances isn't new. Scientists have long observed spiders "ballooning," meaning shooting out strands of silk and floating away into the air. But they have debated exactly how it works.

"In the early 1800s, there were arguments that spiders might be using electric fields to balloon, but then there were also people arguing that it was wind," Erica Morley, lead author of the new study, told PBS. "And the argument for wind won over probably because it's more obvious."

Specifically, the earth's surface has a negative charge while the upper atmosphere has a positive charge. Since spider silk, when released, picks up a negative charge, some scientists have theorized this may help them lift off, as the silk's negative charge repels against the negative charge on the surface. The effect would be even more powerful the higher up into the air the spiders are.

The new study doesn't mean that wind plays no role in spiders' long-distance air travel, but it does show that they can balloon without necessarily needing wind.

So there you have it, spiders balloon. They can go great distances using electrical currents...to travel and to spin webs. How comforting!



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Solution to June 30, 2018 Puzzle



My Little Slice of Paradise
by Kathy Brock

I want to start this article by saying this should not be a partisan issue...this should be an issue for anyone who cares about Florida. And, as a native Floridian, I deeply care about Florida and anything that affects our state..

The news about the algae bloom on the east side of Lake Okeechobee has been all over the media lately (in Florida) ... and now parts of SW Florida as far south as N. Ft. Myers. This green sea of yuck makes swimming a no-no, boating less enjoyable and fishing not possible where it is in high concentrations.

This is not a "new" phenomena but it is something that is far more prevalent in recent years. This year, it seems particularly thick, and experts believe it is because the Hurricane stirred up sediment laying on the bottom of the lake exacerbating the problem, and residents who are dealing with it are not happy.

For starters, we are a state that survives on tourism. And, I will go out on a limb to suggest that the beaches and fishing are two things high on the list for tourists, so we all better pay very close attention to this issue. First, a bit of history...

Back in the late 19th century, the Caloosahatchee River was artificially connected to Lake Okeechobee to drain water from the lake to the western side of the state. Similarly, a canal system was constructed to do the same to the east side of the lake flowing out the east side of the state. Call me crazy, but right there we messed with nature and that almost always delivers a disastrous result.

The reasons for the connections were two-fold, or so we were led to believe way back when. The result of the connection allowed usually flooded plains to drain so that they could be used for agriculture, specifically sugar cane (main reason). This became more necessary after the embargo with Cuba meant no more trade with Cuba...who supplied much of our sugar at the time...and we must feed our sugar addiction!

We were also told it would prevent future flooding...which it does, and that was the political driving machine behind the Army Core of Engineers big Florida project. But an improved dike system could do this too...However, it was decided by the powers that an "improvement on nature" was needed.


On the political side of things, we are always reminded about the jobs and money businesses generate for an economy. But on the flip side, look how much money it is costing right now to restore the everglades from the damage done by big sugar (sorry, I said it...it is caused by Big Sugar)!? Another half a billion is being sent our way to clean up the mess that has been caused... and that does not even consider funding from the past and what will be needed in the future. It will cost billions. Is this really offset by the jobs created from this industry? What is the cost of permanently damaging the ecology of our state?

It is too late to lament about making the artificial connections, redirecting parts of the river, and the various other things we have done to alter nature to fit our desires, but it is not too late to dissect the problem, without political bias, to help stop similar problems from happening again here, and other places throughout the country.

For me, the bottom line is when you are altering what nature provides, you will create a problem. We have seen this time and time again. I don't care how "well thought out" the process is, the truth is you cannot predict how nature will react until it reacts, and for us it is now obvious that flushing fertilizer-filled water into places it wasn't meant to be will make a mess of things, if not create an environmental disaster.

Flowing nitrogen down the river from Lake Okeechobee is not natural. It causes big problems. Whoever is causing the problem should pay for it, not you or me...because they are not sharing their profits from the proceeds of their business with us. What they are sharing with us is the waste and runoff. That's my two cents...

Island Life Recipes
Adult Mocha Milkshake
by Kathy Brock



Ingredients:
 1 Scoop of Vanilla Ice Cream
 1 Scoop of Chocolate Ice Cream
 1 Cup of Milk
 1 Shot Kahlua
 1 Shot Coffee Liqueur
 Whipped Cream
 Maraschino Cherry, Fresh Cherry or Berry
 Tall Glass
 Paper Straw

We first had these milkshakes while vacationing in St. Thomas when we visited the Dairy known for them. These are simple to make and very delicious. You can try other liquor flavors to make your own version!

Directions: Put ice cream, milk, liquors in a blender and mix until fully blended. Do not over blend. You can multiply the recipe to make additional shakes or mix them one at a time for consistency. After you pour them, top with real whipped cream and the berry of your choice. This is a great substitute for dessert...so skip dessert and have an adult shake instead!

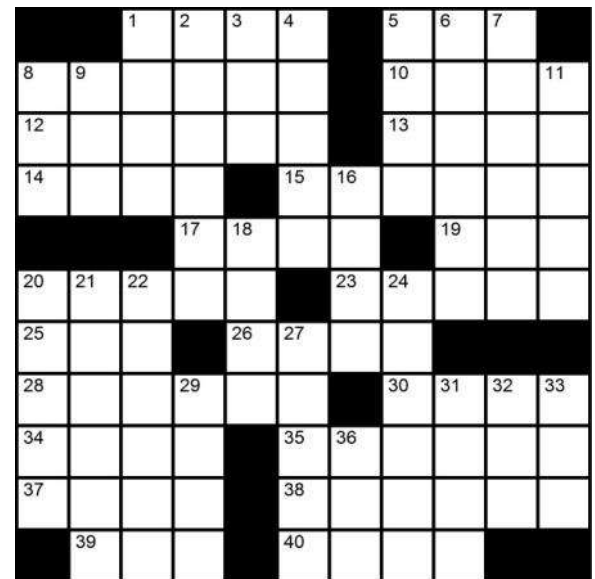
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Poetry Street
By Katherine Tullie

There is nothing more important in our life than love. As my poem here says, if you give love, it will flow back to you even more.



LOVE IS THE ULTIMATE

Love Is Like A Flowing River
I Must Say
It Can Flow In A Positive Direction
For Us Each Day
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It Is Understood.
For Love Is Our Hope
And Love Is Our Perfection
Let Us Go In That Direction
From Your Heart Let Love Outpour
And It Will Flow Back
To You Even More
Love Is Such A Beautiful Thing
It Makes Our Loving Hearts Sing!



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Regional News

Diaz-Balart Helps Secure \$514 Million for the Herbert Hoover Dike, Paving the Way to Expedited Completion

MIAMI --- Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart (FL-25), Founder and Co-Chair of the Congressional Everglades Caucus and a senior member of the House Committee on Appropriations, today announced that the Office of Management and Budget would be issuing \$514 million to the Herbert Hoover Dike for expedited rehabilitation. These funds are part of the \$141 billion supplemental funding package that Diaz-Balart helped to secure with his Appropriations colleagues after the 2017 hurricane season and wildfires.

"Since elected to Congress, I have worked with local and state officials to provide the U.S. Army Corps with the necessary resources to keep the rehabilitation of the Herbert Hoover Dike on track. More recently, I have championed expedited repairs of the dike, and as a member of the Appropriations Committee, have fought tirelessly to ensure the Corps is able to do so. This funding, along with anticipated fiscal year 2019 funding and additional money from the State, will finally be enough to complete the dike's rehabilitation. The completion of the dike is critical to the communities surrounding Lake Okeechobee, as well as part of the broader Everglades restoration efforts taking place in the Sunshine State. I worked with my colleagues to secure federal dollars to help Floridians and other hurricane impacted communities get back on their feet after these storms, and continue necessary projects like the dike's rehabilitation. I am grateful to be in a unique position to help our community and deliver tangible results and federal dollars to Southern Florida.

"I'd like to thank President Trump, OMB Director Mulvaney, Governor Scott, Senator Rubio, Representative Tom Rooney, and Representative Francis Rooney for their efforts and engagement on this issue. I will continue to work with them to ensure the dike has adequate federal funding to complete the rehabilitation."

Algae From Lake Okeechobee is on the Move, And SW FL is Concerned

(Excerpts from News-Press.com)

An algae bloom on Lake Okeechobee has some local groups and scientists concerned that water from the big lake may soon bring a bloom to the Fort Myers area.

The freshwater bloom is washing into the St. Lucie River and estuary, the east coast drainage version of the Caloosahatchee River.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers officials started releasing Lake Okeechobee waters on July 6th.

"I think it's likely already here," said Calusa Waterkeeper John Cassani. "I just haven't had a chance to do any aerial recon. We did get a report of the beginnings of a cyanobacteria bloom in a canal in North Fort Myers. With the nutrients and the temperatures, it just becomes a perfect storm for a bloom."

The Florida Department of Environmental Protection collected samples along the east shore of the lake the first week July, and results are expected soon.

Reports of the bloom have been confined to the eastern part of the lake.

The Caloosahatchee River connection is on the west side of Okeechobee.

Algae blooms can cause fish kills, shut down swimming areas and lower property values.

Lake Okeechobee was artificially connected to the Caloosahatchee and St. Lucie rivers to drain the Everglades for farming and development.

The rivers are used as a flood plain for the lake, and billions of water and tons of nutrients are flushed to each coast every year.

Now algae-filled waters from the lake are flowing into the St. Lucie.

Rick Bartleson, a water quality scientist with the Sanibel-Captiva Conservation Foundation on Sanibel, said the algae he's seeing is a saltwater variety, not the same species that's growing in Lake Okeechobee.

"I started looking at samples from Fort Myers I got Sunday, and it was full of some kind of cyanobacteria," Bartleson said. "I'm not sure where it came from, but we've had a real spike of algae in Fort Myers in recent days."

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Living Gulf Coast

by Charles Sobczak

Strangler Fig (*Ficus aurea*) Other names: Florida strangler fig, golden fig / Status: FL=stable, IUCN=NE / Life span: more than 200 years / Height: 30-60 ft (9-19 m) / Reproduces: via a complex relationship with the fig wasp / Found: Southern Charlotte, Lee, Collier and Hendry County.

Considered by many botanists to be one of the most fascinating plants on earth, the strangler fig is also one of the most important plants in southwest Florida. Worldwide there are more than 900 species of the fig tree, with most occurring in the Australasian region. One species (*Ficus bengalensis*), native to India, has a trunk that measures more than 100 feet in circumference. The century-old banyan fig planted at the Edison and Ford Winter Estates in Fort Myers covers an acre and is well worth visiting (see for hours, information, and directions).



Throughout its range, the strangler fig is one of a handful of plants that form a virtual breadbasket for wildlife. The small, good-tasting figs produced by this tree are eaten by almost everything, be it a flying, crawling, or a climbing creature. The fruit of the strangler fig was used for food by the early Floridians as well.

This is a favorite shelter tree for birds, from warblers to pileated woodpeckers. Its niches, twisted trunks, and nooks and crannies of the strangler fig also provides habitat for insects, lizards, raccoons, rodents,

and snakes.

The reproductive cycle of the strangler fig is so bizarre that it demands telling. It has a relationship, scientifically referred to as obligate mutualism, with a single wasp species known as the gall wasp. This wasp is only slightly larger than a no-see-um, and each fig has a tiny hole, just large enough for a female gall wasp, full of eggs, to squeeze into. Its delicate wings are torn off in the process, and the wasp is unable to leave. It unknowingly deposits the pollen that it has carried from another tree and lays its eggs in the stigma of the flowers located within the fig seed.

The female then dies, and the entrance it came through seals shut as the fig walls close. After a while, the larval wasps are born. After mating, the males chew a hole in the wall of the fig, crawl out, and die. The females remain inside the fig, collecting pollen in preparation for their own escape. The females are born with delicate wings capable of making a single flight. If the female gall wasp fails to find a tree before its fragile wings fail, it dies. If she finds another tree, her life cycle is completed, and the strangler fig's flowers are pollinated. It's believed that this evolutionary codependency has been going strong for 60 million years and that there are hundreds of different species of fig wasps matched to hundreds of specific fig species.

As if this unbelievable symbiotic relationship weren't enough, the story of the strangler fig continues. Once pollinated, these figs ripen and are fed upon by a host of hungry wildlife. The fruit is packed with tiny seeds, passed in the dung of various animals. In southwest Florida, birds are responsible for most of the seed dispersion.

After feeding, a bird might land in a cabbage palm and dispose of its waste. That waste is often trapped in the upturned bases of the palm fronds, where detritus and standing water allow the tiny seeds to germinate. At this stage in its development the strangler fig survives as an epiphyte. As this epiphyte matures it sends down long, thin tendrils that eventually reach the soil near the base of the host tree. With the newfound nutrients in the soil now feeding it, the strangler fig grows rapidly. Its tendrils twist and turn, eventually wrapping themselves around the trunk of the host tree, which is generally a cabbage palm. Over time the fig grows so large that the cabbage palm no longer receives enough sun to survive. Eventually, the host tree and its root ball decay into nutrients that help to make the mature strangler fig the largest native plant in south Florida.

In one last amazing feat of adaptation, the strangler fig's limbs are designed with a breakaway system that allows it to survive hurricanes. The leaves are the first to let go, with the branches quick to follow. This system allows the base of the tree to survive and flourish soon after the storm has passed. If the storm is so strong that it takes down the trunk, the root suckers left buried in the soil will generate a new sapling. The strangler fig is salt tolerant, which makes it resistant to storm surges as well. All said, the strangler fig is a true survivor.

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



The Artificial Angler

by Rodney Raffield

Fishing this past month has been really good. We are producing great numbers of Seatrout on the flats, as well as in the deep drop-offs around the Gulf Islands.

Popping corks with soft plastics such as Mr. Wiffelures, D.O.A curl tails, and ZMAN Shrimps under them have been very effective on the flats.

In the deep holes we are producing better on the bottom with jigs and spoons.

We have not been catching many Redfish but looking for a pickup around August.

If you get out early on a high falling tide it is possible to hook some nice size Snook around the oyster bars as well as the outside points. I have been having success catching these fish with Yozuri, Mirrolure, and D.O.A. plugs.

There are still Snook and Tarpon to be caught in the backcountry. These fish are hitting D.O.A. Bait Busters best, but are hitting paddle tail jigs as well. So get out there and get the fish of your dreams.

~Capt. Rodney Raffield

Fishing Regulations Changes

Tripletail and sheepshead changes effective July 1

Several changes to the management of tripletail and sheepshead went into effect July 1st, 2018 including:



Tripletail: The minimum size limit will increase to 18 inches total length. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) recreational and commercial regulations for this species will extend into federal waters (including only allowing the use of hook-and-line gear and the new size limit).



Sheepshead: The recreational bag limit will be lowered to eight fish per person, per day year-round. There will be a recreational vessel limit of 50 fish per vessel, per trip during March and April.

FWC's recreational and commercial regulations for this species will extend into federal waters (including the new bag and vessel limits).

To view or download the 2018 Florida Saltwater Regulations, go to www.swflgo.com/fishing and click on the fishing regulations tab in the center of the page.

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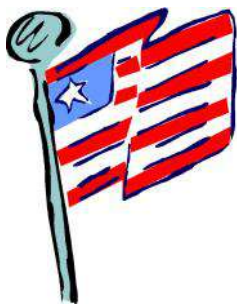
Beautiful, New Landscaping at Everglades City Hall Building Donated by Rick Perez Landscaping



Thank you to Rick Perez Landscaping for donating the time, labor and plants that made a huge improvement at City Hall! Their beautiful work makes a big difference to the entrance pathway and around the flagpole.

Household Tips

by Marya Repko



We had a great Independence Day celebration, but what do you do with the flags?

There is now a deposit box in front of City Hall. If you have flags, no matter the size, that you do not want to save or they have become damaged, put

them into the box.

Don't forget that the US Flag is a symbol of our country and cannot just be thrown in the trash!

Always dispose of a flag respectfully! Bring your discards to City Hall. If you live elsewhere, check with your local fire or police department to see where there is a flag depository in your area!

Natural Remedies for Mosquito Bites That Really Work!
Tips from Healthline.com

Summer is here and that means bugs! Fortunately, there are some common natural products that work very well to stop the itch and reduce swelling! Here is a great list of effective, natural remedies published by healthline.com.

Oatmeal: Oatmeal can relieve itching and swelling because it contains special compounds that have anti-irritant qualities. Make an oatmeal paste by mixing equal amounts of oatmeal and water in a bowl until you have a spackle-like substance. Spoon some paste onto a washcloth and hold it, paste-side down, on the irritated skin for about 10 minutes. Then wipe the area clean.

If you have many bites, try an oatmeal bath instead. Sprinkle 1 cup of oatmeal or ground oats into a bathtub full of warm water. Soak in the oatmeal bath for 20 minutes, occasionally rubbing some of the clumped oatmeal onto irritated areas of your skin.

Crushed ice: Cold temperatures and ice can reduce inflammation. The cold also numbs the skin, which can give you immediate but short-term relief. The Mayo Clinic recommends using a cold pack or a bag filled with crushed ice to relieve the itching caused by a mosquito bite. Don't leave the ice directly on your bite for more than five minutes as it can damage the skin. You can also put a barrier, such as a washcloth, between your skin and the ice so you can leave the ice on the bite longer.

Honey: This sugary sweet substance is a common pick among home remedy enthusiasts because it has many antibacterial and anti-inflammatory properties. It has been used for hundreds of years as a treatment for ailments like sore throats to bumps and bruises. A small drop on an itchy bite can reduce the inflammation. And it will reduce your temptation to scratch, because scratching skin covered in honey can create a sticky mess.

Aloe Vera: Aloe Vera has many uses beyond shelf decoration. The gel has been shown to have anti-inflammatory properties and can help to heal minor wounds or calm infections. Apply the plant's gel to the area that's irritated. Let it dry, and apply again as needed.

Baking soda: Found in virtually every kitchen, baking soda has a multitude of uses — from baking bread to clearing drains. Otherwise known as sodium bicarbonate, baking soda may also provide relief from a mosquito bite.

It's easy to make a baking soda paste, and you can use it in a similar manner to oatmeal paste. Mix 1 tablespoon of baking soda with just enough water to create a paste. Apply it to the bug bite, and let it sit for 10 minutes before washing it away.

Basil: Studies suggest that a chemical compound called eugenol, which is found in basil, could relieve itchy skin. To make a basil rub, boil 2 cups of water and add half an ounce of dried basil leaves. Leave the mixture to steep until it's cool. Then dip a washcloth into the liquid and rub it gently on your mosquito bites. Alternately, you can chop some fresh basil leaves up until very fine and rub them on to your skin.

Vinegar: For centuries, apple cider vinegar has been used as a natural remedy to treat many medical conditions, from infections to blood glucose problems. If you have an itchy bite, dab a drop of vinegar on it. The vinegar can help reduce stinging and burning sensations. It can also act as a natural disinfectant if you've been scratching too much. If you need more relief, try soaking a washcloth in cold water and vinegar, and then applying it to the bite. If you have many bites, dilute 2 cups of vinegar in a tepid bath and soak for 20 minutes. (A hot bath may make itching worse.)

Onion: Onions also have a natural antifungal property that can reduce your risk for an infection. Cut a slice from an onion — the type doesn't matter — and apply it directly to the bite for several minutes. Rinse and wash the area well after you remove the onion.

Thyme: Thyme has antibacterial and antifungal properties, so it can help reduce your risk of irritating and infecting the skin around a mosquito bite. To get the most benefit from thyme, finely mince the leaves. You can apply the leaves directly to your bite and let them sit for 10 minutes. You can also make a concentrated liquid by bringing water to boil and adding several sprigs of thyme. Let the sprigs steep until the water is cooled. Then dip a washcloth into the thyme-infused water and apply to the bites. Leave the washcloth in place for a few minutes. For extra relief, wrap the thyme-soaked washcloth around an ice cube for a natural cooling effect.

Lemon balm: Lemon balm has been used for centuries as a soothing all-natural treatment for everything from anxiety to upset stomach. For mosquito bites, you can apply finely chopped leaves directly to the bite, or you can buy a lemon balm essential oil. Lemon balm contains tannin, a natural astringent. In addition, lemon balm contains polyphenols. Together, these natural compounds ease inflammation, speed up healing, and reduce the risk of an infection.

Chamomile tea: Chamomile, is a common natural remedy for many ailments. When applied to skin, the tea can reduce inflammation, ease skin irritation, and speed up healing.

Steep a tea bag filled with the dried, crushed flowers in water in a refrigerator for 30 minutes. Then squeeze any excess water from the tea bag, and apply it directly to your bite. Let it sit for 10 minutes. Wipe the area clean with a wet rag. You can chill the tea bag in the fridge for additional applications later.



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Glades Haven Deli (695-2091): Deli Closed for Repairs Live bait available at marina
Havana Café (695-2214): Closed for Summer See you in October
Island Café (695-0003): 6:00 am – 9:00 pm; daily
Ivey House (695-3299): 6:30 – 9:30 am; daily
Joanie's Blue Crab Café (695-2682): 11:00 am – 5:00 pm <i>Open: Mon., Fri., Saturday & Sunday</i>
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Obituary

Madelyn Joan (Briggs) Strickland



Madelyn passed away peacefully surrounded by her children on June 14, 2018 near Raleigh, NC. She is survived by her son, James William Strickland, and his wife, Joann (Smith) of Spartanburg, SC; daughter, Elizabeth Nina Strickland of Raleigh, NC; and son, Peter Briggs Strickland, and his wife Cindy (Holloway) of Angier, NC; her brother, William Harrison Briggs, and his wife, Sandra Jean (Burns) of Brevard, NC; her uncle, Thomas Frederick Kenny, and his wife, Maxine of Sarnia, Ontario; three grandchildren, two great grandchildren, as well as beloved cousins, nieces and nephews. She was looking forward to meeting Stephen's and Maggie's new baby due in November.

She was predeceased by her father and mother, Henry Harrison and Madelyn Wilkinson (Kenny) Briggs of Asheville and her sister, Deborah Kenny (Briggs) Lynch of Denver, CO. She was a graduate of Stephens College and Duke University and received her Master's Degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She lived in Jacksonville, NC for over twenty years and then lived in Chapel Hill, NC for sixteen years while she worked at Duke Medical Library; after which she retired to her hometown of Asheville, NC. She also made her winter home first in Everglades City, FL, then in Longboat Key, FL.

She was a life long democrat, an avid gardener and a supporter of many causes, among which were Hospice, orphanages, clean air organizations, Manna Food Drive, and Meals for Wheels.

Friends who wish may send donations to: Transitions LifeCare, 250 Hospice Circle, Raleigh, NC 27607, or Manna Food Bank, 627 Swannanoa River Road, Asheville, NC 28805.

A private graveside service will be held at Calvary Episcopal Church in Fletcher, NC later this summer.

Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Avenue is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be sent through the website address below: www.morrisfamilyfuneralhome.com.



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