



# The MULLET RAPPER

## What's Happening in the Everglades & 10,000 Islands

### DECEMBER 15, 2018 - DECEMBER 28, 2018

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RESTAURANTS  
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### The Spirit of the Season on the Barron River



The Everglades City Boat Parade of Lights just keeps getting better and better each year!

This year there were 13 boats in the parade - and they did not disappoint. The boats were creatively adorned with lights, Santas, snowmen and Christmas carolers singing onlookers into the holiday spirit.

The Barron River was lined with parade watchers from the mouth of the river all the way to the commercial district behind the school.

Each year the parade has grown larger. The parade originally started by a group at the Estuary headed by Debbie Bergen. This year, more boats joined and there is no reason to think that it will not continue to grow and become a much anticipated annual tradition.

We may not be ready to challenge Ft. Lauderdale's boat parade, but we have something they do not...and that is zero bumper to bumper traffic.

So not only was "our" parade beautiful, it was also traffic free, hassle free and locally grown. Great job, Debbie. We can't wait to see what next year brings!

*Photo: Scott & Jaye Bruner's patriotic boat moyses down the Barron River.*

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#### Chokoloskee Church of God

Christmas Play Wednesday, December 19.

Christmas musical starting at 7:00 pm  
with refreshments following.

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#### Copeland Baptist Mission

All invited! Christmas Eve  
Monday, December 24  
Candlelight Service, 6:00 pm

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#### Everglades Community Church

Christmas Eve Service. 7:00 pm  
New Year's Eve Service, 7:00 pm

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#### Holy Family Catholic Church

Christmas Day 10:30 am Mass  
New Year's Day 10:30 am Mass

If you have any questions, please see the Church directory on [www.SWFLgo.com](http://www.SWFLgo.com) (select "directory" then click "worship") for contact information and addresses.



Merry Christmas

### She's Baaaaack!

Great Horned Owls Choose Nest Site in Everglades City-Perfect for Birdwatching



For the second year in a row, the Great Horned Owls have commandeered the Osprey nest behind the fire station and in front of the community center.

The watch has been on to locate the nest for the last few weeks. For (at least) the 4 consecutive years, Everglades City has had the fortune of hosting a nesting pair (probably the same pair)

Just like last year, this particular nest was occupied by a pair of osprey. And, just like last year, the owl took it over when the nesting urge told her to. The owls are monogamous and can live up to 20 years.

Great horned owls, like other owls, have eyes that are fixed in their socket. They cannot move their eyes up and down or side to side like humans or most other animals.

To compensate for lack of eye movement, their heads can rotate 270 degrees. This rotation enables the owl to see a very wide area.

Great horned owls have large yellow eyes that allow them to gather sufficient light to see well in low light conditions.

This ability gives them a big advantage over other birds, like osprey, that have comparatively poor vision at night. It also is why osprey chicks are a favorite amongst the great horned owls.

Great Horned Owls also have an incredible sense of hearing, an ability that, combined with their great nighttime vision, allows them to hunt at very effectively at night.

Great Horned Owls ears are located on the sides of the head. One opening of the ears is tilted upwards while the other is tilted downwards. The right ear is set higher up on the skull. This allows the owl to pinpoint exactly where the prey is located.



Photo: by Gregory Dupignac, owl nest in same location in E-City 2017.

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# DECEMBER 16, 2018 – JANUARY 19, 2019



<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
December 16	17	18 Dental Bus, see p. 3	19 Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8 am  Mayors Lunch, City Hall, noon	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 Café 8 am	3	4 Museum Event, Re- membering Rod & Gun 5-7pm	5 new moon ● Stargazing @ Collier- Seminole Park, see p. 8
6	7 ESHIP Mtg., 8:30 am	8 City Council Mtg, 7:00 pm	9 Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8 am	10	11	12 <u>RAPPER</u>
13 Bike Ride See p. 5	14	15	16 Ladies Coffee Havana Café 8 am	17 Book Club, see p. 10	18 Movie Night at the Museum, 5:30	19 Art-in-the- Glades, see p. 3

January 21: MLK Day

January 19-23: MSD Festival

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

February 14: Valentines Day

February 22: History Talk

February 23: Art-in-the-Glades

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

**The Local Area Code is 239**

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**The Third Annual Mullet Rapper Plant (and Treasure) Sale at McLeod Park**  
December 15th, 8:30 – 11:30 am

The third-annual Mullet Rapper plant sale is on December 15th! This year's sale will feature over 200 plants including, vegetables, herbs, ornamentals, butterfly host plants, palms, seeds and much more. In addition, we will also have some crafts and gift items available and perfectly timed for gift-giving season. 100% of the Proceeds are donated to Everglades City School.



**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!

**Tree Lighting & Land Parade**  
5:30 pm, Everglades City Hall

Join us **December 15th** at City Hall for the lighting of the tree and land parade! See more on the event on page 10!

**Mayors Christmas Luncheon**  
December 19th, noon at City Hall

Everyone is invited to attend the annual Mayor's Christmas Luncheon. Come to City Hall and share the holiday spirit with the community. *We hope to see you there.*

**Museum of the Everglades**  
January 4, 2019, 5 to 7 pm

"Remembering the Rod & Gun" on Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup> from 5pm to 7pm will be an evening of food, fun, memories & more. The event, hosted by the Friends of Museum of the Everglades, will serve as a reception for the Museum's exhibit celebrating the local landmark: "The Rod & Gun Club: from Pioneer Homestead to Dignitary Destination" on display in the Pauline Reeves Gallery through February 1<sup>st</sup>. Come enjoy a little wine, some Everglades-style hors d'oeuvres.

**Art-in-the-Glades**

**Saturday, Jan. 19th, 10 am to 1 pm**

Come out to McLeod Park for Art-in-the-Glades on Saturday, January 19th 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 find local crafts and gifts and have fun at the newly landscaped McLeod Park!



**New Year's Eve Celebration!**  
**Bring in the New Year at City Seafood**  
Dec. 31, 6pm



Hurricane Irma's got nothing on this New Year's Eve Party!

Look out Everglades, Chokoloskee, Plantation and Copeland 'cause this is the party of all parties in the Glades. Come local, come all, everyone is welcome! Raffle prizes, games, music and dancing. **Party stops when the ball drops...unless you do first. Feel free to bring a dish to share if you wish to!**

**COMMUNITY SERVICES**

**FREE DENTAL, BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INFORMATION FOR ALL**  
Dec. 18th & Jan. 22, 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 & January 22nd**, 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 (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.

**NEW THRIFT SHOP**



**Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday**

The new thrift shop is open Tuesday, Thursday & 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!



**A Message from Fire-Chief Kingman Schuldt**

November 30 was the final day of the 2018 hurricane season which produced 15 named storms, eight hurricanes, and two major hurricanes — Florence and Michael, which were both Category 4 hurricanes. The Greater Naples area was fortunate this hurricane season as many are still recovering from the effects of Hurricane Irma in 2017.

Here are some interesting facts from the 2018 hurricane season:

- ◆Hurricane Florence brought record flooding to the Carolinas in September. It took several weeks for many rivers to fall below flood stage.

- ◆Hurricane Michael was the strongest hurricane on record to hit the Florida panhandle.

- ◆Michael was the third most intense hurricane by pressure to make landfall in the U.S. behind the 1935 Labor Day and Hurricane Camille in 1969.

- ◆The season began before the official June 1st start when Subtropical Storm Alberto formed on May 25. It made landfall near Laguna Beach, Florida on May 28.

- ◆A record seven named storms were subtropical at some point. A subtropical storm is a named storm that has tropical and non-tropical characteristics.

- ◆The 2018 hurricane season was the first since 2008 to have four named storms active at the same time (Florence, Helene, Isaac and Joyce).

As you are decorating your home for the holidays, please visit our website at [www.GreaterNaplesFire.org](http://www.GreaterNaplesFire.org) (click "resources," then "public education") for some tips on keeping your home safe during the holidays. Be safe and enjoy this most wonderful time of year!

**GNFD Christmas Tree Safety Tips:**

- ◆**PICKING THE TREE:** Choose a tree with fresh, green needles that do not fall off when touched.

- ◆**PLACING THE TREE:** Before placing the tree in the stand, cut 2" from the base of the trunk.

- ◆Make sure the tree is at least **three feet away** from any heat source, like fireplaces, radiators, candles, heat vents or lights.

- ◆Make sure the tree is not blocking an exit.

- ◆Add water to the tree stand. Be sure to add water daily.



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**Taxing Things by Mike "the tax guy" Klein**  
**Spirit of Giving? Not for Tax Scammers**  
**Avoid Getting Caught by a Phishing Scam**  
**Data Thieves Don't Take a Break During the Holidays. In fact, the IRS Warns**  
**Taxpayers that the Agency is Seeing a Large Increase in Bogus Email Schemes**



When reading emails, people should: Be vigilant and skeptical. Never open a link or attachment from an unknown or suspicious source. Cybercrooks are good at acting like trusted businesses, friends and family. This even includes the IRS and others in the tax business.

Double check the email address. Thieves may have compromised a friend's email address. They might also be spoofing the address with a slight change in text. For example, using name@example.com instead of name@exampl.com. Merely changing the "m" to an "r" and "n" can trick people.

Remember that the IRS doesn't initiate spontaneous contact with taxpayers by email to ask for personal or financial information. The IRS does not call taxpayers with aggressive threats of lawsuits or arrests.

- ◆ Do NOT click on hyperlinks in suspicious emails. When in doubt, users should not use hyperlinks to go directly to the source's main web page.
- ◆ Use security software to protect against malware and viruses found in phishing emails. Some security software can help identify suspicious websites that are used by cybercriminals.
- ◆ Use strong passwords to protect online accounts. Experts recommend the use of a passphrase, instead of a password, use a minimum of 10 digits, including letters, numbers and special characters. For example: \$oups/On!%.
- ◆ Use multi-factor authentication when offered. Two-factor authentication means that in addition to entering a username and password, the user must enter a security code. This code is usually sent as a text to the user's mobile phone. Even if a thief manages to steal usernames and passwords, it's unlikely the crook would also have a victim's phone.

**2018's Three Most Popular Phishing Scams (so far...)**

According to the FBI, criminals made off with at least \$676 million last year thanks to so-called business email compromise campaigns, which are attacks designed to trick company executives or accounting departments into sending money to fake vendors.

Criminals continue to be successful because phishing attacks are simple, low-tech, and exploit weaknesses in human nature. We intrinsically want to open messages addressed to us and click on buttons.

*As criminals adapt their techniques, you should be aware of the most used scams. Here are some of the most popular phishing attacks happening today.*

**1. World Cup and vacation rentals.**

As the best soccer players around the globe face off during the World Cup in Russia, fans dream about finding affordable tickets. This summer, according to the Federal Trade Commission, scammers are duping fans with phishing emails that include enticing, but totally fake, free trips to Moscow.

**2. Account takeover.**

Agari's Peterson notes that while business email compromise makes up almost 50 percent of the \$1.4 billion in total losses from internet crime tracked by the FBI, there's a new rising threat: account takeover attacks. That's when a hacker will infiltrate your email account and get to know who you are and what kinds of business you conduct.

**3. Via social media.**

Mike Murray, vice president of security intelligence for Lookout, a mobile security company, says social phishing typically references current, newsworthy events. As a practical tip, Guy Nizan, founder of security company IntSights Cyber Intelligence, suggests you do research when you get a sketchy message. For instance, if you get a note from an address you don't trust, search the sender's address in spam databases like Spamhaus.org or DNSStuff.com, or check a sender's reputation with SenderScore.org or ReputationAuthority.org.

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**A Message From Principal James Ragusa**  
*Thanks to the Joy of Giving*



Over the last few years we have had a great partner in Nicki Davis and her Joy of Giving organization. Nicki started this organization over twenty years ago to provide support for families that could use some assistance in providing toys for their children. Initially, there were a handful of families who benefit from this organization but since those humble beginnings, they help over a thousand children in Collier County with their holiday shopping each year.

A family receives the opportunity to shop at Walmart one morning in December and they are allotted a fixed amount to spend for each child. The local store on Collier Boulevard south of US 41 has become the host of this event and their manager, an awesome gentleman by the name of Bob Galloway, prepares his store for this early morning shopping adventure each year.

Last year Nicki reached out to us as she was aware of the many families who experienced challenges due to Hurricane Irma. She extended their program to approximately 150 children from our community last year but this year she committed to include every student in our school this year along with any younger siblings who live in their home! It was our pleasure to assist with the event last week on December 8th at 6:00 am with Nicki and her team serving around 1,200 children. She is continuing to build upon each year's success and if anyone would like to make a contribution for next year's program please contact me at the school as she is hoping to provide the same opportunity for our students next year and we are working to support the tremendous kindness she displays each year.

**IT IS ALWAYS A GREAT DAY TO BE A GATOR!**

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Winter  
Break!

School Calendar-No School  
Days

**Dec. 22– Jan. 3**



**Mullet Rapper Donations to Everglades City School**  
**~\$3000 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 print edition 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!*

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**The History & Psychology of Gift Giving**  
from [Artistreevt.org](http://Artistreevt.org)

Gift giving has been a long tradition that dates back thousands of years as far back as man can remember. As human beings, we are social creatures who enjoy each other's company and expressing our feelings through the giving of gifts. Whether it is an expression of true love, appreciation of a job well done or just to show our gratitude for having someone as a friend, the giving of gifts is engrained into our DNA.

To understand why we are so enamored with giving gifts, it is important to go back in time to find the origins of this unique form of expression that makes us so human.

**Origins of Gift Giving**

The giving of gifts may be one of the oldest of human activities that pre-dates civilization and may go back to the origin of our species. Even in primitive cavemen culture, the giving of gifts was fairly common as it was used to show love and affection towards one another. The bestowing of gifts was also inferred as a status symbol when leaders of tribes or clans would show their appreciation for the contributions of those who were part of an important achievement.

Whether it was an unusually shaped rock, a tooth from an animal, the bark from a tree or some other item that was natural in origin, the giving of gifts was certainly common behavior long before we became an advanced civilization. As tools were developed, the gifts started to become more elaborate, for example holes were drilled into animal teeth and stones so they could be displayed on necklaces and many other objects were fashioned as well.

Later during the Egyptian era, gifts were most notably given to their pharaohs who built massive pyramids to store their wealth for afterlife and produced idols to support their beliefs of idol worship. In Roman times people would present each other with good luck tokens, which lasted for centuries and later influenced all of Western civilization onwards. Such tokens of good luck were used as presents to carry favors and show allegiance, which is still the case today.

By the Medieval age, gifts were used to secure the personal favor of the king or show allegiance in times of war. Also, personal gifts of betrothals were given as dowries which ranged from coins to precious metals to a herd of cattle, goats or sheep. In many cultures, dowries and other similar expressions still exist today.

Today gift giving is still part of our everyday culture and defines who we are and the message we want to send with our gift. Gifts are given for all occasions and celebrations and are a means of us communicating with each other and expressing ourselves.

**The Psychology Behind Gift Giving**

Today, gift giving is spread across all cultures around the world, from celebrating birthdays, anniversaries, offering good luck, best wishes for getting well, showing love and affection, or just saying thanks.

The psychology of why gift giving is so rewarding is simple - it allows people to connect. The giver of a gift expresses their feelings and emotions by sending a gift with the hope of being able to share these with the receiver of the gift. The receiver of the gift in turn receives the feelings and emotions and with this a connection is made. Making connections with people around us gives us a sense of purpose and feeling of satisfaction. This feeling is one that enlightens the soul and brings out the best in us. There is an old saying "it is better to give than receive" and it has a special meaning especially with the realization of the benefits that it provides to those who give.

**Why is it Important to Give Gifts?**


**We Feel Happy:** Simply put, the giving of gifts can make a person feel happier about themselves as well as to the person that has received their gift. In studies were people were asked to give gifts as a part of an experiment, the result was that people actually felt better and happier about their own lives.

**Improve State of Mind:** Research suggests that giving gifts may improve a person's state of mind.

**It's Contagious:** When a person starts giving gifts, not only will the recipient become more likely to give, those around them who see this act will start giving as well. This is in part due to the release of the endorphins, which not only benefits the giver, but is also felt by those who receive and see the act of giving as well.

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**Cycle Tours through the Everglades**  
Next Ride: January 13th

**Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park** is just 7 miles north of Everglades City off of SR29 in Copeland. Our bike tour for **January 13** starts at the Fakahatchee Headquarters where you'll find restrooms, a water fountain, maps and a donation box (\$2 for hikers/bicyclists).

Hybrid or mountain bikes are needed. Be sure to wear a helmet, bring sunscreen, extra tube or patches, and lots of water (with electrolytes). We will ride approximately 6 miles north off-road along beautiful Janes Scenic Drive (an old railway bed constructed in the 1940s to log out the old-growth Bald Cypress trees used during WWII to build flight decks for aircraft carriers).

At Gate 12 you can decide to return to the Headquarters or bike another few miles along one of the smaller tram roads, arriving at the "Fakahatchee Hilton", an old cabin situated on a gator lake. Come join us for a lot of fun exploring wonderful wild south Florida. For more information, contact Patty Huff at 239-695-2397 or email [info@evergladesrogg.org](mailto:info@evergladesrogg.org).

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**Biking Event Schedule**  
(All rides start at 9:00am)

- ♦ **January 13 – Janes Scenic Drive in the Fakahatchee (17 miles).** Meet at Fakahatchee Strand Headquarters in Copeland
- ♦ **February 17 – 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:*  
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Solution to December 1, 2018 Puzzle





**My Little Slice of Paradise**  
by Kathy Brock

This has been one of my favorite fall / winter's in a decade (so far). In years past, there were trying personal things and the colossal holiday downer, Hurricane Irma in 2017.

This year, instead of sweeping out mud and replacing drywall, we put up decorations and planted a garden (we are fortunate and are completed with repairs). The other biggie is Tim (my husband) retired, so we have officially moved here permanently from Hollywood (we have had a home in EC since 1993 and have considered it "home" for decades).

For those who have never lived in an area with millions of people like Broward County, let's just say that the lack of congestion is something you probably only appreciate when you sit in rush hour traffic for over an hour to go 11 miles...yes, I did that on many, many nights.

There are so many things that make this such a unique area. The dark sky is a nightly occurrence here. Look at the map on page 8 that shows a satellite image of Florida at night. Notice how illuminated the shoreline of our state is...except for this little slice here in Southwest Florida. We are in that dark corner.

I was born and raised in south Florida (Hollywood) and I can tell you that I was alarmed when I first came to Everglades City...alarmed at how dark it was. You would never see the milky way with the naked eye in Broward, nor would you see 90% of the constellations we see here on every clear night. It's special.

On any single day, I can see osprey, great horned owls, ibis, herons and countless migratory and native birds like hummingbirds, cardinals and buntings...right in town! Some days I can see dolphin hunting in the Barron River and maybe a gator too, right from the front porch. It is very special.

We tend to take these types of things for granted when we have them every day, year after year. When friends visited me in Hollywood, they'd tell me what a cool place we had, but all I saw was congestion. It really is all relative to your own experiences.

I hope I never, ever take our slice of Southwest Florida for granted. I hope I never forget that seeing a roseate spoonbill fly over the Tamiami Trail on my way to Naples is a special thing. That drive into Naples is beautiful. 35 minutes of beauty is what it takes to get to Naples. It's that or 35 minutes in gridlock to go 2 miles. What sounds better to you?

Right now at this stage in life, I will opt for the scenic route. **Now I get it.** I didn't before. I remember my father plotting a course to Rhode Island on all back roads. I thought he was nuts! Now I see him for the sage he was...and that it was me who was nuts!

So, to my dad who is long since gone, I admit that you were right. The scenic route was the smart, far more enjoyable decision. I admit it...and I will, from this day forward, follow your lead.




**Merry Christmas Everyone! Thank You for Reading our Little Newspaper, The Mullet Rapper!**

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**Island Life Recipes**  
**Mom's Date Nut Bread**  
By Kathy Brock



**Ingredients:**  
 2 1/2 cups flour  
 2 cups sugar  
 1 1/2 tsp. baking soda  
 1 1/2 tsp. salt  
 1/4 tsp. baking powder  
 3/4 tsp. cinnamon  
 1/2 tsp. cloves  
 1/2 tsp. allspice  
 1 1/2 cups applesauce  
 1/2 cup water  
 1/2 cup shortening  
 2 eggs  
 1 1/2 cups dates, diced  
 1 cup chopped walnuts

**Directions:** Mix butter, sugar & eggs until smooth. Add soda, salt, baking powder, spices. Fold in flour, applesauce, water and blend completely. Finally, add in dates and nuts. Pour into round Bundt or loaf pan (butter & flour sides) and bake 55 minutes or until knife comes out cleanly (top will slightly cracked).

This is a super-moist rich cake that will last many days in the fridge. It is delicious served with cream cheese. Also try it sliced 1/2 inch thick and toasted in the toaster. It's also a great gift cake. My mom made this every year for the Christmas and Thanksgiving holidays. It's really yummy.

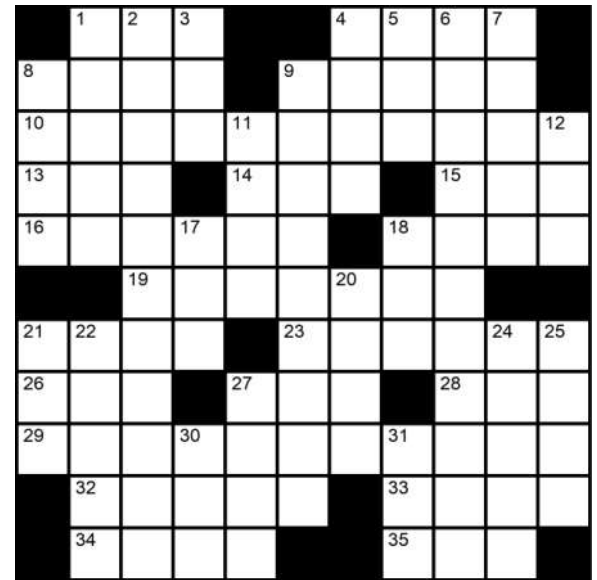
**MULLET RAPPER CROSSWORD**

**Across**

- 1 National economic yardstick
- 4 Islamic sect
- 8 More than a duo
- 9 Greet the judge
- 10 County whose most populous city is Yonkers
- 13 Nose bag grain
- 14 CD- ---
- 15 One may be helping Santa
- 16 Intoxicated state
- 18 Long hard walk
- 19 Palindromic competition vehicle
- 21 First Pauline and now Jeanne Phillips
- 23 Discharge
- 26 Fur scarf
- 27 Ill. neighbor
- 28 Often followed by "whiz"
- 29 Focus
- 32 Brand of mouthwash
- 33 Working tirelessly
- 34 Campsite accommodation
- 35 "--- rather go naked than wear fur" (slogan)

**Down**

- 1 Some lakes are this
- 2 Hullabaloo
- 3 Pan cousin
- 4 Part of a wineglass
- 5 Owns
- 6 Question
- 7 "25" album singer
- 8 "Terrible" times for tots
- 9 Water's edge
- 11 Gator relative
- 12 Murder victim of 6/6/68
- 17 Fork over
- 18 "I Tawt I Taw a Puddy ---"
- 20 "--- bon!"
- 21 "General Hospital" network
- 22 Encouragement
- 24 Stinking to high heaven
- 25 Stocking fillers?
- 27 Cried
- 30 Swindle
- 31 Untrained



12/15/18



Poetry Street  
by Katherine Tullie



It is the holiday season. It is time for us to focus on messages of Love, Peace and Understanding. That is the theme of my poem today called "Wishing Peace and Love To All."



It is a special time of year  
To spread peace and love  
to those far and near  
A special time for unconditional love  
As the holiday stars shine from above  
By spreading love and peace to all we greet  
Our land will be better for all we meet  
Spread cheer from our hearts all year long  
Not just during the holidays  
but also when they are gone  
Wishing peace in the hearts of all  
I hope this is not a wish that is too tall  
Unconditional love is the thing to share  
Showing that we really care  
This is one way we can  
turn our country around  
As we hear in the distance  
a positive rising sound  
With a loving positive attitude in our heart  
We can make all the hate depart  
So let's move forward  
with the Holiday Spirit, I say  
Wishing love, peace  
and understanding to all today!



Email:  
Kathythepoet@gmail.com  
Look for #PoetryStreet on  
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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 Hall.

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!

To participate in this year's parade, plan on having your "float" ready and in line by 5:30.

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Stargazing at Collier Seminole  
State Park



Come to Collier Seminole State Park on **January 5th at 5 pm** to watch the stars!

The city lights map shows why our skies are so star-lit...we have almost no ambient light to interfere with the stars! Note that the park (and Everglades City, Chokoloskee and surrounding areas) is in the dark area. You simply must enjoy the stars while you are here!

Collier Seminole State Park is located on US41 (Tamiami Trail). For more information visit the website: [www.FloridaStateParks.org](http://www.FloridaStateParks.org).

A Recap of Recent Events in the  
Everglades Area by Patty Huff



Middle school students from Gulfstream, Florida, came for their annual bike ride through Everglades City and Chokoloskee and enjoyed lunch at Havana Café.



Gingerbread cake made by Margaret Johnson for the FME annual meeting and luncheon where Marya Repko was the keynote speaker giving a presentation about Barron Collier.



The Everglades area community came together to help the Lions Club install plants for phase I of their landscaping project at McLeod Park.

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**Living Gulf Coast by Charles Sobczak**

**American Redstart** (*Setophaga ruticilla*) Other names: flamebird / Status: FL = stable, IUCN = LC / Length: 4.3-5.1 in. (11-13 cm) / Wingspan: 6.3-7.5 in. (16-19 cm) / Weight: 0.2-0.3 oz (6-9 g) / Life span: to 10 years / Nests: in the southern U.S. north to Alaska, mostly east of the Mississippi / Found: All Counties: coastal, near coast, mainland / Months found: JFMamjjasOND (caps indicate when found in the region).



Aptly nicknamed the flamebird, the American redstart is one of the most colorful and distinctive warblers. Only the male displays the black and Halloween-orange coloring on its tail and wing feathers. The female coloration is much more subdued, and is best described as a pale yellow.

The male redstart, perhaps because of his flashy wardrobe, is a bit of a rogue.

While many redstarts are monogamous, this boldly patterned warbler has also been known to mate with more than one female simultaneously. He attracts the second mate shortly after the first begins incubating the eggs, and sets up a second nest, generally within 500 meters of the first.

According to some bird books, the only place the redstart winters in Florida is the very southern portion of the peninsula, from southern Collier County, Dade County, and the Florida Keys (Monroe County). That doesn't mean you won't see any of the thousands of redstarts that pass through Southwest Florida on their annual migration from as far north as the Yukon Territory to the Caribbean and Central and South America. The redstart is observed every fall and spring across all six counties covered in this book. The only county it remains in over the winter is Collier.

Predation of this small warbler comes from sharp-shinned hawks, small owls, and domesticated and feral cats. Its northern nests are often raided by red squirrels, blue jays, fishers, chipmunks, and snakes.

**Yellow-rumped Warbler** (*Dendroica coronata*) Other names: myrtle warbler, Audubon's warbler / Status: FL=stable, IUCN=LC / Life span: to 8 years / Length: 4.7-5.5 in. (12-14 cm) / Wingspan: 7.5-9.1 in. (19-23 cm) / Weight: 0.4-0.5 oz (12-13 g) / Nests: throughout Canada and in the Rocky Mountains during the summer / Found: All Counties, coastal, near coast, mainland / Months found: jfmaMJJASond.




Far and away the most abundant wintering warbler in Florida, the yellow-rumped warbler is a common sighting from October through April. A clue to its abundance lies in one of its nicknames, the myrtle warbler. It is the only warbler able to digest the waxes found in bayberries and wax myrtle trees, both of which are a common shrub across Southwest Florida.

An extremely versatile feeder, the yellow-rumped warbler takes advantage of a wide array of habitats and the various foods it might encounter there. Sometimes found on beaches picking through the rack line, sometimes skimming insects from the surface of rivers and ponds, and even gleaning insects from piles of manure, this warbler is adept at taking a meal anywhere it can.

Its summer breeding plumage is much more colorful than its plainer winter coats, but it seldom molts into that plumage before arriving in its nesting area. That being said, its yellowish rump can still be found during the winter months, though it is far more subdued in color.

Like all smaller birds, most predation occurs at the nest, both to the chicks and eggs, and the adult yellow-rumped warbler is occasionally taken by kestrels, merlins and small owls. Overall this very adaptable bird is thriving and is not likely to be placed on any threatened lists anytime soon.



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Charles Sobczak is an author and photographer from Sanibel Island, Florida.

Photos: American Redstart by Bob Gress. Yellow-rumped Warbler by Dick Fortune.



**The Everglades Backcountry Experience**  
With Capt. Rodney Raffield

Fishing this past month has continued to be very good. We have been producing great numbers of Snook in the Backcountry as well as in the Islands.



Redfish are still running on the small side but are around in good numbers. We have had some cooler weather that will help put Trout and other species into the deeper holes.



Hot lures continue to be soft plastics with my favorites being Zman and Mr. Wiffelure in pearl and Char-treuse. I have also had success on Spanish Mackerel on Yozuri Inshore Minnows with a 6" wire leader so not to get cut off. So get out there and put your favorite lure to work because the fish are as good as I have seen in a very long time. Till next month tight lines my friends. **Capt. Rodney Raffield**

Species	Legal Size	Daily Limit
Black Drum (slot)	14" - 24"	5 / harvester
Black Grouper	24"	1 / harvester
Cobia	33" fork	1 / harvester, 2 / boat
Flounder	12"	10 / harvester
Gag Grouper	24"	1 / harvester
Permit (slot)	11" - 22" fork	1 / harvester, 2 / boat
Pompano	11" fork	6 / harvester
Redfish (slot)	18" - 27"	1 / harvester
Seatrout (slot)	15" - 20"	4 / harvester, 1 over 20
Sheepshead	12"	8 / harvester
Snook (slot)	28" - 32"	***Season Closed***
Spanish Mackerel	12" fork	15 / harvester
Tripletail	18"	2 / harvester



**Regional News**

*Despite the Red Tide, SWFL Has Successful Sea Turtle Nesting Season*



The red tide has been relentless this year in SW Florida. The toxic mix has ventured as far south as North Marco Island, but never reached the Everglades City and Chokoloskee areas (Phew!).

Hundreds of sea turtles have been found deceased or sick from eating food contaminated with the toxic algae along the shores of Marco, Naples and into Lee County. However, the number of successful hatchlings is up as compared to 2017.

That may not be the best barometer for success as 2017 was tainted with Hurricane Irma which destroyed many nests along the coast, but the news is still good considering how widespread the red tide has been this year.

While the total number of nests in Collier County was marginally lower — 1,635 in 2017 compared to 1,595 in 2018 — the number of hatched nests was nearly double: 743 in 2017 compared to 1,399 in 2018.

Maura Kraus, principal environmental specialist with Collier County Parks and Recreation, said her team was pleased with the results.

“It was, so far, our highest number of hatched nests” since monitoring began in the 1990s, she said.

The most common type of sea turtle in Collier County is the loggerhead sea turtle.

According to the Sea Turtle Conservancy website, adult loggerhead sea turtles are roughly 3 feet long and weigh between 155 and 375 pounds. The turtles are primarily carnivorous, eating mostly shellfish from the ocean floor. Loggerhead turtles lay multiple nests in 2- to 4-year intervals, making nesting comparisons on consecutive years tricky to interpret trends. Each nest contains between 100 and 126 eggs, which incubate for about 60 days.

Even though adult sea turtles have been affected by the toxins of red tide, hatchlings are not as affected because the young turtles are carried by the currents which takes them beyond the boundaries of the toxic brew. Additionally, without a hurricane reaching the shores of the SW Florida coast, conditions were much more favorable for a successful season.

In the United States, the loggerhead sea turtle is listed as threatened on both a national level and state level.

**If you see an injured or sick turtle, contact FWC: 1-888-404-FWCC (1-888-404-3922).**

**Fakahatchee Strand News**

**Big Cypress Bend Boardwalk Groundbreaking Ceremony**



Architect David Corban, Florida State Senator Kathleen Passidomo, and Eric Draper, Director of the Florida State Parks at the groundbreaking ceremony for the Big Bend Boardwalk Expansion Project on December

**Winter Fakahatchee Tram Tours Are the Perfect Gift!!**

Cooler temperatures make winter the perfect time to experience a swamp walk or tram tour in Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park, and tours are a fabulous holiday gift! The park, east of Naples, is Florida's largest and has been called "the Amazon of North America."

Ghost rider Tram Tours of the park from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. are underway. The naturalist led tours are offered for \$25 per person most Thursdays in December and January and are named for the famous ghost orchid found in the park.

The Naturalist Led Tram Tour and Swamp Walks are from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. This \$60 adventure takes visitors into knee-high water and is offered on most Tuesdays during the season.

For directions, complete details and required reservations for all Fakahatchee adventures, visit [www.orchidswamp.org](http://www.orchidswamp.org) and click on Tours and Events. Please be advised that tours sell out quickly so it is recommended to call and schedule your dates as soon as possible!

You can reach us by phone at (800) 362-8590. We look forward to seeing you there!

**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.ecity-publishing.com](http://www.ecity-publishing.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: Undaunted Courage** by Stephen Ambrose, Hosted by Sadie Stroud

**Feb. 21: Watership Down** by Richard Adam, Hosted by Linda Williams

**Mar. 21: Being Mortal** by Atul Gawande, Hosted by Judy Jury

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Obituary

James Kyle Bryan  
1932-2018



James "Jim" Bryan passed away on Friday, December 7th, at the age of 86. Jim was born August 28, 1932 in Ft. Meade, FL, son of the late Rev. Kyle H. and Wilma (DeShong) Bryan, former minister of the Chokoloskee Church of God.

Jim was a veteran of the United States Army (1953-1954), serving in Berlin, Germany. Employed with Southern Bell and AT&T in Ft Lauderdale, he retired with 30 years of service prior to moving to Chokoloskee, FL. Jim was an avid outdoorsman who loved fishing and hunting in the Everglades with family and friends.

A devoted husband, father, and grandfather, Jim is survived by his beloved wife of 67 years, Helen (Mincey) Bryan; loving children, Darrel (Becky Lewis) Bryan of Punta Gorda, FL, Jamie (Gary) Oviatt of Hutchinson Island, FL, and Kevin (Diane) Bryan of Hutchinson Island, FL; brother, Ralph Bryan of Mulberry, FL; cherished grandchildren, Tiffany, Courtney, Ashley, Lindsey, Bethany, and Zachary; and great grandchildren, Ashton, Skyler, Aurora, Olivia, Abigale, Kennedy and Amelia.

Funeral Services were held on Saturday, December 15<sup>th</sup> at Fuller Funeral Home East Naples. Burial will be Monday, December 17<sup>th</sup> at 11 am at New Hope Baptist Cemetery in Wauchula, FL. For online condolences, please visit [www.fullernaples.com](http://www.fullernaples.com).



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<b>City Seafood (695-4700):</b> 8:00 am – 10:00 am; breakfast Noon-6pm Lunch & Dinner
<b>Glades Haven Marina (695-2091):</b> Deli Closed. Marina is open. Live bait available at marina
<b>Havana Café (695-2214):</b> Open Daily, 7 am to 4 pm See our ad on page 10!
<b>Island Café (695-0003):</b> 6:00 am – 9:00 pm; daily
<b>Ivey House (695-3299):</b> 6:30 – 9:30 am; daily
<b>Joanie's Blue Crab Café (695-2682):</b> 11:00 am – 4:00 pm Open: Mon., Fri., Saturday & Sunday
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<b>Chokoloskee Church of God</b> Sunday: 10 am Sch., 11 am Worship Wed. 7 pm Hr. of Prayer
<b>Copeland Baptist Church</b> Sunday: 10 am School, 11 am Worship
<b>Everglades Community Church</b> 11:00 am Sunday Worship, See ad p. 11
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church of Everglades City</b> 9:45 am Sunday School, 11 am Worship 6 pm Sunday, 6 pm Wed. Bible Study
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12/22/18	Sat	1:02 AM	2.94	H
12/22/18	Sat	9:19 AM	-0.58	L
12/22/18	Sat	3:00 PM	2.29	H
12/22/18	Sat	9:13 PM	0.64	L
12/23/18	Sun	1:38 AM	3.03	H
12/23/18	Sun	10:05 AM	-0.64	L
12/23/18	Sun	3:49 PM	2.29	H
12/23/18	Sun	9:59 PM	0.63	L
12/24/18	Mon	2:18 AM	3.04	H
12/24/18	Mon	10:53 AM	-0.63	L
12/24/18	Mon	4:39 PM	2.27	H
12/24/18	Mon	10:49 PM	0.61	L
12/25/18	Tue	3:07 AM	2.95	H
12/25/18	Tue	11:41 AM	-0.54	L
12/25/18	Tue	5:29 PM	2.25	H
12/25/18	Tue	11:41 PM	0.59	L
12/26/18	Wed	4:07 AM	2.77	H
12/26/18	Wed	12:30 PM	-0.38	L
12/26/18	Wed	6:18 PM	2.24	H
12/27/18	Thu	12:39 AM	0.56	L
12/27/18	Thu	5:21 AM	2.52	H
12/27/18	Thu	1:22 PM	-0.17	L
12/27/18	Thu	7:08 PM	2.24	H
12/28/18	Fri	1:48 AM	0.5	L
12/28/18	Fri	6:46 AM	2.25	H
12/28/18	Fri	2:19 PM	0.05	L
12/28/18	Fri	7:58 PM	2.27	H
12/29/18	Sat	3:05 AM	0.4	L
12/29/18	Sat	8:14 AM	2.02	H
12/29/18	Sat	3:22 PM	0.26	L
12/29/18	Sat	8:48 PM	2.32	H

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