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Save the Date!

December 8th

Everglades City Boat Parade



Mark your calendars so you can be a part of a growing tradition!

The annual boat parade will be on December 8th, with boats meeting at the mouth of the Barron River at 6 pm, and making their way around the island in

true Everglades City style.

Last year the parade boasted more boats than ever, and the creativity was fantastic.

This year, we hope to add many more boats and continue growing this into a true town tradition (Ft. Lauderdale Boat Parade watch out!).

Last years entries did not disappoint. Boats featured music, lights and even Santa Claus showed up on one vessel for the festivities.

Parade boats will all meet in the Barron River in front of Outward Bound. The parade will start at 6 pm sharp and moves from Outward Bound around to the tiki hut behind Seafood Depot.

It is a great time for all and an excellent way to get into the Christmas spirit Southwest Florida style.

So start planning your amazing décor and plan on making the 2018 boat parade the best on the Southwest Coast of Florida.

We look forward another great event and hope to see you there to celebrate the start of the Christmas season!



Local CERT Chapter Would Help Us Be Better Prepared for Future Emergencies. Learn How: November 10, 10:00 am Everglades Community Church

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness for the hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. CERT offers a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations, which allows them to focus on more complex tasks. Through CERT, the capabilities to prepare for, respond to and recover from disasters is built and enhanced.

Since 1993, CERT has impacted communities across the country, building essentials skills and capabilities to prepare for and respond to any disaster. There are now CERT programs in all 50 states, including many tribal nations and U.S. territories; each unique to its community but all essential to building a Culture of Preparedness.

The CERT program was designed as a grassroots initiative and specifically structured so that the local and state program managers have the flexibility to form their programs in the way that best suits their communities.

CERT volunteers are trained to respond safely, responsibly, and effectively to emergency situations, but they can also support their communities during non-emergency events as well.

Please join us to learn how you can be a part of the CERT solution in our area. The training is free and attending the discussion does not obligate you to anything.

We need a minimum of 10 volunteers in our area...and we hope you can become a member of our local CERT team. Please join us on November 10th to learn more.

It's a Family Affair!

Havana Café Reopens for Winter Season



Nothing marks the beginning of the winter season better than the grilled grouper plate at Havana Café.

October 15th officially opens the season in these parts, and good food is high on the list of reasons why.

Of course, the 15th is the first day of stone crab season, and they will be available at all of our local eateries and seafood markets from now through the 15th of May.

However, the opening of our seasonal businesses signifies that cooler weather is right around the corner. It also means that many of our winter residents and friends will be back to the area very soon.

Waiting for them this year is a brand new Chickee constructed at Havana Café adding even more tropical ambiance and shade to the quaint café.

We ate at Havana for lunch on opening day and they were busy as ever. Carlos & Dulce Valdez are what makes the place special...and the other familiar faces that round out the staff were also there, serving, greeting and smiling.

Welcome back to Havana Café and to all of our seasonal businesses!



Photos: Top: Dulce Valdes & daughter Addy Bottom: The new Chickee at Havana Café.

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November 23: Black Friday

November 29: Diamonds Tea

December 8: Art-in-the-Glades

AREA INFORMATION & NUMBERS:

AA: Wed., 5:00 pm, Evg. Comm. Church, Fellowship Hall
 CARNESTOWN Recycle and Trash: 2nd Saturday, 9 am to 3:30 pm
 DR DEMARTINO: Marco Island office information on p.3.
 DR MARTIN: Call for appointment: 813-787-9738
 LIONS CLUB: Meet 2nd Thursday of Month, 6 pm
 MUSEUM: Open Monday-Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm. 239-695-0008
 PANCAKE FLY-IN: Closed for summer.
 REACH OUT: 3rd Tuesday, 4 pm, City Hall
 SKATING RINK: 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: 2nd & 4th Wed. of month, noon—2 pm

The Local Area Code is 239

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**Serge's Stomp in the Swamp
Oct. 27th, Noon to Dark
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Live music concert with the Outlaws of Florida Folk, book signing by famous author Tim Dorsey, Everglades Swamp Fashion Show by Mr. Lucky's Models.

Special guests: Raiford Starke, Fiddlin J. Robert, Marie Nofsinger, Valerie Wisecracker, Bonefish Johnny, The Florida Boys, James Hawkins and more.

**Big Cypress Gallery FALL FESTIVAL
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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, and click on "events". You can also call us at 239-695-2428.

**Museum of the Everglades
Meet & Greet with Photographer
Matt Stock, Explorer Charles Kropke
October 27 @ 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm**

Join us for a free meet & greet with photographer Matt Stock, creator of the "Abandoned Vehicles of the Everglades" exhibit on display at Museum of the Everglades. About the Exhibit: Through a series of photographs mainly captured at night, this exhibit explores the interaction between man and nature as seen through environmental portraits.

You can contact the museum at 239-695-0008. The museum is located at 105 W. Broadway, Everglades City, FL.

Book Club to Resume Nov. 15th

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

Nov. 15: An American Family by Khizr Khan, Hosted by Patty Huff

Dec. 20: The Phony Hermit by Al Seeley and Elizabeth Pardichizzi, Hosted by Dianna Pollock and reviewed by Elaine Middlestaedt

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



**Halloween Celebration
Trunk or Treat!
October 27th, 5-8 pm**

The annual Halloween celebration for the kids will be held on October 27th. Like last year, the celebration will be a Trunk or Treat style at Seaboard Villas in Everglades City.

There will be a cookout with free hotdogs and fixins provided by the Lions Club. We hope to see everyone there!

COMMUNITY SERVICES

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October 23 & Nov. 20, 9 am to 4 pm**

The Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida's Health & Smiles Mobile Dental Bus will be in Everglades City on **October 23rd and Nov. 20th** 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. 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

On October 10th, Greater Naples Fire Rescue Lieutenant Kevin Nelmes received the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce, Distinguished Public Safety Award for Fire Safety. The Distinguished Public Service Awards recognize the outstanding contribution by an individual or team to their respective public service profession and to the well-being of Collier County. Established in 2003, these awards are presented annually by the Greater Naples Chamber of Commerce. Other recipients included Collier County EMS Battalion Chief Michele Williams, Collier County Emergency Management Director Dan Summers, and Collier County Sheriff's Office Sergeant Leslie Weidenhammer, and Congratulations Lieutenant Nelmes!



On the afternoon of October 10th, the Greater Naples firefighters deployed to the Florida Panhandle in response to Hurricane Michael. Other local resources include firefighters and paramedics from Collier County EMS, and North Collier, Naples, and Immokalee fire rescue agencies. In total 27 first responders from greater Collier County have joined efforts to respond to those affected by the impact of Hurricane Michael.

They're Baaaaack!



Available at our local eateries & markets. See p.11 for locations.



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OUR AMAZING BODIES – By Dr. John Martin
A Healthier Gut = A Healthier You

In recent issues of the *Rapper* we have broached the subject of the importance of developing and maintaining a healthy “gut flora” or “microbiome”. One's microbiome refers to the proper and healthy balance of beneficial bacteria and yeast (hundreds of millions of individual micro-organisms) that live in our digestive tract. Various new studies have proven over and over again, that a healthy balance of digestive tract micro-organisms, and therefore a healthier digestive tract environment, contributes well to our health in many important ways. It has been emphasized in the literature more recently that a healthy GUT is not only important, but VITAL to our BRAIN health. That includes our children growing and developing to their full potential mentally and emotionally, and the degree of risk each of us might face as aging adults – that being the onset of various forms of dementia.

As holistic practitioners, our team looks at the more complete makeup of the individual that presents with some health problem or challenge, rather than simply masking the disease with some symptom reducing program. To quote a fellow from around these parts that had a few really good ideas in his time “The doctor of the future will give no medicine, but will interest the patient in the human frame, nutrition, and the cause and prevention of disease.” Thomas Edison.

We pursue an effort that builds health rather than just fights disease. The human body was designed to be a self-healing organism, with AMAZING capabilities, given the right environment. Some of that right environment is readily available, some of it is getting just a little harder to secure. Once we have a better idea of what we really need, i.e. how the body really works, and (relearn perhaps) how to feed it right, the choices we make toward building health become more recognizable and desired. To quote a contemporary “It's (much) easier to build a healthy child than it is to fix a sick adult.” ~Dr. Cade Copeland.

Another local doctor who served the SW Florida community for several decades and was the first to bring Arevida medicine to Naples, Dr. David Pulmutter, has developed a Whole Life Program that is being shared globally, even through PBS – Public Television. Dr. Pulmutter readily admits that up until just a few years ago it was very difficult to help those with diminishing brain function while limited to the pharmaceutical drugs available through the greater part of his career. This new paradigm shift in medical thinking is largely contributing to the “Blue Zones” programs where food choices and lifestyles are being adopted in communities around the country and the world where many more people might well live to be 100 years old as a common experience. Many practitioners, holistic and allopathic alike, are now celebrating the great strides being made in the fields of neurology, immunology, and endocrinology among others through better understanding of the paramount importance of our food choices.

An old adage reads: “You only have worry about what you eat just three times in your life – when you're young, when you're middle-aged, and when you're old.” That age range probably catches most of us. But I think it mainly implies that as we grow to maturity and older, our nutritional requirements change. And they do, but not as much as we might think. The basics are still the basics. And our choices need to be based on good science, not profit margin.

As we age, that is, grow into adulthood from our youth, we usually become a bit more influential in the choices and purchases of our groceries. We choose food to acquire and eventually consume with a greater degree of independence than when we were younger and we pretty much accepted and consumed what adults provided for us. Young people are notorious for poor selection and consumption of low grade foods. Mostly out of not knowing any better. And maybe just a little sense of rebellion and/or expressing a degree of that new found independence. Older people begin to lose their teeth and/or purchasing power (or both) when on fixed incomes. And many communities have no readily available, fresh, wholesome, and healthy food sources. Some of these areas are even referred to as “Nutrition Deserts”.

Many in these communities become dependent upon a more convenient source of food stuffs than conscious of real food sources. Food is born, or it sprouts. Everything else has been altered or outright manufactured and leaves our, and our children's bodies, wanting for quality nutrition. Your diet is what you eat. Nutrition is what you get from what you eat.

That said, let's explore some of our food choices... *next time...in the Rapper.*

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A Message From Principal James Ragusa



FALL IS IN THE AIR...HOPEFULLY SOON!

With the end of the first quarter we are anxiously awaiting the cooler air that is due be with us before long. This time of year is a busy one as students and teachers wrap up their work for this quarter. We have been fortunate to have such a great opening to the year in the classrooms with teachers and students working diligently to improve student achievement.

Many of you who are up early in the morning may notice our boys and girls cross country team running early each weekday morning to get in their practice before school each day. Coach Liza Wells and Coach Jill Whitcomb have been working before the crack of dawn each day to develop the talent in our athletes. Thanks to them to inspire our athletes to be the best they can be.



We will be having our Fall Book Fair on November 12th thru 16th in the school's media center. It is awesome to see the excitement in our students as they peruse through books and excitedly plunge into reading them. Thanks to our amazing Media Specialist, Melissa Owen for fostering a love or reading

with our students! We are blessed to have her at Everglades City School. Our teachers will be creating a wish list of books for their classroom if anyone if interested in sponsoring a classroom or contributing to this goal please contact the school at 377-9800 and ask to speak with Mrs. Owen.

IT IS ALWAYS A GREAT DAY TO BE A GATOR!

School Calendar-No School Days

Nov. 21-23.....Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 23- Jan. 3.....Christmas Break



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Evaluate Your Medicare Benefits for Free in Collier County

Free, local service helps in reviewing your Medicare plan options for 2019. One-on-one counseling available at drop-in events on several dates at different locations.



Medicare can be a daunting subject for most people, and the Open Enrollment Period only runs from Oct. 15, 2018, through Dec. 7, 2018. Fortunately, experts from the SHINE (Serving Health Insurance Needs of Elders) are available to provide free, unbiased, one-on-one counseling. Medicare beneficiaries can lean on these valuable local experts for advice.

SHINE is a program of the Florida Department of Elder Affairs and is operated locally through the Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida (AAASWFL). Specially-trained SHINE counselors help educate and empower Medicare beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers to understand their health care options so they can make the best decisions for their individual needs.

SHINE will offer several opportunities for drop-in Medicare counseling in Collier County during the open enrollment period. Drop-in counseling will be offered on a first-come, first-served basis at the following open enrollment events, which are open to the public, with no appointments needed.

Counselors will be on site from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Beneficiaries are asked to bring their Medicare card and a list of prescription drugs with dosage.

The SHINE mission is to provide free and unbiased information about Medicare and Medicaid for beneficiaries, their families, and caregivers. SHINE also educates beneficiaries to protect, detect, and report potential errors, fraud, and abuse with their Medicare coverage.

SHINE counseling is also available by appointment year-round in Collier County. To receive help from SHINE, individuals may call to schedule appointments at designated SHINE counseling sites, attend enrollment events in their local communities, or arrange to speak with a trained SHINE counselor at 1-866-413-5337 (866-41-ELDER) For a listing of SHINE counseling sites and enrollment events, please visit www.floridashine.org.

The Area Agency on Aging for Southwest Florida is a nonprofit organization serving Charlotte, Collier, DeSoto, Glades, Hendry, Lee, and Sarasota Counties. AAASWFL is the state's designated Aging and Disability Resource Center for Southwest Florida. The organization is committed to connecting older adults and adults with disabilities to resources and assistance for living safely with independence and dignity. More information is available at www.aaaswfl.org or by calling the toll-free Helpline at 866-413-5337 (866-41-ELDER).

Here are the free counseling locations:


Naples Locations:

- Thursday, Oct. 25, St. William Catholic Church, 601 Seagate Dr.
Tuesday, Oct. 30, St. Peter the Apostle Church, 5130 Rattlesnake Hammock Rd.
Friday, Nov. 2, Emmanuel Lutheran Church ,777 Mooring Line Dr.
Thursday, Nov. 8, St. William Catholic Church, 601 Seagate Dr.
Monday, Nov. 19, Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 777 Mooring Line Dr.

Marco Island Location:

- Friday, Nov. 30, Marco Lutheran Church, 525 N. Collier Blvd.

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Cycle Tours through the Everglades
Join Us for the Loop Road Ride Nov. 11th!

One of the all-time great bike rides in south Florida is located in three separate counties: Collier, Monroe and Miami-Dade.

Loop Road, located south of the Tamiami Trail, has an interesting history in itself but the beauty of the environment is one of its outstanding features.

We should see lots of wildlife as we bicycle through this off-road rural area 17 miles east of Everglades City. Plan to meet and park at 9:00 a.m. at Monroe Station and we'll cycle a little over two miles to the Gator Hook Hiking Trail. As we continue along this gravel lane, we'll pass by the southernmost point of the 1,400-mile long Florida National Scenic Trail.

There are many culvert crossings in this area where we should find alligators to photograph. At 16.5 miles we will reach the paved section of Loop Road where we will turn around and travel back to Monroe Station, a total trip of 33 miles. For more detailed information about Loop Road, visit the National Park Service website: <https://www.nps.gov/bicy/planyourvisit/upload/bicy-loop-road-scenic-road-final-2.pdf>




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Biking Event Schedule

- ◆ Nov. 11 – Loop Rd, Big Cypress (33 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 Headquarters 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 October 6, 2018 Puzzle



My Little Slice of Paradise

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

Everything in life is relative to your personal experiences. Down here in SWFL last year we were left reeling from Hurricane Irma. Our homes and businesses were battered and then flooded out by the rising waters. The aftermath was a mucky, dirty mess. Flooding is just a horrible, destructive thing.

Last week the panhandle of Florida was hammered by Hurricane Michael. Unlike us, they are not protected by barrier islands or surrounded by mangroves. There the ocean lashed the homes; the winds were clocked at 155 MPH and where the northeast quadrant hit there was nothing left. It was flattened. Block homes were knocked off their foundations and other homes blew away like match sticks.

There are 19 dead and several people missing in its path. Michael made Irma look like a bad thunderstorm, and Irma was a disaster for our area.

This reinforces the adage that there is always someone worse off. My mother always used to tell me this. When you would start feeling sorry for yourself, she would remind you of what others may be going through. Isn't that so true?

A year and a few months removed, and we are still not back to "normal". Perhaps we never will be, and what we have now is our "new normal"? Today, things are looking much better here. Our crab fleet is intact, they are bringing in stone crabs, the tourists are returning to our area and things appear to be what they once were...but they are not.

Once something catastrophic happens, things are never quite the same. They can look and feel the same, but they are not. Here we are losing many of our old, historic buildings. It is such a sad sight to see.

New building codes and the elimination of the "grandfathering in" of old structures makes it almost impossible for people to feasibly keep an older structure versus building anew...unless they can "self-insure" which is a very small percent of the population? One of the biggest problems is getting affordable insurance, and the insurers are saying, "no" to older buildings? Is that a good thing?

On the surface it appears to be sound because older structures were more vulnerable...but what will the coastline look like up and down the country if this becomes the mandate? The Carolinas just experienced severe flooding, Florida has its history and Texas is not far behind. Insurance underwriters have zero reason to look for ways for us to preserve history. **Zero.** Their sole focus is on mitigating their own risk...meaning tear it down and rebuild it stronger. But each time something bad happens...they keep moving the mark.

Some of our most historic sites on the eastern seaboard are on the chopping block and there doesn't seem to be a way to save them...or is there? We must find a balance so that we do not become a homogenous, sterile country with no historic sites to visit. Why can't we keep an older building? Should the insurance companies not recognize the social and historical significance of such sites? I think they could. But they won't if it is up to them to decide **because they are profit motivated machines focused on reducing their risk** and increasing their profits and that will always spell "new building".

It is up to us to preserve the things important to us, and up to us to find ways to do it. If there is pressure from the voter to do something it may actually get done, maybe. Of course, if something is demolished and nothing is left rebuilding is the only way. But here and in the Carolinas, many structures survived...it is the contents that did not. Many historic sites cannot meet the building codes of today. This is true across our great country. We should look for creative ways to salvage our history while at the same time improve the building codes for our new developments and major renovations. Failing to recognize the significance of history is never a good idea. History teaches us. History guides us. We need to respect it and find a happy balance before it's too late.

Island Life Recipes

Holiday Cupcake Decorating Tips Submitted by Marya Repko

During the holidays, presentation is everything! You can take any of your favorite cupcake recipes and adapt them to make the perfect holiday statement. All you need are a few extra ingredients and some creativity. You can use food coloring to color the batter (1/2 and 1/2 is fun!) and use white cupcake papers so you can see the color through the paper!

Ingredients:
 Your favorite cupcake recipe
 Your favorite white frosting
 Candy corns
 Orange and brown sprinkles
 Brown M & M's
 Vanilla Wafers or ginger snap cookies
 Red decorating icing

Directions: Make your favorite cupcakes and ice them with any white frosting. Add decorating ingredients to create your holiday theme.





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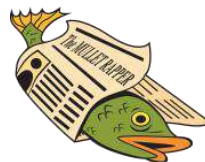
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Poetry Street
by Katherine Tullie



Dawn is a special time for personal reflection and for new beginnings. We can turn the page on our worries and concerns about the previous day and move forward. That is the theme of my poem "A Very Special Time."



Dawn is a very special time of day
When all is quiet in its own special way
I can hear the clock ticking on the wall
It is the only sound I hear at all
A time for clear thinking
while most people are asleep
It's a precious time to write,
for I hear not a peep
So as I write to you under the moon
The sun will be rising up very soon
A beautiful sunrise will begin this new day
A time for us to turn the page in every way
Dawn may be a quiet time of reflection
It may own special resurrection
As the new day is coming of age
It is a great time to turn the page
To start our day with a clean slate
Filled with love and never hate
The Dawn light will be here soon
Ready for us to play our own special tune!



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Local News

Seafood Festival 2019 Sponsorships are Still Available!

Featured Businesses are Seen by Thousands at the Annual Festival on Feb. 8, 9 & 10

Last year's Everglades Seafood Festival was held despite the fact that Hurricane Irma had devastated the area only months earlier. Thankfully, everything was put back together enough to host the event...and it was a smashing success!

Planning for the 2019 festival started immediately following the close of the 2018 festival. The attendance for next year is expected to increase - meaning even better exposure for sponsors and more customers for the vendors.

There are several tiers of sponsorships available with something suitable for any business or brand's budget.

Sponsors benefit from an entire weekend of quality exposure to the thousands of visitors to the festival. The expected crowd over the weekend-long event is 60,000 people. We are currently getting all of the details finalized, and that includes sponsorship packages.

If you would like to have your business featured at this much anticipated annual event, please contact the organizers: 239-695-2277 or visit: www.evergladeseafoodfestival.org.



Pictured: Last Year's Big Stage

Local History on TV!

Smallwood's Store to be Featured on the Travel Channel
Sunday, October 21, 10 pm

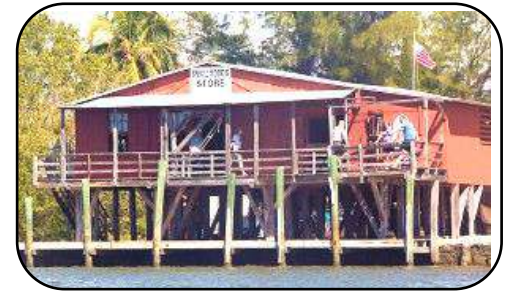
One of our areas pieces of history will be featured in an upcoming episode of "The Most Terrifying Places in America" on the Travel Channel. The episode, titled "Restless Dead" is scheduled to air on October 21st at 10 pm (eastern).

Established in 1906 by Ted Smallwood, this historic site served as a trading post in a remote and isolated area. Here, settlers traded hides, furs, and farm produce in exchange for providing the goods required to survive.

Ted Smallwood's Store was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974, it remained opened until 1982.

When the doors were shut, 90% of the original goods remained in the store. In 1990 Ted's granddaughter reopened the store as a museum and today it serves as a time capsule of Florida pioneer history.

The center section of the building remains as Ted would have known it. The hide room has been turned into exhibit space, telling the history of Southwest Florida's pioneers.



The original building has survived 6 hurricanes, the most recent in 2017 when Hurricane Irma lashed the area.

Although the building took a beating, the museum is still standing and is open to the public every day from 11 am to 5 pm,

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Living Gulf Coast
by Charles Sobczak

Lettered Olive (*Oliva sayana*) Other names: olives, golden olive / Status: FL=stable, IUCN=NE / Life span: n/a / Length: 2-2.5 in. (5-6.5 cm) / Weight: n/a / Reproduces in the nearshore waters / Found: Throughout the beaches of Southwest Florida / Status: uncommon.



The best location to find a living lettered or golden olive is along the beaches and near the sandy bottoms of the passes and shoals. Named for its dark surface markings that vaguely resemble blurry cuneiform writing, this shell is a highly prized find. Although it might appear that the olives you find at a shell shop have been mechanically polished, this process is done by the shellfish itself. When moving, the fleshy mantle of the live animals extends around the outside of the shell to protect it. This constant rubbing of the outer surface, coupled with the tiny fragments of sand and grit between the shell and the living organism, serve to polish the shell over time.

The far more uncommon golden olive, which is a color variant of the lettered olive, can also be found along the surf line. If the water is calm enough, you can track either of them by following their trail through the soft sand. It is in this surf zone where they feed on coquinas, small clams and other shellfish. Olives, like many gastropods, are carnivores. Because they are so attractive, the Calusa as well as many Native American tribes, used lettered olives to make jewelry and other decorative objects. A handful of birds are able to take and eat olives as are stingrays, sharks and other predatory gastropods.


Apple Murex (*Chicoreus pomum*) Other names: none / Status: FL=stable, IUCN=NE / Life span: to 5 years / Length: 2-4.5 in. (5-11.5 cm) / Weight: n/a / Spawns in the nearshore waters / Found: Along the beaches of Southwest Florida / Status: common.



Ranging from North Carolina to Brazil, the apple murex is one of the most abundant murex shells found in Florida and the West Indies. It feeds predominately on the common Eastern oyster, boring almost perfectly round holes into its shells. Given a thick enough oyster, this slow drilling may take the apple murex weeks to complete but this pales in comparison with some species of South Pacific drills. Scientists have now determined that some small drills, dining on much larger and thicker clams and oysters, may take up to eight months to drill through the shell and into the soft, edible parts of the animal! Imagine waiting more than six months, without appetizers, for your dinner.

Although this is a fairly common shell to find washed up along the beach, it is nowhere near as easy to find alive. Look for it beyond the surf zone, preferably with a mask and snorkel, in water from three to ten feet. Finding one will probably be more related to water clarity than to any other factor.

The apple murex is preyed upon by other carnivorous gastropods, including other murex species. In is also eaten by rays and sharks.



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Apple Murex by Charles Sobczak.

Charles Sobczak is a writer, photographer and author from Sanibel Island, Florida

Charles is the Author of "Living Sanibel," "Living Gulf Coast" and many other interesting titles.



The Everglades Backcountry Experience
by Capt. Rodney Raffield

Fishing the last month has been absolutely awesome. We have been catching plenty of Snook, Redfish, and Trout on the outside as well as the inside.

I have been catching all species on soft plastics like Mr. Wiffelure and Zman MinnowZ almost exclusively. But that is mainly due to the fact that these are my favorite lures.



We have been catching lots of small Redfish and Snook but also have had many Snook in the 30"+ range, like the ones pictured.

Fishing is as good as I can remember it being in a very long time, and now is the time to get after that Trophy fish. A great way to see what I am doing on a daily basis is to follow me on Facebook at Everglades Backcountry Experience. I share great videos of my charters as well as great tips that will help you become a more successful Angler on your own fishing adventures.

*So till next time - tight lines my friends.
Good luck fishing! ~Captain Rodney Raffield*



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Regional News
FWC Wants Your Opinion

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is requesting public input as staff improve rules for nonnative species. The potential changes will affect rules related to the importation of high-risk species and include possible additions to the Prohibited Species list. Staff will also work on clarifying language in existing rules.

To view the Executive Order, visit MyFWC.com and click on "About," then "Executive Orders."

Invasive species are animals not native to Florida that cause economic or environmental harm or pose a threat to human safety. More than 500 nonnative species have been reported in Florida. Eighty percent of these have been introduced via the live animal trade with more than 150 established in Florida, meaning they are reproducing in the wild.

The public can help the FWC control nonnative invasive wildlife by reporting sightings to the FWC's Exotic Species Hotline at 888-IveGot1 (888-483-4681), online at IVEGOT1.org or by using the free smartphone app IVEGOT1.

For more about nonnative species in Florida, MyFWC.com/Nonnatives.

Bears More Active This Time of Year

In fall, Florida black bear activity increases as bears begin a natural process of putting on fat for the winter. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) reminds people to be BearWise to help prevent conflicts with Florida's largest land mammal.

To be prepared for winter, bears require around **20,000 calories a day** and will eat anything that's convenient. It is important to take some precautionary steps to discourage bears from coming too close.

To keep bears wild and away from your home (or campsite), follow these simple tips:

- ◆ Secure household garbage in a sturdy shed, garage or a wildlife-resistant container.
- ◆ Put household garbage out on the morning of pickup rather than the night before. Secure commercial garbage in bear-resistant dumpsters.
- ◆ Protect gardens, bee yards, compost and livestock with electric fencing.
- ◆ Encourage your homeowner's association or local government to institute ordinances to require trash be secured from bears.
- ◆ Feed pets indoors or bring in dishes after feeding.
- ◆ Clean grills and store them in a secure place.
- ◆ Remove wildlife feeders or make them bear-resistant.
- ◆ Pick ripe fruit from trees and remove fallen fruit from the ground.

If you see or suspect that someone is feeding or attracting bears, call the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline at 1-888-404-FWCC (3922).

Fakahatchee Strand News

Reservations Still Open for Fakahatchee Swamp Walks & Tram Tours Beginning on October 24th



Reservations are now open for three adventures in Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park. The park, east of Naples, is Florida's largest and has been called "the Amazon of North America."

The season begins Wednesday October 24 at 5:30 p.m. with a three-hour Moonlit Tram Tour of the park. The \$35 evening tour sells out rapidly and will be repeated on Saturday, December 22 at 4:30 p.m.

Ghostrider Tram Tours of the park from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. get underway Nov. 8. The tours are offered for \$25 per person most Thursdays in November and December and are named for the famous ghost orchid found in the park.

The Naturalist Led Tram Tour and Swamp Walk begins Tuesday, Nov. 6 at 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. This \$60 adventure 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 note that tours sell out fast so book your reservations early to secure your dates!

More Local Events
Welcome Back History Talk
Friday, Nov. 16th, 5:30
Jinkins Hall, Evg. Comm. Church



Local resident and historian, Marya Repko will talk about the Everglades City Bank Building, its history and what the future may hold for the historic structure.

You will learn about the building's history during the Collier era, and the glory days of Everglades City as the Collier County seat.

This is a great time to reacquaint yourself with your winter neighbors and learn about the rich history of our little area. The event is free for anyone who would like to attend, but reservations are required.

To save your seats call Marya @ 239-695-2905, or email ESHP@hotmail.com.

Do You Have Photos or Memories of the Old Bank Building? If You Do, Please Contact Us!

The Everglades Society for Historical Preservation is looking for photos of the old bank building and what your old memories about the building may be. If you have any of these details about the building from way back when, please contact Marya Repko at 239-695-2905 or email: ESHP@hotmail.com.

Art-in-the-Glades
Saturday, Nov. 17th, 10 am to 1 pm



Come out to McLeod Park for Art-in-the-Glades on Saturday, November 17th 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 get some early (and unique) holiday gifts and a great excuse to spend a few hours at the park!

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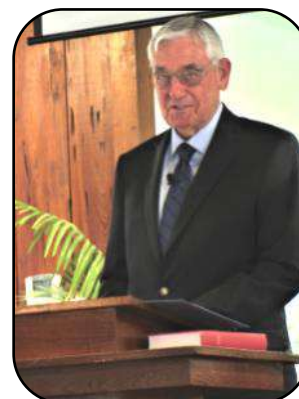
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Memorial Held for Mama Dot Weeks

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| 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 Reopened. Please stop in! |
| Triad Seafood & Café (695-2662): Open Every Day 10:30 am-5 pm |
| MARKETS |
| Right Choice Supermarket (695-4535): 9:00 am – 7:00 pm; daily |
| Grimm's Stone Crab (695-3222): Open Mon.-Sat. 8 am to 5 pm |
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| 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 |
| 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 below |
| St. Finbarr Catholic Church, Naples Phone: 239-417-2084 |
| San Marco Catholic Church, Marco Isl. 239-394-5181 |

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A memorial service was held for Dorothy "Mama Dot" Weeks on October 13th at First Baptist Church in Everglades City. Mama Dot passed away peacefully at the age of 93 on September 28th.




Mama Dot was an area icon and was like a mother to so many of the current residents in our area. The large, standing room only gathering at the church was attended by many family members and friends who knew and loved her.

Mama Dot left a lasting impression and legacy of love and her spirit will always be with us.

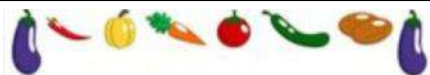


Photos: Top: retired Baptist minister Rev. Eric Weldon, who honored Mama Dot's request to hold her Memorial Service, speaks to those attending the memorial. **Bottom:** Mama Dot's Children hold the painting of the Lighter Boat they grew up on as kids. (Left) Elizabeth Weeks-Byrd, (Center) Bobby Weeks (Right) Marie Thompson.



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