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

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**Snook Season Opens September 1st!!**

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### Everglades City Rolls Out New Emergency Text Messaging System Just Text "Everglades" to 474747



Everglades City, Chokoloskee, Plantation Island, Copeland and Jerome residents can now sign up to receive text messages from Everglades City in their ongoing effort to more effectively communicate within the City and surrounding communities.

If you would like to be contacted via text

of any alerts, notices, engagements & reminders from the City please complete your registration and activate your EZ Texting account by texting the keyword "Everglades" to 474747.

You will receive a welcome notice with a link to complete the registration. Put the phone # you want to be contacted on and your name. You have options to check a business, student, voter, water user or check them all. It is that easy!

Messages will be sent regarding emergencies, business, water issues, voting, and anything else you may need to know! If you decide you no longer want to receive messages it is easy to be removed from the list. Give it a try and sign up today to stay informed.

### New Eatery Opening in Gator Express in Everglades City

One of the hardest hit sectors of Everglades City & Chokoloskee was the restaurants. However, the flood waters were not very kind to any ground level buildings.



Owner/operator Ervin Stokes wasted little time and had his store, Gator Express, reopened quickly. He even added many new features expanding on what was once a convenience store, and turned it into a bit of a mini-department store with fishing equipment, bait, souvenirs, t-shirts, active wear, high-end knives, sunglasses and much more.

Now, he is taking it a step further! Stokes is scheduled to open **Krispy Krunchy Chicken** in September.



The menu includes the obvious chicken, but it will also include some local favorites like gator bites and some seafood specialties.

Inside the store, new booths are placed for those choosing to eat-in, but the food will also be available for those who wish to eat elsewhere (like in your boat watching the sunset!).

Stokes installed a brand new state-of-the-art kitchen to accommodate the new venture. He also promises to keep expanding on the menu once the restaurant is up and running.

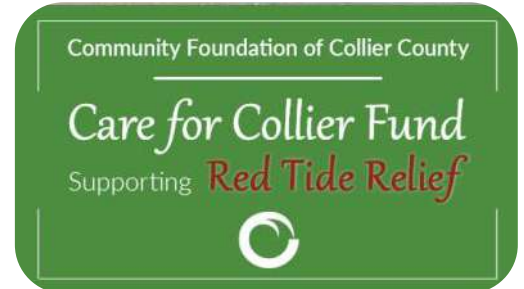
Even though you won't have to wait long for your food, do not mistake...this is not a fast food eatery. It's going to be a food-fast restaurant with a local flare. Gator Express is located at 203 Collier Avenue, Everglades City 34139.

You can call them at 239-695-3937 for more information.

### Fund Set Up for Small Businesses Affected by Red Tide

The Community Foundation of Collier County opened the **Care for Collier Fund** with the assistance of local government and the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce to support emerging community causes. The Fund's initial cause will be to **provide relief for red tide hardship for small business owners in Collier County who have lost income due to the severity of the ongoing red tide crisis in Southwest Florida.**

The Care for Collier Fund is designed to support community members in times of hardship, due to a natural disaster. The fund is intended to support small water-based businesses in Collier County in distress such as **fishing and charter or water tour businesses**, water monitoring equipment, and educational programs whose income has been adversely affected due to extreme red tide conditions.



Commissioner Penny Taylor said, "I applaud the extraordinary efforts of the Community Foundation to provide assistance to the small businesses in Collier County that depend on clean gulf waters for their livelihood."

The Community Foundation Board of Trustees kicked off the Fund by allotting \$50,000 from the Foundation's Changing Needs Fund to be made available for immediate relief.

If you feel your business has been impacted negatively by Red Tide, you can apply online by going to <https://www.cfcollier.org/care-for-collier-fund-to-support-red-tide-relief/>. Once there, click the green button that says "Apply for Red Tide Relief" and then select "new applicant" on the next screen to proceed with the application. There is also a (Red) link to make a donation to the fund if you would like to help small businesses recover.

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# AUGUST 26, 2018 –SEPTEMBER 29, 2018

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
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Oct.15: First Day of Stone Crab Season  
November 6: Election Day

Oct 27: Halloween Celebration  
November 12: Veterans Day

Oct 27 & 28 Butcher Swamp Weekend  
November 22: Thanksgiving Day

**AREA INFORMATION & NUMBERS:**

AA: Wed., 5:00 pm, Evg. Comm. Church, Fellowship Hall  
 CARNESTOWN Recycle and Trash: 2<sup>nd</sup> 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: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 4 pm, City Hall  
 SKATING RINK: Now open! Fri. & Sat. 6 to 9 pm  
 SMALLWOOD STORE: 11 am to 4 pm, 239-695-2989  
 THRIFT SHOP: Open Saturday 11 am to 3, see p.3.  
 VETERANS SUPPORT: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. of month, noon—2 pm

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Movie Night! Shark River September 14, 5:30 pm



Museum of the Everglades will continue our Mid-Month Summer Movie Nights on Friday, September 14th with Shark River – starring Steve Cochran.

Read more in Museum news on page 8. Call Museum of the Everglades at 239-695-0008.

## Hook 'em in the Glades Fishing Tournament September 15th

The second *Hook'em In The Glades* fishing tournament will be held September 15, 2018 in the pristine 10,000 Islands. Anglers will vie for the largest Snook, Redfish and Trout in this fishing-fundraiser for Everglades

City School, one of the smallest K-12 schools in Florida. For more information on the tournament, see page 5, or call Jill at 239-377-9800.

## Romp in the Swamp Fishing Tournament, Sept. 28-29

The Romp In The Swamp Naples Inc, is a 501 (c)(3) charitable organization that raises money for local families in need. This event combines competitive fishing tournament with family friendly fun!! The tournament has paid out top Anglers' Teams in both Spin and Fly over the last 13 years!! To register or for more information, visit the tournament website [www.rompintheswampnaples.com](http://www.rompintheswampnaples.com), or call Rob Walczak 239-777-4519.

## Big Cypress Gallery FALL FESTIVAL Meet Clyde & Ranger-led Activities October 27 - October 28 9:00am – 5:00pm.

Come out to the Big Cypress Gallery and experience the annual fall festival. There will be raffles and ranger-led swamp walks during this fun-filled weekend.



If you would like to book a swamp walk, there is limited space.

Get your tickets by visiting the website: [www.clydebutcher.com](http://www.clydebutcher.com), and click on "events". You can also call us at 239-695-2428.



## Happy 85th Birthday, Helen Bryan!

Chokoloskee resident, and Mullet Rapper photographer, Helen Bryan is celebrating her 85th birthday on August 25th. We wish Helen the happiest of birthdays from the Mullet Rapper family. Thank you, Helen for everything you do for our community!

## COMMUNITY SERVICES

### FREE DENTAL, BLOOD PRESSURE & DIABETES SCREENINGS, PLUS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INFORMATION FOR ALL AGES September 25th, 9 am to 4 pm

The Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida's Health & Smiles Mobile Dental Bus is scheduled to be in Everglades City on September 25th from 9 am to 4 pm, in the Fire Station parking lot, providing free dental, diabetes, blood pressure screenings and behavioral health information. For more information or an appt: call 239-986-7323.

### THE FOOD BANK IS OPEN! Wednesdays noon to 2pm

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

### DOCTOR'S CLINIC

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

### NATURAL MEDICINE

Dr. John Martin can see patients in Everglades City. Appts: from 10 am to 6 pm. Call to confirm: 813-787-9738.

### CEDR Hurricane Disaster Recovery Assistance is Available

Communities of Everglades Disaster Recovery works in conjunction with the Salvation Army and have a team set up in Everglades City Hall (where the old bank used to be on the 1st floor). They will have advocates there from 10 am to 3 pm on Mondays to assist people still in need of help. Stop in the office or you can call Elaine at 239-695-2695 for more information.

### NEW THRIFT SHOP Saturday 11 am to 3 pm

The new thrift shop is open 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 or dirty items.



## A Message from Fire-Chief Kingman Schuldt

Collier County Public Schools are officially back in session as of August 15th. Greater Naples Fire Rescue District is committed to partnering with School District Officials and other Collier County Public Safety Agencies to ensure a safe and healthy school year for all.



The District will have personnel assigned to elementary schools throughout the District this week as an extra safety measure while students are arriving to school. Please take extra precautions as we re-adjust to the additional school traffic on our roadways.

Parents, if you have not done so already, please take the time to talk to your children and formulate a family communication plan in the event of an emergency. You may visit <https://swflgo.com/family-communication-plan-templates/> to download the templates that can help you streamline the process.

On behalf of the Board of Fire Commissioners, I wish all students, school staff, and parents a safe and successful school year.

## 14th Annual Back to School Sneaker Drive

The Greater Naples Fire Foundation is accepting new sneaker donations for area elementary and middle school children at any Greater Naples Fire Rescue Station or administrative office through September 28th. Monetary donations will also be accepted and should be made payable to the Greater Naples Fire Foundation with a notation of "Sneaker Drive" and mailed to: Greater Naples Fire Rescue District, 14575 Collier Blvd., Naples FL 34119.



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**Our Amazing Bodies by Dr. John Martin**  
**An Editorial from Dr. Martin Concerning SWFL's Algae Problem**

Lately, there have been many stories in the media about Red Tide and Green Algae blooms. Many of these stories are discouraging, especially as it effects Florida's visitors and fisherman from all over from coming to enjoy the SW Florida waterways.

There have been local government meetings, public outcries and protests. Business has certainly suffered. Especially the charter fishing boat captains. All this makes for big headlines. And often at our local people's expense. One popular villain that has been credited with the harmful algae has been the infamous Army Corps of Engineers (COE). Another government agency has been the South Florida Water Management District (SFWMD). While these two entities have certainly contributed to the on-going destruction and degradation of the Everglades and Southwest Florida generally, they are not the main players here. If the Calusa were still here, they would probably tell you that they never experienced either Red Tide or Cyanobacteria in area waters. They probably never heard of such a thing. Where's it all come from? And why now?

The Calusa had such an abundance of clean waters and vibrant coastal wetlands – they never had to farm. We know they probably had many small gardens, and they traded goods and resources far and wide, they had so much fish and seafood locally, that they used other resources and time that they would have needed to stay home and farm, to influence (intimidate, cajole, or conquer) other tribes and Aborigine cultures all over central and southern Florida. We still have an abundance of aquatic resources in SW Florida, but not nearly what the Calusa had.

But folks, IT'S NOT ROCKET SCIENCE!! Consider these more modern activities: Coastal development – Destruction of mangroves, construction of dead-end canals, and urban storm drainage, watershed alteration. Proliferation of impervious surfaces, wetland over-drainage, placement of bulkheads, dikes, and causeways. Crop nutrition, irrigation, mining, incompatible land use. All contribute to degraded water quality.

*Gymnodinium breve* (G. breve) is *always* there. Only when volumes of nutrient laden (mostly phosphorus from fertilizers and some industrial sources) water is discharged into the open salty waters does (the tiny dinophlagellate algae) Red Tide “bloom”. The microscopic plankton only has a few days lifespan, so now even with the “best of conditions” for it's own survival, - It blooms and dies quickly. Unfortunately for the fish that need dissolved Oxygen in the water to breathe, this massive algal die-off rots and depletes the Oxygen from the water. Another by-product of the normal metabolism of the (G. breve) algae is a neurotoxic factor that severely impacts the nervous system of and kills bigger fish or other animals that require dissolved O2, and on up the food chain. The gases and fumes (e.g. HS) released from an area of algae die-off can cause dangerous aggravations to humans with respiratory ailments.

We're still learning what all the damage this Green Algae is capable of. However, again, it's NOT ROCKET SCIENCE. To understand that when one flushes the toilet, nasty things are going to flow down the pipe.

In the 1950's we (the United States) boycotted Cuba's sugar as part of sanctions against Castro. But we imported his sugar-industry engineers, to build the industry here, and settled them around Lake Okeechobee (“Lake O”). The sugar industry uses a lot of Phosphorus/Nitrogen fertilizer in its production, from planting to packaging. “Lake O” has been the dumping ground for more than 80 years. What quantity of “nutrients” (P & N) that does not express itself in a desirable form (e.g. upland watershed forests, mangrove forests, shallow water bay bottom “seagrasses”), will express itself - anyway. Usually in a simpler kind of way (e.g. algae). Lake O's southern natural drainage system has been destroyed by the COE and SFWMD. So, every time the flood control program requires releases of water from Lake O, whoever actually does the physical releasing, some of most contaminated water to be found anywhere, comes down the pipe (in our case, the Caloosahatchee River). There are examples all along both coasts that illustrate the polluted water from altered upland watersheds contribute to the timing and intensity of Red Tide blooms in and around the coastal estuaries. There's also NOT MUCH GOOD to report on the water quality of dead end – low flushing – stagnant and eutrophic canals, whether on the coast or inland. Never was.

If well meaning, (but ill-informed) protesters want to “raise a stink” (pun intended) that makes a difference, bitch at the people who live on dead-end canals that used to be mangrove estuaries, and U.S. Sugar who supplies our country with enough sugar to meet at least half the demand we maintain in our quest to be obese and diabetic. We are a country of sugar addicts. It's not fat. It's been sugar all along.

Not unlike one's health issues, until the SOURCE of the problem is acknowledged, and personal responsibility instilled, even though most of it can be fixed, we're just gonna have to put up with it. It's NOT ROCKET SCIENCE.

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**A Message From Principal James Ragusa**



Our second Hook'em In The Glades fishing tournament will be held September 15, 2018 and we hope you will be able to participate. Coach Whitcomb had quite a challenge last year as the tournament was scheduled in the fall but with everything that unfolded last year she had to make a quick adjustment and the event was moved to March. It was a great success with tremendous participation and we look forward to continuing to build upon last year. For specific information about the event please call Coach Whitcomb at 377-9800.

The Lady Gators Volleyball team are opening up their season and their first home game is Friday, August 24<sup>th</sup> at 4pm. It has been quite a while since we have had a home volleyball game and it will be exciting to see the ladies return to action here in our gym!

On Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup> we will have our Open House Event. The evening will begin at 5:00pm with a parent meeting for all students planning on playing a sport this year. That will be followed by our Title 1 Parent Meeting at 5:30pm. Parents will then be able to visit classrooms from 6:00pm to 7:00pm. We look forward to seeing you at this event and if you have any questions please don't hesitate to call the school at 377-9800.

~Principal Ragusa

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

**Hook'em in the Glades Fishing Fundraiser, September 15th**

Participants will fish the 10,000 islands for a chance to catch the biggest Snook, Redfish, and Seatrout while supporting our school. Our fundraiser will help generate much needed funds for our students and programs.

**Tournament Details:**

**September 14, 2018 CAPTAIN'S MEETING:** Captains' meeting will be at Camellia Street Grille, located at 202 Camellia Street, Everglades City, at 6:00pm. Dinner will be served at 6:30pm. Captains must attend to receive their official tournament measuring device and tournament rules.

**SEPTEMBER 15, 2018:** Photo Fishing tournament begins at 7:00am. Boat check-in is between 1:00-3:30pm at the Historic Rod & Gun Club, located at 200 Riverside Drive!

**Awards Ceremony at 4:00pm.** 6 Awards Categories: Adult Division: Longest Snook, Longest Redfish, Longest Seatrout. Student Division: Junior Angler (18 and under) Longest Snook, Longest Redfish, Longest Seatrout

**Taxing Things by Mike the Tax Guy**



The Internal Revenue Service has recently warned of a new twist on an old phone scam as criminals use telephone numbers that mimic IRS Taxpayer Assistance Centers (TACs) to trick taxpayers into paying non-existent tax bills.

In the latest version of the phone scam, criminals claim to be calling from a local IRS TAC office. **Scam artists have programmed their computers to display the TAC telephone number, which appears on the taxpayer's Caller ID when the call is made.**



If the taxpayer questions their demand for tax payment, they direct the taxpayer to IRS.gov to look up the local TAC office telephone number to verify the phone number. The crooks hang up, wait a short time and then call back a second time, and they are able to fake or "spoof" the Caller ID to appear to be the IRS office calling. After the taxpayer has "verified" the call number, the fraudsters resume their

demands for money, generally demanding payment on a debit card.

Fraudsters also have been similarly spoofing local sheriff's offices, state Department of Motor Vehicles, federal agencies and others to convince taxpayers the call is legitimate.

IRS employees at TAC offices do not make calls to taxpayers to demand payment of overdue tax bills. The IRS reminds taxpayers it typically initiates most contacts through regular mail delivered by the United States Postal Service.

Note that the IRS does not:

- Demand that you use a specific payment method, such as a prepaid debit card, gift card or wire transfer. The IRS will not ask for your debit or credit card numbers over the phone.
  - Demand that you pay taxes without the opportunity to question or appeal the amount they say you owe. Generally, the IRS will first mail you a bill if you owe any taxes.
  - Threaten to bring in local police, immigration officers or other law enforcement to have you arrested for not paying. The IRS also cannot revoke your driver's license, business licenses, or immigration status. Threats like these are common tactics scam artists use to trick victims into buying into their schemes.
- Taxpayers who receive the IRS phone scam or any IRS impersonation scam should report it to the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration at its [IRS Impersonation Scam Reporting](http://IRS Impersonation Scam Reporting) site and to the IRS by emailing [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov) with the subject line "IRS Phone Scam."

**Another important note:** The Social Security Administration has begun mailing replacement Medicare cards that do not contain Social Security numbers. It's important to not keep the old card and to dispose of it carefully; shred it, burn it, or cut it up in little pieces and trash the pieces in different locations!

*If you have been victimized by a scam, please call your local police department to report the incident. If you have questions regarding a contact, call the agency to confirm the validity of the call:*

**Contact the IRS: 800-829-1014**

**Contact the Social Security Administration: 800-772-1213**

~ Mike the Tax Guy ~

Local and professional, personal & business tax services in Everglades City. Call Mike Klein at 239-595-4203 to set an appointment. Email: [nfn19842@naples.net](mailto:nfn19842@naples.net) for more information.

**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!*

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### Scorpions in Florida



Scorpions vary in size from one to four inches long. These crab-like animals are dark brown, have a broad flattened body, and eight to ten legs. The front pair of legs is modified into claw-like pincers which are used to hold their prey. A scorpion's most noticeable feature is their curled fleshy tail. It is usually held over their body. The scorpion tail ends in an enlarged upturned tip that ends in a stinger. The sting is used for defense as well as for capturing prey.

Scorpion venom is a nerve poison, but the dose injected usually is not enough to kill adults. While no Florida scorpions are capable of inflicting a lethal sting, those that have had scorpion stings report that it is very painful, probably more so than a wasp sting. Scorpions rarely sting humans except when pinned against the skin, such as under clothes or when trapped in bed sheets. The site of the sting may be sore and swollen for some time. An antivenin is available for severe reactions to scorpion stings.

Scorpions like to hide outside under boards, rubbish, or other areas that provide shelter and protection. They are a nuisance especially in recently built / renovated homes.

These predators are active at night, and do their share to reduce pests in and around the home.

Scorpions have a long life cycle, lasting three to five years. Males and females go through a courtship ritual prior to mating. Scorpions do not lay eggs and the young are born alive. After birth the young scorpions climb on the back of the mother and remain there until after their first molt. Scorpions will readily eat their own species and females will often eat their own young.

**Above photo taken in Everglades City in August 2018 by Tim Brock**




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Solution to August 11, 2018 Puzzle



**My Little Slice of Paradise**  
by Kathy Brock  
*I Shouldn't Say This...But, I Must*

Oh boy. I try to stay away from controversy...we have enough of it in our lives! However, I am going to make an exception and hopefully not create any new adversaries...

The National Park Service has published their new proposed fee structure for Everglades National Park...but it is not only a fee structure. It will also change some things you need to know that will affect you, me and every visitor to the Everglades City & Chokoloskee area after January 1, 2019.

**On page 9, there is a press release from the Park Service asking for your feedback on this proposal, and I urge everyone to read it and provide an opinion.**

Here is the part that concerns me. Every boater that enters Everglades National Park will be required to pass a boating course that is offered (it is free) online. That includes any tourists that may be here to go fishing for a day or two.

It includes the residents that fish here too...IF you stop in the park. If you are just passing through to get back into Chokoloskee, you do not need this class, but if you stopped in the park you will need the class. Confused yet?

There is also technically an "entry" fee into the park waters, but there is not a gate to go through. This also concerns me. This big, grey, confusing area.

How will a day visitor know to comply with this new rule? Will this become a big turn-off to potential visitors? I cannot envision each visitor sitting down to take a class before their one day visit. Now this does not apply to those who are Kayaking or for those who are hiring a guide, but anyone who wants to go boating, yes...this means you.

I understand the need to create a revenue stream to help pay for the park services, and I do think it is a good idea to be knowledgeable about the waters before you go boating. But, and this is a big but, I also think that this rule, in our area will create a great amount of frustration and confusion.

When you boat out of Everglades City, depending on the direction, you may or may not fall under the new requirements. This is where I think visitors will become confused.

Unlike on land where there is a clear delineation of where boundaries exist, how will a boater know when they have left non-park waters and enter park waters?

How will the entry fees be collected? Where are they to be collected? Does this mean boaters who intend on fishing in the park waters will need to go to the Gulf Coast Visitors Center first?

If that is the case, this creates another big issue as many boaters, especially in the summertime, leave well before the park opens for business.

I hope there is some flexibility in the enforcement to take into account the many who are here for a day or two, leaving out of Everglades City or Chokoloskee that are not aware of local rules, and how to properly comply with them.

If flexibility is not possible, the Park Service better get prepared for an onslaught of complaints starting on January 1, 2019 when the new, very obscure rules go into effect.

Some passageways into Everglades National Park could be conducive to this type of enforcement. Holiday Park is one of them in Broward County. The visitor must through a ticket counter prior to boat launch. Flamingo is another. But in our area, where people are coming to Everglades City or Chokoloskee for a day of fishing, this is going to be a very tough rule to enforce and one that is difficult to explain and understand. I fear this type of "new rule", coupled with the never-ending news about Red Tide and Green Algae will nudge visitors to other venues where it's much easier to understand the rules...if such rules even exist.

Please take time to register your opinions with the Park Service. See page 9 for more details and tell NPS how you feel.

**Island Life Recipes**  
*Martha Stewarts No Bake Cheesecake*  
By Kathy Brock

**Ingredients**

- 2 packages graham crackers (20 cracker sheets)
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- One 14 ounce can sweetened condensed milk
- 11 tablespoons of stick butter, unsalted
- Two 8-ounce packages cream cheese
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ¼ cup lemon juice



**Directions**

- Put graham crackers in sealed bag to crush them or in a food processor.
- Pour crumbs into a medium bowl and add the sugar, mix well. Add butter and stir until well combined and crumbly.
- Press the mixture into a 9 inch springform pan. Spread up on sides 1 to 2 inches. Chill in freezer for 10 minutes while preparing filling.
- With a mixer, beat the cream cheese in a large bowl until smooth. Beat in the sweetened condensed milk a little at a time, add in lemon juice and vanilla and blend until fully mixed.
- Put mixture in chilled crust with a rubber spatula. Cover with plastic wrap so that it is touching the mixture and refrigerate 3 hours. You can eat as is or top it with the fruit of your choice! You can also omit crust and put into individual dessert cups layering: mix, fruit, mix, whip!

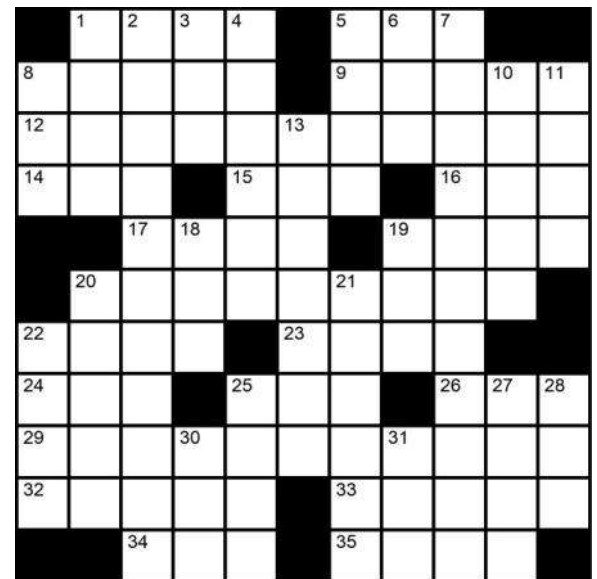
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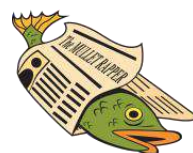
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by Katherine Tullie



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Taking in all the news is not easy, for sure  
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along in a better way  
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It will keep you in balance in every way!  
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Local News

Chokoloskee Bridge Completed!

The (almost) 2 year project to rebuild the Chokoloskee bridge is now completed. In 2016, the County approved the project on the 60 year old span that connects Chokoloskee to Everglades City, and the mainland.



Old bridge

During construction the area had something never seen here before...a traffic light. The light was used to keep traffic to one lane as the construction progressed. The new bridge features a higher span, something boaters appreciate, and also a pedestrian/bike lane, making it much safer to cross for bikers and those walking.



New bridge!

Photos: Top, the old Chokoloskee Bridge. Bottom: New Chokoloskee Bridge completed August 2018.

People News!

Chokoloskee Youth Group Gets Tagged in (Water) Gun Fight!

A youth group on Chokoloskee enjoyed engaging in a day of fun, wet and colorful entertainment when they assembled together to capture the flag on the island...and then engage in a water gun fight...however the water guns were filled with paints! Shannon Mitchell shared these great photos of before and after with us to give us an idea of how much fun the youths had.



The group will get together again in September for another epic battle!

Huffs Enjoy Biking Through Florida's Small Towns

Steve & Patty Huff recently returned from a 12-day bike trip through many of Florida's small towns! We are glad they had fun but happy to have them back in town!



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### Living Gulf Coast by Charles Sobczak

**Glossy Ibis** (*Plegadis falcinellus*) Other names: black curlew, bronze curlew / Status: FL = increasing, IUCN = LC / Length: 19-26 in. (49-66 cm) / Wingspan: 34.5-41 in. (88-105 cm) / Weight: 1.1-1.75 lb (500-800 g) / Life span: to 21 years / Nests: throughout SW Florida / Found: All Counties, near coast, mainland / Months found: **JFMAMJJASOND** (lower case indicates nesting season).

Like the cattle egret's natural migration, the glossy ibis probably made its way to this side of the Atlantic from Western Africa via the trade winds or possibly caught up in hurricane winds. It was first seen along the northern edge of South America and has been expanding its range ever since. The glossy ibis is the most widespread ibis species in the world, with populations in Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, South America, and North America. Similar in behavior to the cattle egret, the glossy ibis is rapidly acclimatizing to urban and suburban developments. This adaptable bird can often be found foraging along the grassy fringes of parking lots, ball fields, and agricultural areas. The North American population is still expanding, moving into coastal Georgia, South Carolina, and all the way north into Maine.



The brownish immature glossy ibis can easily be mistaken for an immature white ibis. Both birds achieve adult plumage within the first year, however, after which it is all but impossible to confuse the two. The glossy ibis is slightly smaller than the white ibis. Both birds wield distinctive decurved bills, which they use to ferret out insects, crayfish, grasshoppers, snakes, and grubs. They use these long, slender bills to probe deeply into soft, damp soil in search of prey. Unlike the white ibis, the glossy ibis is rarely found along the coastal beaches, preferring the near-coastal and mainland regions of Florida.

The glossy ibis nests in colonies of other herons and egrets. Its nests are subject to predation by snakes, raccoons, bobcats, opossums, and rats. The adult bird is taken by alligators, great horned owls, and bald eagles, but its reproductive abilities are such that the statewide population is still increasing. Its exceptionally long life span, up to 21 years, is also a factor in its ability to flourish.

Ibis build a bulky nest of sticks and some grasses. From March through July, the glossy ibis will lay 3-4 eggs, sometimes 1-5. The eggs are pale blue or green. The female does more of incubation than male: all night, part of day. The incubation period is about 21 days. Once the chicks hatch, both parents feed young, by regurgitation.

By age of 2-3 weeks, the young may wander or climb about near the nest. The babies first attempt to fly is at approximately 4-5 weeks. At 6-7 weeks, young can fly well, and will venture into the feeding areas with parents.

Charles Sobczak is a writer and author from Sanibel Island, Florida  
Photo by Judd Patterson



### Fishing the 10000 Islands by Capt. Mike Merritt

Fishing continues to be great in the 10,000 islands! With all the rain sending fresh water into the islands things can change from week to week. So moving around will help you keep on the fish.

Today's hot spot might not produce next week. Having the ability to move around is easier when using artificials. But live bait is still available.

Snook fishing has been good and we are still catching some big Snook on the outside. This should continue thru the fall. However there are some big ones in the back country too. And even the offshore wrecks are holding Snook.

Reds will get a lot of attention real soon. They will show up in big schools and the feed will be red hot when you find them. The outside points on the incoming tide is a good place to start. These fish will get in a pattern so if you find them one day they will likely be there on that same tide the next. They will take a variety of bait but a bait along the bottom will be best.

Seatrout are still biting and they have continued to be good size. The biggest ones seem to be on the bars as the tide gets up. There are still plenty of fish on the flats too. Jigs and DOA shrimp continue to work for me.

The heat can slow things down so an early start can help. Moving water is also important so a good tide will definitely increase your action.

Get out before summer is over and get in on the action. You can catch your slam this summer! So enjoy what we have to offer here.

*Good Luck Fishing! Capt. Mike*

### Everglades National Park Wants Your Opinion on Proposed Entry Fee Changes

Everglades National Park is reinitiating civic engagement on proposed fee changes, which was put on hold following Hurricane Irma. In addition to fee changes that were directed by the National Park Service (NPS) to go into effect on January 1, 2019, the Park is proposing additional changes.

Proposed changes being considered to go into effect in January 2019 include: initiation of a vessel entrance fee (equal to what vehicles pay for land access), introduction of entrance fees at Gulf Coast district, and elimination of marina launch fees. The Park is also proposing additional increases to entrance fees effective January 1, 2020, at which time the Park expects to have overnight lodging and new restaurant available.

"We look forward to hearing the public's thoughts on these proposals," said Everglades National Park Superintendent Pedro Ramos. "Entrance fees are incredibly important to help provide a quality experience for all visitors, and to address the maintenance backlog in our Park."

Everglades National Park has had an entrance fee since 1966. The current rate of \$8 per person, \$25 per vehicle or \$20 per motorcycle has been in effect since 2015. The annual entrance fee is currently \$40. The Park is one of 117 National Park Service sites that charge an entrance fee; the other 300 national parks are free to enter.

**The Park invites public comments on the proposed changes in writing by August 31, 2018 through any of the three means below:**

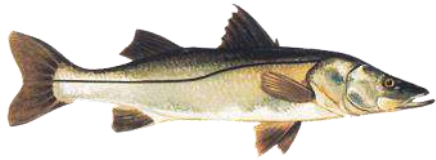
**By mail,** to: Attn: Public Comments – Fees, 40001 State Road 9336, Homestead, Florida 33034-8733

**By email,** to: Ever\_Information@nps.gov, (Include in Subject Line: \*\*Public Comments – Fees\*\*)

**By online comments** submitted at: [https://parkplanning.nps.gov/Everglades\\_Fee\\_Changes](https://parkplanning.nps.gov/Everglades_Fee_Changes).

For a breakdown of the proposed changes, go to:  
<https://swflgo.com/faq-fee-changes-enp/>

Local Extra



Snook Season Opens September 1st

The recreational harvest season for snook starts Sept. 1 statewide. Unique to the region, snook are one of the many reasons Florida is the Fishing Capital of the World.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) encourages anglers to use moderation when determining whether or not to take a snook home. When releasing a snook, proper handling methods can help ensure your fish's survival and the species' abundance for anglers today and generations to come. To learn more about catch-and-release and the best way to handle a fish, visit [MyFWC.com/Fishing](http://MyFWC.com/Fishing) and click on "Saltwater Fishing," then "Recreational Regulations" and "Fish Handling."

During the open season, the daily bag limit is one fish per person. In the Atlantic, snook must be not less than 28 inches and not more than 32 inches total length, which is measured from the most forward point of the head with the mouth closed to the farthest tip of the tail with the tail compressed or squeezed while the fish is lying on its side. **In the Gulf, they must be not less than 28 inches and not more than 33 inches total length.**

A snook permit, as well as a recreational saltwater license, is required unless the angler is exempt from the recreational license requirements. Snook may be targeted or harvested with hook-and-line gear only. Snagging is prohibited.

Snook are closed to harvest Dec. 1 through the end of February and May 1 through Aug. 31 in Gulf state and federal waters, including Monroe County and Everglades National Park. In Atlantic state and federal waters, including Lake Okeechobee and the Kissimmee River, snook are closed Dec. 15 through Jan. 31 and June 1 through Aug. 31.



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Museum News

The Museum of the Everglades will be showing "Shark River" starring Steve Cochran on Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> as the next installment of our Mid-Month Summer Movie Nights. Filmed entirely in the Everglades in 1953 in the area known as "Hole In The Wall", the film tells an overly-dramatic story of Civil War veterans on the run from the law – lost in the swamp, they battle gators, snakes, bugs and the Seminole Tribe whose land they

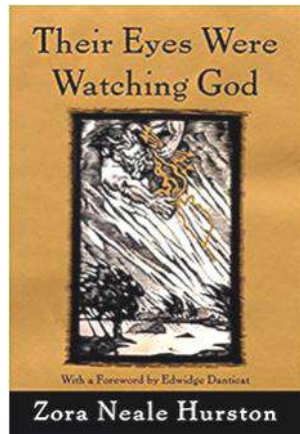


have invaded.

Their salvation comes in the form of a swamp angel known as the "Queen of the Everglades" who helps them escape. Campy action, corny romance, some insulting stereotypes, and lots of local scenery promise to make this a fun event with a B-Movie that might just be *bad enough to be good*. Come early for a presentation about some of the other movies filmed in the area like Distant Drums, Seminole, Stanley and Yellowneck, and how they perpetuated the myth of Native Americans as hostile and savage people.

Hurricane History Day  
September 19th

Join the Museum of the Everglades on September 19<sup>th</sup> for Hurricane History Day. Martha Hutcheson will present a program about Florida's Hurricane History at 1pm followed at 2pm by a librarian-led



discussion of Zora Neale Hurston's 1937 novel based around the Great Okeechobee Hurricane.

This event is part of the Great American Read! – a program designed to spark a national conversation about reading, literacy, and books that inspire. Attendees are encouraged to join us reading Ms. Hurston's book in advance of the discussion, but it is not a prerequisite. Both portions of the event are open to the public and will have something of interest for all residents of and visitors to Collier County.

The Museum of the Everglades is located at 105 Broadway Avenue W., Everglades City, FL 34139. They are open daily from 9 am to 5 pm. You can call the museum for more information at 239-695-0008.

Regional News

Florida's Statewide Alligator Harvest Began August 15th

Florida's statewide alligator harvest, nationally and internationally recognized as a model program for the sustainable use of a renewable natural resource, begins Aug. 15. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) issued more than 7,500 permits, including an additional 1,313 county-wide permits, as a method to help manage the alligator population.

Alligators are a conservation success story in Florida. They were included on the original federal endangered species list in 1967. Conservation efforts allowed the population to rebound, and they were removed from the list in 1987. Today, the state's alligator population is estimated at 1.3 million alligators and has been stable for many years.

For over 30 years, the Statewide Alligator Harvest Program has been providing sustainable hunting opportunities throughout the state. The FWC establishes management units with appropriate harvest quotas based on research and proven science to ensure the long-term well-being of the alligator resource.

Recreational alligator hunting is just one part of the FWC's overall approach to managing the species. The FWC's Statewide Nuisance Alligator Program (SNAP) is another. People who believe a specific alligator poses a threat to people, pets or property should call FWC's toll-free Nuisance Alligator Hotline at 866-FWC-GATOR (866-392-4286). When someone concerned about an alligator calls the Nuisance Alligator Hotline, we will dispatch an FWC-contracted nuisance alligator trapper to resolve the situation.

In addition, as part of a comprehensive effort to achieve alligator management goals, the FWC has issued an additional 21 Targeted Harvest Area permits that encompass 79 new areas. THA permits allow a managing authority to work directly with a designated FWC-contracted nuisance alligator trapper, making the process for removing nuisance alligators more proactive and streamlined.

THA permits, which have been in use for almost two decades, define the area's boundaries, the duration of the permit and how many alligators can be removed. Currently, there are 260 THA permits issued that cover 1,460 sites throughout the state with more THAs expected to be added.

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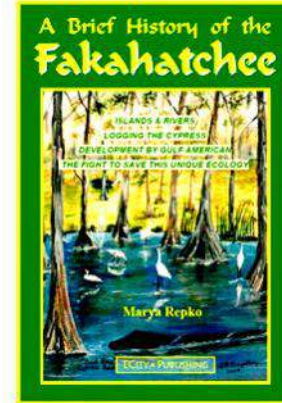
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- ◆ the islands and rivers, home to early settlers
- ◆ the logging of big cypress and life in a lumber camp
- ◆ the development of Golden Gate Estates & Remuda Ranch
- ◆ the long fight to save the unique ecology in a State Preserve

This book makes a great gift for anyone interested in learning more about our area!

You can obtain your copy (only \$10) at WinCar Hardware or Right Choice Supermarket in Everglades City or by contacting Marya: telephone: (239) 695-2905, email: [ecitypublishing@earthlink.net](mailto:ecitypublishing@earthlink.net) online: [www.ecity-publishing.com](http://www.ecity-publishing.com).



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<b>Angler's Cove, Port of the Islands</b> (642-1025): Monday - Wed 5 to 11 pm, Thurs to Sun Noon - 11 pm
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<b>City Seafood (695-4700):</b> 8:00 am – 10:00 am; breakfast Noon-6pm Lunch & Dinner
<b>Glades Haven Deli (695-2091):</b> Deli Closed for Repairs Live bait available at marina
<b>Havana Café (695-2214):</b> Closed for Summer See you in October
<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 – 4:00 pm Open: Mon., Fri., Saturday & Sunday
<b>Oyster House Restaurant (695-2073):</b> Currently closed for repairs Please check back!
<b>Rod &amp; Gun (695-2101):</b> 11:30 am - 8:00 pm; daily
<b>Tastes of the Everglades (695-0075)</b> Closed for summer.
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<b>MARKETS</b>
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<b>Everglades Community Church</b> 11:00 am Sunday Worship
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8/30/18	Thu	12:36 AM	0.47	L
8/30/18	Thu	5:41 AM	2.84	H
8/30/18	Thu	12:56 PM	0.52	L
8/30/18	Thu	5:46 PM	2.9	H
8/31/18	Fri	1:07 AM	0.6	L
8/31/18	Fri	6:05 AM	2.84	H
8/31/18	Fri	1:43 PM	0.48	L
8/31/18	Fri	6:40 PM	2.71	H
9/1/18	Sat	1:39 AM	0.74	L
9/1/18	Sat	6:33 AM	2.85	H
9/1/18	Sat	2:41 PM	0.46	L
9/1/18	Sat	7:52 PM	2.52	H
9/2/18	Sun	2:16 AM	0.89	L
9/2/18	Sun	7:13 AM	2.86	H
9/2/18	Sun	3:54 PM	0.41	L
9/2/18	Sun	9:22 PM	2.38	H
9/3/18	Mon	3:18 AM	1.02	L
9/3/18	Mon	8:18 AM	2.88	H
9/3/18	Mon	5:08 PM	0.33	L
9/3/18	Mon	10:49 PM	2.34	H
9/4/18	Tue	4:58 AM	1.09	L
9/4/18	Tue	9:52 AM	2.95	H
9/4/18	Tue	6:15 PM	0.22	L
9/5/18	Wed	12:13 AM	2.41	H
9/5/18	Wed	6:15 AM	1.08	L
9/5/18	Wed	11:13 AM	3.1	H
9/5/18	Wed	7:17 PM	0.11	L
9/6/18	Thu	1:17 AM	2.54	H
9/6/18	Thu	7:19 AM	1	L
9/6/18	Thu	12:23 PM	3.3	H
9/6/18	Thu	8:13 PM	0.03	L
9/7/18	Fri	2:00 AM	2.68	H
9/7/18	Fri	8:15 AM	0.86	L
9/7/18	Fri	1:23 PM	3.5	H
9/7/18	Fri	9:03 PM	0	L
9/8/18	Sat	2:35 AM	2.8	H
9/8/18	Sat	9:06 AM	0.71	L
9/8/18	Sat	2:14 PM	3.64	H
9/8/18	Sat	9:50 PM	0.02	L

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