

The MULLET RAPPER

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

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Honor Your Loved One With A Brick at City Hall (This is a Great Valentine's Day Gift too)

If you want to celebrate an anniversary, welcome a new child, thank a friend, or mourn the passing of a love one, you can order a commemorative brick engraved with your message to be placed in front of Everglades City Hall.

Visitors stop all the time to read the pavers already there but so many have asked how they can get one we are making them available again.

The current campaign will close on February 14. That's a good time to proclaim your love on Valentine's Day and your loved one will receive a lovely greeting card as well as being remembered in perpetuity.

The campaign is organized by the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation. Order forms can be downloaded from their website www.evergladeshistorical.org, and are also available in Everglades City Hall. For information about commemorative bricks, call Marya at (239) 695-2905.



Here is where the engraved bricks are installed at City Hall

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Do You Use a Golf Cart or ATV on the Streets in Everglades City, Plantation or Chokoloskee? Read the Rules to Make Sure You Are in Compliance!

ATVs & Golf Carts on Roadways: The Law, By Sgt. Adam Hall



The Sheriff's Office continues to receive complaints in reference to All Terrain Vehicles (ATVs) and Golf Carts operating on the roadways in and around the Everglades area. Mixing cars, Golf Carts and ATVs on the roadways creates a safety concern that needs to be addressed. As a result, we wanted to review the "dos and don'ts" related to Golf Carts and ATVs as per Florida State Statute.

It is unlawful for ATVs to operate on public roads or streets, with the exception of during the daytime, on an unpaved roadway with a posted speed limit of less than 35 miles per hour (F.S.S. 316.2123 (1)). ATVs are considered motor vehicles under Florida

State Statute when found to be operating on public roadways. A person can be criminally charged and cited for some of the same offenses as if operating a car or truck to include: operating an unregistered motor vehicle (F.S.S. 320.02 (1)) as well as operating without a valid driver's license (F.S.S. 322.03(1)). **It is also a criminal offense for a parent to allow a child under the age of 16 to operate an ATV on the roadway** (F.S.S. 322.35). All children under 16 years old are required to wear a helmet and eye protection when operating an ATV (F.S.S. 316.2074 (3)).

If operating an ATV, we recommend that you ride responsibly and follow all applicable laws, rules and regulations. If you are looking to ride somewhere other than your private property, there are multiple online resources that can assist you with finding an approved area to operate your ATV.



As with ATVs, Golf Carts are also not allowed to operate on public roadways or sidewalks and are considered to be motor vehicles if found to be operating on the roadway. Per F.S.S. 316.212, **Golf Carts may only be operated on roadways approved by the county or local municipality.** The only areas in Collier County that fall under this exception and are authorized Golf Cart Communities are Everglades City, Goodland and Ave Maria. As with an ATV, a person

operating a Golf Cart on any public road other than in an approved Golf Cart Community can be criminally charged and cited for many of the same offenses listed above. Please remember that in order to operate a Golf Cart in Everglades City, you must obtain a Golf Cart permit from Everglades City Hall and be at least 14 years of age. The Golf Cart operator is responsible to follow all traffic laws when operating on the streets of Everglades City.

In an effort to reduce or prevent Golf Cart and ATV accidents, incidents and/or complaints, Deputies will be increasing education and enforcement activities in and around your area. Please be safe, responsible and follow all applicable laws when operating your ATV or Golf Cart.

Sergeant Adam Hall
Collier County Sheriff's Office
Everglades Community Sergeant

If you have any questions about how the laws may apply to you, please contact the non-emergency number for the sheriff's department or speak to one of the local officers. You can reach the sheriff's office by calling 239-252-9300, or stop in their office on the 2nd floor of Everglades City Hall.

JANUARY 13, 2019 – FEBRUARY 2, 2019

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
January 13 Bike Ride See p. 6	14	15 P & Z Mtg, 7 pm.	16 Ladies Coffee Havana Café 8 am	17 Book Club, see p. 10	18 Movie Night at the Museum, 5:30, see p. 3	19 Art-in-the- Glades, & Dinner & Music at the Park see p. 3
20	21 full moon ○ MLK Day, No school	22 Dental Bus, see p. 3	23 Ladies Coffee Island Café 8 am	24	25	26 <u>RAPPER</u>
27	28	29	30 Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8 am	31	February 1	2 Festival in the Woods Picayune Strand, see p. 8
3	4 new moon ● ESHM Mtg, 8:30 am FME Mtg, 4:00 pm	5 City Council Mtg, 7:00 pm @ City Hall	6 Ladies Coffee Havana Café 8 am	7	8 Seafood Fest, see p. 3	9 <u>RAPPER</u> Seafood Fest, see p. 3
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February 17: Ava Maria Bike Ride, see p. 6

February 18: Presidents Day, no school

February 19-23: MSD Festival

February 20: Pancake Fly-in, see p. 8

February 22: History Talk, see p.3

February 23: Art-in-the-Glades

AREA INFORMATION & NUMBERS:

AA: Wed., 5:00 pm, Evg. Comm. Church, Fellowship Hall
 CARNESTOWN Recycle & Trash: Dec 1st, Every Sat, 9 am to 3:30 pm
 DR DEMARTINO: Little Gator Clinic, See info on page 3.
 DR MARTIN: Call for appointment: 813-787-9738
 LIONS CLUB: Meet 2nd Thursday of Month, 6 pm
 MUSEUM: Open Monday-Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm. 239-695-0008
 PANCAKE FLY-IN: Feb. 16, Mar. 16, Apr. 20. E City Airport, 10 am-noon
 REACH OUT: 3rd Tuesday, 4 pm, City Hall
 SKATING RINK: Now open! Fri. & Sat. 6 to 9 pm
 SMALLWOOD STORE: Daily 10 am to 5pm, 239-695-2989
 THRIFT SHOP: Open Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 11 am to 3, see p.3.
 VETERANS SUPPORT: 2nd & 4th Wed. of month, noon—2 pm

The Local Area Code is 239

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Movie Night @ the Museum Friday, January 18th, 5:30 pm

Come to the museum of the Everglades for a FREE evening of fun and watch "Coconuts" starring the Marx Brothers.

The movie starts at 6 pm so please arrive by 5:30 pm to get your seats and settle in so you do not miss one minute. It's shown outside so bring a chair and warm clothing if needed!



Art-in-the-Glades

Saturday, Jan. 19th, 10 am to 1 pm
Come out to McLeod Park for Art-in-the-Glades on Saturday, January 19th from 10 am to 1 pm.

There will be live music, goodies for the kids (and adults) and plenty of local arts and crafts. It's a great time to find local crafts and gifts and have fun at the newly landscaped McLeod Park!

Everglades Seafood Festival February 8-10, 2019



The much anticipated annual festival is almost here! The Everglades Seafood Festival and Fair will take place on Friday, February 8th through Sunday the 10th. The traditional "Family

Night" kicks off the festival on Friday, with the rest of the weekend filled with music, food, art, crafts and much more.

If you are interested in a booth or in becoming a sponsor, please call us at 239-695-2277 or email us at evgbet2011@aol.com.



Pancake Fly-in February 16, 10 am to noon Free Breakfast

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Fly-ins and walk-ups welcomed!
Future dates: March 16th & April 20th. We hope to see you at the Everglades City Airpark!

Everglades Society for Historical Preservation Presentation February 22, 2019, 5:30 pm



Come out to the **Island Café** restaurant and learn about our area's rich history from area experts and learn more about how ESHP is working to preserve the history of our community. Seating is limited so please plan on arriving a bit early to claim your seat! Hope to see you there!



Dinner & Music at the Park Saturday, January 19th, 5-8 pm McLeod Park, Everglades City

Come out for dinner at the Park sponsored by the Everglades Lions Club featuring low country boil with blue crab & shrimp. Enjoy music by The Hot Country Band and get a chance to win the 50/50 drawing. Dinner includes main course, dessert and a drink for \$12. Purchase tickets from Connie Barker at 419-350-6650, or from Tammie Pernas at City Hall. Everyone is invited!

COMMUNITY SERVICES

FREE DENTAL, BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INFORMATION FOR ALL Jan. 22, 9 am to 4 pm

The *Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida's Health & Smiles Mobile Dental Bus* will be in Everglades City on **January 22nd**, from 9 am to 4 pm, in the Fire Station parking lot, providing free dental checks, blood pressure screenings and behavioral health information if requested. 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 and in **Everglades City on Fridays from 1:30 to 4:30 pm**. You may call his office to schedule an appointment at either location: (239) 642-5552.

NATURAL MEDICINE

Dr. John Martin can see patients in Everglades City on Fridays. 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 (in the old council room). 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

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



A Message from Fire-Chief Kingman Schuldt

With the New Year upon us it is the time when many of us resolve to make improvements in our lives. We at Greater Naples Fire Rescue hope you will also consider focusing on fire safety in the home with these tips:



Working SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

MAKE SURE your smoke alarms are working! The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) has found that three out of five home fire deaths are a result from fires in properties that did not have working smoke alarms. Smoke alarms have a shelf-life. Check the date on your smoke alarms – they need to be replaced every 10 years! Never remove the battery in your smoke alarm (without immediately replacing it). Disabling a smoke alarm or removing the battery can be a fatal mistake.

COOKING is one of the main causes of home fires year after year. Never leave cooking food unattended, turn the handles of pots and pans on stoves inward to avoid accidents, and be sure to make sure any loose-fitting clothing is out of the way while cooking.

DON'T use appliances with frayed cords or with outdated wiring.

DON'T place space heaters within three feet of curtains, clothing, rugs, furniture, and other combustible surfaces. Also, don't leave space heaters running unattended – consider using heaters with automatic shut-offs.

IT'S IMPORTANT to make sure everyone in the home knows what to do in case of a fire. Make a fire escape plan with your family and practice that plan at least twice a year. Remember to teach your kids basic fire safety tips, like staying as low to the ground as possible, touching a door to see if it's hot before grabbing the doorknob, and knowing at least two ways out of every room in case of an emergency.

We hope that you find these tips helpful and that you will incorporate them in your 2019 resolutions. From all of us at Greater Naples Fire Rescue, we wish you and yours a safe and Happy New Year!

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SAWFISH NEWS by Tonya Wiley, Havenworth Coastal Conservation

Sawfish Handling and Release Guidelines

Smalltooth sawfish are listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), which makes it illegal to target, harm, harass, or handle them in any way. While it is technically illegal to catch a sawfish (except with a research permit or in a fishery where incidental take has been authorized) captures do occur while fishing for other species. Any sawfish caught while fishing must be released as quickly as possible. The guidelines below were developed to aid anglers in quickly and safely releasing incidentally caught sawfish; use extreme caution if you do catch one.

The number one rule to remember when handling and releasing a sawfish is to leave it in the water at all times. Do not lift it out of the water onto your boat or a pier, and do not drag it on shore. Because of the ESA protections it is illegal to possess a sawfish; therefore, removing it from the water is a clear violation of the law. This also ensures the safety of both the sawfish and the angler. Sawfish are powerful animals that can whip their saw very quickly which can cause serious injury to the angler and the sawfish.

General Release Guidelines:

- *Leave the sawfish in the water – never lift or drag it onto a boat, pier, or shore
- *Never remove the saw (rostrum) or injure the animal in any way
- *Use extreme caution when handling and releasing sawfish as the saw can thrash violently from side to side
- *Never use a gaff or rope to secure a sawfish

If hooked:

- *Leave the sawfish, especially the gills, in the water
- *If it can be done safely, untangle any line wrapped around the saw
- *Cut the line as close to the hook as possible
- *If tangled in a cast net:
- *Leave the sawfish, especially the gills, in the water
- *Untangle and cut the net removing as much of it as possible from the animal
- *Release the sawfish quickly



Sawfish are extremely susceptible to entanglement in recreational fishing lines and commercial nets. Mishandling and the purposeful injury or killing of captured sawfish is both illegal and detrimental to the recovery of the population. Never use a gaff on a sawfish you have caught and never remove the rostrum. Sawfish use their rostrum for detecting and catching food so in addition to being illegal, removal of the rostrum severely limits the animal's chance to find enough food to survive.

If you catch or see a sawfish take a quick photograph of the sawfish, estimate its size, note your location, and share the details with

scientists. The details of your sightings or catches of sawfish help to monitor the population and track the recovery progress. You can share your information by calling 844-4-SAWFISH (844-472-9347) or emailing sawfish@myfwc.com.

Some fishermen have expressed concern that reporting encounters will result in the closure of their favorite fishing locations. However, the smalltooth sawfish is already listed as an endangered species and critical habitat has been designated; neither of these actions has resulted in any closed fishing areas for recreational or commercial anglers. Your encounter reports will be used to track recovery of the population and steer research efforts, which will ultimately benefit the species and the areas in which you fish. Adam Brame, the Sawfish Recovery Coordinator for NOAA Fisheries, said "We are confident that NOAA and recreational anglers can work together to recover smalltooth sawfish so future generations can experience the thrill of encountering such a unique animal."

For more information about sawfish visit:
<http://myfwc.com/research/saltwater/fish/sawfish/> or <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/species/smalltooth-sawfish>. **Photo by Dean Grubbs**

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A Message from Principal James Ragusa

Thanks to Our Community

With the annual Seafood Festival less than a month away, I would like to thank Carol Foss, the Betterment Association along with our Mayor and City Council members for the opportunity we are given to operate the soft drinks and water concession each year! The tremendous support we receive truly is a blessing that we are sincerely grateful for. Our students benefit tremendously from the funds we raise each year as they provide opportunities for students that they might not otherwise have. I have to recognize our staff as many of them work numerous hours that weekend. A number of them even spend the weekend here to work alongside students in the trailers and main tent where we sell water and soft drinks.

The high school students have the option to work the event each year and this allows them to earn funding for their prom ticket and their senior trip to Busch Gardens. Funds generated from this event also allow us to provide opportunities for students at every grade level. The work includes preparing the locations for the event, assisting with transporting ice, and serving the customers that purchase our soft drinks/water. Our students are a crucial element of making the event a successful fundraiser and we appreciate their contribution to making the event so successful each year. We are lucky to have a community that places such value on our most important resource, the children of this community!

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TAXING THINGS
 by Mike the Tax Guy

INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE AND THE GOVERNMENT SHUTDOWN

The IRS has mostly stopped working (only 12 percent of its staff are working -- without pay), and those who are working are mostly focused on security and technology. The IRS is not issuing refunds, updating tax forms or answering phone help lines during the shutdown.

Certain IRS activities will continue during the shutdown, including activities already funded and activities necessary for safety of human life or protection of government property. Activities include continuing to complete and test upcoming filing year programs; processing electronic returns, up to the point of refund; processing paper tax returns through "batching"; processing remittances; and maintaining criminal law enforcement operations.

However, most IRS activities that will stop during the shutdown include:

- >Issuing refunds;
- >Processing Form 1040X amended returns;
- >Audit functions and examinations of returns;
- >Processing paper tax returns that include remittances
- >Taxpayer services, such as answering taxpayer questions.

Other activities that will stop include Service Center processing of non-disaster relief transcripts, income verification express service/return, and income verification services; most IRS headquarters and administrative functions not related to the safety of life and protection of property; nonautomated collections; legal counsel; information systems functions (except as necessary to prevent loss of data in process and revenue collections); and planning, research, and training and development activities.

When funds are appropriated to the IRS, furloughed employees will return to work (they are expected to return within four hours after the reactivation is announced if it occurs on a scheduled work day).

Depending upon when the IRS gets back to full time operation many taxpayers might find that 1099s and other income reporting forms may be delayed from their financial institutions due to the lack of complete update requirements.

Other News: What's new with the child tax credit after tax reform?

Many people claim the child tax credit to help offset the cost of raising children. Tax reform legislation enacted last year made changes to that credit.

Credit amount. The new law increases the child tax credit from \$1,000 to \$2,000. Eligibility for the credit has not changed. As in past years, the credit applies if all of these apply: the child is younger than 17 at the end of the tax year, December 31, 2018 the taxpayer claims the child as a dependent the child lives with the taxpayer for at least six months of the year.

The credit is refundable, now up to \$1,400. If a taxpayer doesn't owe any tax before claiming the credit, they will receive up to \$1,400 as part of their refund.

Earned income threshold. The income threshold to claim the credit has been lowered to \$2,500 per family. This means a family must earn a minimum of \$2,500 to claim the credit.


Phaseout. The income threshold at which the child tax credit begins to phase out is increased to \$200,000, or \$400,000 if married filing jointly. This means that more families with children younger than 17 qualify for the larger credit.

Dependents who can't be claimed for the child tax credit may still qualify the taxpayer for the credit for other dependents. This is a non-refundable credit of up to \$500 per qualifying person. These dependents may also be dependent children who are age 17 or older at the end of 2018. It also includes parents or other qualifying relatives supported by the taxpayer.

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Cycle Tours through the Everglades
Next Ride: January 13th

Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park is just 7 miles north of Everglades City off of SR29 in Copeland. Our bike tour for **January 13** starts at the Fakahatchee Headquarters where you'll find restrooms, a water fountain, maps and a donation box (\$2 for hikers/bicyclists).

Hybrid or mountain bikes are needed. Be sure to wear a helmet, bring sunscreen, extra tube or patches, and lots of water (with electrolytes). We will ride approximately 6 miles north off-road along beautiful Janes Scenic Drive (an old railway bed constructed in the 1940s to log out the old-growth Bald Cypress trees used during WWII to build flight decks for aircraft carriers).

At Gate 12 you can decide to return to the Headquarters or bike another few miles along one of the smaller tram roads, arriving at the "Fakahatchee Hilton", an old cabin situated on a gator lake. Come join us for a lot of fun exploring wonderful wild south Florida. For more information, contact Patty Huff at 239-695-2397 or email info@evergladesrogg.org.



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Biking Event Schedule
(All rides start at 9:00am)

- ♦ **January 13 – Janes Scenic Drive in the Fakahatchee (17 miles).** Meet at Fakahatchee Strand Headquarters in Copeland
- ♦ **February 17 – 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 December 29, 2018 Puzzle



My Little Slice of Paradise
by Kathy Brock

**Florida Leads the Nation!
(But Don't Break Out the Champagne)**

It's amazing what information you run into on the internet. Contemplating a future article, I started doing some research about the legend of the Skunk Ape. I was looking for sightings, history and any other information I could find. One article I was reading suggested it may actually be an escaped orangutan. This spiked my curiosity. Where could have this orangutan escape from?

This rabbit hole led me to some information that I was not aware of... Florida, specifically, **Hendry County, is the breeding capital of the US for monkeys used in medical research.**

There are at least 4 major breeding facilities in the rural community, giving it a distinction that no community should be proud of; Hendry County has the largest concentration of primate breeding facilities of any other county in the United States.

Primate Products imports and sells monkeys to universities, the U.S. military and to pharmaceutical companies. In 2002, Primate Products opened a breeding facility named "Panther Tracks Learning Center" off of State Road 29. Hmmm. That's an interesting name for a primate breeding facility!

The Mannheimer Foundation operates a large breeding/research facility near LaBelle called Haman Ranch.

Bioculture, a company based on the African island of Mauritius, opened a breeding facility in Hendry County in 2014.

PreLabs, a Chicago-based company, opened a research facility on the Hendry/Lee county line in 2016. Operating under the name Primera Science Center, the facility there can house as many as 3,000 monkeys.

What's worrisome is that a concentration of thousands of these animals in confined areas can cause airborne contamination, groundwater contamination and very unsatisfactory conditions for the animals and the humans living in the surrounding areas.

The macaques monkey (often called the Mauritius monkey), from the tiny African island of Mauritius in the Indian Ocean to the east of Madagascar, is a "favorite" species for medical testing. The company Bioculture, which is based on the island, imports the animals to their facilities to create their breeding population. One of their facilities in the US, is, of course, in Hendry county.

There are several wild, self-sustaining and growing populations of monkeys in Florida. In Dania on the east coast they have been around since the 1960's after a testing facility was damaged by a hurricane. In Orlando there is a breeding population, and up to 30% of that population is suspected of carrying the herpes virus. In Tampa there is another population and North Naples has some monkeys too. In 2000, a resident of Sarasota snapped a photo and sent it in to the Sheriff's department with what looked like an orangutan. Skunk Ape believers suggest it was the elusive, odiferous primate that lurks amid the swamps, but he or she is just another escapee says the Sheriff's department there.

There are several alarm bells ringing for me. There is a reason that most states "just say no" to these breeding facilities. Europe is a no-go for them too. China is ramping up their testing facilities to monetize the primates, but hopefully, we aren't using the Chinese government as our moral compass.

Florida just seems to hold their nose and says, "c'mon down"...with Hendry County firmly cemented as ground zero for the industry. Escapees will be only one of the problems...

Zoos across the nation have been pressured to increase the size of living quarters for all animals so that their living conditions are tolerable. For the primates living in Hendry County, a zoo enclosure would be like a 5-star hotel. And, for the residents of Florida, we can only hope this "industry" stays in Hendry county and that their county officials are monitoring what is happening there - and take responsibility when things go awry. And they will...eventually, if they haven't already.

In a state where eco-tourism is the present and the future, the primate breeding industry seems misguided in so many ways. Let's hope one County's quest for tax revenue does not damage what's left of our State's shaky reputation.

Island Life Recipes
Strawberry Cobbler
From Best of the Best



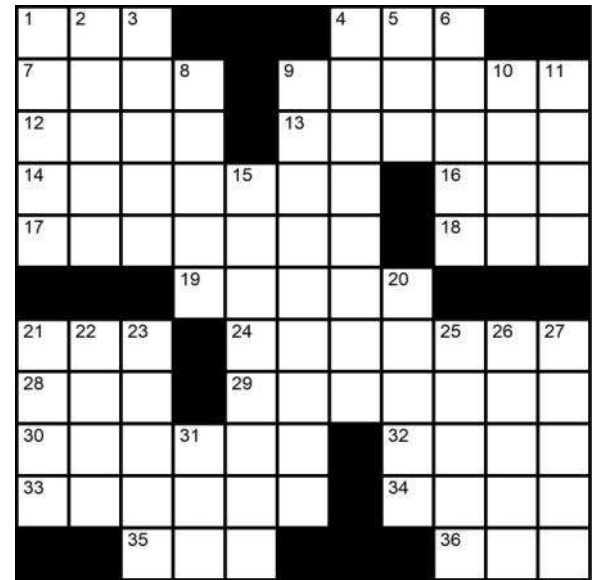
Ingredients:
 1/2 cup white sugar
 1 tablespoon cornstarch
 1 cup water
 3 cups strawberries, sliced
 2 tablespoons butter, diced
 1 cup all-purpose flour
 1 tablespoon white sugar
 1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
 3 tablespoons butter
 1/2 cup heavy whipping cream

Directions: Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (205 degrees C). Butter a 2-quart baking dish. Combine sugar, cornstarch, and water. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until thick and hot. Stir in strawberries, and remove from heat. Pour mixture into the baking dish, and dot with 2 tablespoons butter.
 Sift together the flour, sugar and baking powder. Cut in 3 tablespoons butter. Stir in cream. Mixture should be fairly soft. Spoon on top of berries.
 Serve with a scoop of vanilla ice cream!
 Bake for 25 minutes in the preheated oven, or until biscuit is golden brown and filling is bubbly.

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Across

- 1 "--- in 'Sierra'"
- 4 Peter _ _ _
- 7 European peaks
- 9 1/60 of a minute
- 12 Droop
- 13 Wonder Woman's General, Steven ---
- 14 This crowd controller is a real weepie
- 16 First of her kind
- 17 Iroquoian word for "beautiful water"
- 18 Scientific truth
- 19 "I --- be sedated" (Ramones)
- 21 Jayhawk state
- 24 Got agitated
- 28 Lawyers' group
- 29 Merry
- 30 Singer Tritt
- 32 Work hard
- 33 Millionaire boats
- 34 Took --- loan
- 35 Tire inflation measure
- 36 Verbalize



Down

- 1 Looked after
- 2 Unfamiliar
- 3 Bugs on a windshield sound
- 4 Public faces
- 5 Top pitcher
- 6 Original
- 8 No-one wants the short one
- 9 Durable type of steel
- 10 Old Chevy model
- 11 Pulled a gun
- 15 Tagger's art
- 20 "I shall not find myself so --- die": (Antony, "Julius Caesar")
- 21 Houston suburb
- 22 Start of an incantation
- 23 Civil rights org. since 1909
- 25 Religious
- 26 Short-lived Argentinian First Lady
- 27 Holdup



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Poetry Street
by Katherine Tullie



When life gives you more than you think you can handle, try taking it more slowly. Taking on one thing at a time makes it much easier and less overwhelming. That is the theme of my poem "One Step At A Time."

One Step at a Time

Let's walk through life taking one step at a time
I am sharing with you this special rhyme
Life has many ups and downs
It is enough to throw us to the ground
We must take a deep breath as we move along
Always trying to do right and not wrong
When something hits us hard in our life
Causing us unavoidable strife
Try to take things in stride
Having your prayers on your side
Let's handle things one day at a time, I say
We will be better off each and every day
So when life throws us a curve ball
Let's step up to life like we're ten feet tall
We can solve one thing at a time, for sure
There can be less we have to endure
Look towards the light at the end of the tunnel, I say
Keep a positive attitude and you will see the light of the day!



Email: Kathythepoet@gmail.com
Look for #PoetryStreet on Twitter!

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Saturday, February 2, 2019
10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
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Come out to the Sable Palm Hiking Trail Trailhead, 3.3 Miles East of Collier Blvd. on Sabal Palm Rd. to the Festival in the Woods!

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Arrive early! Participation will be on a first come, first served basis.

For additional information, please contact: Melinda Avni, Forester, Caloosahatchee Forestry Center (239) 690-8000 or Melinda.Avni@FreshFromFlorida.com.

Board of County Commissioners Creates New Advisory Committee

At its December 11, 2018, meeting the Board of (Collier) County Commissioners (Board) voted to establish the Mental Illness and Addiction Ad Hoc Committee with a renewed mission to make recommendations for providing assistance and treatment of persons with mental health and addiction issues.

Membership of this committee shall not exceed 19 open individuals, who shall initially be appointed by the Board. Consideration for membership will be given to ensure geographic and background diversity. Special qualifications for membership include: One representative designated by a Veteran services organization; one representative designated by the Collier County Sheriff's Office; one representative designated by a Collier County grantor entity which provides funding to providers of services for mental illness and substance abuse use disorders for adults; one psychiatrist, licensed to practice in Florida; one behavioral health professional, licensed to practice in Florida; one medical health professional; one representative from a homelessness advocacy organization; one representative of the David Lawrence Center, Inc.; one representative from the National Alliance on Mental Illness; one certified peer specialist; one representative from the recovery community; representatives from the local business community; and, representatives at-large with experience or demonstrated interest in mental illness and substance use disorder. Geographical preference will be given to one applicant from each Commissioner District.

Residents interested in applying for positions on the Mental Illness and Addiction Ad Hoc Committee may obtain an application by calling (239) 252-8400, or by downloading an application from the county's website at www.colliercounty.gov, then search for the document. The deadline to submit applications is January 30, 2019.

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Living Gulf Coast by Charles Sobczak



Crevice Spiders (Family Filistatidae) Other names: southern house spider, crevice weaver / Status: FL=common / Life span: to 8 years / Length: 1.2-2 in. (30-50 mm) / Reproduces in finely woven webs that all have a narrow tunnel wherein the spiders hide and raise their brood / Found: Throughout garages and storage rooms in SW Florida.

Next to the housekeeper, the crevice spider is possibly the second most common spider found on the islands. It is especially fond of older wooden structures where it builds its unmistakable nest under floor joists, next to light fixtures or on the corner of windows where it can prey upon insects that are attracted to the house lights at night.



Crevice spiders do utilize their sheet-like web to trap and entangle their prey. When a moth or fly becomes caught up in this wooly silk (cribellate silk) the large, dark brown spider rushes out and subdues its victim with its fangs, quickly injecting a venom into the insect to subdue it. Bites to humans, though very rare, are not life threatening and the swelling seldom lasts for more than a few days.

The crevice spider, because of its unsightly nests, is not as welcome into peoples homes as is the housekeeper. After time, their silken webs become hosts to dead flies, wasps, moths and other insects and the spider itself is dark and foreboding. By and large however, crevice spiders do more good than they do harm, killing stinging hornets, black widows and cockroaches. They in turn are eaten by geckos, anoles, small rodents and a handful of birds willing to take them on.

Black Widow (*Latrodectus mactans*) WARNING: VENOMOUS SPIDER / Other names: none / Status: FL=stable / Life span: to 1(male) to 5 years (female) / Length: 0.5-1.5 in. (12-37 mm) / Reproduces under logs, in low shrubs and in places such as water meter holes / Found: Throughout SW Florida.



This is the one spider you probably do not want to look for. Females are aggressive and will inject potentially lethal neurotoxic venom into the bite that can result in death. Sixty-three confirmed deaths were reported in the United States between 1950 and 1959. Improvements in anti-venom have significantly reduced this mortality rate but the black widow, worldwide, is considered to be one of the most dangerous spiders on earth. They are easy to recognize by their shiny black bodies and distinctive red hourglass markings on their rounded abdomen.


The female black widow is aptly named. The local species, *Latrodectus mactans*, is the only known black widow that practices sexual cannibalism. Shortly after the male mates with the female, she turns on him, killing him with her powerful venom, and then consumes him. Not all pairings result in this bizarre ending, and males that manage to escape can go on to fertilize other black widows, if they dare!

Female black widows are very fertile, laying four to nine egg sacs per year with each sac containing up to 400 eggs. In keeping with the temperament of their mother, the juvenile spiders practice paternal cannibalism and only a few of them make it to maturity. Black widows feed on woodlice, other spiders and a wide variety of insects. They are in turn preyed upon by preying mantis, spider wasps and a number of specialized flies. If you happen across a black widow do not attempt to pick it up or get too near it. They are fast and aggressive and if you are bitten by one you

MUST SEEK MEDICAL ATTENTION IMMEDIATELY!

Charles Sobczak is an author and photographer from Sanibel Island, Florida.

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Fishing in the 10,000 Islands by Capt. Mike Merritt

It is hard to believe 2019 is upon us. Winter fishing is really good with scores of small Reds biting everywhere. I have been catching them all the way down the coast and in the back country. This should bode well for our future!

There are still some keepers mixed in although you will have to work for them. Live shrimp is hard to beat but for the angler that can cast a Gulp will also get lots of action. You may catch 40 or 50 Reds and land only one keeper, but, who's complaining right?

Seatrout just keeps getting better as the weeks pass. We are catching plenty of nice 17"-20" fish on the flats and getting a limit of these is as easy as it gets. You can stick with the live shrimp or Gulps, but my go to rig is the DOA Shrimp under a cork. For one thing you don't have to keep baiting the hook and the DOA is pretty durable. You can catch your limit on just one lure before they finally tear it up. Just keep moving around of the flats until you find them biting. **And remember if you're in shallow water trim that motor up so as not to tear up the good grasses! That's what keeps the fish there.**

If it's Snook you're after then the back country is the place to be. There seem to be just as many small Snook as there are Redfish! Jigs, DOA's, lures, and live shrimp are all getting action. There have been some Snook still biting on the outside when the water warms back up. Most of these are close to the river mouths but all seem to be on the small side. There are some big Snook in the back country and fishing with artificials is the best way to track down a big fish. Working as many shorelines as you can will help you find that decent fish.

The offshore bite on the wrecks will produce those big Sheepshead this time of year. And you may find a Cobia or Permit lurking around. There are also some keeper Mangrove Snapper around, but again, there are plenty of small fish to eat up your shrimp.

I guess if I had to give you any advice right now it would be to take extra shrimp! There are a lot of hungry fish out there!

~Good Luck Fishing, Capt. Mike Merritt

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Species	Legal Size	Daily Limit
Black Drum (slot)	14" - 24"	5 / harvester
Black Grouper	24"	1 / harvester
Cobia	33" fork	1 / harvester, 2 / boat
Flounder	12"	10 / harvester
Gag Grouper*	24"	***Season Closed***
Permit (slot)	11" - 22" fork	1 / harvester, 2 / boat
Pompano	11" fork	6 / harvester
Redfish (slot)	18" - 27"	1 / harvester
Seatrout (slot)	15" - 20"	4 / harvester, 1 over 20
Sheepshead	12"	8 / harvester
Snook (slot)	28" - 32"	***Season Closed***
Spanish Mackerel	12" fork	15 / harvester
Tripletail	18"	2 / harvester

Regional News

Southwest Florida Joins Blue Zone Challenge. Walk Your Way to Health



Track Your Trek. Walk to Loma Linda

Join Blue Zones Project in the new year for a healthy competition! Starting on Jan. 28, Blue Zones Project is launching a community-wide step challenge.

Track your steps for 10 weeks and then celebrate your accomplishments on April 3, National Walking Day.

Our goal is for Southwest Florida to walk the distance it takes to get to Loma Linda, California - one of the original Blue Zone locations.

Walkers will be entered to win a grand prize of a two-night stay and spa package to the JW Marriott, and teams will be entered to win \$2,000 worth of gift cards to Blue Zones Project Approved restaurants!

RSVP to participate-
<https://trackyourtrek.eventbrite.com>

2018 Panther Death Toll Equals 2017



A total of 30 panther deaths were documented by FWC in 2018, matching the total that was recorded in 2017.

Of the 30 deaths, 26 were caused by vehicles, three were by unknown causes, and one was due to aggression by another panther (adult male

killed a kitten).

Nineteen of the deceased panthers were male, and eleven were females. Nine kittens were killed, eight by vehicles.

Vehicle encounters are the number one cause of premature death in panthers. Panthers are most active at dawn and dusk, times when visibility is at its lowest.

Extra caution is recommended when driving during these hours, especially when fog or haze reduces visibility.

Biologists gain valuable information by examining panther remains. Please report injured or dead panthers to the FWC Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922).

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Fakahatchee Strand News

Winter Fakahatchee Tram Tours Are the Perfect Day-Excursion!

Cooler temperatures make winter the perfect time to experience a swamp walk or tram tour in Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park. The park, east of Naples, is Florida's largest and has been called "the Amazon of North America."

Ghostrider Tram Tours of the park are from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The naturalist led tours are offered for \$25 per person most Thursdays in January and February and are named for the famous ghost orchid found in the park.

The Naturalist Led Tram Tour and Swamp Walks are from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. This \$60 excursion takes visitors into knee-high water and is offered on most Tuesdays during the season.

For directions, complete details and required reservations for all Fakahatchee adventures, visit www.orchidswamp.org and click on Tours and Events. Please be advised that tours sell out quickly so it is recommended to call and schedule your dates as soon as possible!

You can reach us by phone at (800) 362-8590. We look forward to seeing you there!

About the Fakahatchee Strand

The Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park is perhaps the best example of a subtropical, strand swamp in the United States. The Fakahatchee Strand is a linear swamp forest, approximately twenty miles long by five miles wide and oriented from north to south. The Strand harbors one of the largest concentrations and diversity of native orchids in North America, and supports numerous rare and endangered animal species. It is also one of the core areas of the current range of the Florida Panther.

The Strand's 85,000 acres are part of the main drainage slough of the Big Cypress Swamp. The Fakahatchee Strand is linked hydrologically to the Everglades system and is particularly important to the estuarine ecosystem of the Ten Thousand Islands area.

Local Happenings

Book Club Meeting January 17th

The book club in Everglades City is back for the season! Anyone interested is invited to join in. We will provide meeting locations in the paper as the dates draw closer.

Jan 17: Undaunted Courage by Stephen Ambrose, Hosted by Sadie Stroud

Feb. 21: Watership Down by Richard Adam, Hosted by Linda Williams

Mar. 21: Being Mortal by Atul Gawande, Hosted by Judy Jury

Apr. 11: Lilac Girls by Martha Kelly, Hosted by Diann Lock

**Great Horned Owl Watch
Owlets Coming Soon!**

The Great Horned Owl momma is patiently awaiting the arrival of her brood as she sits on her nest located on the light pole behind the fire station in Everglades City, and in front of the Community Center & Thrift Shop.

This is the second straight year she has chosen this location as the place her new offspring will be brought into the world.



She was first spotted at the location on December 6th. According to research published by Cornell University School of Ornithology, the nest sites are

typically chosen well before mating, and the nests are occupied just before eggs are laid. Eggs are incubated between 30 & 37 days, there are usually two eggs.

If all is on schedule, the owlets should be hatching in January, probably around the time this article is published.

It will still be several weeks before we can see the babies, but the momma bird is very visible during daylight hours!

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Greg Dupignac

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*More than 73,800 Reach out to Elder Helpline for Information and Assistance in 2018
Area Agency on Aging for SWFL sees 16.2% increase in calls over 2017*

Angler's Cove, Port of the Islands (642-1025): Monday - Wed 5 to 11 pm, Thurs to Sun Noon - 11 pm
Camellia Street Grille (695-2003): 11:00 am – 9:00 pm daily
City Seafood (695-4700): 8:00 am – 10:00 am; breakfast Noon-6pm Lunch & Dinner
Glades Haven Marina (695-2091): Deli Closed. Marina is open. Live bait available at marina
Havana Café (695-2214): Open Daily, 7 am to 4 pm See our ad on page 10!
Island Café (695-0003): 6:00 am – 9:00 pm; daily
Ivey House (695-3299): 6:30 – 9:30 am; daily
Joanie's Blue Crab Café (695-2682): 11:00 am – 4:00 pm Open: Mon., Fri., Saturday & Sunday
Rod & Gun (695-2101): 11:30 am - 8:00 pm; daily
Tastes of the Everglades Open Tues.—Sunday 3 pm till closing
Triad Seafood & Café (695-2662): Open Every Day 10:30 am-5 pm
MARKETS
Right Choice Supermarket (695-4535): M-Th 9 am– 7 pm, Fri-Sun, 7 am to 7 pm
Grimm's Stone Crab (695-3222): Open Mon.-Sat. 8 am to 5 pm
Fresh Produce 1181 Hamilton Ln, Chok. See ad on p.12 By E City Post Office, Weekends 8 am-4 pm
SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES
Chokoloskee Church of God Sunday: 10 am Sch., 11 am Worship Wed. 7 pm Hr. of Prayer
Copeland Baptist Church Sunday: 10 am School, 11 am Worship
Everglades Community Church 11:00 am Sunday Worship, See ad p. 11
1st Baptist Church of Everglades City 9:45 am Sunday School, 11 am Worship 6 pm Sunday, 6 pm Wed. Bible Study
Holy Family Catholic Church Sunday Mass, 10:30 am
St. Finbarr Catholic Church, Naples Phone: 239-417-2084
San Marco Catholic Church, Marco Isl. 239-394-5181

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1/25/19	Fri	6:21 PM	2.26	H
1/26/19	Sat	1:24 AM	0.21	L
1/26/19	Sat	6:33 AM	2.11	H
1/26/19	Sat	1:44 PM	0.14	L
1/26/19	Sat	7:06 PM	2.27	H

More Southwest Florida seniors are in need of assistance than ever, based on the number of calls received last year by the Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida's Elder Helpline. The Elder Helpline received 73,843 calls in 2018, an increase of 16.2% over the previous year, and the most the agency has ever received in a single year.

The Helpline is an information and referral service provided by the Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida (AAASWFL). The Agency's Helpline assists older adults, caregivers, and people with disabilities in Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hendry, Lee, and Sarasota Counties. It is part of the national Eldercare Locator network and is funded through the federal Older Americans Act.

"Our Helpline specialists assist people trying to find services for themselves or their loved ones," explains Carmen Torres-Ortiz, AAASWFL's director of client services. "There are many resources available for older people and adults with disabilities. The Elder Helpline is the first step in finding them the help they need, either through a government program, a local nonprofit, or even private pay services.

Locally, the Helpline can be accessed by calling (866) 413-5337 (41-ELDER) between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. weekdays, excluding state holidays. Assistance is available in more than 200 languages.

While the Helpline may be the best-known of AAASWFL's services, the Agency is also responsible for screening older adults for eligibility for government-funded home and community based services and for monitoring local service providers.

AAASWFL also provides direct services to adults 60 and over and adults with disabilities. These programs include SHINE Medicare counseling, health and wellness workshops, and elder abuse prevention education.



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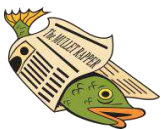
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