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What's Happening in the Everglades & 10,000 Islands
NOVEMBER 16 - NOVEMBER 29, 2019



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RESTAURANTS

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THINGS TO DO!

ART-IN-THE-GLADES

Saturday, November 16th

McLeod Park, 10 am to 1 pm

Find the perfect holiday gifts (or treat yourself) at Art-in-the-Glades at McLeod Park in Everglades City. Unique art and crafts with a local flare, and other unique items will be on display.

This is the perfect venue to find the perfect holiday gifts while visiting historic Everglades City. Let the kids play on the playground while you shop, then head over to one of our great restaurants to enjoy some stone crabs!

DINNER & MUSIC

McLeod Park

November 16th, 5 to 7:30 pm

Come out and have a relaxing and fun evening while enjoying music, and enjoying one of the Lion's Club famous dinner specialties, Cecil's pulled pork! Dinner is only \$12 and includes, pulled pork, coleslaw, dessert, and a beverage.

Proceeds received at the dinner will benefit McLeod park improvements. Everyone is invited. We hope to see you there!

Memorial Service Announcement

A service for **Captain Bill Miller**, who passed away Nov. 4th, will be held on **November 16th at 2 pm** at the First Baptist Church in Everglades City.

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PARKER OGLESBY PRESENTS CITY WITH HISTORIC SEMINOLE PAINTINGS



Council member Parker Oglesby's family has been friends with former Collier County Property Appraiser Sam Colding for many, many years.

Mr. Sam Colding was the property appraiser for Collier County in the 1980's and was the assistant property appraiser for many years prior to that. In fact, Mr. Colding was involved in Collier County government dating back to when the county seat was here in Everglades City.

After Hurricane Irma Mr. Colding, now in his 90's, contacted Parker to see how

Everglades City weathered the storm. Parker visited him at his home to tell him about the damage. It was during that conversation that Mr. Colding showed Parker two paintings that featured former members of Osceola family of the Seminole Indian tribe. He told Parker he would like him to have the paintings, and that it would be nice if he could have them hung somewhere inside of Everglades City Hall.

At the time, Parker was very grateful, but he told Mr. Colding that City Hall was going through renovations and that his own homes had been severely damaged. He asked if he hold on to them for a bit longer for him until the town was in better shape...and he did.

Recently, Parker Oglesby contacted Mr. Colding to follow up on the paintings. He told him our community is getting back to normal and that he would be honored to receive the paintings during the November City Council Meeting.



Mr. Colding agreed and then reached out to his long time friend O.B. Osceola, whose father is featured in one of the paintings, to alert him about the presentation. O.B was very pleased and agreed to attend with his daughter Cindy Osceola and other family members.

Parker told the audience about his family's history with Sam Colding. He introduced each tribe member in attendance and the presentation was complete.


The paintings were hung inside the Council Chambers behind the Mayor's seat. They are a great addition to our wonderful, rich history, a history that includes the Seminole Tribe of Florida.

It was very generous of Mr. Sam Colding to think of Everglades City and to request that the paintings be a part of the growing art collection inside the halls of City Hall.

As of this writing, the woman featured in one of the paintings has yet to be identified. Cindy Osceola indicated that they may know her identity but they were researching more records to confirm it. When her identity is known, we will write a follow up. *You can see the beautiful paintings in the City Council Chambers in Everglades City Hall.*

(Photos: Top: paintings, bottom: L-R, Cindy Osceola, Sam Colding, O.B. Osceola)

NOVEMBER 17, 2019 — DECEMBER 21, 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
November 17	18	19 Dental Bus, p.3 P & Z Council Workshop, p. 3	20 Ladies Coffee City Seafood, 8a	21 Book Club Mtg, See P. 6 Museum Talk	22	23
24	25	26 New Moon Election Day	27 Ladies Coffee Havana Café, 8a	28 Thanksgiving! 	29	Rapper 30
December 1	2 ESHP Mtg, 8:30 am	3 City Council Mtg, 7:00 pm	4 Ladies Coffee Island Café, 8a	5 Diamonds Tea, 2 pm	6	7 Art in Glades, See p. 3 Bike Ride/Tour, See p. 8
8	9 FME Luncheon	10	11 Ladies Coffee City Seafood, 8a	12 Full Moon	13	Rapper 14 Holiday Party See p. 10
15	16	17	18 Ladies Coffee Havana Café, 8a City Hall Xmas Party, noon to 2	19 Book Club, See p. 6 Museum Talk	20 Kids Xmas Party at Sch	21

Dec. 22-30: Hanukkah

Dec. 25: Christmas Day

December 31: New Year's Eve

Jan. 1: New Year's Day

Jan. 18: Plant Sale, see p. 3

AREA INFORMATION & NUMBERS:

AA: Wed., 5:00 pm, Evg. Comm. Church, Fellowship Hall
 CARNESTOWN Recycle & Trash: 2nd Sat. of month, 9a-12p, 12:30p-3:30
 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
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 SKATING RINK: Now open! Fri. & Sat. 6 to 9 pm
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 THRIFT SHOP: Open Saturday 11 am to 3 pm, p.3.
 VETERANS SUPPORT: 2nd & 4th Wed. of month, noon—2 pm

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UPCOMING EVENTS

ART-IN-THE-GLADES
 November 16th, 10 am to 1 pm
 McLeod Park, Everglades City

DINNER & MUSIC
AT MCLEOD PARK
 November 16th, 5 to 7:30 pm

MUSEUM TALK
 November 21st, 2 to 3 pm
 "The Calusa – Fierce People" by Rachel Kangas, FPAN, at 2pm, This presentation is free and everyone is welcomed. Call 239-252-5026 for information.

DIAMONDS TEA
 December 5th, 2 pm
 Diamond's Tea will be held on December 5th this year at the Community Church. Diamonds, ladies 70 years young and older, are invited to this annual event. Invitations will be sent in the near future.

HOLIDAY EVENT SCHEDULE
 December 14: Tree Lighting, Parade
 December 14: Boat Parade
 December 18: Christmas Luncheon
 For more detail, go to page 10!

MUSEUM TALK
 December 19, 2 to 3 pm
 This discussion is titled "Deaconess Harriet Bedell". The presentation is free and everyone is welcome. Call 239-252-5026 for information.

THE CHRISTMAS FUND
 For over 20 years, Everglades City has been able to raise an average of \$4000 to purchase gifts and gift cards for the children at Everglades City School.

In the spirit of the giving season, this program has insured that every child gets a little something to help make their Christmas a bit brighter.

This year, we are asking the community to contribute once again. No amount is too small.

The gift cards will be presented to the children at the Annual Community Christmas Party on December 20th.

The party will be held at the Everglades City School Cafetorium, and Santa will be there to give out the gifts!

If you would like to contribute, please send a check made payable to the City of Everglades City, and in the memo section write "Santa's Toys for Kids".


Please mail your check to the City of Everglades City, PO Box 110, Everglades City, FL 34139. Every little bit helps.


3rd Annual Everglades City Plant Sale!
 January 18th, 9 am to noon
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COMMUNITY SERVICES

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 November 19, 8 am to 4 pm
The Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida's Health & Smiles Mobile Dental Bus will be in Everglades City on **November 19th**, 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
 Dr. Kirk DeMartino is seeing patients in his Marco Island Office. You may call his office to schedule an 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

November 4, 2019 marked the five year anniversary of the formation of the largest geographic fire district in the state of Florida.

The **Greater Naples Fire Rescue District** provides emergency response and life safety services to the Chokoloskee, Everglades City, Golden Gate, East Naples, Isles of Capris, Port of the Islands, and surrounding communities.

The communities joined us in celebrating the District's 5th Anniversary during a reception with refreshments before the Board of Fire Commissioner meeting on November 12th.

On November 16th, all Greater Naples Fire Stations hosted Open Houses from 10 a.m. to 12 pm so the community members could meet the firefighters who proudly serve our community.

Did you know the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District **MISSION** is to protect life and property by providing emergency response services and education for the residents, businesses and visitors of our community?

Our **VISION** is to increase response effectiveness, enhance professionalism and operational efficiencies and use taxpayer dollars responsibly, while holding ourselves accountable to earn your trust. This vision guides us daily as we serve our community and visitors.

The Fire District's core **VALUES** include Professionalism, Integrity and Compassion. Our membership strives to meet these in every aspect of their service delivery and community outreach.

On behalf of the Board of Fire Commissioners, firefighters, fire inspectors, administrative and support staff, thank you for allowing us to serve you for the past five years. We hope to always exceed your expectations and provide our residents with the most professional and cost effective service possible.

Florida Firefighter Killed in Accident
 On Wednesday, November 6, 2019, Fire Rescue District Chief Dwain Bradshaw passed away while on-duty due to a tragic accident.

Bradshaw was volunteering as District Chief for Bellview Station and Assistant District Chief for Beulah Station of Escambia County Fire Rescue. He had been volunteering with Escambia County Fire Rescue since the late 1990s and taught volunteer training classes. Bradshaw also served in the Air National Guard. Our thoughts and prayers are with Chief Bradshaw's family at this difficult time.

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The First Recorded Python in Everglades National Park, 40 Years Later
 By Antonia Florio, Science Communications Liaison, Everglades National Park
 (Part 2)

Why are invasive species so hard to get rid of?
The more I learn about invasive species, the more I think of them as a cancer in our environment. Like cancer cells, once they become established, they're hard to completely remove.

The quicker you catch them, the easier they are to eradicate. And often the best way to eradicate them is by using a combination of methods. You have to throw all the tools in your toolbox at the problem.

Even if you have a successful eradication, you'll always have to do routine checks and maintenance to ensure they are gone.

So like cancer, invasive species are hard to remove, difficult to deal with, and they can really get you down.

But the park is not going to give up in the fight.

"This is a big deal for all of us here in Everglades National Park," said Pedro Ramos, superintendent of Everglades and Dry Tortugas National Parks. "What concerns me most as a park manager is the invasion of plants and animals that seem to be taking over the landscape, both on land and water."

Ramos knows we don't have a silver bullet for the invasive species problem, but he has some ideas for how to move forward.

"There are two things we can do," Ramos said. "One of them is to continue our efforts. We cannot throw in the towel. The other thing is to invest in research because we all know that's where the answers are going to come from."

Python lessons in Everglades National Park: Never let it happen again

Forty years later, Burmese pythons are now distributed throughout southern Florida. State and federal land management agencies, including the National Park Service, the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and the South Florida Water Management District, are partnering to support and further develop methods that will help with the Burmese python problem.

But, ultimately, that first python record will serve as a reminder of how vulnerable the southern Florida ecosystem is to invasive species and how hard it is to get rid of them once they are here. We have to do our best to make sure this doesn't happen again.

So while pythons are a major problem in the park, there are many other invaders that also need attention. That's why park biologists are focused on removing new species before they become established while also managing the ones that we already have.

Argentine black-and-white tegus, for example, are knocking on the park's door, and park biologists continue to add more traps around the park's boundary and expand the area where they trap these large lizards. The goal is to keep a breeding population from becoming established in the park. So far, so good.

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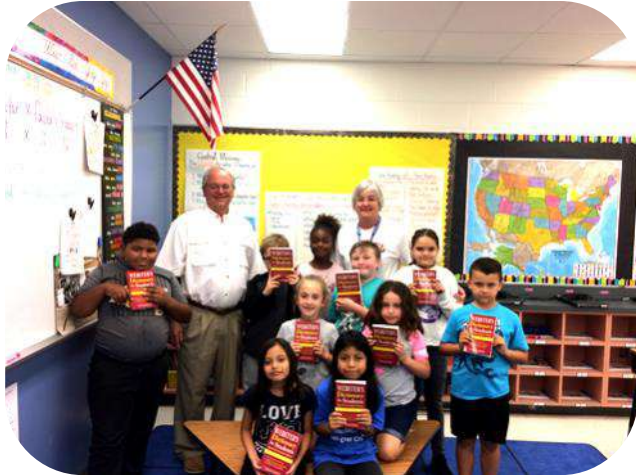


Everglades City School Corner

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Third Grade Class Given Dictionaries by Marco Island Rotary Club!



On November 8th, Mr. Craig Woodward of the Rotary Club of Marco Island Sunrise delivered dictionaries to Ms. Baumler's 3rd Grade Class.

Rotary International began this worldwide project in 2001 and since that time they have distributed over 450,000 dictionaries.

Ms. Baumler and her students are very grateful for Rotary Club's generosity and immediately began growing their vocabulary by looking up words.

On November 22 at 2:25 Everglades City School will be hosting it first Athletic and Academic Pep Rally. Student athletes will be recognized as will students who have worked hard and shown academic growth. If you are interested in attending to cheer on your student call 239-377-9800 for more details.



Congratulations to Ms. Finer (left) who was just named as a Teacher of Distinction by the Education Foundation of Collier County. Ms. Finer is one of only 55 teachers recognized for effective teaching. From this group of Teachers of Distinction, Champions for Learning's community-based selection committee will identify six (6) teachers to highlight as Golden Apple recipients. Finer was selected as one out of a total of over 3,200 teachers. Her best practice is called SEE Your Success and uses metrics based practices to engage and empower our students.



Mitchell Roberts returned from overseas and was back to work on October 31. Students thanked Master Sergeant Roberts for his service to our country and community. Here are some facts about his latest tour of duty.

His rank, MSgt (Master Sergeant) Mitchell Roberts, he is in the Florida Air National Guard. He was called to Active duty in the U.S. Air Force, and spent 102 days in the U.A.E. (United Arab Emirates)/ Southwest Asia in support of operation Inherent Resolve with the 159th Expeditionary Fighter Squadron.



Clay Story (left) graduated from Everglades City School in May of 2019. He recently graduated from Marine Corp training in early November.

Private Story returned to Everglades City School to meet with students and discuss life beyond high school, and his pathway to success.

We are very proud of Clay Story and all of his accomplishments. Our community looks forward to watching his progress!

Youth Relations Deputy Miller has started the LEAD classes with

the 5th Grade. LEAD stands for Law Enforcement Against Drugs. This 10 week program uses evidenced based curriculum to help fortify students against violence, drug abuse and bullying. The program also teaches bicycle safety and the risks of tobacco use.

Everglades City School has a positive behavior support program to encourage all students.

On November 1, students received a real treat from Collier County Sheriff's Department when Deputy Spyder and Corporal Ramos visited the school.

Corporal Ramos and Deputy Spyder met students and spoke about positive behavior and congratulated the students for their hard work. We thank Corporal Ramos for spending time with our students at the school, and for introducing them to Deputy Spyder!



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The Everglades Book Club is Back!

EVERGLADES BOOK CLUB

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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 Freiburger

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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My Little Slice of Paradise
by Kathy Brock

A comprehensive presentation during the November City Council meeting by Professor Mike Savarese of Florida Gulf Coast University outlined a proposed Southwest Florida compact between Collier, Lee, and Charlotte Counties that would align the counties in an ongoing effort to offset the impact of climate change.

It really doesn't matter whether you call it, climate change, global warming, sea level rise or something else, it is clear the local governments are paying attention and making plans for the water to rise.

Former Governor, now Senator Rick Scott, would not even permit State employees to use the term "global warming" under his stewardship. Scott had no formal agency addressing the issues, and has brought that attitude to Washington like an ostrich with his head in the sand.

New Governor Ron DeSantis quickly changed all of that by naming Dr. Julia Nesheiwat the new Chief Resiliency Officer (CRO) of Florida. His actions tell you what he thinks about the issue.

"Developing resilience goals for the state will help to protect our coastal communities and fortify Florida's pathway to continued prosperity," said Governor DeSantis. "Today, we take the step of appointing Florida's first Chief Resilience Officer to coordinate a statewide response to prepare for the environmental, physical and economic challenges facing our state."

Ignoring issues does not mean they are not percolating in the background. Hoping science is wrong is not a smart strategy for a state surrounded by the sea that most scientists claim is rising.

There are things we can do to prepare for the changes that may be coming...and if they do not come, being over-prepared is much easier to deal with than being under prepared or not prepared at all!

Why this is such a political hot button is beyond me. Does it really matter why this is happening? Does anyone actually doubt that spewing CO2 into the atmosphere is bad? Do you remember what Los Angeles looked like before they capped emissions? I do. Smog. Heavy, smelly smog every day. Today, there is still some smog, but it is far less than what it was. Lowering emissions was the smart thing to do...and they did it.

Let's say climate change is a natural phenomena and there is nothing that man is doing to cause it. Shouldn't we still prepare for this? Isn't it evident that the tide seems much higher than it did when we older people were kids?

I know when I was a kid, A1A in Broward didn't get closed down for "King Tides". Now it's a bi-yearly ritual. So somehow the water is higher...for whatever reason.

It's a good thing that Governor Ron DeSantis is his own man and is doing something that he believes is the right thing to do even if the politics of it are not so good for him.

I want leaders who do what is right and honorable versus those that crumble in the face of political pressure because some PAC is funneling money their way.


It is good to see that the Southwest Coast of Florida is coming together to share information and resources for the benefit of our future, and the future we will leave to our children and our children's children.

We owe it to the next generation to make preparations for the future. The Boy Scout Motto, Be Prepared means "you are always in a state of readiness in mind and body to do your duty," is a good reminder.

Island Life Recipes
Mrs. Franche's Cranberry Jell-O Salad
By Kathy Brock

Ingredients:
 1 box raspberry or strawberry Jell-O
 1 box orange Jell-O
 2 stalks celery finely chopped
 1 apple peeled and finely chopped
 1/2 cup walnuts finely chopped
 1 small bag of fresh cranberries finely chopped
 1-16 ounce container of vanilla yogurt (as a garnish)

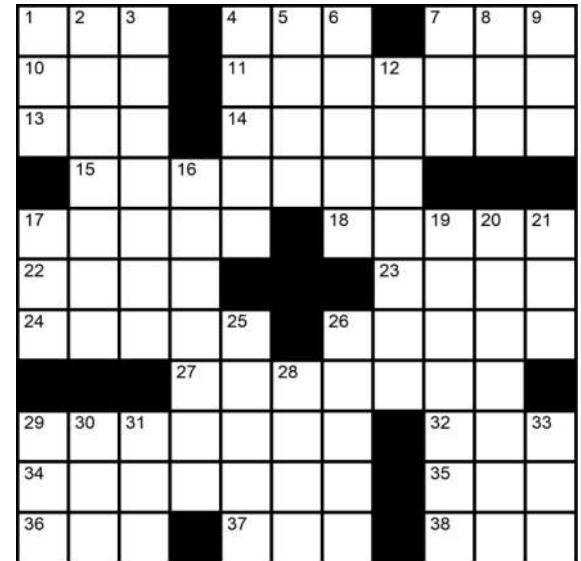
Directions: Prepare and chop all of the ingredients on the list. You may omit or add ingredients, but the fresh cranberries are a must.
 Boil 1/2 the amount of water called for on the box (typically 1 cup, so 2 cups for 2 boxes) and mix in Jell-O until it is fully dissolved.
 Add in the rest of the water (cold), and then add in the chopped ingredients.
 Pour into a Jell-O mold or bowl and place plastic wrap on the Jell-O so it is touching it. Place in refrigerator until fully set. We serve this every Thanksgiving with the meal. Topping it with Vanilla yogurt is yummy, but some like whip or no topping at all. This lasts in the fridge so you can make it a few days ahead. Enjoy!



MULLET RAPPER CROSSWORD

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- 13 One type is pale
- 14 Scoffed
- 15 Satellite
- 17 Saturn's largest moon
- 18 Stone crabs are caught in them
- 22 "It's pretty, but --- Art?" (Kipling)
- 23 Capable
- 24 "60 Minutes" reporter
- 26 Tiler's mortar
- 27 Tiring
- 29 Supermodel Schiffer
- 32 And not
- 34 Famous Audrey
- 35 CSI evidence
- 36 Brat
- 37 Teacher favorite
- 38 Baste



Down

- 1 School org.
- 2 Single singer?
- 3 Sluggishness
- 4 Area drained by a river
- 5 "You --- seen nothin' yet!"
- 6 Address
- 7 Cigarette gunk
- 8 Iron is one
- 9 Tie the knot
- 12 First female VP candidate
- 16 Rubber ducky refuge?
- 17 "--- better to have loved and lost ... "
- 19 Teems
- 20 "With partner" on some invitations
- 21 Tennis unit
- 25 --- the garden (deceived)
- 26 Huge
- 28 Dreadful
- 29 Greek X
- 30 Moon lander
- 31 Smartphone download
- 33 Uncooked

11/16/19



Every day we build new memories. We have experiences both positive and negative, but our attitude is the key. If we keep that positive attitude, we will have a happier, more fulfilling life...and build more good memories. That is the theme of my poem today called "Our Memories Live On."



Even though time passes our memories live on Making new memories every day until the day is gone Hoping that each day moves in a positive direction We take time each day for reflection Using the building blocks of life as we move on Enjoying life every day until it is gone We live for the loving moments that come our way Each day in life can have something special to say We must keep up the hope Even when we are on a thin rope We try to keep a positive attitude as we move along Making new memories to sing our song Never give up the ship, I say New paths are always on the way!

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FREE GUIDED BIKE TOURS Bike Rides Through the Everglades



Come join us again this season as we tour different parts of the Everglades, some on road and some off road within our National Parks and Preserves.

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

- 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.

New Everglades Garden Club Looking for Members!



We are starting a garden club in January.

Everything grows here! Let's start a garden club where we can share our experiences, learn 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.

(Invasive Species from page 4)

But it's going to be a tough battle to fight. Over 500 tegus were caught this year just outside the park, which is a 66 percent increase over last year. Several were caught inside the park, but researchers don't yet think there is a breeding population there and want to keep it that way.

African red-headed agama lizards—now common in Homestead and other areas of southern Florida—were first removed from the park in early 2019. Since then, park biologists are routinely checking for and removing them from wherever they have been sighted.

Japanese climbing fern was spotted and removed from the parking lot at the Ernest F. Coe Visitor Center headquarters in 2017. This invasive plant can easily outcompete native plants.

Invasive Species – What Can We Do?

The single most effective way to not have invasive species in Florida is by not letting them get here in the first place. Don't let it loose. If you have an exotic pet you no longer can care for, please never, never release it into the wild.

One way you can ensure your exotic pet gets a good home is through Florida Fish and Wildlife's Exotic Pet Amnesty Program (https://myfwc.com/wildlifehabitats/nonnatives/amnesty-program/).

But if an exotic species is released, early detection is our next best bet to prevent a new population from becoming established.

If you see any animal or plant that is unusual, please report it to IveGot1, either on the web (IveGot1.org), on the IveGot1app, or by calling 1-888-IVE-GOT1. This will notify the network of South Florida invasive species scientists.

"Reports from the public are incredibly important because they help us make management decisions," Bryan Falk said. "The first report of an invasive species can help us remove it before it becomes established. But even repeat reports can provide a lot of information. If we're getting reports of the same invasive species on Tamiami Trail, the main park road, and in East Everglades, we know the population is probably widespread and we should respond accordingly."

- If you remember anything about invasive species, remember these two facts:
- Don't let it loose! Please never let your pet out into the wild.
- Report any invasive species to IveGot1, either on the web (IveGot1.org), on the IveGot1app, or by calling 1-888-IVE-GOT1.

If you missed the first part of the article see it online at www.mulletrapper.com!

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Living Gulf Coast by Charles Sobczak

Laughing Gull (*Larus atricilla*) Other names: black-headed gull / Status: FL=stable, increasing its range, IUCN=LC / Length: 15-18 in. (39-46 cm) / Wingspan: 36-47 in. (92-120 cm) / Weight: 11.5 oz (.33 kg) / Life span: to 19 years / Nests along coastal Florida / Found: AC, coastal, near coast / Months found: JFMAMJJASOND (lower case indicates nesting season).



Known for its distinctive, laugh-like call, the laughing gull is the most common gull found in Southwest Florida. It dons a black cap during breeding season, but during most of the year is far less conspicuous, with a white head, gray wings, and blackish markings. The juvenile coloration is a mottled gray before reaching adult plumage in three years.

This gull gathers along the spoil islands, as well as almost anywhere along the beaches. It feeds on fish, crustaceans, insects, carrion, eggs, young birds, and refuse. It frequently raids unattended picnic grounds when the unsuspecting tourists head out for a swim. It may also sit atop a pelican's head waiting for it to strain out the saltwater and feed on the overflowing minnows.

The laughing gull is monogamous and a strong colonial nester. In Tampa Bay there are islands where up to 10,000 laughing gulls mate and nest at one time.

Herring Gull (*Larus smithsonianus*) Other names: none / Status: FL = stable, IUCN = LC / Length: 22-26 in. (56-66 cm) / Wingspan: 53.9-57.5 in. (137-146 cm) / Weight: 1.75-2.7 lb. (.79-1.25 kg) / Life span: to 28 years / Nests: in the Maritime Provinces across to Alaska / Found: AC, coastal, inland. / Months found: JFMAMJJASOND (lower case indicates northern migratory season).

The herring gull is the quintessential gull in North America: a loud, raucous bird that is a frequent visitor to landfills and garbage dumps where it feeds on almost everything. In the wild it is an aggressive gull that steals food from other birds, feasts on dead fish and carrion along the shoreline, and surface-dives for fish, mollusks, and squid. In its northern nesting ranges it is also known to feed on tern eggs and chicks.



The herring gull is a migratory species in Florida with no known breeding pairs found in the state. Believe it or not, this plentiful gull was once brought to the edge of extinction through a combination of hunting it for its large, white and black wing feathers and harvesting its large eggs for human consumption. In 1900 the entire North American population was estimated at only 8,000 birds, all in Maine. By 1990,

after decades of intense conservation efforts, the population in Maine stood at 27,000 but tens of thousands more had spread across its historic range from the Gulf of St. Lawrence to Alaska, and its numbers are now estimated to be in the millions. In the north this large gull is often in conflict with a similar but larger bird, the great black-backed gull.

Among ornithologists considerable controversy surrounds the extended herring gull family. Once believed to be closely related to the European herring gull, recent DNA studies indicate this is not the case, and there is considerable debate over the relationship of the American herring gull to several other subspecies. The herring gull is known to hybridize with other species of gulls including the lesser black-back and the glaucous-winged gull, making the situation even more complex.

Most herring gull mortality arises from its close interactions with humans. In dump sites it is often killed by bulldozers pushing over piles of garbage, while at sea it becomes tangled in fishing line and nets, and considerable numbers of herring gulls die from toxicity from manmade chemicals and plastics. The nests and chicks are often raided by jaegers and black-backed gulls.

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



The Everglades Backcountry Experience with Captain Rodney Raffield

Hi Mullet Rapper's Capt. Rodney here with some more fishing tales from the Everglades National Park.

Weather this past month has been extremely warm for this time of year which made our transitioning winter fish a little confused and more challenging to catch.



That being said, as of this writing we have had a small cold front which has affected the fish in a positive way. I am seeing good numbers of Snook in the Backcountry as well as juvenile Tarpon.

We are finding some Reds in Chokoloskee Bay with shrimp tipped jigs working the best on these guys.

Snook are hitting Pearl Wiffs and Zman paddle tails just fine with some being caught on hard-baits as well.

We should continue with good Backcountry fishing through the winter as the cold fronts begin to pass through more frequently.

Fish will also start to drop into the deeper holes in the Islands as well as the Backcountry. So... get out there and make some memories, but most of all have FUN. ~Capt. Rodney Raffield

Fish With Captain Rodney Raffield
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LOCAL EXTRA



**Get Into the Holiday Spirit!
December 14th, 5:00 pm**

The celebration will start promptly at 5:00 pm at City Hall! The Christmas Tree lighting ceremony will be at 5:30 pm, followed by the "2k Glow Fun Run" at 6:00 pm, and then the land parade will start after sunset at 7:00 pm. There will be fun, games and contests for the kids too.

If you would like to be in the parade, plan on decorating your golf cart (or something else?) and participating at 7 pm. You will want to arrive a bit early to get into the parade line.

Last year there were amazing decorations with beautiful lights, music and even Christmas carolers, so get creative and get into the Christmas spirit!

Annual Boat Parade

On December 14th at sunset, the third annual boat parade will start at Outward bound and run north down the Barron River.

If you would like to participate in the boat parade, have your decorated vessel by Outward Bound just prior to sunset.

Some of the boats last year were amazing, each year people are getting more and more creative and festive.

City Hall Christmas Party

On Wednesday, December 18th from noon to 2:00 pm, the Mayor and City Hall staff are having the annual City Hall Christmas Party in the City Hall conference room on the first floor.

There will be snacks and beverages available in the conference room. Everyone one is invited to attend.



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

Leonids: Next period of activity: **Now to November 30th,**

Geminids: Next period of activity: **December 4th, 2019 to December 17th.**

The Geminids are usually the strongest meteor shower of the year and meteor enthusiasts are certain to circle **December 13 and 14** on their calendars.

Remember, the Everglades area is an official Dark Sky location. We can see the milky way by the naked eye on any clear night. The stars are amazing here!

ATTRACTION NEWS

Come See Our New Exhibit,

"Americana" by Local Artist, Dick Jay
Fall is a great time to visit the beautiful Museum of the Everglades. From Nov. 4 through January the work of local artist, Dick Jay will be on display.

Dick is a war veteran and longtime resident of the 10,000 islands. His art features scenes of everyday life experienced in the 10,000 islands.

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

**FREE Ranger Led Programs at
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**Fakahatchee Earns Certificate of
Excellence from TripAdvisor!**

Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park has earned a 2019 Certificate of Excellence from TripAdvisor, the international travel website. The award recognizes the Park's "consistently great reviews from travelers."

The Ghost Rider Tram Tour is the best introduction to Florida's largest state park located east of Naples. The 2 1/2 hour tour includes a walk down an old logging path to see air plants, a variety of ferns, and seasonally blooming orchids. Tours begin at 10 a.m. on Thursdays at \$25 per person.

The Fakahatchee Tram Tour and Swamp Walk combines a guided tram tour of the park's main road with a 90 minute swamp walk. This four hour adventure is offered Tuesdays at 9:30 a.m. for \$60. For details and required reservations, visit www.orchidswamp.org and click on "tours and adventures."

**Local Student Holds Fundraiser
For School Homecoming**



Don't try to tell Trenton Mayberry that things cannot get done or problems cannot be solved.

As a student in the 10th grade, member of the cross country team and contributor to the Mullet Rapper, Trenton is used to

multi-tasking.

A few weeks ago while running cross country, Trenton sacrificed his own race to help a runner from another team that had taken ill.

Trenton's quick thinking and giving nature drove him to do what is in his DNA to do...help.

The Mayberry family is full of people who help others. His father Jason started his career as an EMT. Jason is now a 5th grade teacher at Everglades City School.

Trenton's Uncle is a firefighter, his aunt is a nurse, his mom also came from the medical profession.

Because Everglades City School is so small, funding for extra-curricular events is often not available or less than what is needed. Similarly, young working families can find the added costs to things like homecoming events or graduation dances difficult to work into their daily budgets.

This is what motivated Trenton to schedule a fundraiser that would benefit students attending homecoming activities. His idea was brilliant. A car wash and bake sale held in the local museum parking area.

The day started a bit cooler than normal and a bit windy, but the conditions were perfect for a car-wash!

For his efforts, Trenton brought in over \$1700 for the school.

Our congratulations to Trenton for a job well done. We are very proud of you!



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Camellia Street Grille (239-695-2003):

11:00 am – 9:00 pm, Mon to Sat

City Seafood (239-695-4700):

8:00 am – 10:00 am; breakfast

Noon-6pm Lunch & Dinner

Everglades Fishing Co. (239-778-6656)

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Havana Café (239-695-2214):

Open Daily 7 am to 4 pm

See our ad on page 10!

Island Café (239-695-0003):

6:00 am – 9:00 pm; daily

Ivey House (239-695-3299) (Private)

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

Joanie's Crab Café (239-695-2682):

Open Daily 10:30 am to 5 pm, Closed Wed.

See our ad on page 4

Rod & Gun (239-695-2101):

11:30 am - 8:00 pm; daily

Triad Seafood & Café (239-695-2662):

Open M-Sat, 10:30 to 6pm, Sun. 10:30-5

See Our ad on page 4.

MARKETS

Right Choice Market (239-695-4535):

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Grimm's Stone Crab (239-695-3222):

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Fresh Produce

Right Choice Supermarket

See listing under "markets"

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

Chokoloskee Family Church

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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

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San Marco Catholic Church, Marco Isl.

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11/16/19	Sat	6:09 PM	2.4	H
11/16/19	Sat	11:47 PM	0.99	L
11/17/19	Sun	3:49 AM	2.89	H
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11/17/19	Sun	7:13 PM	2.36	H
11/18/19	Mon	12:44 AM	1.02	L
11/18/19	Mon	4:47 AM	2.75	H
11/18/19	Mon	2:06 PM	0.04	L
11/18/19	Mon	8:16 PM	2.37	H
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11/21/19	Thu	4:57 AM	0.69	L
11/21/19	Thu	10:00 AM	2.52	H
11/21/19	Thu	5:19 PM	0.31	L
11/21/19	Thu	10:46 PM	2.64	H
11/22/19	Fri	5:56 AM	0.43	L
11/22/19	Fri	11:17 AM	2.59	H
11/22/19	Fri	6:14 PM	0.4	L
11/22/19	Fri	11:27 PM	2.79	H
11/23/19	Sat	6:50 AM	0.18	L
11/23/19	Sat	12:24 PM	2.68	H
11/23/19	Sat	7:05 PM	0.49	L
11/24/19	Sun	12:04 AM	2.94	H
11/24/19	Sun	7:40 AM	-0.06	L
11/24/19	Sun	1:19 PM	2.72	H
11/24/19	Sun	7:52 PM	0.57	L
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11/26/19	Tue	9:12 AM	-0.36	L
11/26/19	Tue	2:55 PM	2.61	H
11/26/19	Tue	9:19 PM	0.7	L
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11/27/19	Wed	10:02 PM	0.76	L
11/28/19	Thu	2:18 AM	3.12	H
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11/29/19	Fri	2:55 AM	2.99	H
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November City Council Update

The City Council meeting was held on November 5th at City Hall in Everglades City.

The Council approved the final reading of a resolutions that outline the rules and procedures for elections in the City of Everglades City, and the requirements to qualify for voting in the City (validated residency). Both ordinances passed and will be on the ballot in the upcoming election.

The Council also discussed the Seafood festival and considered a contract presented to them by the Betterment Association of the Everglades Area, Inc. that spells out the lease agreement with the Association and the City. The Council decided to continue negotiations with the Association and will bring it back up for consideration at the December meeting.

Professor Mike Savarese of Florida Gulf Coast University gave a presentation on Climate Resiliency and explained why a cooperation between southwest Florida communities is advantageous, and how it would give our region more power to obtain federal resources, grant monies and other assistance as it relates to storm resiliency and sea level rise.

Lt. Adam Hall of CCSO said their investigation is ongoing in the theft of an ATM that was located at Captain Jacks on Dupont. The thieves stole the ATM by using a forklift and then moved it out by boat. Anyone with information is urged to contact CCSO. You can remain anonymous by calling 239-232-9300.



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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.

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

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