



# The MULLET RAPPER

What's Happening in the Everglades & 10,000 Islands  
NOVEMBER 30 - DECEMBER 13, 2019



AREA INFO  
TIDES ~ EVENTS  
RESTAURANTS



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## Things To Do

### 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.

### 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.

### Pizza, Lasagna, Subs and More is on the Menu at Hole in the Wall Pizza

If you've been into Right Choice Market lately and wondered where the aroma of Italian cooking is coming from it is from the back room where the new Hole in the Wall Pizza restaurant is located.

The new restaurant offers delivery and takeout 6 days a week (they are closed on Sunday).

Owner, Tod Dahlke has completely renovated the room behind Right Choice complete with brick ovens, purified water and a super fancy dough mixer.

Yes. It is all homemade and the menu was developed by Tod as a bit of a recreation of his past. Tod told me he always loved to cook and has a flair for Italian food, two things evident when you try any of the specialties on the menu.

You can find the new take out restaurant on the north side of the Right Choice building where it is newly painted teal-blue. The "hole in the wall" (window) is literally where you order and pick up.

Hole in the Wall Pizza is located at 104 Buckner Ave. South in Everglades City. They offer pizza, lasagna, ziti, antipasto, tiramisu, cheesecake, root beer floats and more. They accept orders by phone.



### The New Playground Installation Date is Set...Now We Need YOU!

The community build day for the new playground equipment being installed at McLeod Park is scheduled for Saturday, December 7th from 8:00 am to Noon.



Prior to the community build day, a licensed contractor will be handling the "heavy" installation and foundation work that is required.

The community build work will include hanging the swings, screwing in the panels and spreading of the playground mulch.

The new equipment is the culmination of a two-year fundraising effort by the Everglades Lions Club. Over \$85,000 was amassed by the club during that time through various activities including the dinners put on by the Lions during the seasonal months. Many individuals and organizations chipped in to make the dream of a new playground...a reality.

The playground is only the first phase of the park project envisioned by the Lions. Additional phases will include more activities for kids, seating within the park, and an exercise path for adults (and youth)

Anyone interested in volunteering for the installation should bring gloves, screwdrivers and rakes to help spread the mulch. The Lions Club will provide drinks and snacks.

Thank you to the Everglades Lions Club, and to all of the donors and volunteers that helped to make this great project come to fruition. This is a wonderful gift to our community!

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**HOLIDAY MAILING SCHEDULE**  
Mail by these dates so cards and packages arrive by Christmas:

**1st Class Mail: December 20**  
**Priority Mail: December 21**  
**Express Mail: December 23**

**DECEMBER 1, 2019 — JANUARY 4, 2020**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
December 1 Snook Season CLOSED	2 ESHP Mtg, 8:30 am	3 Dental Bus, p.3 City Council Mtg, 7:00 pm	4 Ladies Coffee Island Café, 8a	5 Diamonds Tea, 2 pm	6	7 Art in Glades, p.3 Park Build, p. 1 Bike Ride, p.8
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December 31: New Year's Eve

Jan. 1: New Year's Day

Jan. 11: Lions Club Dinner at McLeod Park

Jan. 16: Garden Club Meeting, see p. 8

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  
 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 Tuesday & Saturday 11 am to 3 pm, p.3.  
 VETERANS SUPPORT: 2nd & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. of month, noon—2 pm

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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## DIAMONDS TEA December 5th, 2 pm

Diamonds 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.

## ART-IN-THE-GLADES December 7, 10 am to 1 pm

Come out to McLeod Park in historic Everglades City on December 7th, 2019! There will be 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! Call Marya at (239) 695-2905 for more info. Booths are available (and free). Please be sure to have your area set up before 10 am!



### HOLIDAY EVENT SCHEDULE

**December 14: Tree Lighting, Parade**  
**December 14: Boat Parade**  
**December 18: Christmas Luncheon**  
 For more detail, see front page

## 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, the Christmas Fund 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.

For more upcoming events go to:  
[www.visitevergladescity.com/events](http://www.visitevergladescity.com/events)

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## COMMUNITY SERVICES

**FREE DENTAL, BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INFORMATION FOR ALL**  
 December 3, 8 am to 4 pm

The Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida's Health & Smiles Mobile Dental Bus will be in Everglades City on December 3, 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!

**Wed. noon to 2pm (Closed Xmas Day)**  
 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 Tues. & Sat. 11am -3pm

The Everglades City Thrift Store is open Tuesday & Saturday from 11 am to 3 pm. New items come in every day, so stop in to find the perfect treasure!



## A Message From Fire Chief Kingman Schuldt

This week 42 Greater Naples firefighters were presented the prestigious Phoenix Award by Collier County

EMS and Medical Director Dr. Tober. This award is presented to emergency responders who resuscitate a patient in cardiac arrest. Paramedics, Emergency Medical Technicians, law enforcement officers, life guards, and telecommunications operators from Collier County received awards during the ceremony.

The "Phoenix" was a mythological bird who died and rose renewed from its own ashes. Collier County EMS has adopted the Phoenix Award to recognize persons from Collier County first responders who contributed to the successful resuscitation of a victim of cardiac arrest. These patients were clinically dead, with no heartbeat or breathing, and brought back to life through the highly trained efforts of these responders.

Just this morning I held my monthly Fully Involved community meeting; a time for residents, business operators, and visitors to meet directly with the Fire Chief to learn about District operations, meet staff, and address any questions they may have regarding the organization. Meeting schedules can be located on the District's public calendar and are regularly announced on our Facebook page. Please consider attending a future meeting.

With the Thanksgiving holiday upon us, I do want to take a moment to wish everyone a happy and family-filled celebration.

With many loved ones making their pilgrimage home for the holiday I would like to remind everyone the roadways will be crowded. While traveling please remember to wear seatbelts, obey speed limits, avoid distractions, and do not drive while under the influence of alcohol or mind-altering substances. Thanksgiving is a time to celebrate our families and friends,

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**SAWFISH NEWS by Tonya Wiley, Havenworth Coastal Conservation**  
**Man Pleads Guilty to Killing A Sawfish, Awaits Sentencing**



According to a press release issued by the Middle District of Florida U.S. Attorney's Office\*, Chad Ponce pleaded guilty on November 1, 2019 to killing an endangered smalltooth sawfish. The commercial shrimp fisherman from Jacksonville was seen removing the rostrum from a live 12-foot smalltooth sawfish with a power saw aboard his fishing vessel off the coast of Ponte Vedra, Florida on July 18, 2018. The case was investigated by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission and is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Jay Taylor. Ponce faces a maximum penalty of one year in federal prison and a \$50,000 fine.

Sawfish are shark-like rays named for their saw-shaped snouts (rostra). Smalltooth sawfish were once found in coastal waters from Texas to North Carolina; however, fishing mortality and habitat loss led to dramatic reductions in both their numbers and range. Now they are regularly found only in southwest Florida, especially in Everglades National Park. Because of these declines NOAA Fisheries listed the smalltooth sawfish as "Endangered" under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in 2003.

Adam Brame, the Sawfish Recovery Coordinator for NOAA Fisheries, stated that because of the protections afforded by the ESA, it is illegal to target, harm, harass, or handle sawfish in any way. While it is technically illegal to catch a sawfish except with a research permit or in a fishery where incidental take has been authorized, captures do occur while fishing for other species. Mortality from incidental captures in both commercial and recreational fisheries is an ongoing threat to this endangered species. It's the responsibility of all fishers to follow guidance to quickly and safely release without harm all sawfish caught while fishing. Never remove the rostrum as sawfish use it for detecting and catching food. In addition to being illegal, removal of the rostrum severely limits the ability of the sawfish to find enough food to survive, and could result in death from starvation.

The number one rule to remember when releasing a sawfish is to leave it in the water at all times. Do not lift it out of the water onto your boat or a pier, and do not drag it onto shore. Simply cut the line as close to the hook as is safely possible. Brame adds that because of the ESA protections it is illegal to possess a sawfish; removing it from the water is considered possession and is a clear violation of the law. Sawfish are powerful animals that can whip their saw very quickly which can cause serious injury to the angler and the sawfish. Never use a gaff on a sawfish you have caught and never remove the rostrum. These guidelines ensure the safety of both the sawfish and the angler.

Mishandling and the purposeful injury or killing of captured sawfish is both illegal and detrimental to the recovery of the population. The sawfish in this case was among the northernmost sightings along the Atlantic coast in the past few years. A sawfish the size of the one killed was likely around eight years old and just reaching sexual maturity. The removal of it from the population prevented it from reproducing and contributing to the recovery of smalltooth sawfish in the United States.

**For more information about sawfish research, conservation, and management in the United States visit [www.SawfishRecovery.org](http://www.SawfishRecovery.org).**  
 \*Available at <https://www.justice.gov/usao-mdfl/pr/jacksonville-man-pleads-guilty-killing-sawfish>




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A Message From Principal Dr. Cherie Allison



We are thrilled to announce that Everglades City School has assembled their lighthouse team and are now ready to begin the implementation of the *Leader in Me Program*.

The program is built on the principals of the 7 Habits of Highly Effective People.

**Habit 1:** Sharpen the Saw ~ Don't work yourself to death. Strive for a sustainable lifestyle that affords you time to recuperate, recharge and be effective in the long-term.

**Habit 2:** Be proactive ~ You have a natural need to wield influence on the world around you so don't spend your time just reacting to external events and circumstances. Take charge and assume responsibility for your life.

**Habit 3:** Begin With The End in Mind ~ Achieve extraordinary results by consistently executing their R & I (resourcefulness and initiative) to break through barriers.

**Habit 4:** Put First Things First ~ Eliminate energy and time-wasting tendencies by focusing and executing on the team's wildly important goals with a weekly planning cadence

**Habit 5:** Think Win-Win ~ Lead teams that are motivated to perform superbly through a shared expectation and accountability process.

**Habit 6:** Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood ~ Create an atmosphere of helpful give-and-take by taking the time to fully understand issues, and give candid and accurate feedback.

**Habit 7:** Synergize ~ Adopt the guiding principle that in a group, the contributions of many will far exceed those of any individual. This will help you achieve goals you could never have reached on your own.



But how does this translate into a new culture for an entire school? Leader in Me is a whole-school transformation model and process developed in partnership with

educators that empowers students with the leadership and life skills they need to thrive in the 21st century. It is based on principles and practices of personal, interpersonal and organizational effectiveness, and upon the powerful premise that every child possesses unique strengths and has the ability to be a leader.

Leader in Me helps students learn how to become self-reliant, take initiative, plan ahead, set and track goals, do their homework, prioritize their time, manage their emotions, be considerate of others, express their viewpoint persuasively, resolve conflicts, find creative solutions, value differences, and live a balanced life. The process helps students develop the skills and self-confidence they need to lead their lives and succeed in school and beyond.

(Leader in Me information taken from <https://www.franklincovey.com/Solutions/education/AllK12Solutions.html>)

Everglades City School's very own Carson Weeks' artwork was selected for the Collier County Superintendent's Art Gallery Show and Reception. Carson's artwork is displayed at the District Offices. Great work and congratulations Carson! See page 10 for more on Carson's work.

EVG held its annual Thanksgiving Feast where faculty and Staff served the students their turkey lunches!



Left, A.D. Jill Whitcomb is in the Thanksgiving spirit. Right, Asst. Principal Ed Laudise serves the kids a Thanksgiving lunch in the school cafeteria.



Everglades City School held its very first Academic Pep Rally (photo above)! Every student was acknowledged for their personal contribution to making the letter A!

Every faculty and staff member was thanked for their unerring support of every student in the school every day that they come to work!

Every family and community member was acknowledged for their support of their students and of our school. We support Every Student Every Day!

*EVG, We are Resilient, We are Courageous and We are Confident!*

*EVG wishes everyone a safe and happy holiday season. ~Dr. Cherie Allison*

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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**


**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  
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**April 16th**  
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**Solution to November 16, 2019 Puzzle**

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*My Little Slice of Paradise*  
by Kathy Brock

I have a plant problem. I just cannot grow enough of them. There always seems to be something else that I do not have growing that I would like to. I guess I am a compulsive gardener, if there is such a thing.

The gardening bug bit me when I was in my teens. At my High School we had a horticulture class. It was one of the few classes I enjoyed attending at the time.

Our growing specialty was tomatoes and herbs. I recall how the teacher was very specific in her instructions on how to plant, when to plant and what to expect.

My parents, and, especially my dad, also loved to grow things. They concentrated on fruit trees...and that passion did not escape me either.

Fast forward too many years to admit, and I am growing most of the things I was exposed to as a child. Tomatoes, herbs, beans and peppers, avocado, starfruit, dragon fruit, black sapote, and several types of citrus.

Here our choice of plants has centered around which ones seem least susceptible to pests. I absolutely hate to use any type of pesticide. To me, that seems counter-intuitive. Growing fresh foods to eat...and spraying them with something you shouldn't ingest. Yes, I know what we buy at the stores are probably sprayed...and yes, I eat them. But at home I try to let nature take care of it when at all possible.

This year much of our annual garden started on its own. If you read my column regularly, you may recall that last year I reported on how much healthier my volunteer plants were versus the store bought starts.

This year they started popping up in August...and we let them grow, and grow they did.

The tomatoes (all cherry types) are 7 to 8 foot tall...and covered with tomatoes. The two types of basil we grow are prolific and spreading nicely on their own. Our peppers are all holdovers from last year...and producing very well.

The only crop we actually planted anew are the purple pole beans (that turn green as soon as you cook them), and they are going like gang-busters.

So far, the whitefly has been very light. We have used nothing but Dawn dish soap and water, and that was 2 months back. I also spray water under the leaves when I water...the pests do not like that!

Now, none of this means that the bugs won't eventually come, but for now things are looking pretty good. We really do get a significant amount of produce from our gardens. We get more than we can eat, so we share it with friends.

The wet soil can be a challenge at times so we use raised beds to mitigate that issue, and that has worked very well for us. It also makes maintenance easier...no bending needed when weeding!

The best part of gardening for me is the satisfaction of knowing we grew it from a tiny little seed and it produced something we can eat that tastes better than what we can buy at the stores. The work it requires is not for everyone, but it is not as time consuming as you may think. It can be very relaxing, in fact. And, the effort rewards you...

You do not need to start a large garden. A small 2' x 2' square is enough to plant many herbs you can use in the kitchen. You can also use well-drained containers for almost anything, and those are very easy to maintain. I have a warning, though. Once the garden-bug bites you...it may not let go! *Happy Growing!*

*Island Life Recipes*  
Roasted Sweet Potato & Butternut Squash Salad  
By Elaine Middelstaedt

**2 pounds sweet potatoes, peeled and cut into ½ inch cubes (6 cups)**  
**2 pounds butternut squash, peeled and cut into ½ cubes (6 cups)**  
**olive oil spray**  
**1 bunch scallions, sliced (about 1 cup)**  
**1 cup snipped fresh parsley**  
**1 cup walnuts, 1 cup fresh cranberries**  
**2 teaspoons olive oil, 3 tablespoons orange juice**  
**2 tbs pure maple syrup, 2 tbs balsamic vinegar**  
**1 tsp ground ginger, 1/4 tsp ground cinnamon**  
**1/8 tsp ground nutmeg, 1/2 tsp salt (or to taste)**

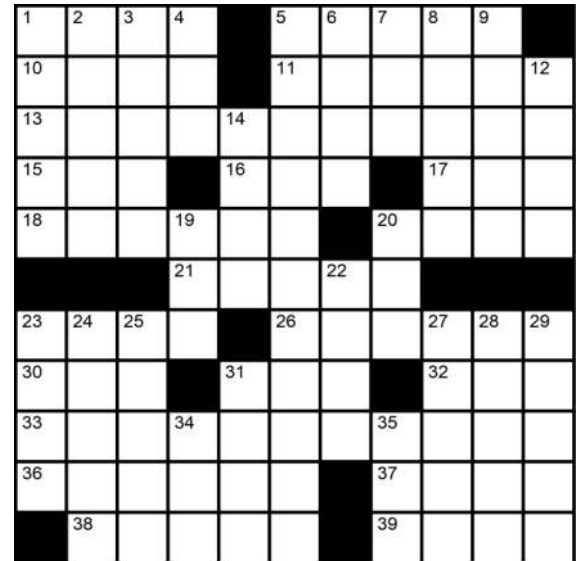
*Instructions:* Heat oven to 400°. In a single layer, place squash and potatoes on cookie sheets and bake for 30 mins, let cool. In large serving bowl, combine sweet potatoes, butternut squash, scallions, parsley, walnuts and cranberries. Cover and chill for at least 4 hours or up to 24 hours.

For dressing, in a screw-top jar combine the olive oil, orange juice, maple syrup, balsamic vinegar, ginger, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt. Cover and shake well to combine. Pour dressing over salad and toss to coat. Cover and chill for at least two hours. Let stand at room temperature for 30 minutes before serving.

**MULLET RAPPER CROSSWORD**

**Across**

- 1 Dance movement
- 5 Haircut go with
- 10 Libya neighbor
- 11 "Stranger Things" actress --- Ryder
- 13 Constraining
- 15 Ingested
- 16 Seek to know
- 17 --- bono (who profits?)
- 18 French aperitif
- 20 Football Hall of Famer, "Old Indestructible" Mel ---
- 21 They built Machu Picchu
- 23 Bryant of NBA fame
- 26 WWII nemesis
- 30 Stock market launch
- 31 Hotel offering
- 32 Type of retirement fund
- 33 Suits go there
- 36 They're dressed for dinner
- 37 Above
- 38 Row of shrubs
- 39 Consecrated



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**Down**

- 1 Some metal
- 2 8th letter of the Greek alphabet
- 3 Relaxes
- 4 San Fran setting
- 5 Food renowned for its holes
- 6 Hayseed cousin
- 7 Hill dweller
- 8 Express
- 9 Boredom
- 12 Opposed, in Dogpatch
- 14 Drops from the sky
- 19 Railroad track part
- 20 Atomic bomber, briefly?
- 22 Opera set in Memphis
- 23 Young goats
- 24 Talk show maven
- 25 Gas law pioneer Robert ---
- 27 Not truthful to
- 28 Elderly Harry Potter owl
- 29 Hoarse
- 31 Edifice, briefly
- 34 Scoundrel
- 35 Pass





Poetry Street by Katherine S. Tullie

When your world is crazy and chaotic, what can you do? You can find your "safe place" in your heart and soul. Find a place of peace in your thoughts. Maybe you go there when you are sitting under a shade tree or on the beach. Maybe it is just in your easy chair. No matter where it is it can help. That is the theme of my poem today called "Safe Place."

Find your safe place within your heart and soul It can help when your life has taken a toll This safe place is an inner thing Finding this special place can make you sing It's a place to relax your mind And to yourself be ever so kind When you are in this special place You can slow down your pace Days can be brighter Nights can be lighter It will help your good energy to come forth With many benefits, of course You may have good energy to spare Much of this energy you can share It will come back to you many times over Your luck may change like a four-leaf clover Your safe place will do you right It can help turn the dark into the light.



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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
March .....Bear Island in the Big Cypress

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

New Everglades Garden Club Meetings to Start in January



The Everglades Garden Club will hold its first meeting on January 16th at 10 am at the Everglades Fishing Company Store in Everglades City. We will meet in the Café area.

If you have any seeds or other things you would like to share, you can bring them with you.

Our first meeting will establish the agenda for the rest of the season and the goals of the club.

There is no cost for membership and everyone is welcome to attend. We also welcome couples!

We hope to see you there!

Look out, Florida: Manatees are on the Move! by FWC

November is Manatee Awareness Month, and the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission



(FWC) is reminding the public to slow down and look out for these large aquatic mammals. As cooler weather

comes to the Sunshine State, manatees begin to migrate to warmer waters. During this time of year, many of Florida's over 7,000 manatees will be on the move.

Warm-water habitats, like Florida's springs, are critical to the survival of manatees during the winter because they can't tolerate water temperatures lower than 68 degrees for extended periods of time. Remember, disturbing manatees at warm-water sites may cause them to leave those areas at a time when it is critical for them to remain there.

"Manatees are more vulnerable in the winter months and it's important not to disturb them, especially at warm-water sites," said Ron Mezich, who leads the FWC's Imperiled Species Management Section. "Getting too close to manatees can cause them to leave these critical areas at a time when it is important for them to stay in warm water habitats."

Boaters can make a big difference for manatees by following guidelines and obeying manatee protection zones marked by waterway signs. Maps of manatee protection zones in your area and information about cold weather seasonal zone changes are available online at MyFWC.com/Manatee by clicking on "Rules/Data and Maps."

How can you help manatees?

- ◆ Wear polarized sunglasses to spot them moving, grazing and resting in the water. Keep a lookout for the circular "footprints" or ripples they leave on the surface of the water.
◆ Follow posted manatee zones. Observe manatees from a distance to limit disturbance. Disturbing manatees at their warm-water sites may cause them to leave these areas during the winter.
◆ Report injured, entangled, orphaned or dead manatees to the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline: 888-404-FWCC (3922), #FWC or \*FWC on your cellphone or text Tip@MyFWC.com.
◆ Contribute to the Fish & Wildlife Foundation of Florida's Marine Mammal Fund by visiting WildlifeFlorida.org and clicking on "Support Us," "Funding Priorities" and "Marine Mammal Fund."

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**"10,000 Islands Christmas"**

Jon Edward Edwards

I could smell the ripeness of the exposed marine life as I began to stir – the scent of marine borers, alive and decaying matter mixed. Christmas morning didn't bring hot cocoa and a warm fire. Not this year; this year it brought a low tide and a favorable forecast. There was anticipation but not from gifts awaiting under the tree but from fish awaiting under the mangrove roots.

The wind had been 10-15 knots out of the west for the last two days, churning up Barfield Bay like margaritas in a blender, choppy and unpredictable. I jumped the 17' Maverick tunnel hull up on plane and rode the chop, standing up at the helm. The water slipped over the gunnel each time I fell out of rhythm yet the cool sting of the salt water spray felt fresh and invigorating as opposed to harsh and punishing.

Upon reaching the end of the no wake zone in Goodland it occurred to me that I had recognized and obeyed the "Slow Speed Manatee Zones," an act I had previously disregarded. How could I have forgotten standing before a judge in a federal court room in Fort Myers after receiving a fourth violation? "How does a West Indian Manatee know where it's safe and where it isn't?" I pleaded. The judge didn't think much of my argument.

I banked around Tripod Key and began the backwater route that served as the mental illusion for the "relaxation techniques" I had learned at marriage counseling several years earlier. They didn't help one bit with my marriage, but it had always worked to ease my mind during stressful times. I imagine every point and every turn I pass along the way. "I can navigate these waters blindfolded," I would often claim. Could that statement be a bit of an exaggeration? Possibly, be that as it may, I can navigate these waters in the dark with the occasional shine of a light no problem. The meandering mangrove route is forever ingrained in my mind.

Buttonwood Bay is my favorite spot in all the 10,000 islands. Buttonwood is dangerously shallow at low tide with jagged oyster bars lurking around every turn. Not knowing their locations could easily result in ripping out a lower unit. Good luck if that happens because no one is coming; I speak from experience.

Fishermen are creatures of habit and I began my pattern at the same spot where I always had, a spot I named simply, The Oyster Bar. I quietly unfastened and released the trolling motor, easing it down into the tannic water. I began trolling parallel to the bar making calculated casts as close as possible without getting hung on the rough shells. My lure fell into an eddy created by two adjoining oyster points – "Bang! Hello Mr. Redfish."

Pushing a button on a lanyard around my neck, I engaged the Power Pole, a shallow water anchor. I could hear the buzz of the mechanism and a crunch as the fiberglass rod was shoved into the broken-up oyster shells and detritus that had flowed from the everglades for thousands of years. I was then fixed in place, free to work the area thoroughly.

There was a deep point on the west side that, at times, held big gator speckled trout. With a strong flick of the wrist I made a long side armed cast out across the point and let my jig sink to the bottom before making slow twitches of the rod tip. On my second cast I felt the tale tell slight bump of a speckled trout taking the bait. I swept the rod to the side as to not jerk the hook out the fish's soft mouth. Sure enough, the specs were there and hungry.

The sky had begun to redden but I had one more spot to try. I hope I have enough water to get out, I thought as I pulled the trolling motor up, ran down the wide gunnels, and jumped down onto the bench seat. The trim was set just right and with speed the Maverick danced on top of a light chop that had formed in the bay. A few seconds later I cut the engine and hurried to the bow, snatching my bait caster along the way. I could see activity as the boat rode its own wake, coasting towards the mouth of Whitney River. I tossed the jig up current and let it fall, sweeping past the point of the river mouth. "Bang!" The big red nearly jerked the rod out of my hand. After several minutes I horsed the fish alongside the boat, popped the jig out of its mouth, and boxed it. A perfect way to end a perfect day.

The sun had fallen lower on the horizon, the sky resembled the tin roof on an ancient barn, rusted red. The bay had calmed, reflecting the same color off of the water, making it difficult to distinguish surface from sky. One swift punch of the throttle and I began the journey back in the fading light. The evening was still and calm, the air crisp, and the water glass. There was no movement in the trees, no ripple of nervous bait, not a soul for miles.... I caught the blurred reflection of a "Slow Speed Manatee Zone" as I bypassed Goodland, speeding through the Everglades, in the dark.

**Snook Harvest Season Closes Dec. 1st  
In Gulf State & Federal Waters  
by FWC**

The recreational harvest season for snook closes Dec. 1 in Gulf state and federal waters, including Monroe County and Everglades National Park, and will remain closed through Feb. 29, 2020, reopening to harvest March 1, 2020. Anglers may continue to catch and release snook during the closed season.



Snook remains catch-and-release only in state waters from the Hernando/Pasco county line through Gordon Pass in Collier County (includes Tampa Bay and Hillsborough County) through May 31, 2020, in response to the impacts of red tide. Snook also has a regular season closure that runs May 1 through Aug. 31. At its February meeting, the FWC anticipates discussing whether to reopen snook harvest in this area on March 1. Comment on this and other red-tide-related issues at [MyFWC.com/SaltwaterComments](http://MyFWC.com/SaltwaterComments).

Regular season closures are designed to help conserve the species during vulnerable times such as cold weather. Atlantic state and federal waters, including Lake Okeechobee and the Kissimmee River, will be closed Dec. 15 through Jan. 31, 2020, reopening to harvest Feb. 1, 2020.

Visit [MyFWC.com/Marine](http://MyFWC.com/Marine) and click on "Recreational Regulations" and "Snook" for more information on snook. Improve data and report your catch on the Angler Action Foundation iAngler app by going to: [AnglerActionFoundation.com](http://AnglerActionFoundation.com).

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[www.visitevergladescit.com/fishing](http://www.visitevergladescit.com/fishing)  
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LOCAL EXTRA

Everglades City School Student's Art Selected for Display at Martin Luther King Jr. Admin Center!



Local student Carson Weeks' artwork has been chosen by the Collier County School Board to be put on display during the district Fall Art Gallery show.

Carson Weeks is 15 years old and in 10th grade at Everglades City School, and has been working under the tutelage of Paul Tribble, the longtime art teacher at Everglades City School.

Chokoloskee Church of God Youth Attend The Florida Youth Leaders Association (FYLA) Games



The Chokoloskee Church of God sent 31 youth to participate in the FYLA Games that took place on November 15th & 16th.

The kids were transported to the games in style on a private bus which seemed to energize them as they took home a 2nd place trophy for one of their teams, and the 4th place trophy for overall performance in the games.

The FLYA Games is a two day, one night event that takes place each year at Wimauma Church of God Campground in Wimauma, Florida.

Stargazing in the Everglades Meteor Showers Light Up the Sky

Geminids: Next period of activity: December 4th, 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 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.

Fakahatchee Strand Preserve Tours Get Rave Reviews, Earn Award

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.'

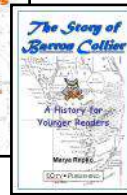
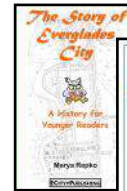
The Ghost Rider Tram Tour is the best introduction to Florida's largest state park located east of Naples. The 2 1/2 hour tour includes a walk down an old logging path to see air plants, a variety of ferns, and seasonally blooming orchids. Tours begin at 10 a.m. on Thursdays at \$25 per person.

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.'

GIVE THE GIFT OF HISTORY

Books are a great holiday gift! If you have younger readers on your gift-giving list, here are two that younger readers can enjoy:

The Story of Everglades City The Story of Barron Collier



Both books are by local author and historian Marya Repko and written with youth in mind, but they can also be a quick read by adults who want to know more about our heritage. Copies are available at Right Choice Supermarket and Win-Car Hardware in Everglades City or can be ordered online at www.ecity-publishing.com with a debit/credit card.

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Holiday Greetings



The brick walk is organized by the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation (ESHP), a local non-profit whose mission is to help preserve the rich culture and history of the Everglades area. The winter campaign has started just in time for holiday gift-giving. ESHP will send you a gift card that you can give to the recipient of the brick (shown above). When the bricks are installed, you will be notified by email. Order forms are available in City Hall or online where you can download a form to send with a check. Go to www.evergladeshistorical.org to download the form.



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Fri-Sun Noon - 11 pm

**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

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See our ad on page 10!

**Hole in the Wall Pizza (239-695-4444)**

M-Th 11am-3pm, Fri & Sat 11 am-9 pm

**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.

**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

**MARKETS**

**Right Choice Market (239-695-4535):**

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

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**Right Choice Supermarket**

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

**1<sup>st</sup> 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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**St. Finbarr Catholic Church, Naples**

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**San Marco Catholic Church, Marco Isl.**

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**Death Notice**

**John William "Bill" Miller**  
October 1941—November 2019



Captain Bill Miller of Plantation Island passed away on November 4<sup>th</sup>. Captain Miller loved everything about the 10,000 islands. He loved the native birds and the alligators, but most of all he

loved fishing.

Bill was a very successful fishing guide. More often than not, when someone fished with Bill, they would become his long-time friends.

Bill was a devoted husband and family man. He adored his wife Dorothy Ann who preceded him in death. He was a devout Christian and loved to help spread the word of God.

Some of Bill's other interests were gardening and history. Bill loved to grow roses for his wife, and he also liked to grow vegetables. He was a history buff with a special interest in the Civil War.

In short, Bill loved life, and he lived life to the fullest. Bill will be missed by his many friends and neighbors on Plantation Island, and the sister islands of Everglades City and Chokoloskee.

A service for Bill was held on November 16<sup>th</sup> the 1st Baptist Church in Everglades City. RIP Bill Miller. You will not be forgotten by those who had the privilege to know you.



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