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"Cecil's Famous Chicken" A Big Hit at Dinner Hosted by Lions Club!

The Everglades Lions Club hosted a dinner at McLeod Park on Nov. 27th to help raise funds for the park's restoration.

The event featured the now "famous" barbecued chicken prepared by Cecil Barker (and other helpers), burgers by "chef" Tony Pernas, and other goodies served up by the Everglades Lions Club.

Over 200 people came to either take-out or eat at the park... and the reviews on the food were outstanding!

The Lions Club raised \$1300 through donations, a 50/50 raffle and dinners served at the Dinner and Music in the Park event on November 17th.

On Saturday, December 1st at 8:00 am the Lions Club will be starting the Beatification Project of McLeod Park. The first phase of this project will be the planting of trees and shrubs in the park. Any members of the community interested in assisting with this hands on work project are invited to participate.

The Lions Club will be hosting the next Dinner and Music in the Park on Saturday, December 15th from 5:00 pm – 8:00 pm.



Chairperson, Paula Schuttera, presents President, Tony Pernas with \$100.

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Cecil Barker prepares his (now) famous chicken for grilling.



Craig & Bonnie Woodward place their dinner order.



Standing room only! A capacity crowd enjoys the food and fellowship!

December is Packed With Things to Do & Places to Go!



Don't blink or you may miss something that's happening in the Everglades City Area at this time of year.

Things can be pretty laid back here, but as the winter approaches and our visitors and winter residents return, the calendar fills up with fun and interesting things to do.

Save the Dates!

The season kicks off with the **Friends of Fakahatchee** events on **December 7th**, the Big Cypress ribbon cutting and 20th Anniversary luncheon (details on page 9).

Later in the day, from 5 to 7 pm, Everglades Community Church will host a Chicken Dinner featuring Cecil's barbecued chicken, 2 sides and a drink for \$10 (adults), and \$5 for children (see page 3 for details).

On **December 8th**, we'll have **Art-in-the**-Glades and then the **annual boat parade of lights after sunset.**

On December 9th, you can enjoy a bike ride as the group rides from Everglades City to Chokoloskee and back. This is a free, self supported ride, so all you need to do is show up! The group meets at McLeod Park, more details are on page 5.

On **December 15th**, the day is packed with things to do starting with the **3rd Annual Everglades City Plant Sale** hosted by the *Mullet Rapper at McLeod Park*. There will be plants and some gift items perfect for seasonal gift-giving.

Once you get that perfect gift, go and get it wrapped by the Everglades City School Cheerleaders who will be wrapping gifts on December 15th from 10 am to 4 pm at Island Café to raise money for their squad.

From 5 to 8 pm the Everglades Lions Club will host a **dinner at McLeod Park.** It's the perfect venue to watch the **Christmas tree lighting** at City Hall at 5:30 pm, followed by the (almost) famous **land parade.**

The parade will feature some of the best decorated golf carts you have ever seen! We hope to see you there (see p. 7 for more details on the tree lighting & parade).

Get more event info: www.swflgo.com/events/

January 19: Art-in-the-Glades

DECEMBER 2, 2018 – JANUARY 5, 2019

<u>SUN</u>	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	<u>FRI</u>	SAT
December 2	3 ESHP Mtg, 8:30 am FME Annual Meeting & Luncheon	4 City Council Mtg, City Hall, 7 pm	5 Ladies Coffee Island Café 8 am	6	7 New moon ● Fakahatchee Celebrations, see p. 10 Chicken Dinner 5-7pm, see p. 3	8 Art-in- Glades see p. 3 Boat Parade, see p. 3
9 Bike Ride, see p. 6	10	11	12 Ladies Coffee Linda Williams (Host) 8 am	13 Meteor Shower, see p. 8	Meteor Shower, see p. 8	15 RAPPER Plant Sale, Gift Wrapping see p. 3 Tree Lighting & Parade, see p. 7 Lions Dinner See p. 1
16	17	18	19 Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8 am	20 Book Club, see p. 10	21	22 full moon (
23	24	25 Christmas Day	26 Ladies Coffee Havana Café 8 am	27	28	29 <u>RAPPER</u>
30	31 New Year's Eve	January 1st Happy New Year!	2 Ladies Coffee Island Cafe 8 am	3	4 Museum Event, 5-7pm	5 new moon ●

January 13: Bike Ride (see p. 5)

January 17: Book Club (see p. 10)

February 8-10 Seafood Festival (see p. 8)

AREA INFORMATION & NUMBERS:

AA: Wed., 5:00 pm, Evg. Comm. Church, Fellowship Hall CARNESTOWN Recycle & Trash: Dec 1st, Every Sat, 9 am to 3:30 pm DR DEMARTINO: Little Gator Clinic, Opening Nov. 30, Fridays 1:30-4:30

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 Tuesday & Saturday 11 am to 3, see p.3. VETERANS SUPPORT: 2nd & 4rd Wed. of month, noon—2 pm

The Local Area Code is 239

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Art-in-the-Glades Saturday, Dec. 8th, 10 am to 1 pm

Come out to McLeod Park for Art-inthe-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!

Boat Parade Saturday, December 8th, 6:00 pm

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. Start planning your decorations and we will see you on the 8th!

The Third Annual Mullet Rapper Plant (and Treasure) Sale at McLeod Park December 15th, 8:30 -11:30 am 100% of the Proceeds are donated to **Everglades City School**

The third-annual Mullet Rapper plant sale is on December 15th!



This year's sale will feature vegetables, herbs, ornamentals, butterfly plants, palms, and seeds much more. In addition, we will also have some

craft and gift items (and anything else you may want to donate!) available and perfectly timed for gift-giving season.

If you have any plants, pots or seeds you would like to donate, or if you would like to volunteer for the event, please contact Kathy Brock at 954-662-7003. You can drop the plants and pots off at my house anytime...I need them (especially empty pots)!

Gift Wrapping by the Everglades City School Cheerleaders December 15th, 10 am to 4 pm, Island Café



When you find the perfect gift at one of our December events, come and get them wrapped by the EC School Cheerleaders to help them raise money for their squad.

You can bring your own paper or use theirs! Donations accepted and greatly appreciated!

Grilled Chicken Dinner Dec. 7th, 5 to 7 pm **Everglades Community Church**

Everyone is invited to attend the seasonal hosted by Everglades chicken dinner Community Church on December 7th. The dinner features Cecil's "famous chicken" with 2 sides, dessert and a drink.

Dinners are \$10 for adults and only \$5 for children. You can "eat-in" or take a dinner home to enjoy. We hope to see you there!

(see our ad on page 11)

COMMUNITY SERVICES

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Dec. 18th, 9 am to 4 pm

The Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida's Health & Smiles Mobile Dental Bus will be in Everglades City on December 18th from 9 am to 4 pm, in the Fire Station parking lot, providing free dental checks, blood pressure screenings and behavioral health information if requested. For more information or an appt: call 239-986-7323.

THE FOOD BANK IS OPEN! Wednesdays noon to 2pm

Everglades Community Pantry, a proud partner agency of the Harry Chapin Food Bank, is open every Wednesday from noon to 2 in Jinkins Fellowship Hall at Everglades Community Church. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

DOCTOR'S CLINIC



Dr. Kirk DeMartino is seeing patients in his Marco Island Office and in Everglades City on Friday's from

1:30 to 4:30 pm. You may call his office to schedule an appointment at either location: (239) 642-5552.

NATURAL MEDICINE



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

CEDR Hurricane Disaster Recovery Assistance is Available

Communities of Everglades Disaster Recovery works in conjunction with the Salvation Army and have a team set up in Everglades City Hall (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 Tuesday & Saturday 11 am to 3 pm



The new thrift shop is open Tuesday & 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

As the holidays approach, there is no better time to ponder and consider the many wonderful blessings we all enjoy and be grateful for these wonderful benefits. Realize that these material blessings were not given to us because of anything we have done. It is because of our great country that provides us our freedoms and makes so many opportunities possible. Let us not forget about those less fortunate, those who have no family, those who have recently lost loved ones, those who won't benefit from a hot meal, or fortunate enough to have a roof over their head.

As you reflect on everything you have to be thankful for, please also keep safety in mind as you prepare your holiday feast. Did you know Thanksgiving is the peak day for home cooking fires? The number of home fires double the holidays. on Keep these safety tips in mind as you prepare your holiday meals:

Turkey: If you are roasting your turkey, make sure you set a timer. This way, you won't forget about the bird or get distracted.

If you are frying a turkey: Use a fryer with thermostat controls. This will ensure the oil does not become over heated.

>Thaw your turkey completely. Ice on the bird will cause the oil to splatter.

>Don't overfill the pot with oil. If you do, the oil will overflow when you add the turkey causing a fire hazard.

>Keep children and pets at least three feet away from the fryer.

>Also, always use the fryer outdoors.

Stuffing and Potatoes: Stand by your stove when you are boiling your potatoes or frying onions for stuffing. It is best to stay in the kitchen when you are frying, boiling or broiling. If you are in the kitchen, it is easier to catch spills or hazardous conditions before they become a fire.

Vegetables: Keep the area around the stove clear of packaging, paper towels, and dish cloths; anything that can burn.

Be sure to clean up any spills as they happen. Be prepared. Keep a large pan lid or baking sheet handy in case you need to smother a pan fire.

Turn pot handles towards the back of the stove so you don't bump them.

On behalf of the Board of Fire Commissioners, I wish you and your families a wonderful family-filled holiday. And, a special thanks to all of the men and women who remain on-duty and away from their families in order to keep our community safe.



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SAWFISH NEWS by Tonya Wiley, Havenworth Coastal Conservation Saving Sawfish: Adventures in the Everglades By Guest author Grace Casselberry



The smalltooth sawfish (Pristis pectinata) once roamed throughout the Gulf of Mexico and along the East Coast, but now calls South Florida, particularly Everglades National Park, home. Smalltooth sawfish were protected under the Endangered Species Act in 2003. Their population declines were mainly driven by bycatch mortality, accidental capture in fishing gear resulting in death, and habitat loss. Sawfish were also harvested extensively as trophies due to their unique rostrum, the long saw that extends from its face like a spikey nose. It is not unusual to see a sawfish rostrum hanging on the wall of a bar in Florida, just as you might expect to see a set of deer antlers on the wall of a bar in Wisconsin. Essentially, sawfish could not keep up with the harvest mortality and habitat loss. Now, one of the last remaining

strongholds for young smalltooth sawfish is Everglades National Park in Florida.

You might be wondering how a fish that lives in the ocean could lose its habitat when the ocean is so vast. Well, like many other coastal fish, smalltooth sawfish use nursery areas when they are first born. Nursery areas are often estuaries, with lots of available food and shallow waters for refuge from predators. Coastal development can alter or remove the habitat that is essential for nurseries. In the case of smalltooth sawfish, they appear to prefer tidal flats along mangrove-lined coasts. Development in South Florida has lead to significant losses of mangrove-lined coasts, but Everglades National Park has helped to preserve a large portion of these mangroves. In this last remaining refuge, researchers at Florida State University and NOAA wanted to better understand the environmental factors that are important for sawfish habitat selection in the Everglades.

Dr. Lisa Hollensead and her collaborators set out to the northernmost portion of Everglades National Park to answer questions about how long young sawfish remained in this nursery area and what habitat characteristics were most important to them. To do this she used acoustic telemetry which involves a combination of tagged fish and anchored receivers. These receivers record the date, time, and tag number when a tagged fish swims by them, allowing researchers to track the movements of tagged individuals as they go from one receiver to the next. To better understand what factors influenced where sawfish spent their time, Lisa quantified several different habitat factors near her anchored acoustic telemetry receivers. Along the shore closest to the receiver, she counted the number of red mangrove prop roots, measured the tree limb overhang that extended out into the water, and took sediment samples.

During the study the team captured and tagged 21 sawfish in Northern Everglades National Park. They heard from them in their acoustic receiver array for as many as 334 days. Sawfish tagged in Chokoloskee Bay remained there for the entire length of the study, spending the winter in the area where they were tagged the previous spring. This was the first time that sawfish were documented to remain year-round in Everglades National Park, emphasizing the importance of the area to their continued survival!

Analyses of habitat use and movement found that sawfish moved quickly through creeks and rivers, but remained much longer in tidal bays. Researchers have several theories about why this is. Because sawfish are mostly flat, like a stingray, as opposed to rounded like a shark, the best way that they can avoid predators is to move into shallow water where sharks cannot fit. The tidal bays likely provide better protection while still having sufficient food than a faster flowing, deeper river. Analysis of other habitat factors showed that sawfish were more likely to be encountered in areas with more mangrove prop roots, and the sediment was almost exclusively fine silt. This makes sense since the sawfish are using the tangle of mangrove prop roots in shallow water as protection from predators. More roots could mean more protection.

While many questions remain, the importance of the Everglades and its many mangroves to sawfish is clear. When asked about the importance of Everglades National Park to sawfish conservation, Dr. Hollensead notes, "The Everglades National Park gives researchers a perspective of juvenile habitat use in a relatively pristine area. Generally, large portions of the Everglades are not developed (unlike much of the rest of south Florida) and the hydrology is not directly manipulated through anthropogenic influences, like dams, within the park. Results from habitat studies in the Everglades can be compared, almost like an experimental "control", to habitat use results from more developed areas within their range. These comparisons can help scientists effectively implement management strategies for sawfish conservation."

You can read more at https://oceanbites.org/saving-sawfish-adventures-in-the-everglades/ or the full results of this important research at https://www.int-res.com/abstracts/esr/v37/p119-131/

Photo: Above Dr. Lisa Hollensead examines a juvenile sawfish.

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A Message From Principal James Ragusa Another Busy Holiday Season



The holiday season is upon us and it is hard to believe we have only three weeks left in the first semester. While time seems to be flying by, there are some exciting events upcoming for our students and staff.

On December 1st, we will be participating in the Collier County Public Schools Annual 5K Walk Run event at the administrative center in Naples. Last year, there were over 1,800 participants with 100% of

school's participating, making it the 2nd largest 5K event in Collier County. This year, we want to bring over 2,000 people together to run or walk in an effort to raise awareness for healthy living.



This event is designed to bring the focus of health and wellness to Collier County students, teachers, school staff, and the community. The school district is committed to promoting wellness, nutrition, and an active

lifestyle. For more information visit www.collierschools.com/ccps5k.

On December 15th our students will be participating in Everglades City's Winter Light Parade. Our Athletic Booster Club works to make this a special night for our community and we thank them for their dedication to our student athletes.

The semester wraps up on December 21st as we will begin our Winter Break at that time. Students will return to school on January 3rd, 2019.

IT IS ALWAYS A GREAT DAY TO BE A GATOR!

School Calendar-No School Days



Dec. 22- Jan. 3

Christmas Break

Mullet Rapper Donations to Everglades City School ~\$2900 so far in 2018!!!!

Thank you to everyone who buys the Mullet Rapper every two weeks. Remember, the Mullet Rapper donates 100% of the proceeds from the sale of the <u>print edition</u> of the paper to the Everglades City School Athletic Department!

When you see the coin receptacle, please put your quarter (or more) into the slot!

When You Buy the Print Edition of the Mullet Rapper, It Helps Everglades City School!

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Giving Too Many Gifts Often Causes Problems for Children Now & Later Into Adulthood



Sean Grover, L.C.S.W., is a psychotherapist, author, and public speaker with more than 20 years experience working with adults and children. A skilled and inspiring speaker, Grover leads hundreds of therapy groups in his practice, in addition to monthly workshops in clinics, medical centers, youth organizations, and schools. He

wrote this piece for Psychology Today (online) and it highlights why overindulging children can become a lifelong problem.

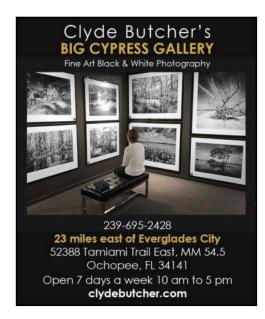
Too Many Gifts:

- 1. Increases destructive behavior. Kids who engage in greedy gift grabbing during holidays suffer negative social and emotional ramifications that extend well beyond their childhood. According to a study from the University of Missouri, as adults, such children are more prone to credit-card debt, gambling, and compulsive shopping. Sure, unwrapping a mountain of gifts produces a burst of happiness—but it has no staying power. Instead, it feeds an insatiable hunger for more.
- 2. Lowers self-esteem. Lasting self-esteem is rooted in a strong sense of identity—not materialism. Excess does not equal increased self-worth. Studies have shown there is no correlation between material possessions and self-esteem or happiness. In fact, children who have fewer material possessions but positive relationships with parents and peers score higher on self-esteem assessment tests. They also have fewer behavior problems and demonstrate more resilience in the face of obstacles than kids with overindulging parents.
- **3. Robs children of lasting happiness.** Researchers publishing in Harvard's Journal of Happiness found that people valued gifts they purchased for others more than gifts they bought for themselves. And when those "givers" completed a personal satisfaction scale, they consistently scored higher than those who purchased gifts for themselves. Helping your child develop generosity fosters a healthy sense of interconnectedness and boosts personal happiness. Kids who only value receiving gifts are more likely to grow to be egocentric and lack empathy.

What to Do:

- 1. Set gift limits. Meaningful gifts have more emotional value than a mountain of generic presents. Setting limits on gift giving triggers more thoughtfulness and consideration in children. It also guarantees that everyone experiences an equal amount of giving and receiving. And remember, homemade gifts such as artwork or poetry can create memories that last longer than AA batteries.
- **2.** Keep household schedules and limits intact. Too often, parents allow sleeping schedules, chores, and other household structures to fall apart during holidays. Without structure, though, kids' behaviors will deteriorate. For example, if your child suddenly has unlimited access to sweets, stays up all night, and sleeps all day, you're going to see more meltdowns, moodiness, and bullying. Loss of structure during the holidays is the Number One cause of problematic behaviors.
- **3. Focus on esteem-building gifts.** Aim for gifts that enhance creativity, talents, or motor skills, such as musical instruments, paints, cameras, etc. Children love to discover new talents. It strengthens their self-esteem and confidence. They also learn that they don't need excessive belongings to feel to good about themselves.
- **4. Teach the joy of giving.** Kids whose parents encourage them to give gifts to others experience a stronger sense of community and interconnectedness. Help your kids learn the value of giving by engaging them in altruistic activities such as volunteer work or helping those in need. After all, isn't that kind of giving the true spirit of the holiday?

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Cycle Tours through the Everglades Join Us for One of Our Free Rides. Next Up: Everglades City to Chokoloskee December 9th, 9 am

Join us on December 9th as we ride through historic Everglades City and make our way to Chokoloskee Island

Meet at McLeod Park on the Circle at 9 am. From there we will ride through historic Everglades City, then to Chokoloskee and return.

Everyone is invited and we will lunch together after the 10-mile ride.

Details:

- Meet: McLeod Park, Everglades City, 9 am.
- ♦ No Registration / No Fee
- ♦ Self-Supported Bring Water/Snacks
- ♦ Wear a Helmet

For info: email info@evergladesrogg.org or call (239) 695-2397 / 719-0020 Visit the website: https://evergladesrogg.org/events/











Biking Event Schedule

(All rides start at 9:00am)

- ◆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

No registration fee – sign up to receive updates: info@evergladesrogg.org or call Patty at 239-695-2397







Solution to November 17, 2018 Puzzle



My Little Slice of Paradise by Kathy Brock Thanks for Visiting Mr. G

I love this time of year. My windows are open and that means I can hear and take in the sounds in our community. The world isn't shut out anymore.

Because our area is so unique, we are presented with things that you just wouldn't experience elsewhere...in fall and winter especially. I am a birdwatcher. I've gone through spurts of dedication, and then not...but lately I am drawn to watch our avian friends and attract more of them to my little slice.

On November 13th, there was a bird at our feeding station that I have never seen before. He wasn't flitty...and let me set up the camera and get a decent shot, which led to a positive identification. A rose breasted grosbeak juvenile male. How exciting! I've never seen one here before.



Naturally I wanted to find out where he may have come from, and where he was going. They breed in the northern 1/3 of the U.S. and parts of Canada. We are strictly a migration route for their Central and South American destination. Panama is a favorite wintering spot for the grosbeak

This little bird is in the cardinal family and about the same size. He stayed at our feeder for hours (literally) for a full 8 days, and left after dusk on November 21st. We called him "Mr. G." I started thinking he may stay, but on Thanksgiving eve, he sat in one of our fruit trees in the open, perfectly situated for us to watch. You could see the rose color coming on his breast, and he was visibly heavier than when he arrived. It was a different behavior and Tim said he'd probably leave that night because of the headwind from north to south.

I was sorry to see him go. But we were happy knowing that we provided him a little oasis to help him refuel for the big flight ahead. A tiny little creature, in his very first migration, all alone but brave enough, and amazingly knows how to find the right spot in a country far away.

They migrate at night and make stops along the way to rest and plump up for the journey ahead. When they reach the destination, they spend the rest of the winter eating and preparing for their return migration in March and April.

If we are lucky, he may pass through again. More likely, he will stop by again next year on his way south.

In addition to the grosbeak, we have some other "resident" migratory birds worth mentioning. We regularly see quite a few at our feeders like; painted buntings, house finches, brown-headed cowbirds and hummingbirds all which pass though daily. The kestrels and hawks are also in town and so are the white pelicans. Many of our hawks are year-round residents, but there are many who over-winter here too.

Nature is such an amazing show if you pay attention to it. It's out there for you. Nature is truly the greatest show on earth.



Island Life Recipes Pickled (Dilly) Beans From theKitchn.com

Ingredients:

1 pound green, yellow, or purple string beans

2 cloves garlic

1/2 teaspoon red pepper flakes

1/2 teaspoon yellow mustard seeds

2 fresh dill sprigs

1 cup distilled white vinegar

1 cup water

1 tablespoon kosher salt or 2 teaspoons pickling salt

This is a great way to use up your garden's bean crop!

Directions:

Submerge fresh beans in boiling water for 3 minutes. Remove and rinse with cold or iced water and set aside. Prepare 1 quart jar or 2 pint jars. Add pickling ingredients to jars. Lay jars on their side, put in dill, then stack the beans in the jars as tightly as possible.

Next, prepare the brine, pour over the beans filling up the jars completely. Make sure to remove any bubbles before sealing the jars, top off with any remaining liquid and refrigerate.

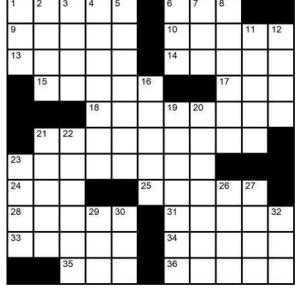
The longer they sit, the better they will taste, but you can try them after 48 hours.

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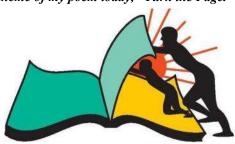
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Poetry Street by Katherine Tullie

Every day gives us an opportunity to "turn the page" and start anew. This will not only help us, will also benefit those around us.

Our positive attitude can spread to others and make their day better too. This is the theme of my poem today, "Turn the Page."



Every day is a day to turn the page And start anew at any age Let's uplift our lives with each new sunrise Having a positive attitude as each day goes by Pass positive vibes around to all you greet With a soft touch to all we meet Look through your eyes with love for others, I say Those around you will be better off in every way Spread love and happiness all around As we hear in the distance a rising sound We can all be positive people in our society, for sure Better times for others we meet, this will insure.



Local News Extra Tree Lighting & Light Parade December 15th!



December 15th will be a day of celebration! The Annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony will be held at 5:30 pm at Everglades City

Immediately following the tree lighting ceremony the parade of lights (on land!) will travel through

the town in our own, unique way we do things here!

The parade should be quite a spectacle if the entrants participate like in years past.

With golf-carts being a popular mode of transportation here, you can expect some interesting "floats" to kick off the Christmas season in full gear.

To participate in this year's parade, plan on having your "float" ready and in line by 5:30. Additional details will be in the next Mullet Rapper on December 1st...but save the date!

Chokoloskee Church of God Pastor Lynnette Morris Announces Retirement

After 7 years, Pastor Lynnette Morris has announced that she is retiring.

"I'm excited to announce that November is the close of a chapter and the beginning of a new season. I've pastored and associate pastored for 7 years and what a perfect number to finish.

I knew my season as a Deborah would be a brief one. Souls have been won, people baptized, members added to the church, along with healings, recoveries and changed lives. An \$80,000 playground was built, we survived a hurricane, gained a new sanctuary, new parsonage, paid-off church van, and a debt free church all the way around (All glory to God)

My tenure is complete! I'm looking forward full-time speaking engagements and conferences. I will continue to serve Chokoloskee, just in a different capacity. In this new season already I've gained a daughtern-law and a grand baby is on the way early summer." We wish Pastor Lynette much luck in her future endeavors.

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! For details on activities and to make reservations call: 239-695-1201.

Reservations are accepted up to 14-days in advance of the activity date. Ranger scheduled activities are free. download the list of programs at https:// swflgo.com/big-cypress-programs/ programs will end April 13, 2019 unless All programs are otherwise indicated. subject to change or cancellation.

Stargazing at Collier Seminole State Park

Come to Collier Seminole State Park on December 8th and January 5th at 5 pm to watch the stars! Collier Seminole State Park is located on US41 (Tamiami Trail). For more information visit the website: www.FloridaStateParks.org.

December is "Meteor Shower Month. Look Up! Submitted by Chris Herlovich

If you like stargazing, you'll love December. Dark skies coupled with the moon phases time perfectly with the Geminids Meteor Shower. Take advantage of one of the most beautiful displays nature has to offer!

December 13, 14 - Geminids Meteor Shower. The Geminids is the king of the meteor showers. It is considered by many to be the best shower in the heavens, producing up to 120 multicolored meteors per hour at its peak. It is produced by debris left behind by an asteroid known as 3200 Phaethon, which was discovered in 1982. The shower runs annually from **December 7-17**. It peaks this year on the night of the 13th and morning of the 14th. Best viewing will be from a dark location after midnight. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Gemini, but can appear anywhere in the sky.

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The Importance of Everglades Restoration: We All Benefit from a Healthy Ecosystem By: Antonia Florio, Science Communications, Everglades National Park

importance of water in South Florida. The Everglades survives because of shapes the unique habitats—sawgrass plains, open-water sloughs, rocky glades, and marl prairies—that we can still see today in the Park. Wildlife depends on these habitats, as well as the water, to survive.

past human activities that changed freshwater flow through the natural system. Many of the early projects that had the goal of making South Florida "livable" have had detrimental impacts on our ecosystem. And by



hurting our ecosystem, we have unintentionally hurt ourselves.

Our quality of life in future. South Florida depends vitality of the natural system. ecosystem healthy even a stable economy. natural system. Farmers will find it harder to produce food if crops farmland continues to be converted into housing and urban landfills. Fishermen and divers cannot continue to

do business if the coral reefs, estuaries, and shallow waters of Florida and Biscayne Bays are not healthy enough to support marine animals. Tourism, international trade, transportation, and the service sector will be negatively affected if South Florida no longer possesses the beauty that makes the region such a popular tourist destination. The Everglades replenishes the underground aquifer that is our water supply. It is in all of our best interests to reconcile human demands with the needs of the natural environment.

The Central and South Florida (C&SF) Project of 1948 was one of the earliest attempts at a regional water management system for the Everglades area. The goal of the project was to provide enough water to us, our wildlife, and our Everglades habitats. While the effort succeeded in providing flood control and water supply, the water management system, problems. Because of the C&SF Project, the Everglades is no longer connected to Lake Okeechobee, and the ecosystem no longer flows as a "River of Grass." More than 68 (and in some estimates, 90) plant and animal species became threatened or endangered. The number of breeding wading birds dropped by 90%, and seagrasses in Florida Bay died, while recreationally important fish species began to decline. The nation took notice of the damages and began to think about restoration.

The desire to rescue and restore the Everglades ecosystem was solidified in 1989. Everglades National Park was expanded by 109,000 acres, and Congress instructed both the National Park Service and the U.S. Army Core of Engineers to make sure there was enough water for both the



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Everglades ecosystem and Modified the eastern side Everglades National Park.

necessary for Everglades

The story of the Everglades could not be told without understanding the restoration, it came with challenges. Increased water delivery to this area was expected to saturate the roadbed of Tamiami Trail, a major water, which acts as the lifeblood of the entire region. Because of slight thoroughfare that connects Miami to Naples and forms the northern elevation differences, excess floodwater from Central Florida historically boundary of the Park. To allow for increased water into the eastern side of moved slowly south to Florida and Biscayne Bays. Slow-moving water Everglades National Park, a one-mile bridge was completed in 2013 and a 2.6 mile section of bridging will be completed in 2019.

Early tests have shown we can redistribute water so that it more accurately reflects historic water flow in the Everglades. However, this But, this distinctive "river of grass" has been adversely impacted by new water distribution has raised concern for increased flood risk potential in some areas, such as the nearby residential and agricultural 8.5 Square Mile Area, located approximately 7 miles south of Tamiami Trail. Much effort is going into flood control, and a new levee, seepage canal, pump station, and detention area have been constructed to minimize any potential risks. Field tests of the pump station have shown that it is providing flood mitigation for this area, but more seepage control may be required in the

> While the Modified Water Deliveries Project has greatly improved directly on the health and ecological conditions in the Park, it was never intended to address regional degradation of the Everglades. A much larger effort was needed to We need a accomplish restoration of the Greater Everglades ecosystem. A broad to coalition of resource managers, scientists, and citizens realized that in meet our basic needs order to begin to restore the Everglades, the best approach was to deliver such as water, food, and the right quantity, quality, timing, and distribution of freshwater to the







South Florida Water Mana

With this in mind, Congress approved a proposal, the Comprehensive along with a rapidly increasing population, caused major environmental Everglades Restoration Plan (CERP), in 2000. CERP is the largest environmental restoration program in history. Several federal agencies, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the South Florida Water Management District, and the National Park Service, are working together to ensure this restoration effort is a success.

> CERP is massive. It consists of over 68 project components that will take many years to complete. Several of these projects, including the building of storm water treatment areas by Lake Okeechobee to improve water quality, are on their way to being finalized. The completion of each one of these individual project components brings benefits to our ecosystem and gets us one step closer to our goal of a restored and sustainable Everglades.

We all have a stake in a healthy Everglades ecosystem. If we correct the for people. The agencies quantity, quality, timing, and distribution of the water entering the park, worked together to develop the ecosystem will grow stronger and healthier. As a result, we should see Waters many more wading birds, and the wildlife will be much more likely Deliveries Project, an effort survive the natural challenges it faces such as fires and hurricanes. When to change water levels back the Everglades ecosystem is doing well, then our quality of life in South to a more natural distribution Florida will benefit. We will have clean drinking water and a reliable food by increasing water flow to source, and businesses like fishing and tourism will thrive. In order to of make this all happen, we-state and federal agencies, non-governmental and nonprofit organizations, and South Florida residents—have to continue While this change was to cooperate to save our ecosystem and our future.

Regional News from FWC

Your backyard can be a gathering place for birds, butterflies, frogs, flying squirrels and more. Attract native species by offering food, water, cover and space for them to raise their young, and your yard will be transformed into a welcoming habitat for wildlife.

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is introducing Backyards and Beyond, a campaign challenging Floridians to make a difference and have fun by creating a refuge for wildlife in their own backyard.



"Imagine your backyard as a place where butterflies are attracted by flowers, songbirds are gobbling up seeds and berries, and frogs, bats and lizards are eating mosquitoes and other insects," said Jerrie

FWC's director of Public Access Lindsey, Services.

Five easy ways to become involved in **Backyards and Beyond:**

Turn your yard into a diverse wildlife habitat by adding native plants. A flowering native plant or shrub, for example, can provide nectar and pollen for butterflies and other beneficial insects, which in turn may be a meal for birds, lizards and frogs.

Attract native wildlife to your yard by providing the four basics: food, water, cover and enough space for raising young. By doing so, we increase the number and variety of species that visit our yards, improving our chances to observe them more closely.

Document wildlife activity in your backyard. Submit photos via iNaturalist to Florida Nature Trackers projects, and even create a species list for your own backyard.

Create a butterfly garden, build a nest box for birds or add a brush pile for small animals like earthworms, birds, toads and lizards in your backyard.

Planting a Refuge for Wildlife is an easy-tounderstand guide to these projects and other ways that your backyard can support native wildlife. This illustrated publication created by the FWC and Fish Wildlife Foundation of Florida can be ordered online at WildlifeFlorida.org.

People who create a wildlife refuge in their backyards will contribute to conserving Florida's wildlife and habitats. By documenting animals observed in their backyards, they also generate valuable information. FWC biologists will be able to see the wildlife photos submitted to Florida Nature Trackers and use the data to help direct their efforts to research and manage native species throughout the state.

Remember, wild animals do not need supplemental feeding from people. Naturallyoccurring insects and native plants with nectar flowers, edible fruits, nuts and seeds provide nourishment for most butterflies, birds and small animals.

What if you live in an apartment, townhouse or condominium — and don't have a backyard? You can still participate. Plant native flowers in containers on your front steps, on a balcony or in a window box. Go to FloridaNatureTrackers.com/ Backyard for more information.

Fakahatchee Strand News

Big Cypress Bend Boardwalk Groundbreaking Friday, December 7 - 8:30 to 10:30 am



Donna Fiala.

Please join the Friends of Fakahatchee and State officials for the groundbreaking of a multi-year joint project that will enhance all aspects of the Big Cypress Bend Boardwalk.

♦8:30 am - Seating and refreshments ♦9:00 am - Keynote address by Eric Draper, Director of Florida State Parks Remarks by State Senator Kathleen Passidomo Remarks by Collier County Commissioner

Location: Just East of the Miccosukee Indian Village located 27027 Tamiami Trail East / US 41. (Big Cypress Bend Boardwalk sign is on South side of US 41.)

Friends of Fakahatchee 20th

Anniversary Luncheon, Dec. 7th, noon Join The Friends of Fakahatchee for their 20th Anniversary luncheon celebration at the **Everglades Adventure Center in Everglades** City on Friday, December 7.

The celebration will feature a presentation by two of Florida's top environmentalists Eric Draper, Director of Florida State Parks, and Capt. Franklin Adams.

Before being named to head Florida's state parks in 2017, Draper had served as Executive Director of Audubon Florida since 2009.

Adams has been a member of the Friends of Fakahatchee since 1999 and is the group's historian. He is a Florida Master Naturalist and a board member of the Florida Wildlife Federation.

The luncheon begins at NOON with a cash followed by Draper and Adams' presentation.

Friends of Fakahatchee members can make luncheon reservations for \$20.00 at this site. Non members are welcomed at \$45.00 per person which will include a one year membership for each reservation. Non members reservations are available telephone only at (239) 695-1023.

Local Happenings New Book About Area Entrepreneur Who was Barron Collier? **Order Now for Holiday Gift Giving!**

Read about the amazing man who bought over 1 million acres of South Florida land and had a county named after him in a new book **EVERGLADES ENTREPRENEUR** by local historian Marya Repko.

Besides completing the Tamiami Trail across the swamp and developing Everglades City, he also owned a group of resort hotels which attracted the rich and famous to Useppa, Tampa, West Palm Beach, Boca Grande, Lakeland, Bradenton, Punta Gorda, Sarasota, and to the most renowned locale, the Everglades Rod & Gun Club. But that's not all -- he operated a telephone service, published newspapers, and provided transportation on ships and buses.

And, he was a big player during the Roaring Twenties in New York City where he hobnobbed with important people and reduced traffic accidents with his "Aunty J. Walker" campaign. He had grown up in Memphis and made his fortune in streetcar advertising which he used to promote charitable causes such as the Boy Scouts.

To order online, go to www.ecitypublishing.com or you can purchase it at Right Choice Supermarket or Win-Car Hardware in Everglades City. For more information, call the author at (239) 695-2905.

Book Club Meeting Dec. 20th

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

Dec. 20: The Phony Hermit by Al Seeley and Elizabeth Pardichizzi, Hosted by Dianna Pollock and reviewed by Elaine Middelstaedt Jan 17: <u>Undaunted Courage</u> by Stephen Ambrose, Hosted by Sadie Stroud

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11:00 am Sunday Worship, See ad p. 11

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Obituary Saul Friess



Saul Friess, our friend and longtime (Friends of Fakahatchee) FOF member, died November 18th. Saul was a former FOF board member,

professional photographer, reptile expert and much more.

He spent every free moment in the swamp and his beautiful photographs were frequently used at FOF events. He achieved one of the highest recognitions that a nature photographer can attain, publication in National Geographic.

One of his most memorable moments was photographing Mike and Dona's wedding, knee deep in the swamp, wearing a tux. He never met a person, animal or flower he didn't like. He aggravated the hell out of those he hiked with by picking up every water moccasin he came across, even well into his 80's.

Saul and his wife Iris were devoted to each other and were fixtures at FOF events. Saul is also survived by his daughter Lorraine.

Cards of condolence can be sent to: Iris Friess and Family, 9015 SW 62 Terrace Miami, Florida 33173-1669

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