

The MULLET RAPPER

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What's Happening in the Everglades & 10,000 Islands OCTOBER 5 - OCTOBER 18, 2019



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Everglades City School FALL Scholastic Book Fair November 11- 14, 2019

Join us as we celebrate literacy with our fall Scholastic Book Fair. The fair will open Monday, November 11 through Thursday, Nov. 14, 2019. The daily hours will be 7:30 am — 3:30 pm. Thursday, November 14, the fair will conclude at noon!

Our annual family & friends "Books and Breakfast" event will take place on Wednesday Nov. 13 from 7:00 am – 8:00 am!

Everglades City School (EVG) is in need of teacher classroom book basket sponsors! Please support literacy at EVG by sponsoring new books from the book fair to go in the teachers' classroom libraries and the media center! Our teachers will hand select perfect books for their students from the fair. These books will be placed in a basket with the teacher's name/grade.

Please stop by the media center or call, (239) 377-9810, to purchase one or all of our teacher basket books! This is an incredible opportunity for our teachers to replenish their classroom libraries!

All book sales benefit EVG's library! Thank you!

FREE Turkeys for Thanksgiving are back! See page 8 for details!

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Vessels are Blessed, Crab Season is Almost Here Now We Need the Crabs to Cooperate!

We all know last year's crab season was tough. This year, we are hoping for a better result. Winds seem to be cooperating (it's been windy in September), now we need the crabs to cooperate!

I know I am ready for a stone crab feast! A little mustard sauce (butter for those who have not converted...yet), some durable crab crackers or a mallet, and a bib will do. Judging by the turnout for the annual Blessing of the Fleet put on by Tod Dahlke, the community is ready, and the vessels are in fine shape too.

The day kicked off with the invocation from Pastor Bob Wallace, which led into the promenade down the docks covered in flower petals where the area clergy provided the blessings. The weather was breezy, beautiful and very comfortable.





Above left, the boats arrive for the blessing. Right, the local clergy offer the blessing.







Top left, the iconic Rod & Gun pickup. Right, Tod Dahlke holds trophies for the kids contests. Bottom left, coconut guava cake entries, and contest winner, Kathleen (left).

Thanks to Tod Dahlke, and everyone who helped and came out to the event!
Good Luck to our Fleet!

OCTOBER 6, 2019 — NOVEMBER 9, 2019								
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY		
October 6	7	8	9	10	11	12		
	ESHP Mtg.,	Safe Community	Ladies Coffee	Lions Club,		Core Outdoors,		
	8:30 am	Night, CCSO	City Seafood 8a	Pernas' House,		10 am—1 pm.		
				6 pm, Pot Luck		See p. 3		
13	14	15	16	17	18	Rapper 19		
Full Moon	Columbus Day	Stone Crab	Ladies Coffee	Museum Event,		Bike Ride/Tour,		
Moonlit Tram		Season Opens!	Havana Café, 8a	See p. 3		See p. 8		
Tour, see p. 10		Get Crackin'		Council Mtg,				
		P & Z, 7 pm		5 pm				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26		
			Ladies Coffee			Swamp Walk,		
			Island Café, 8a			See p. 10		
						Trunk or Treat!		
						See p. 3		
27	28	29	30	31	November 1	Rapper 2		
New Moon			Ladies Coffee					
			City Seafood, 8a					
3	4	5	6	7	8	9		
	ESHP Mtg.	City Council Mtg	Ü	 	Ü	Bike Ride/Tour,		
	8:30 am	7:00 pm	Havana Café, 8a			See p. 8		
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Nov. 11-14: School Book Fair, see p. 1, 3

Nov. 15: ESHP Talk

Nov. 21: Book Club, see p. 6

Nov. 26: Election Day

Nov. 28: Thanksgiving

Nov.16: Art-in-Glades

Dec. 7: Art-in-Glades

AREA INFORMATION & NUMBERS:

AA: Wed., 5:00 pm, Evg. Comm. Church, Fellowship Hall

CARNESTOWN Recycle & Trash: Dec 1st, Every Sat, 9 am to 2:00 pm

DR DEMARTINO: Little Gator Clinic, See info on page 3.

DR MARTIN: Call for appointment: 813-787-9738

LIONS CLUB: 2nd Thursday of Month

MUSEUM: Open Monday-Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm. 239-252-5026

PANCAKE FLY-IN: Closed for summer REACH OUT: 3rd Thursday of month, 4 pm SKATING RINK: Now open! Fri. & Sat. 6 to 9 pm

SMALLWOOD STORE: Daily 11 am to 4 pm, 239-695-2989

THRIFT SHOP: Open Saturday 11 am to 3 pm, p.3.

VETERANS SUPPORT: 2nd & 4rd Wed. of month, noon—2 pm

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SNOOK SEASON—DATES ***CORRECTED***

September 1st-Closing December 1st Snook season is now open. Last issue we had an incorrect date for the close of the current season (again), we apologize! Anglers must possess a saltwater fishing license and a snook stamp to harvest the

MUSEUM LECTURE SERIES

"From Collier Laundry to Collier Museum" October 11th, 2PM - 3 PM

Join us at the Museum of the Everglades every month for our Third Thursday lecture series. Presented by museum staff or local authority, these lectures will explore the lesser known and oftenoverlooked areas of our region's past.

Every lecture is free, begins at 2 pm and will include an opportunity for questions and discussion. Museum of Everglades, 105 Broadway, the Everglades City, FL, 239-252-5026.

STONE CRAB SEASON BEGINS October 15th through May 15th



Support the local crab fleet by purchasing and eating the delicious stone crabs harvested in the Gulf waters.

Crabs are available in local restaurants and at area seafood markets. For a directory www.visitevergladescity.com, and click on "directory," and then "Restaurants/ Seafood Markets".

TRUNK OR TREAT! October 26th, 5:00 to 8:00 pm McLeod Park



Come out celebrate Halloween at the Park on October 28th. This is the third year we are holding the Trunk or

Treat event, but this year we are expanding it to McLeod Park.

There will be free hotdogs and beverages compliments of the Everglades Lions Club, and many fun things for kids to do. Children may also trick or treat in the neighborhood! Everyone is invited!

SCHOOL BOOK FAIR November 11-14

Our annual family & friends "Books and Breakfast" event will take place on Wednesday Nov. 13 from 7:00 am – 8:00 am! See page 1 for more details.

Drug-free Collier CORE Outdoors Event October 12th, 10 am to 1 pm Everglades Community Center Join in on the fun! Win prizes! Scavenger Hunt Challenge: Download the official flyer at:

COMMUNITY SERVICES

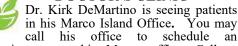
FREE DENTAL, BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INFORMATION FOR ALL October 15th, 8 am to 4 pm

The Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida's Health & Smiles Mobile Dental Bus will be in Everglades City on October 15th, from 8 am to 4 pm, at the Everglades Community Center (by Thrift Shop) parking lot, providing free dental checks, blood pressure screenings and behavioral health information if requested. For more info or to schedule an appointment: call 239-202-7005.

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



appointment at his Marco office: Call to schedule an appointment: (239) 642-5552.

NATURAL MEDICINE



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

CEDR Hurricane Disaster Recovery Aid

Communities of Everglades Disaster Recovery works in conjunction with disaster case managers from several agencies 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.

E-CITY THRIFT SHOP Open Saturday 11am -3pm

The Everglades City Thrift Store is open Saturday from 11 am to 3 pm. Come see the new store located

between the fire station and community center.

A Message From Fire Chief Kingman Schuldt



September was National Baby Month. Safety sponsored annually by the Juvenile **Products**

Manufacturers Association to educate

parents and caregivers about keeping infants healthy safe and through their first years. As the month comes to a close, it's a good time to brush up on top safety tips for

your little one:

- ♦In the kitchen: Kitchens are full of potential safety hazards, so it's important to take extra precautions in this essential part of your home. Don't hold your baby while cooking, and turn pot handles toward the back of the stove to prevent hot foods and liquids from being tipped over. Keep knives, heavy pots and breakable dishes out of reach, and stash garbage cans in locked cupboards or use cans with child-safe covers.
- ♦ In the nursery: The nursery should be a secure environment for your baby to learn and grow. Keep it safe by moving furniture away from windows to prevent babies from falling through the screen or becoming tangled in window cords. In the crib, always use a sheet that fits securely on the mattress. Make sure the mattress fits snugly within the crib to prevent your baby from slipping between the mattress and the side of the crib.
- ♦Out and about: When you and your child are on the go, always use a car seat to arrive safely at your destination. Carefully follow all of the car seat manufacturer's instructions when installing the seat in your vehicle. Prefer to walk? Always put your stroller in the locked position when putting your baby in the stroller or when remaining stationary. Place any other items you're carrying, like your purse, in the storage space beneath the stroller seat, and do not hang heavy items off the back of the stroller this could cause it to tip.

Your child's safety is a priority every day — not just for Baby Safety Month. Continue these safe practices to protect your baby throughout the rest of the year.

For more information about Child Safety, you can visit the National Safety Council's website: www.nsc.org.

The Safe Kids Worldwide website is excellent also an resource: www.safekids.org.

The CDC also has some resources available: www.cdc.gov/safechild.

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SAWFISH NEWS by Tonya Wiley, Havenworth Coastal Conservation U.S. Sawfish Research and Conservation Team



The goal of the Endangered Species Act is to protect and recover listed species until the point they no longer need the protections afforded by the Act. After the smalltooth sawfish was listed as an Endangered species in 2003, NOAA Fisheries convened the Smalltooth Sawfish Recovery Team to develop a plan to recover the U.S. population. The team worked several years to build

additional knowledge of the species and to identify the most severe threats to the population in the United States. These efforts were published in the 2009 Recovery Plan which recommends specific steps to recover the population, focusing on (1) educating the public to minimize human interactions with sawfish and any associated injury and mortality, (2) protecting and/or restoring important sawfish habitats, and (3) ensuring sawfish abundance and distribution increase.

After the plan was published, the Smalltooth Sawfish Recovery Implementation Team (left) was created. Comprised of a number of partners from federal and state government, non-government organizations, universities, and the fishing industry, the team is working to



implement the recovery plan by protecting the remaining sawfish population in the U.S. while rebuilding the population. To provide the public with information about ongoing sawfish management and research efforts and to foster support for this endangered species, the U.S. Smalltooth Sawfish Recovery Implementation Team is excited to announce their new website and social media accounts.

Visit www.SawfishRecovery.org to meet the team members, provide details of your sawfish capture or sighting, and to learn about the biology of sawfish, the causes of

the population decline, and the recommended sawfish releasing and viewing guidelines. Follow the team on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for regular updates on management, research, and outreach efforts.

Find the U.S. Sawfish Recovery Implementation Team: Web: www.SawfishRecovery.org, Facebook: U.S. Sawfish Recovery, Twitter: @SawfishRecovery, Instagram: u.s.sawfishrecovery, Phone: 1-844-4SAWFISH



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Hook'em in the Glades Fishing Tournament Was a Huge Success!!

The 3rd Annual Hook'em in the Glades fishing tournament was held September 20 and 21. Friday night's festivities hosted by Everglades Isle Motor Coach Retreat included over 170 dinner guests, raffle prizes and a casting contest. The amazing Matt Chappell provided music. Local hero Chatham Shealy showed off his remarkable skills during the casting contest.

We had 44 boat captains and over 140 total anglers! Of those anglers, we had 46 kids fishing which is a 60% increase from last year! Our new Junior On-Shore Division created excitement for all junior anglers this year! We had fathers and sons/daughters, moms and son/daughters, grandpas and grandkids fishing together and having a great day! **Proceeds from the tournament support Everglades City School**







Above, left Chatham Shealy shows off his casting skills. Center, Matt Chappell entertains the crowd. Right, Ivan Kibodeaux-Aranda collects his trophy from tournament founder, Coach Jill Whitcomb.

A special thanks to the sponsors this year! Without their support Hook'em in the Glades would not be possible! Everglades Isle Motor Coach Retreat, Island Café of Everglades City, Trapper Custom Marine, Everglades Fishing Company Florida Water & Pollution Control Operators Assoc. Region VIII

OUR OWN RYLEE MAYBERRY REELS IN THE BIGGEST SNOOK OF THE DAY. SEE P. 8 FOR COMPLETE STORY!



Trenton Mayberry exemplifies Everglades City by Rendering Critical Aide to a Competitor

Saturday, September 28 started early for Trenton Mayberry. He was up and on his way to the county wide invitational cross country meet at Donahue Academy in Ave Maria. The race started at 7:00 AM. Not long into the race Trenton had a decision to make. He could be like all the other runners and ignore the Lely student on the ground just out of sight of officials. The Lely student had taken ill and was in and out of consciousness. As the other competitors jetted by Trenton stopped. He lent aid to the infirmed runner, commanded another runner to get help and see that 911 was called. The Lely student was not in good shape and began to throw up. Trenton rolled him on his side and made sure the runner had a clear airway. Trenton stayed with him until help arrived. Thanks to Trenton the person got help right away. The runner is going to be alright. Although Trenton did not place in the race, he placed first in doing the right thing. Word of his heroic deed spread at the Blessing of the Fleet. Besides being so proud of Trenton many people said they were not surprised by his actions because he is such a great young man. Thank you Trenton for doing the right thing and representing Everglades City so well.

Cross Country: Varsity Boys Runners leading our team: Reyvon Cifuentes and Trenton Mayberry. Also running varsity this year and improving each week, Case Vanleeuwen, James Collins, and Billy Smallwood. Varsity Girls Runners leading our team: Morgan Herrin, Taylor Dahlke, and Kimberly Lopez-Valle. Middle School Cross Country Runners: Wyatt Sylvest, Carson Foss, Dionisio Ramos-Valle, and Taylor Mayberry. Cross Country Districts are October 24 at Southwest Florida Christian Academy. Good luck to all our varsity runners!

Volley Ball: Paradise Coast Athletic Conference (PCAC) playoffs will take place at the higher seeds school on Oct. 7th with the championship game being played on Thursday, Oct. 10th at 6pm at the higher seeds school Class 2A Region 3 District 12 playoffs will be played on Oct. 14, 15, and championship game on Oct. 17 at 6pm. All games will be played at the higher seed's school.

Mullet Rapper Donations to Everglades City School ~\$1900 to Date and Counting...

Thank you to everyone who buys the Mullet Rapper every two weeks. Remember, the Mullet Rapper donates 100% of the proceeds from the sale of the print edition of the paper to Everglades City School to help fund the Leader-in-Me Program!

When you see the coin receptacle, please put your quarter (or more) into the slot! Remember, When You Buy the Print Edition of the Mullet Rapper, It Helps Everglades City School Students!







Everyone is welcome to join in on the conversation, coffee and comradery.

This year's titles are excellent so we expect a lively discussion at each meeting.: We hope to see you there! All meetings start at 9:30 am. If you have any questions, please email Diann Lock at: DLock333@yahoo.com.

Book Club Schedule

November 21st Before We Were Yours

by Lisa Wingate hosted by Patty Huff

December 19th Euphoria by Lily King hosted by Dianne Pollack

January 16th

My Stroke of Insight by Jill Bolte Taylor hosted by Elaine Middelstaedt

February 20th

The Swamp by Michael Gunwald hosted by Geri Freiberger

March 19th

Educated by Tara Westover hosted by Linda Williams

April 16th

Beneath a Scarlet Sky by Mark Sullivan hosted by Diann Lock

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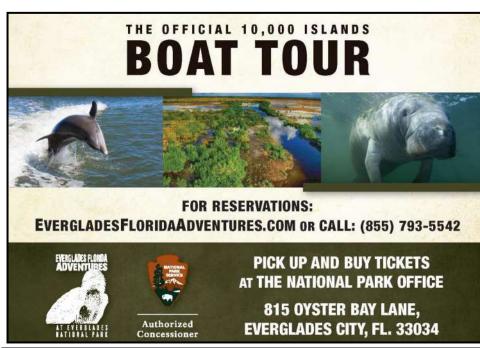
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My Little Slice of Paradise by Kathy Brock

In the April 20th edition of the Mullet Rapper I wrote an article that condemned LCEC's policy of removing several, long standing osprey nests in Everglades City. Long time residents of our area know that they are a mainstay in our City, and something visitors and residents enjoy watching,



and coexisting with, very much.

Since that time, LCEC reached out to Dottie at the City to arrange for the installation of osprey tower the triangle parcel that sits on the south side of the school. To say the least, the osprey was impressed. After

only 4 days, we saw an osprey sitting in the tower.

What's great about this is now this nesting pair will not attempt to build on the power pole across the street again. It is a success story. This type of program works. We need more of it.

Let's face it. The birds live here too. In fact, our area is the perfect environment for them. The birds will not leave this area, nor do we want them to. As a tourist destination, it is important that we preserve what makes our community attractive to visitors and residents alike. We are not tying to compete with Naples or Marco Island. Those other Collier cities are more metropolitan. They offer a different menu of options for visitors.

However, many travelers, especially millennials and Gen Xers, prefer a more subdued travel experience. One that is more connected to nature. This is what we offer. We are the gateway to the beautiful Gulf Coast entrance to Everglades National Park and the 10,000 Islands. People come here expecting to see nature...and we need to keep it that way.



I applaud LCEC for erecting the tower. I hope it is a start of something that will not stop here. I hope this is a new beginning for our rural City.

Everglades City living is

different from the other towns. Keeping it natural and "rustic" is paramount to our survival. It is why those of us who choose to live here...live here. It is why those who visit come here in the first place. Nature is woven into the fabric of our community and we need to protect it...and we will.

Here's to hoping this is just the first installation of a few more to come. When LCEC is ready, I will be happy to help them find the new locations.

Green Papaya Salad Recipe provided by Francine Stevens

1 large or 2 small cloves garlic, peeled

🖟 ¼ teaspoon salt

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1 tablespoon dry-roasted salted peanuts, more for garnish

2 fresh bird chilies or serrano chilies, sliced

🕏 ½ teaspoon raw sugar or white sugar

💢 1 tablespoon dried shrimp (optional)

2 tablespoons fresh lime juice

* 1 to 2 tablespoons fish sauce (nam pla), to taste

2 plum tomatoes

½ pound long beans, trimmed and cut into 1 1/2-inch lengths (optional)

1 small to medium green (unripe) papaya (see Note)

in a blender or mortar, blend or pound garlic, salt, peanuts, chilies, sugar and shrimp (if using) into a paste. Transfer to a large bowl and mix in lime juice and fish sauce. Use a spoon to lightly crush tomatoes and beans (if using), then add to bowl and mix lightly.

Peel and coarsely grate or shred papaya, discarding seeds and inner membrane. There should be 4 to 6 cups. Add papaya to bowl and lightly but thoroughly toss together. Taste for seasoning. Mound in a bowl (if desired, line bowl with lettuce leaves beforehand). Sprinkle with peanuts

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MULLET RAPPER CROSSWORD

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Poetry Street^{IM}

Hope is a powerful feeling. With hope we look at a brighter and friendlier future. Without hope things can seem

much more difficult and the future isn't something we look forward to. My poem called "Shoestring Hope" talks about this and suggests a few ways to go from "hopeless" to "hopeful."



Feeling like you're hanging on a thin rope? Maybe you don't know where to find hope If life isn't going your way Or you are just having a bad day Relax ... hope is in sight Things can brighten and you can see the light The end of the tunnel is not that far away Holding onto your faith may help save the day Reach out to a positive and loving friend: This is a message to you that I send A good friend may help you on your way And lift you up for a much better day Tap into your own inner strength Focus on your inner beauty at length You are stronger than you may think too Remember that better days



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These tours are free and guided. As in the past, we will be riding for the fun of exploring the Everglades area.

The bike tours will be self-supported rides so be sure to bring your own snacks and repair kits.

We will be meeting at 9:00 a.m. with plans to have lunch together after each ride.

This year we will be offering the bike rides on SATURDAY rather than Sunday so please mark your calendars!

Also, we are asking that you sign up in advance so we can prepare for the number of participants. Just email info@evergladesrogg.org or call 239-719-0020 to let us know if you plan to join us!

Schedule of Rides

October 19.....Shark Valley November 9......Port of the İslands **December 7......Everglades City** & Chokoloskee January 11......Janes Scenic Drive in the Fakahatchee February 15.....Loop Road in **Big Cypress** MarchBear Island in the **Big Cypress**

> Please email info@evergladesrogg.org or call (239) 719-0020 for more information.

Everglades Garden Club Looking for Members!



We are exploring the idea of starting a garden club...

Everything grows here! Let's start a garden club where we

can share our experiences, and share what we grow.

The time and dates can be flexible depending on what can work best for those who are interested.

We will offer growing tips, tested methods and fantastic flops.

If you are interested in this idea, please contact me by phone or email. If we have enough to form a loose group, we will start the club this season! Email me at mulletrapper@gmail.com or call me at 954-662-7003.

The Tradition Continues... FREE Turkeys Are Available to Residents of Everglades City, Chokoloskee, Plantation, Copeland & Jerome! (Submit Your Form by Oct. 21st!)



The tradition of providing free turkeys to our community is back! Thanks to the Miccosukee Tribe of Florida and Everglades anyone in our community can get one in plenty of time for the holiday.

We are requesting that you fill out the form available at City Hall in the water department or at Right Choice Supermarket, or by downloading it from website: the visitevergladescity.com/turkey/. We need your reservation so that we have enough for everyone. All members of the surrounding communities are invited to reserve a turkey.

In the next edition of the Mullet Rapper, we will let you know the exact dates they can be picked up, and the location for pickup in Everglades City.

One turkey per household. Reservation will be required. Thank you!

FISH LIKE A GIRL!



Rylee Mayberry Wins Local Tournament!

Rylee Mayberry, pictured here with her mom, Jordan on the right, and her cousin Trenton, won the Junior Angler's Division for snook in the Hook'em in the Glades 3rd annual fishing tournament.

Rylee's snook was a whopping 36". In fact, Rylee had the largest snook of the day, meaning she out-fished the adults too!

Congratulations to Rylee for making us all proud. We expect to see you again next year!

Rylee Mayberry 1st Place Snook!



Living Gulf Coast by Charles Sobczak

American Oystercatcher (Haematopus palliatus) Other names: mantled oystercatcher, brown-backed oystercatcher / Status: FL=declining, species of special concern, IUCN=LC / Life span: to 14 years / Length: 16-17 in. (40-44 cm) / Wingspan: 30-36 in. (7691 cm) /

Weight: .87-1.5 lbs (.39-.68 kg) / Nests on islands / Found: MZ, GB.



An unmistakable bird, both for its distinctive coloration and its large red bill, the American oystercatcher can be a difficult bird to locate on Sanibel and Captiva. It can sometimes be found working the oyster bars in Tarpon Bay or around Buck Key just east of Captiva. There are approximately 400 nesting pairs in all of Florida, with the largest concentration occurring on Cedar Key during the winter months, where flocks of more that 1,000 have been reported.

The oystercatcher is a very specialized bird, feeding almost exclusively on mollusks, including oysters, clams, and other bivalves. It has also been known to eat amphipods, crabs, barnacles, echinoderms, and, rarely, small fish. It uses its long, strong bill to pry open

bivalves and, failing that, will hammer and chip away at the shellfish until the living organism can be consumed.

Initially, the bird's decline could be attributed to overhunting, but it is no longer considered a game bird in any part of its range. Its biggest threat now is nesting-site and habitat loss, especially along the coastlines where it spends the entirety of it life. Other threats include predation by eagles and hawks, and its nests, generally on beaches or oyster bars, are sometimes preyed upon by gulls, raccoons, and otters. The oystercatcher is monogamous and a solitary nester.



Mangrove Cuckoo (Coccyzus minor) Other names: none / Status: FL=rare but not formally endangered, common in the Caribbean and Mexico, IUCN=LC / Life span: to 5 years / Length: 11-13 in. (28-32 cm) / Wingspan: 16 in. (40 cm) / Weight: 2.29-2.5 oz (65-72 g) / Nests on islands / Found: MZ.

Many South Florida birders consider a confirmed sighting of a mangrove cuckoo to be the Holy Grail of birding. A very attractive, long, and elegant-looking bird, the mangrove cuckoo is secretive and, because of its foraging environment deep in the red and black mangroves, it is extremely difficult to spot. It is a true tropical species that only recently has found a permanent foothold in Florida, the only place in the continental United States where this bird can be found. More common in the Keys, the mangrove cuckoo has been seen along Wildlife Drive, though rarely.

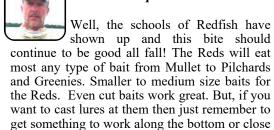
The mangrove cuckoo feeds on insects and small vertebrates. Because of its reclusive

nature, little is known about the Florida population.

Charles Sobczak is a writer and photographer from Sanibel Island, FL. He wrote the guides Living Sanibel and Living Gulf Coast and other titles.

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Fishing the 10,000 Islands With Capt. Mike Merritt



to it. Jigs are best and if you use Gulps scented



Snook continue to cooperate and October has been one of the best months for the last several years and is historically always a great month for big Snook. Try some early morning topwater action! There is no better bite than a big one on top water. It will set the tone for the rest of the day. You will find fish not only on the Outside Islands but also in the back country rivers, creeks and bays. It is a great time to catch the Snook!

Seatrout are still on the grass flats. Jigs, DOA under a cork. Or a live shrimp all work. You should also catch a fair amount of fish around the Islands on the higher rising tides. This is a great month to get all 3 species. And we will start to have the winter species showing up too.

Get out and enjoy the weather change and the good bite! ~ Capt. Mike Merritt

Fish With Captain Mike Merritt Call: 561-252-4324 SnookFishing1@juno.com

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LOCAL EXTRA

Historic Broadway Pond to be Replicated ~Community Aid is Needed~



Scout Troop 2001 is reviving the Everglades City fishpond on West Broadway. Barron Collier used to keep it stocked

with gold fish and now there is an Eagle Scout project to clean the pond up (they have already removed all the dirt) and put in fish sculptures to replicate and honor this site.

However, the scouts need additional funds to complete the project. As a community it would be nice to help: make checks payable to Scout Troop 2001 and in the memo space add: Morgan Bock Eagle Project and mail to Michelle Bock, 5250 23rd Court SW, Naples, FL 34116.

Commercial Dock Clean-Up Is Looking Good!



The transformation in the commercial dock area of the City is really making a positive impact.

The area has been getting spruced up all summer thanks to the Mayor's directive and Dottie Joiner's efforts to oversee the transformation. Six dumpsters have come and gone from the area, and more are sure to follow.

Last weekend it was Dottie, and a handful of others who chipped in to make things happen along with the dock owners themselves. Everyone has chipped in over the last several weeks to make all happen.

Thank you everyone to worked so hard to beautify the area. It looks great!

Above, Dottie Joiner and Dana Alger of Collier County work together at the commercial docks.

CLYDE BUTCHER SWAMP WALKS October 26 & 27, Big Cypress **Reserve Your Spot Today!**

Vermont has its leaf-peepers. Munich has Oktoberfest. Here in South Florida, we celebrate the fall season with swamp walks in the Big Cypress National Preserve. Join us on October 26 & 27 at Clyde Butcher's Big Cypress Gallery and take a walk on the wild side!

Questions? Call the office for details: 305-665-4769. Visit the Gallery (location of the swamp walk): 52388 Tamiami Trail, Ochopee, Florida 34141.

MUSEUM NEWS

Visit the Museum of the Everglades to See Incredible Artwork & Artifacts

Autumn is a great time to visit the beautiful Museum of the Everglades. The museum routinely changes their feature displays, so you will want to schedule multiple visits each year to see why we are the County's most popular museum!

The Museum is open daily from 9 am to 4 pm and is located at: 105 W. Broadway, Everglades City. www.colliermuseums.com

Visit: www.evergladesmuseum.org

FAKAHATCHEE NEWS Oct. 13 Moonlit Tram Tour Kicks off Fall Friends of Fakahatchee Adventures

The Friends of Fakahatchee will offer their first tour of the 2019-2020 season the evening of Sunday, October 13 with their Moonlit Tram tour. The three-hour tour lets visitors experience Florida's largest state park under the illumination of a full moon. The Moonlit tours sell out rapidly, so early reservations are essential. Additional tours are offered Nov. 11 and 12 and Dec. 11 and 12, as well as next year. The tour starts at 5 pm.

For complete details and reservations at \$35 per person, visit us online at www.orchidswamp.org and click "Tours and Adventures."

For information call 239-695-1023.

FREE Ranger Led Programs at Big Cypress. Reserve Your Spot Now

Join us as we get out and explore the wonders of the Big Cypress Swamp! Protecting over 729,000 acres of this vast swamp, Big Cypress National Preserve contains a mixture of tropical and temperate plant communities that are home to a diversity of wildlife, including the elusive Florida panther.

Stargazing in the Everglades **Meteor Showers** Light Up the Sky



Southern Taurids: Next period of activity: Now through November 20th. Next Peak -

Southern Taurids will next peak on the Oct 9-10, 2019 night. On this night, the moon will be 87% full. Next Peak night Oct 21-22,

2019. Orionids: Next period of activity: October 2nd to November 7th.

The Orionids are a medium strength shower that sometimes reaches high strength activity. In a normal year the produce Orionids 10-20 shower members at maximum.

Taxing Things by Mike the Tax Guy The Filing Deadline for Extension Filers is Almost Here

It's almost here...the filing deadline for taxpayers who requested an extension to file their 2018 tax return. This year's deadline is Tuesday, October 15.

Taxpayers with extensions should file their tax returns by Oct. 15 and, if they owe, pay as much as possible to reduce interest and penalties; taxpayers can consider a payment plan which allows them to pay over time.

Keep a copy of tax returns and all supporting documents for at least three years.

Taxpayers should beware of property lien scams.

For anyone who doesn't owe taxes and has no reason to think they do should call the IRS at 800-829-1040 to confirm the notice if they're still not sure they owe.

If you need more information, email Mike at nfn19842@naples.net.



on October 15th! See you then!

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Angler's Cove, Port of the Islands

(642-1025): Monday - Wed 5 to 11 pm, Thurs to Sun Noon - 11 pm, see ad on p. 6

Camellia Street Grille (695-2003):

11:00 am – 9:00 pm, Mon to Sat

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):

Opening for Season October 15th! See our ad on page 10!

Island Café (695-0003):

6:00 am - 9:00 pm; daily

Ivey House (695-3299) (Private)

7:00 am – 9:00 am; daily (for guests only)

Joanie's Blue Crab Café (695-2682):

We are Closed for Renovations

We Will Reopen in October!
Rod & Gun (695-2101):

11:30 am - 8:00 pm; daily

Triad Seafood & Café (695-2662):

Opening for Season October 1st! Hope to See You Then!

MARKETS

Right Choice Supermarket (695-4535):

Open 7 days, 9 am to 7 pm

Grimm's Stone Crab (695-3222):

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See listing under "markets"

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

Chokoloskee Family Church

Sunday: 10 am Sch., 11 am Worship Sun. 6 pm & Wed. 7 pm Bible Teaching

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

Closed for Summer, See San Marco

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Phone: 239-417-2084

San Marco Catholic Church, Marco Isl.

239-394-5181

BARRON RIVER TIDES LAT: 25.87° N LONG: 81.37°W

More Tides On: www.visitevergladescity.com!

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Obituary

Ann Daniels



Ann Daniels went to our Lord on September 16th, 2019. She is now the angel we knew her as, and with mom and dad and other loved ones.

Ann is survived by her sister Brenda, brothers, Stanford and Roger, five nieces and nephews, Ronald, Crystal, Brandy, Louis and Brianna. Ten great nieces and nephews, Damian, Samantha, Laci, Cheyanne, KK, Trip, Levi, Noah and Kyson.

Ann was a treasured school teacher at Everglades Chit School until she retired.

Ann loved her school children and her community with all her heart and will be miss dearly by all.





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JOB: Florida National Parks Association is seeking a sales associate for our store in Big Cypress National Preserve. This is a part-time, year-round position and candidates are expected to be available to work weekends and Holidays.

Qualifications: excellent customer service skills, strong communication and computer skills, sales and cash handling experience. Email resume to corey@evergladesassociation.org.

FOR RENT: Newly renovated modular home on Plantation Island canal lot. Long term lease 6 month minimum. Sleeps 2-3. See it on: https://tinyurl.com/y96k2c73 For more information contact Chip Chipman 281-358-7884 or Bob Chipman at 239-695-0007.

FOR SALE: Great commercial investment - The Oyster House Restaurant (seating for 200) and Glades Haven Marina and Store in Everglades City. Buy separately or together! Hurricane Irma damage, being sold As Is. Call Karen at Glades Realty 239-695-4299 for more information.

FOR SALE TRUCK: White Dodge Ram 1500 Pickup. Single Cab, 6.5 foot bed, HEMI engine, cold AC, and runs great. ~84000 miles. Asking \$11,500. Call Steve for more information at 239-695-2397.

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

FOR SALE: Canal front vacant lot on Lopez Ln, Chokoloskee. Quick & easy access to the Chok. Bay and Gulf no bridges! A stilt home could offer views of the Bay. Zoned for homes or mfg. homes. Asking \$115,000. Glades Realty 239-695-4299 www.GladesRealty.com

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FOR SALE: Condo @ The Estuary. Corner unit, 2 BR 2 BA + den. Nicely furnished. Large double car garage. Boat ramp & pool onsite. Glades Realty, 239-695-4299, www.GladesRealty.com, \$274,000.

FOR RENT: Efficiency apartment in Everglades City. Monthly, or seasonal for 2 adults; kitchenette, W/D, includes all utilities and use of dock. No smoking or pets. Call 989-821-1411 or 239-253-3942.

FOR SALE: Two canal lots side by side in Chokoloskee. For more information call 561-622-6011.

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