

# The MULLET RAPPER

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What's Happening in the Everglades & 10,000 Islands  
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**If Your Home Was Damaged by Hurricane Irma, and it Was Uninhabitable for A Period of Time, You Can Apply With Collier County for Property Tax Relief... Here's How!!**

**If your home was severely damaged by the hurricane you will want to pay attention!**

Collier County is accepting applications from homeowners to offer relief in the form of a reduction on, or a complete rebate of, your property taxes. Here is the information from the county website on how to apply:

- 1) If you had MAJOR structural damage to your home please fill out the HURRICANE IRMA DAMAGE REPORT and submit it to our office along with any documentation such as insurance/repair estimates, permit applications, photos, etc.
- 2) Additionally, if you have a homestead exemption and were unable to live in your home for 30 days or more during 2017 you may be eligible for a property tax rebate. Please fill out form DR-463 (Application for abatement of taxes for homesteaded residential improvements) and return it to our office by March 1, 2019, along with all necessary supporting documentation.

You can download both forms at <https://swflgo.com/property-tax-waiver-form/>. When you complete the forms, email them to the county at this address: [webinfo@collierappraiser.com](mailto:webinfo@collierappraiser.com). Make sure you follow directions and get all information to them by March 1, 2019. Try to get the information to them as soon as possible!

## The Day Everything Changed in Our Little SW Florida Paradise September 10, 2017

by Kathy Brock

Hurricane Irma made landfall in SWFL on September 10th, 2017. In the days leading up to the storm, hurricane models changed from an east coast landfall to a Keys landfall, then it pretty much zeroed in on a location somewhere between Everglades City and Marco Island. That is when my heart sank.

As we watched the weather channel non-stop, the conversation turned to storm surge, and the experts all started weighing in. Some suggested it would be as high as 15 feet. Others said it would be 10' or less. All agreed it would happen. That is when we knew things would be different when we returned to the area we love and call home after evacuating 2 days before the storm hit.

We rode out the storm in my family home in Hollywood which is located 5 miles inland on a sand dune known as the pine island ridge (10 foot above sea level!). As the storm neared, we were not thinking about Hollywood, we were focused in on Everglades City and what may be happening there.

How high would the water get? Would it be like Hurricane Wilma? Would our home and our neighbors homes still be there? What would become of our little city?

When the storm passed, we surveyed the damage in Hollywood which was limited to tree damage, fence damage and a minor roof problem...which we viewed as, "no problem." I called Dottie to see when we could come back to Everglades City. Then we packed the cooler, chlorine and a squeegee and headed west on I-75. We were told by friends the water was high. We saw pictures that showed some homes with water up to the windows but we still did not understand the full impact...yet.

*As we made our way over the little bridge into Everglades City it didn't look that bad. We thought we may have dodged a bullet, but what we saw on the outside, was not representative of what was on the inside. The full impact became more and more evident with each passing day as the piles of trash, furniture and personal belongings grew to mountainous proportions.*



The Original Ivey House Lodge is demolished to make room for a new building

Unless you have been through a flood before, it is hard to understand what it does to a home and all of your belongings. One inch of water in a home can cause immense damage. Everglades City took on 9 feet of water. That meant homes not on stilts all got wet, all 75 of them. All of the local businesses were damaged, and even buildings on stilts sustained substantial damage.

Unlike Marco Island that had mounds of tree limbs and roof damage, Everglades City, Chokoloskee and Plantation Island had mountains of furniture, clothing, appliances and everything else in a home ruined. All of it slimy, muddied and unsalvageable.

As I rode around on my bicycle in the days immediately after "Irmageddon," an intense sadness would come over me. Now I realize that I was in a funk. The task ahead seemed so overwhelming, almost endless. Where do you begin, and when will we ever reach the end? And, we were one of the lucky ones. Our damage was limited to our downstairs, where we have some major appliances, our items in storage, and our tools. Our landscaping and everyone else's was destroyed too. It was severe, but we were able to stay in our home throughout repairs.

So many of our neighbors lost everything, including the ability to stay home and ride out their "funk" in familiar surroundings. Even today, many of our neighbors are still displaced in other areas or in temporary housing in trailers as they await repairs.

However, our little City's future is bright. Things damaged beyond repair are being torn down to be rebuilt. Repairable buildings are being renovated, and new projects to revitalize the area are on the horizon. On the outside, things look pretty-much back to normal, that is until you look inside the many homes still stripped to the studs.

Today as I write this, tropical storm Gordon is raining on us. But we are fine, albeit wet. There is much to be thankful for. The Stone Crab Fleet is readying for October 15th. Our tourism businesses are busy, and our waters are free of Red Tide and Blue-Green Algae, so fishing has been great. The reason we all came here in the first place is still what it was before September 10th, 2017...after we dug out, threw it out, and then dried out. #EvergladesCityStrong

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# SEPTEMBER 9, 2018 –OCTOBER 13, 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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| Sept. 9<br>new moon ●<br><br>Bike Ride,<br>McLeod Pk.,<br>See p. 6 | 10<br><br>ESHM Mtg,<br>8:30 am<br><br>Suicide<br>Prevention<br>Day | 11<br><br>FME Mtg.<br>4 pm,<br>Museum       | 12<br><br>Ladies Coffee<br>City Seafood<br>8 am<br><br>City council<br>Airboat WS,<br>7 pm        | 13           | 14<br><br>Movie<br>Night,<br>6:00 pm,<br>See p.3              | 15<br><br>Fishing<br>Tournament,<br>see p. 3   |
| 16   | 17<br><br>CEDR Mtg,<br>City Hall,<br>3:30 pm                       | 18  | 19<br><br>Ladies Coffee<br>Island Café<br>8 am<br><br>History Talk,<br>Museum, 1 pm,<br>see p. 10 | 20           | 21  | 22<br><u>RAPPER</u>                            |
| 23   | 24<br>full moon ○  | 25<br><br>Health/Dental<br>Bus,<br>see p. 3 | 26<br><br>Ladies Coffee<br>City Seafood<br>8 am<br><br>Food &<br>Festival WS,<br>7 pm             | 27           | 28<br><br>Romp in<br>Swamp<br>Fishing<br>Tourney,<br>see p. 3 | 29<br><br>Blessing of<br>the Fleet,<br>see p.3 |
| 30   | Oct 1  | 2   | 3<br><br>Ladies Coffee<br>Island Café<br>8 am   | 4            | 5   | 6<br><u>RAPPER</u>                             |
| 7<br>Bike Ride,<br>Shark Valley,<br>See p. 5                       | 8  | 9<br>new moon ●                             | 10<br><br>Ladies Coffee<br>City Seafood<br>8 am   | 11           | 12  | 13   |

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

*September is Suicide Prevention Month. If you know someone that needs help, contact the national suicide hotline: 800-273-8255.*



## 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.



## Blessing of the Fleet September 29th

The annual blessing of the stone crab fleet will take place on September 29th at the historic **Rod & Gun Club** in Everglades City.

The festivities will start at 10 a.m. and will include, frog races for the kids, a guava cake contest, arts & crafts booths, live music and much more. In the next edition, we will publish the official day's schedule.

## 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 (right inside the front door). 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.



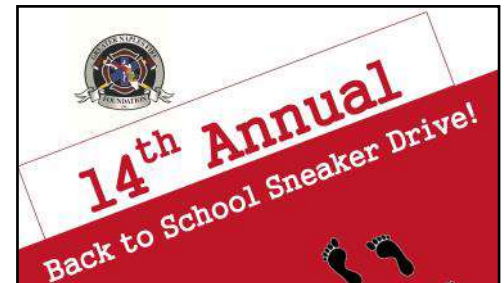
## A Message from Fire- Chief Kingman Schuldt

I am pleased to announce that The Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce and the 2018 Distinguished Public Service Awards Committee has selected Lieutenant/Paramedic Kevin Nelmes to receive the 2018 Distinguished Public Service Award in Fire Safety. This award is presented by the Naples Chamber annually in recognition of exceptional contributions, whether a single act or career service, by an individual or team in their respective public service profession.



Lt. Nelmes was nominated not only for his heroic efforts in saving a young child from drowning while out of the country, but for his passion and dedication to serve his community - on and off duty. He will formally be presented the award at a Chamber event in October. Please join me in congratulating Lt. Nelmes on this great achievement.

## 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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**Sawfish News by Tonya Wiley of Havenworth Coastal Conservation**

*Smalltooth Sawfish: On the Road to Recovery*

The U.S. Smalltooth Sawfish Recovery Team recently released a video which looks at smalltooth sawfish recovery in the United States, 15 years after its listing under the Endangered Species Act. To watch the video visit <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NSRWUjVU3e8&feature=youtu.be>

The video is themed around the "road" to recovery and starts with an aerial drive down US 1 into Florida City where Keys visitors are now welcomed by a billboard promoting sawfish conservation. The billboard highlights three key concepts of sawfish conservation: respect, release, and report.

Viewers are given a brief description of smalltooth sawfish biology, the habitats where they live, and why the population decreased to the point that it needs protection under the Endangered Species Act. The video then introduces the smalltooth sawfish recovery implementation team developed by NOAA Fisheries to aid in recovering this species.



"Our Smalltooth Sawfish Recovery Implementation Team (photo left) is comprised of a number of partners from both federal and state government, non-government organizations, universities, and the fishing industry. Each year we get together to review what we've learned through our research in the previous year and set goals for the upcoming year," states team member Tonya Wiley of Havenworth Coastal Conservation.

Gregg Poulakis of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission spoke about the progress of the team since its inception, stating, "when the recovery team came into existence

shortly after the species was listed under the Endangered Species Act, we knew very little about the species. Basically, any question that we asked, or anyone would ask, about the biology or ecology of the species didn't have an answer, so we had a lot of priorities initially, and over the last 15 years we've learned a lot."

The video progresses by briefly discussing current research on this endangered species before introducing team member and professional charter captain, Charlie Phillips of Hope Fishing Adventures. Charlie explains why he volunteered to become part of the team, "I'm an Everglades National Park permitted captain myself, and the sawfish is the heart of the Everglades. I mean it embodies the area that I fish, so having an opportunity for people to interact correctly with that endangered species is very important and trying to share that with as many people as I can...is why I'm here." Charlie's account as a recreational angler segues into the safe release guidance that the team has developed and continues to promote. Should an angler catch a sawfish, our guidance is to leave the sawfish in the water, cut the line as close to the hook as possible, release the sawfish quickly, and report to us the information about the encounter.

The video details what a recovered population of smalltooth sawfish in the U.S. might look like. While there is some uncertainty, John Carlson of NOAA Fisheries' Southeast Fisheries Science Center states, "... sawfish historically were found in areas from North Carolina to the Gulf of Mexico so what we should see as the population recovers, is that abundance trends are increasing as well as seeing individuals in some of those historic areas."

With the evidence to date, the team thinks endangered smalltooth sawfish are on the path to recovery. "Based on the species current status and its life history characteristics, the smalltooth sawfish population is not likely to fully recover for at least 40 to 50 years," concludes Adam Brame, the Sawfish Recovery Coordinator for NOAA Fisheries. "We are seeing signs of progress, however, and due to these modest improvements, we're cautiously optimistic that the smalltooth sawfish is indeed on the road to recovery."

**Please check out the video and share it with others to foster support for this endangered species. And, as always, to report a smalltooth sawfish encounter call 1-844-4SAWFISH or email [sawfish@myfwc.com](mailto:sawfish@myfwc.com).**

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A Message From Principal James Ragusa



The month of September will be an exciting one as we hold our 2nd Hook'em in the Glades Fishing Tournament. Our Activities Coordinator, Coach Whitcomb, has organized another great event, and we hope you are able to join us by entering the tournament or by helping to sponsor the event. Proceeds will benefit our athletic department and students. Last year we worked to raise the funds for a beautiful scorer's table for our gym that allows us to highlight our student athletes and cheerleaders during games. The ability to showcase the amazing students in our school is always a priority, and this new tool gives them the recognition they deserve for the hours they dedicate to their chosen endeavor.

The outdoor pavilion should be fully functional at the publication of this edition and what a great upgrade to our facility it is! In addition, a new scoreboard for our baseball field was just installed.

We are so grateful that we will have this new enhancement to the baseball facility. New LED lighting is also fully installed which is very efficient and provides improved security for our facility during the evening hours.

We encourage you to come out and enjoy an athletic contest this year as the athletes, cheerleaders, and coaches are working diligently to represent the school and community. I think you will be impressed by the growth and competitiveness they display each day. Bring a friend and enjoy a night out to support our most important resource, the children of our community.

IT IS ALWAYS A GREAT DAY TO BE A GATOR!

A Message From Superintendent Kamela Patton



What a phenomenal start to the 2018-2019 school year!

On the first day of school, I visited Mike Davis Elementary School, along with School Board Chair Roy Terry and Sheriff Kevin Rambosk. We "high-fived" students as they arrived and wished them a great school year! Since then, I have visited 45 schools and am blown away by the excitement and innovative learning already happening in our classrooms.

Now that we are in full swing, we have many great things to look forward to throughout the year. In September, we have our 2nd Annual Virtual Financial Aid Night scheduled for Thursday, September 13, at locations throughout the District. Also, our annual College Night will be held on Monday, September 17, at Golden Gate High School. Visit our website for more information about the event: www.collierschools.com/Page/8906

In our continuing efforts to add layers of security to our school campuses, backpacks, cinch bags, and other large bags are no longer permitted at CCPS athletic events. An exception will be made for medically necessary items after proper inspection. We thank you for your understanding and continued support to help keep our students, staff, and community safe.

Let's continue our #CCPSSuccess as a strong #CCPSFamily!

~ Dr. Kamela Patton

NOTICE TO PARENTS, STUDENTS AND VISITORS REGARDING COLLIER COUNTY SCHOOL SAFETY POLICIES



In our continuing efforts to add layers of security to our school campuses, backpacks, cinch bags, and other large bags are no longer permitted inside CCPS sporting venues, including high school stadiums and gymnasiums. An exception will be made for medically necessary items after proper inspection. This security enhancement is effective immediately and will impact this week's games.

In addition, we have increased security patrols at our upcoming games and competitions. Thank you for your understanding and continued support to help keep our students, staff, and community safe.

Kamela Patton, Ph.D. Superintendent of Schools



School Calendar-No School Days

- September 10.....No School
September 19.....No School
October 15.....No School
October 16.....Early Release Day
Nov. 21-23.....Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 23- Jan. 3.....Christmas Break

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**Cycle Tours through the Everglades  
FREE Monthly Tours!**

Come join us on our free monthly bicycle tours on and off-road in the Everglades. The first tour will be Sunday, September 9, at 9:00 am starting at McLeod Park in Everglades City with a ride to Port of the Islands and back. This is a 27-mile round trip along the Tamiami Trail (US41). If you'd like a shorter ride, you can start at the Welcome Center at the corner of SR 29 and US 41. Participants should wear a helmet, have experience riding on road shoulders, and bring your own drinks, snacks and extra tubes. If interested in this or any other guided tours, please contact Patty Huff at 239-695-2397 or email [info@evergladesrogg.org](mailto:info@evergladesrogg.org).

Other tours will include rides through the Big Cypress, the Fakahatchee Strand, Loop Road, Ave Maria / Immokalee, and historic Everglades City / Chokoloskee. The Friends of the River of Grass Greenway has published brochures about these tours and other on and off-road rides. Please visit website [www.evergladesrogg.org/events](http://www.evergladesrogg.org/events). The bicycle tours are part of FROGG's mission to focus on safety and environmental education and stewardship for those hiking, walking, or cycling through south Florida and the Everglades.

**Biking Event Schedule**

**September 9 – Port of the Islands (28 miles)**  
Meet at McLeod Park in Everglades City

**October 7 – Shark Valley in ENP (15 miles)**  
Meet at Shark Valley

**Nov. 11 – Loop Rd, Big Cypress (34 miles)**  
Meet at west end of Loop Road

**Dec. 9 – Everglades City/Chokoloskee (10 miles)**  
Meet at McLeod Park in Everglades City

**January 13 – Janes Scenic Drive in the Fakahatchee (17 miles)**  
Meet at Fakahatchee Strand Hdqtrs in Copeland

**February 10 – Ave Maria (40 miles)**  
Meet at McLeod Park in Everglades City

**March 10 – Bear Island in the Big Cypress**  
Meeting location TBA

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Solution to August 25, 2018 Puzzle



**My Little Slice of Paradise**

by Kathy Brock  
It's Just My Opinion...

Over the last year, SW Florida has struggled to get back to "normal." Many of our neighbors to the north of us have been recovering nicely from the hurricane - only to get slapped by the effects of Red Tide and blue-green algae. Thankfully, we've been fortunate...so far. Sometimes it just isn't so easy down here in paradise.

There has been a lot of progress over the last 12 months. There are signs of recovery everywhere. You see it in Naples. You see it in Marco Island. You see it here in and around Everglades City. The surrounding landscape has recovered very well. Our lawns and trees are coming back. Unfortunately, for some of our residential and business structures, recovery has not been so easy. Many of our buildings were severely damaged. Some beyond repair.

It's exciting to see so many new projects, but it is also a bit scary to me at the same time. My hope is that we can strike a balance between building anew and preservation.

What makes our area so special is its *uniqueness*. We are not like other places that have fancier buildings, more people, and more creature comforts. But isn't that why we live here...or why you visit here?

After the storm, I know I was in a funk. Seeing it all like it was-was depressing! When we are sad or depressed or emotional, psychologists will tell you that it is best to wait before making major decisions. Take the tree out or try to save it? Knock it down or renovate? Stay or move?

I'll bet most of us that dealt with Irma firsthand had at least one of those questions to answer. And, immediately following the storm the answers for me would've been; 1) take it out, 2) knock it down, and 3) move.

Today, I would have the exact opposite answers having had time to (emotionally and domestically) recover. As a city and, more importantly as a community, I believe it is prudent to think the same way. A lot can change after a catastrophic event. Many other cities who have been through a similar devastation are not at all the same 10 years later...for multiple reasons. Some are better 10 years later, *and some are not*.

One reality is that there will be an influx of money, and new people with that money, looking for an advantageous opportunity. That is the intelligent thing to do. There are many ways Everglades City can grow. We can become a "new city" or we can become a better version of the City we were...the City we are. That is what we should be deciding, watching and guiding as citizens. How are we going to grow? *But most importantly, how do we want to grow?*

It is not inconceivable for us to become a "tiny Marco Island" where concrete replaces wood, fancy replaces shabby chic, and jet skis zoom up and down the Barron River. We better be paying close attention.

One thing for sure is that we cannot compete with Marco or Naples for creature comforts...but we blow them away on "creatures" ...and that is why our visitors come here, and that's why we live here. We are unique, and we like it that way.

Some of our historic buildings are being demolished, on the chopping block or moth-balled. So many of the small "cracker homes" are in trouble. Some of the changes are necessary, some are inevitable. It's better if we can anticipate what they may be.

We need new businesses and more housing for sure. But we don't need just "any" business or just "any" housing. What we end up with will define our city for years to come and impact each and every one of us. *Will we be a better version of Historic Everglades City, or will Everglades City be History?*

The current City Charter and land development code (LDC) fail to address this growth issue. If we act now by adding language into the LDC and City Charter to protect our city by helping it grow in accordance with our shared goals and not someone else's, we are far more likely to be satisfied with the outcome for years to come.



**Island Life Recipes**  
*Most Amazing Fresh Fruit Salad Ever*  
by Kathy Brock



**Ingredients**

- 2-4 mangoes
- If no mangoes, papaya or other tropical fruit
- 2 bananas
- 3 cups pitted cherries (fresh)
- 1 pint blue berries or other berries
- 1 fresh pineapple
- Melon of your choice
- Orange juice (see below)
- 1 key lime or lime.

**Directions**

I am (almost) famous for my fruit salad. Looking at the ingredients you may be wondering why! Here is what will set yours apart from all the others. The key is your base juice. I make mine by making fresh juice from my fruits. Mango puree is the best. If you don't have mangoes, use another tropical fruit puree from whatever you have. Make about 1.5 to 2 cups and set it aside.

Next, slice up all of your fruit for the salad, add the puree by pouring it over the fruit. Squeeze any juice from around the fruit pits into the salad too. Now, add orange juice (unsweetened) to the salad until the juice comes even with the fruit. Finally, add the juice of the lime, blend it together and chill. Let it set for at least 2 hours.

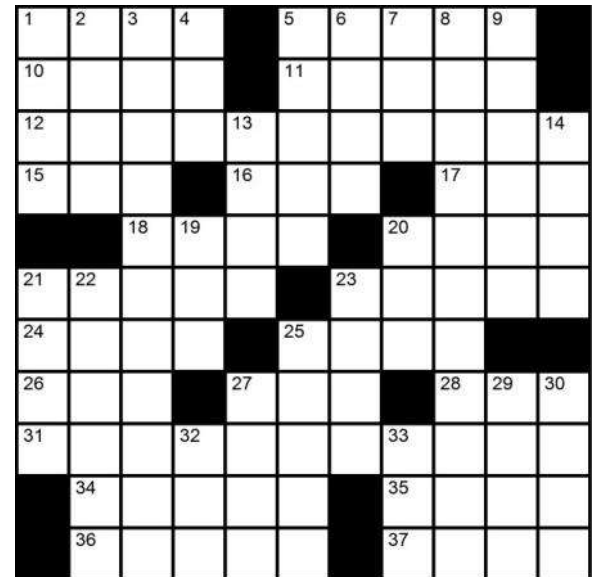
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**Poetry Street**  
by Katherine Tullie



Maintaining a positive attitude is so important to our daily life. Conducting ourselves in a forward-looking positive manner is also very important. This is what my poem "Positivity" is about.

Positivity is the word for today  
Let's keep a positive attitude to pave our way

Try not to sink  
Or you could end up in the drink  
Cast your gaze upward  
toward the clear blue sky  
Have faith in the future  
and never asking why

Having faith in yourself will get you far  
Project yourself as a shining star  
We are special in this universe  
We can join in positivity,  
though we are diverse

Work every day for positive change, I say  
Help justice move forward.

Let's pave the way!  
Remember...if you want  
a positive reaction  
Go for positive action!

**POSITIVITY  
IS THE**  


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**Local News**

**Everglades City Rolls Out New  
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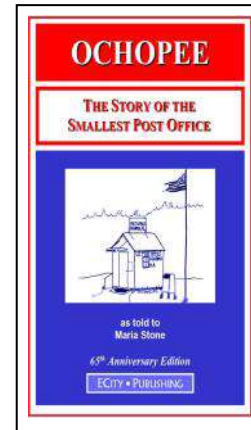
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**New Book Highlights Ochopee**  
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*The Story of the Smallest Post Office*  
as told to Maria Stone



It may be a popular tourist stop now but the Ochopee Post Office is a symbol of growth in southwest Florida and of the resilience of its pioneers.

Before the little building became the "Smallest Post Office in the United States" in 1953 after a disastrous fire burned down the general store, it was a shed in the thriving tomato farm in Ochopee on the Tamiami Trail, the road linking Tampa to Miami which opened in 1928.

This book recalls the memories of the founding Gaunt family plus their friends and neighbors. There are also reports of more recent times when Evelyn Shealy served the community as postmaster, Jerri Fish drove 123 miles each day to deliver the mail, and Mama Hokie hung out her BEER WORMS sign.

The farm is gone now but the Post Office has survived hurricanes from Donna in 1960 to Irma in 2017 when it was the only full-service postal facility in the area.

These stories were recorded by the late Maria Stone, author of many "written oral histories" that are invaluable to historians. They are reprinted with new material and photos in this edition to celebrate the 65th Anniversary of Ochopee Post Office.

The book can be purchased at Win-Car and the Right Choice Supermarket in Everglades City. You can also order direct from the publisher by phone at 239-695-2905 or online at [www.ecity-publishing.com](http://www.ecity-publishing.com).

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**Living Gulf Coast**  
by Charles Sobczak

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Amidst the pizzas, ice cream, hot dogs, and surrey rentals, a naturalist might be quick to dismiss Lakes Regional Park as more of a family recreational park than a place to commune with nature. The truth is, plenty of nature is to be found along the many trails that wind through this attractive park. The wide variety of wildlife and bird species that inhabit this 279-acre oasis have earned it a place on the Florida Fish and Wildlife's South Florida Birding Trail.



The park is situated on land that was a large gravel and limestone quarry during the 1960s. After the quarry was abandoned, ground and surface water filled in the excavations, creating the 158-acre lake that now gives the park its name. The water depth ranges from a few inches along the shore to more than 20 feet in places. Lee

County purchased the site in 1978 and officially opened the park on April 21, 1984. In 1991 the park added a fragrance garden, which over the years has evolved into a botanical garden that includes exotic trees, flowers, and cacti. Butterflies abound in this area of the park, and identification signs help amateur entomologists identify the numerous species found throughout the gardens.

Birders will find Lakes Regional Park a surprising treasure of species. Wading birds such as great egrets, herons, and occasionally wood storks congregate along the lakeshore. This is one of the rare places where you can spot three different species of ibis in one day: common white ibis, glossy ibis, and the exotic scarlet ibis (these are escaped from zoos). The fragrance garden attracts dozens of species of migratory warblers, vireos, and assorted sparrows during the spring and fall migrations. Cowbirds, blackbirds, boat-tailed grackles, and other urban species can be found throughout the park year-round. Active rookeries on several of the islands found in the lake present unique opportunities for photographers with good telephoto lenses to shoot hungry nestlings and anxious, feeding parents. The birding is so consistent throughout the year that Lakes Regional Park has volunteers who participate in bird counts for both the Cornell Lab of Ornithology and the National Audubon Society.

Of course, the recreational value of the park should not be overlooked. The Railroad Museum of South Florida is located here and offers displays of model trains, historical information on the early regional railroads, and much more. The nearby playground has a full-size replica locomotive for the kids to play on, and an eighth-size scale railroad train takes children and parents alike on a 1.4-mile ride along a 7.5-inch-wide track for a nominal fee. A restored Baldwin Locomotive known as the ACL #143 (Atlantic Coast Line) and its coal tender sit across from the museum. The machine was built in Philadelphia in 1905 and officially retired in 1959.

Along the northern edge of the property two water parks offer welcome relief from the Florida sun for children of all ages. A rock-climbing wall and several playgrounds also help to keep the youngsters busy throughout the day. Visitors can rent bikes, double surreys, choppers, quad-sports, and scooters. Boat rentals include kayaks, canoes, pedal boats, and hydro-bikes. The park rents out several pavilions of varying sizes for private parties, weddings and special events. Fishing is allowed in the lakes, but a freshwater license is required. Swimming is prohibited because of the alligators that thrive in the lakes.

The 2.5 miles of hiking and biking trails that wind through the backwoods offer a more subdued environment where nature lovers can take in the wildlife or relax under the shade of a sprawling live oak. Most of the exotic vegetation has been removed, and, except for the botanical gardens, the park is well on its way to returning to native vegetation. Lakes Regional Park has a little something for everyone, and in the midst of the nearby Wal-Mart's and Lowe's superstores, this park is a welcome respite from the urban landscape that surrounds it.

This article is an excerpt from "The Living Gulf Coast – A Nature Guide to Southwest Florida." Photo courtesy Lee County Parks.



**The Artificial Angler**  
by Capt. Rodney Raffield

Fishing this month has been flat out awesome. I have been catching good numbers of Snook in the Islands both on the inside and outside.

These fish have been hitting soft plastic lures such as D.O.A., Mr. Wiffelures, and Zman MinnowZ is the best. Trout have been around but a little slower, and Redfish have been good but a little on the small side. I have had some of very large Snook this month with many fish in the 35" and above range. So get out there and remember to have confidence in your ability and lure to catch that dream fish.

~Capt. Rodney Raffield

**FWC Makes Snook, Redfish Temporarily Catch-and-Release Only In Areas Affected by Red Tide**

**\*\*Everglades City & Chokoloskee ARE NOT Affected\*\***

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) has temporarily made snook and redfish catch-and-release only from the northernmost point of Anna Maria Island in Manatee County to Gordon Pass in Collier County. This was done through an Executive Order in response to the naturally-occurring red tide bloom in southwest Florida and is in effect until the next FWC Commission meeting, which starts Sept. 26.

"I support Executive Director Eric Sutton's decision to implement the Executive Order as we continue to manage this world-class fishery for future generations," said FWC Chairman Bo Rivard. "We will continue working with our partners and will evaluate next steps at our Commission meeting the end of September."

Sutton has spent significant time in the areas most impacted by naturally-occurring red tide. He and staff will continue to work with local communities and partners as the FWC manages this issue to ensure recovery of the fisheries.

"We've seen the devastation to the redfish and snook populations in southwest Florida, and we support the catch-and-release initiative taken by FWC," said Brian Gorski, Executive Director of Coastal Conservation Association Florida. "In working with the FWC on this initiative, we've heard support from members and guides throughout the state who also understand the need for such a change, to ensure that generations to come can enjoy the thrill of catching one of these iconic species."

Regulations outside of those counties remain unchanged, including the Sept. 1 snook season opening that occurs in other Gulf and Atlantic state waters.

For more information, visit MyFWC.com and click on "About," then "Executive Orders."

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Local Extra

Original Ivey House Lodge is Torn Down - Damage Too Great to Save the Building

Approximately one year after landfall, Hurricane Irma claimed another victim. Sadly this time it was the original wing of the historic Ivey House Bead & Breakfast.



The new owners deemed the damage too great and the building too vulnerable to attempt to save it. Instead, a new wing, resembling the addition that was built in the early 2000's, will be built in its place.

The Ivey House has been a mainstay in Everglades City for decades. The bed & breakfast has been a go-to for visitors to our area who are looking for comfortable lodging and excursions into the surrounding parks.

Hurricane Irma flooded the original building causing catastrophic damage to the interior and foundation. Two of the Ivey House cottages were also razed to make room for new construction coming in the future.



Photos: Top, the original lodge and cabin. Bottom, the buildings during demolition.



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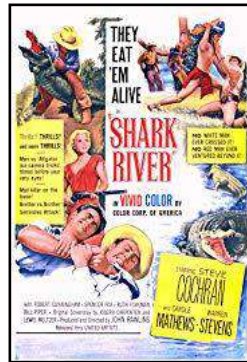
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Museum News

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.



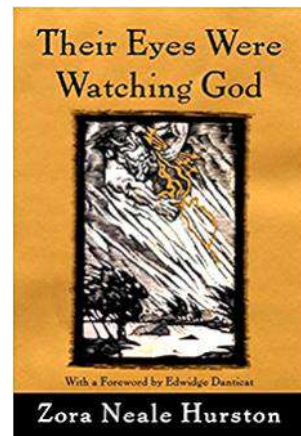
Filmed entirely in the Everglades in 1953 in the area known as "Hole In The Wall", the film tells an overly-dramatic story of Civil War veterans on the run from the law – lost in the swamp, they battle gators, snakes, bugs and the Seminole Tribe whose land they

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.

Consumer Alert-IRA Scams

Individual retirement accounts (IRAs) are an important piece of your retirement planning. Self-directed IRAs have become a popular choice for those looking to supplement their nest egg. While most IRAs invest your money in stocks, bonds, mutual funds, etc., which are registered with regulatory organizations, a self-directed IRA allows the owner more control over where the money is invested, including unregistered investments. Typically, people invest in real estate, private placements, etc., though increasingly, self-directed IRA owners are investing in cryptocurrencies. The Florida Office of Financial Regulation, together with Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis, are encouraging Floridians to be extremely cautious when choosing to invest in cryptocurrencies through a self-directed IRA. Interim Commissioner Pamela Epting said,

"The Florida Office of Financial Regulation is committed to protecting Floridians from financial fraud. Verify the financial services individual, company or investment with us online at [www.flofr.com](http://www.flofr.com) or by calling (850) 487-9687."

Chief Financial Officer Jimmy Patronis said, "Consumers should always do their homework before investing their hard-earned money, no matter how enticing the possibility may sound. Florida is a top state for cryptocurrency and unfortunately, fraud. It's my job to make sure we do everything possible to protect you from being taken advantage of. Always verify before you buy and remember if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is."

Protect yourself by doing your homework on retirement accounts and investments before committing to a decision.

Make sure that the company or investment is properly registered or licensed. Investments in cryptocurrencies are subject to little or no regulatory oversight, and reliant upon unregulated companies. Before you choose an unregistered investment, be sure you can independently verify all the information provided.

Don't let yourself be rushed, take the time you need to make an informed decision.

The Florida Office of Financial Regulation offers Floridians a robust online collection of Consumer Resources, where you can find more information on several financial topics, including tips on how to protect yourself from potential scams. For more information visit:

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| <b>Angler's Cove, Port of the Islands</b><br>(642-1025): Monday - Wed 5 to 11 pm,<br>Thurs to Sun Noon - 11 pm                        |
| <b>Camellia Street Grille (695-2003):</b><br>11:00 am – 9:00 pm daily   |
| <b>City Seafood (695-4700):</b><br>8:00 am – 10:00 am; breakfast<br>Noon-6pm Lunch & Dinner   |
| <b>Glades Haven Deli (695-2091):</b><br>Deli Closed for Repairs<br>Live bait available at marina                                      |
| <b>Havana Café (695-2214):</b><br>Closed for Summer<br>See you in October   |
| <b>Island Café (695-0003):</b><br>6:00 am – 9:00 pm; daily  |
| <b>Ivey House (695-3299):</b><br>6:30 – 9:30 am; daily  |
| <b>Joanie's Blue Crab Café (695-2682):</b><br>11:00 am – 4:00 pm<br><i>Open: Mon., Fri., Saturday &amp; Sunday</i>                    |
| <b>Oyster House Restaurant (695-2073):</b><br>Currently closed<br>Please check back!  |
| <b>Rod &amp; Gun (695-2101):</b><br>11:30 am - 8:00 pm; daily   |
| <b>Tastes of the Everglades</b><br>Closed for summer.   |
| <b>Triad Seafood &amp; Café (695-2662):</b><br>We are closed for summer.<br>See you in October.                                       |
| <b>MARKETS</b>  |
| <b>Right Choice Supermarket (695-4535):</b><br>9:00 am – 7:00 pm; daily   |
| <b>Grimm's Stone Crab (695-3222):</b><br>We are closed for summer.  |
| <b>Fresh Produce</b><br>1181 Hamilton Ln, Chok. Closed for Summer<br>By E City Post Office, Closed for Summer                         |
| <b>SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES</b>   |
| <b>Chokoloskee Church of God</b><br>Sunday: 10 am Sch., 11 am Worship<br>Wed. 7 pm Hr. of Prayer                                      |
| <b>Copeland Baptist Church</b><br>Sunday: 10 am School, 11 am Worship   |
| <b>Everglades Community Church</b><br>11:00 am Sunday Worship   |
| <b>1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church of Everglades City</b><br>9:45 am Sunday School, 11 am Worship<br>6 pm Sunday, 6 pm Wed. Bible Study |
| <b>Holy Family Catholic Church</b><br>Closed for Summer, see San Marco below  |
| <b>St. Finbarr Catholic Church, Naples</b><br>Phone: 239-417-2084   |
| <b>San Marco Catholic Church, Marco Isl.</b><br>239-394-5181  |

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| 9/8/18  | Sat | 9:50 PM  | 0.02 | L |
| 9/9/18  | Sun | 3:08 AM  | 2.91 | H |
| 9/9/18  | Sun | 9:53 AM  | 0.55 | L |
| 9/9/18  | Sun | 3:01 PM  | 3.67 | H |
| 9/9/18  | Sun | 10:34 PM | 0.11 | L |
| 9/10/18 | Mon | 3:40 AM  | 3.01 | H |
| 9/10/18 | Mon | 10:40 AM | 0.42 | L |
| 9/10/18 | Mon | 3:49 PM  | 3.59 | H |
| 9/10/18 | Mon | 11:17 PM | 0.24 | L |
| 9/11/18 | Tue | 4:13 AM  | 3.07 | H |
| 9/11/18 | Tue | 11:28 AM | 0.34 | L |
| 9/11/18 | Tue | 4:39 PM  | 3.41 | H |
| 9/11/18 | Tue | 11:59 PM | 0.4  | L |
| 9/12/18 | Wed | 4:48 AM  | 3.1  | H |
| 9/12/18 | Wed | 12:15 PM | 0.3  | L |
| 9/12/18 | Wed | 5:31 PM  | 3.18 | H |
| 9/13/18 | Thu | 12:40 AM | 0.57 | L |
| 9/13/18 | Thu | 5:26 AM  | 3.09 | H |
| 9/13/18 | Thu | 1:03 PM  | 0.31 | L |
| 9/13/18 | Thu | 6:25 PM  | 2.92 | H |
| 9/14/18 | Fri | 1:21 AM  | 0.74 | L |
| 9/14/18 | Fri | 6:07 AM  | 3.02 | H |
| 9/14/18 | Fri | 1:55 PM  | 0.36 | L |
| 9/14/18 | Fri | 7:23 PM  | 2.66 | H |
| 9/15/18 | Sat | 2:05 AM  | 0.91 | L |
| 9/15/18 | Sat | 6:54 AM  | 2.92 | H |
| 9/15/18 | Sat | 2:54 PM  | 0.43 | L |
| 9/15/18 | Sat | 8:31 PM  | 2.46 | H |
| 9/16/18 | Sun | 3:02 AM  | 1.05 | L |
| 9/16/18 | Sun | 7:54 AM  | 2.81 | H |
| 9/16/18 | Sun | 4:04 PM  | 0.49 | L |
| 9/16/18 | Sun | 9:48 PM  | 2.34 | H |
| 9/17/18 | Mon | 4:20 AM  | 1.13 | L |
| 9/17/18 | Mon | 9:07 AM  | 2.74 | H |
| 9/17/18 | Mon | 5:14 PM  | 0.5  | L |
| 9/17/18 | Mon | 11:15 PM | 2.32 | H |
| 9/18/18 | Tue | 5:37 AM  | 1.14 | L |
| 9/18/18 | Tue | 10:19 AM | 2.73 | H |
| 9/18/18 | Tue | 6:17 PM  | 0.48 | L |
| 9/19/18 | Wed | 1:18 AM  | 2.41 | H |
| 9/19/18 | Wed | 6:41 AM  | 1.09 | L |
| 9/19/18 | Wed | 11:25 AM | 2.8  | H |
| 9/19/18 | Wed | 7:13 PM  | 0.44 | L |
| 9/20/18 | Thu | 1:27 AM  | 2.51 | H |
| 9/20/18 | Thu | 7:33 AM  | 1.01 | L |
| 9/20/18 | Thu | 12:25 PM | 2.92 | H |
| 9/20/18 | Thu | 8:02 PM  | 0.41 | L |
| 9/21/18 | Fri | 1:46 AM  | 2.62 | H |
| 9/21/18 | Fri | 8:16 AM  | 0.91 | L |
| 9/21/18 | Fri | 1:14 PM  | 3.06 | H |
| 9/21/18 | Fri | 8:43 PM  | 0.39 | L |
| 9/22/18 | Sat | 2:10 AM  | 2.74 | H |
| 9/22/18 | Sat | 8:53 AM  | 0.81 | L |
| 9/22/18 | Sat | 1:54 PM  | 3.18 | H |
| 9/22/18 | Sat | 9:20 PM  | 0.39 | L |



Virginia "Jinny" C. Ball, age 75, passed away in Naples on August 12 after enduring poor health over the past year.

Jinny served on the Friends of Fakahatchee board and was known to many in her role as Membership Secretary.

As one of her colleagues said, "We have lost a great friend and a tireless contributor to the FOF's work." Another said, "Jinny will be missed. She was always there behind the scenes doing whatever needed to be done."

Arrangements are private. A memorial service may be held later.

Help While Dealing With Grief

According to Avow Hospice in Naples, Florida, grief is a unique experience for every person. Each of us will deal with grief differently and certain emotions and feelings are a part of the process of grieving. You may:

- ◆ Grieve for many things both symbolic and tangible, not just the death alone.
- ◆ Have a combination of anger and depression, such as irritability, frustration, annoyance, or intolerance.
- ◆ Feel some anger and guilt, or at least some manifestation of these emotions.
- ◆ Lack self esteem.
- ◆ Experience grief spasms: acute upsurges of grief that occur suddenly with no warning.
- ◆ Have trouble thinking and making decisions.
- ◆ Feel as if you are going crazy.
- ◆ Find yourself having a number of physical reactions.
- ◆ Find that there are certain dates, events, stimuli or even experiences that bring upsurges of grief.
- ◆ Begin a search for meaning and question your religion and/or philosophy of life

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