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**What's Happening in the Everglades & 10,000 Islands
FEBRUARY 9, 2019 - FEBRUARY 22, 2019**

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Seafood Festival Entertainment Lineup

Friday, February 8th:
5:30-6:15 Charlie Pace / Sloan Wheeler
6:30-7:15 The Lost Rodeo
7:30-9:00 Let's Hang On
9:20- ? Tim Elliott (Nashville)

Saturday, February 9th:
10:30-11:00 Opening Ceremony
11:00-12:30 Charlie Pace
1:00-2:00 Jordan Guess
2:30-3:30 Tim Charron
4:00-5:15 Tim Elliott (Nashville)
5:45-6:45 Rambler
7:15-8:30 Electric Lipstick

Sunday, February 10th:
11:00-noon Opening Ceremony
12:00-1:00 Nadia Turner (American Idol)
1:30- 2:30 Gator Nate
3:00- 4:00 Lauren Mitchell
4:30-6:00 The Petty Hearts

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Everglades City Awarded Trail Town Designation by State Office

Everglades City has been chosen as one of the State's nine official "Trail Towns" by the Office of Greenways and Trails (OGT).

The OGT was established by former Governor Rick Scott as a way to provide statewide leadership and coordination to establish, expand and promote non-motorized trails that make up the Florida Greenways and Trails System.

The trail town project in Everglades City was spearheaded by Patty Huff after she attended a OGT presentation in Titusville. The concept was presented to the Everglades City Council, who approved the effort as a way to help stimulate the local economy.

A trail town committee was formed that included, Patty Huff, Dayna Fendrick, Tod Dahlke and Kathy Brock. The team researched and then prepared a presentation that was delivered to the OGT in January at Silver Springs Park by Ocala.

Trail towns have been very successful across the country. One such example is Dunedin, Florida. After they received their designation, occupancy rates for hotels went from 30% to 95%. Business owners along the Great Allegheny Passage in New York enjoyed a 25% increase of business due to their Trail Town designation.

Nationwide, trails are credited with helping increase tourism, increase property values, stimulate business growth, encourage healthier lifestyles and encourage alternative transportation to motorized vehicles.

Everglades City's proximity to the major State and National Parks that include Big Cypress National Preserve, Everglades National Park, Fakahatchee Strand, and the 14th segment of the Circumnavigational Waterway paved the way for the designation.

There will be a trail town business development roundtable for local businesses in late February. Time TBA.



2019 MSD Festival February 19th-23rd

In 1968 at the age of 78, Marjory Stoneman Douglas became actively involved in environmental issues when she opposed a planned jetport along the Tamiami Trail. She established

Friends of the Everglades and began speaking on their behalf to public and private entities across the state. In doing so, she was able to focus attention on the importance of protecting this national treasure.

Join us in celebrating the amazing "river of grass" and the legacy of Marjory. Most events start at the Museum of the Everglades in Everglades City.

Opening Ceremony, Tuesday, February 19th

**Opening Luncheon at Everglades Isle
(Cost: \$25; FME Members \$20)**

**10:45a-3p Welcome- Buffet Luncheon
803 Collier Ave. Everglades City, FL**

**Get the complete schedule online:
www.evergladesmuseum.org**

**Museum of the Everglades,
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Honor Your Loved One With A Brick at City Hall

(This is a Great Valentine's Day Gift)

If you want to celebrate an anniversary, welcome a new child, thank a friend, or mourn the passing of a love one, you can order a commemorative brick engraved with your message to be placed in front of Everglades City Hall.

The current campaign will close on February 14. The campaign is organized by the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation. Order forms can be downloaded from their website at www.evergladeshistorical.org, and are also available in Everglades City Hall. For information about commemorative bricks, call Marya at (239) 695-2905.

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3	4	5	New Moon 6 Ladies Coffee Island Café, 8a Ash Wednesday	7	8	9
10 Set Clock Ahead 1 hour	11	12	13 Ladies Coffee City Seafood, 8a	14	15	16 Pancake Fly-in, See p. 3

March 17: St. Patrick's Day	March 23: Art in Glades	April 15: Tax Day
April 14: Palm Sunday	April 18: Maundy Thursday	April 21: Easter Sunday

AREA INFORMATION & NUMBERS:

AA: Wed., 5:00 pm, Evg. Comm. Church, Fellowship Hall
 CARNESTOWN Recycle & Trash: Dec 1st, Every Sat, 9 am to 2:00 pm
 DR DEMARTINO: Little Gator Clinic, See info on page 3.
 DR MARTIN: Call for appointment: 813-787-9738
 LIONS CLUB: Meet 2nd Thursday of Month, 6 pm
 MUSEUM: Open Monday-Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm. 239-695-0008
 PANCAKE FLY-IN: Feb. 16, Mar. 16, Apr. 20. E City Airport, 10 am-noon
 REACH OUT: 3rd Tuesday, 4 pm, City Hall
 SKATING RINK: Now open! Fri. & Sat. 6 to 9 pm
 SMALLWOOD STORE: Daily 10 am to 5pm, 239-695-2989
 THRIFT SHOP: Open Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday 11 am to 3, p.3.
 VETERANS SUPPORT: 2nd & 4th Wed. of month, noon—2 pm

OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

AIRPORT: 239-695-2778
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 CITY HALL: 239-695-3781
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 (CALL TUESDAY FOR THURSDAY PICKUP)
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Everglades Community Church Festival Day Activities February 9, 7 am to 10 am

Everglades Community Church (ECC) is hosting a **pancake breakfast** at Jinkins Hall from 7:00 am to 10:00 am. Everyone is invited.

Please be sure to purchase some of the delicious **cookies** at the cookie booth by the church on the circle during the festival.

ECC will have **handicap parking** at the church for those who need it. Just follow the signs to make your way to the Church parking area.

Pancake Fly-in February 16, 10 am to noon Free Breakfast



Pancakes, Sausage & Beverage Fly-ins and walk-ups welcomed! Future dates: March 16th & April 20th. We hope to see you at the Everglades City Airpark!

Everglades Society for Historical Preservation Presentation February 22, 2019, 5:30 pm



Come out to the Island Café where we will be hosting a roundtable discussion **"Planning for the Future, Honoring the Past."** Learn about the City's plans for growth and preservation, and how those plans may affect you. Everyone is invited to attend.

ORA Bazaar

Saturday, February 23rd. 9:00 am

The Annual ORA Bazaar, will be held on Chokoloskee Island, on **Saturday, February 23rd.** The gates will open at 9:00 am. There will be fresh bakery and coffee.

Lunch and ice cream will be available starting at 11:00. Please phone Sherri Parsons at 239-695-2281 for more info. Some booths are still available.

Art-in-the-Glades

Saturday, Feb. 23rd, 10 am-1 pm

Come out to McLeod Park in Everglades City on February 23rd. 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! Call Marya at (239) 695-2905 for more info.

FREE MOVIE NIGHT! Friday, February 15th, 6:00 PM Documentary: Ochopee Skunk Ape

Come to the Museum of the Everglades to see the acclaimed documentary Ochopee Skunk Ape. Dave Shealy, the documentary's star, will introduce the film and mingle with the crowd. Please arrive a few minutes early & bring a chair, and blanket as it is shown outside!

COMMUNITY SERVICES

FREE DENTAL, BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INFORMATION FOR ALL February 19, 9 am to 4 pm

The *Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida's Health & Smiles Mobile Dental Bus* will be in Everglades City on **February 19th**, from 9 am to 4 pm, in the Everglades Community Church 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 Fridays 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 E-CITY 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 located between the fire station and community center.



A Message from Fire-Chief Kingman Schuldt

Did you know that January 27 - February 2 was Prescribed Fire Awareness Week in Florida?

Are you aware that the Florida Forest Service is one of the nation's leaders in overseeing and conducting prescribed fires? Prescribed fire is the most practical way to reduce dangerous accumulations of fuels. Wildfires that burn into areas where fuels have been reduced by prescribed fire cause less damage and are much easier to control by firefighters.

The Florida Forest Service also uses mechanical mitigation strategies known as roller chopping. This does not totally eliminate the fuel (vegetation), but reduces the fuel volume and puts it on the ground creating a safety zone or fire break between populated areas and the wildland area. These safety zones must, however, be treated on regular intervals to maintain its effectiveness.

Periodic prescribed fires in forests and wildland areas protect nearby homes by eliminating hazardous accumulations of wildland fuel, but not without some inconvenience. Smoke and ash travel with the wind and find their way to people's yards and pools, and smoke can cause temporary respiratory and visibility discomforts. A little smoke and ash now, however, is much better than the tragedies that can accompany a disastrous wildfire. Please be assured that the Florida Forest Service trained professionals only conduct prescribed fires when weather conditions are most favorable to do so.

As we move into this year's dry season please know the Florida Forest Service is taking action to reduce uncontrolled wildfire potential and limiting exposure to those living in the wildland urban interface areas of our community.



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SAWFISH NEWS by Tonya Wiley, Havenworth Coastal Conservation Science to Save the Endangered Smalltooth Sawfish

For more information about endangered sawfish call 1-844-4SAWFISH

Several institutions conduct various research activities on the biology, distribution, and ecology of endangered smalltooth sawfish in the United States. These partners include state and federal governments, universities, nonprofits, museums, and international organizations. The results of these research projects are used to inform management decisions and enhance recovery efforts for this endangered species.

Researchers collect information about sawfish using a variety of methods: (1) sawfish captured during research field surveys for the species, (2) sawfish incidentally caught in federal fisheries, (3) sawfish carcasses, and (4) tissue samples collected from antique sawfish rostra (saws).

Research field surveys for smalltooth sawfish are the most important method for collecting data. A variety of survey methods are used to capture live sawfish for scientific purposes, including longline, rod-and-reel, and gillnets. Once captured, measurements and samples are taken from each sawfish prior to tagging and release. These surveys are instrumental in monitoring trends in the abundance of the population.

Fisheries observers aboard commercial fishing vessels are trained to measure, sample, and tag any sawfish incidentally captured in federally-permitted fisheries. These chance opportunities provide valuable insight into the locations where fisheries overlap with sawfish and the condition of sawfish upon release.

Necropsies of sawfish which have died in the wild provide the opportunity to collect data necessary for understanding age, growth, maturity, and reproduction. Carcass recoveries provide valuable opportunities because these data are especially important and can only be collected through dissection, and researchers are currently not comfortable sacrificing any healthy individuals of this critically endangered species.

Sawfish rostra are considered unique 'trophies' so many have been retained in both public and private collections and they can provide valuable DNA. To find sawfish rostra researchers scour online databases, ask the public about sawfish rostra they own or have seen, and contact curators at museums, educational centers, aquariums, universities, and other public institutions. (Note: These antique rostra were collected prior to sawfish being listed under the Endangered Species Act in 2003. Now all sawfish species are protected in the United States and the removal or sale of sawfish rostra is illegal.)

Small tissue samples are collected during field capture of live sawfish and from old rostra for genetic and stable isotope studies. Genetics are useful in understanding population structure, diversity within the population, and both the size and health of the current population in comparison to the historical one. Scientists are also using genetics to determine whether there is significant movement and genetic exchange between the U.S. and Bahamas populations of smalltooth sawfish. Stable isotopic analyses are run on tissue samples and compared to a variety of potential prey items in the environment to determine the diet and trophic position of smalltooth sawfish within the food web.

Blood samples are collected from sawfish to investigate reproductive status and stress physiology. Hormones within the blood are used to assess reproductive maturity and timing. Blood samples for stress physiology are being used to assess post-release mortality risk from a variety of fisheries and gears.

Scientists are using state-of-the-art technology to track the movements of smalltooth sawfish. This tracking involves capturing the animals, equipping them with acoustic transmitters, and releasing them. Depending on the objectives of the project, scientists may track them from a boat using hydrophones to determine short-term microhabitat use or set up a network of in-water receivers (acoustic listening stations) to track longer-term broad-scale movements. Acoustic transmitters can be active for up to 10 years.

Larger juvenile and adult sawfish caught during surveys are also often fitted with GPS satellite tags. Because far less is known about these larger animals, researchers hope that satellite tags can reveal important adult habitats, movements, and migrations. Satellite tagging studies to date have shown that larger sawfish spent a large portion of their time in shallow coastal waters with periodic excursions to deeper waters off the shelf edge.

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**A Message From Principal James Ragusa
Our Busy Time of Year**

While this week has been a bit hectic, we are wrapping up our winter sports in our new conference. The Lady Gators had a great season and played the first conference championship game against a tough team from Donahue Academy.

The ladies were in the game and showed a great deal of character as they battled until the very end of the game. They may have come up a little short on the scoreboard but we are extremely proud to their effort.

Our boy's games are this week and they have not completed their season as of the writing of this article. We wish them well as they have competed well all season long.

The big event for this weekend is our annual work at the Seafood Festival as the water and soft drink concession. This is a huge benefit to our students as the funds help offset the cost of events like Homecoming, Prom, and the Grad Bash trip for seniors and their guests.

Students have the option to work and their time can pay for them to attend these events. Thanks to the Betterment Association and our community for providing us this option as it means a lot to our students! We are lucky to have their support as we work to provide memories that last a lifetime for our students.

IT IS ALWAYS A GREAT DAY TO BE A GATOR!

School Schedule, February—March 2019

February 12:	Early Dismissal
February 18:	President's Day, No School
March 8-15:	Spring Break, No School
March 18:	Return to Class

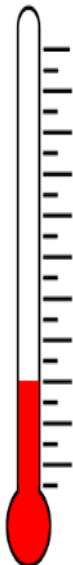
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TAXING THINGS

by Mike the Tax Guy

As people prepare to file their taxes, there are things to consider to determine if they need to file and the best way to do so.

For tax year 2018, all individual taxpayers will file using the new Form 1040.

Forms 1040A and 1040EZ are no longer available. Taxpayers who previously filed these forms will now file Form 1040. The new Form 1040 uses a "building block" approach allowing individuals to add only the schedules they need to their 2018 federal tax return. Taxpayers with more complicated returns will need to complete one or more of the new Form 1040 Schedules.

Who is required to file. In most cases, income, filing status and age determine if a taxpayer must file a tax return. Other rules may apply if the taxpayer is self-employed or if they are a dependent of another person. For example, if a taxpayer is single and younger than age 65, they must file if their income was at least \$12,000.

Filing to get a refund. Even if a taxpayer doesn't have to file, they should consider filing a tax return if they can get money back. If a taxpayer answers "yes" to any of these questions, they could be due a refund:

- ◆ Did my employer withhold federal income tax from my pay?
- ◆ Did I make estimated tax payments?
- ◆ Did I overpay on my 2017 tax return and have it applied to 2018?
- ◆ Am I eligible for certain refundable credits such as, the earned income tax credit?

All taxpayers should keep a copy of their tax return. Taxpayers may need their adjusted gross income amount from their prior-year tax return to verify their identity.

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**Meet Clyde Butcher at his Big Cypress Gallery for his
Annual Winter Open House**

Saturday, February 23, 11:00 am – 4:00 pm.

Visions of Dali's Spain photographs by Clyde will be on display at the Big Cypress Gallery February 11th – March 10th. He Captures the Landscapes of Salvador Dali's Life in a Collaboration Across Time. For Salvador Dalí, the landscape of his homeland was always an essential feature of his work and outlook on life. Nearly two years ago, The Dalí Museum sought out Butcher to use his talents to capture a body of images of Dalí's Mediterranean home, featuring some of the world's most dramatic landscapes. Butcher traveled to the village of Cadaqués, where Dalí spent summers while growing up, Dalí's house in Port Lligat and the rugged region of Cap de Creus – all areas that are prominently featured in Dalí's works. The thoughtfully curated collection will feature photographs that take viewers on a journey through the Catalonian region, with images ranging from an intimate 2 feet to a panoramic 8 feet. Meet & Greet Location: 52388 Tamiami Tr. Ochopee, FL 34141, Phone: 239-695-2428

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Cycle Tours through the Everglades



Mark your calendar for our next ride on **Sunday, February 17!** Starting at **9:00 am** in Ave Maria, we will ride ~40 miles to Everglades City where we'll plan to have lunch.

Along the ride we will be making a few rest stops to have a snack and talk about the history of the area, including the first commercial oil well in Florida, the panther refuge, the old railway line along SR29, the fruit groves of Deep Lake and the logging town of Jerome. We'll plan to have lunch together in Everglades City prior to returning to Ave Maria. This will be a self-supported ride so bring your own equipment, lots of water, snacks and wear a helmet. Cyclists should be experienced in riding on the road with traffic.

If you are interested in biking from Ave Maria to Everglades City, we will be starting at 9:00 am at the Information Center at 5076 Annunciation Circle in the Town Center (parking available in the back). There are coffee shops located within the area. If you need to have transportation back from Everglades City to Ave Maria, please call Patty at 239-719-0020 by February 15. This is a self-supported 40-mile ride on Oil Well Road (no shoulders) and SR29 (with shoulders). Bring your own snacks and water and repair supplies. We will plan to have lunch in Everglades City after the ride. For questions, email snookcity@gmail.com or call Patty at 239-719-0020.

Biking Event Schedule

- ◆ **February 17 – Ave Maria (40 miles)**
Contact Patty for meeting location, info above
- ◆ **March 10 – Bear Island in the Big Cypress**
Meeting Location TBA
No registration fee – sign up to receive updates: info@evergladesrogg.org or Visit : <https://evergladesrogg.org/events/>




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Solution to January 26, 2019 Puzzle



My Little Slice of Paradise

by Kathy Brock

The last year and a half have been quite interesting. Enlightening, actually. After Hurricane Irma, our town was swarmed by federal agencies, non-profits and charitable individuals all here to try to help us out. The response was overwhelming.

After the mud settled and most everybody else returned to their normal routines, FEMA and a few other federal agencies were still here. The people I met with FEMA during this time were wonderful and caring. Most of them had just been to Houston after their terrible flooding.

The response was immediate. Our town received supplies, food and support to help us get through the initial shock of it all. Later, we were all left dealing with insurance adjusters or FEMA help-personnel to help us get to the next stage.

This is where the dysfunction begins for many. In our case, we were lucky. Only the workshop and stair entry rooms were damaged.

I thought having a stilted home would mean my flood insurance rates would stay reasonable. But then I got my renewal and it shot up to over \$5000. Talking with some friends who also have a stilted home, I discovered they pay under \$1000, so I called FEMA to find out why.

I discovered that because my home was built before 1978, I am also insuring the lower level...but those with homes built later cannot insure their lower levels...

My next step was to find out how I could remove the insurance from the lower level-just like others. So, I called FEMA and spoke with a representative, who transferred me to a supervisor who only wanted to speak with my insurance agent. I said, "no." I need to discover these things for myself. I insisted she speak with me so I can understand the rules. She begrudgingly agrees to keep talking with me.

My sole focus was to figure out what I needed to do to get my insurance rates in line with the others, how could I bring my cost to something manageable? Knowing that FEMA can now raise rates up to 25% per year, I can only imagine what this may mean for me 5 or 10 years from now.

The agent explained that these enclosures must be "unfinished" with no drywall or stucco walls on the inside. Great! My walls are wood. Any appliances must be moved upstairs. OK. I will have to elevate my central air conditioner a few more feet to comply. No problem. I then asked for clarity on what an unfinished wall is. Wood is good, but you mustn't paint the wall. What? I can put up the wood, but I must leave it ugly and unfinished? This makes no sense. Painting will help preserve the wood from mold and moisture...but that is the rule!

Other things are equally inconsistent, if not stupid altogether. I have a window wall unit AC to keep the moisture down and so we can tolerate the heat in the workshop during summer. Nope. Cannot have that. It has to remain a sweatbox NOT to insure it. Why?

It is not difficult to understand why the rules are what they are. The goal is to stop people from building lower level bedrooms for renting and to discourage people from living down on ground level all together.

However, making the rules for those that will surely break them anyway only makes life more difficult for everyone. And, as the homeowner, I should have the right to **un-insure** the lower level just like my neighbors...but I don't yet, but I will fight for that right!

Island Life Recipes


Grandmother's Oh So Southern Sausage Balls
Submitted by Julia McGlannan

Ingredients:

- One pound sausage (grandmother liked it "hot!")
- Three cups Bisquick (she finally got into some short cuts!)
- 10 oz. shredded sharp cheddar cheese

Directions:

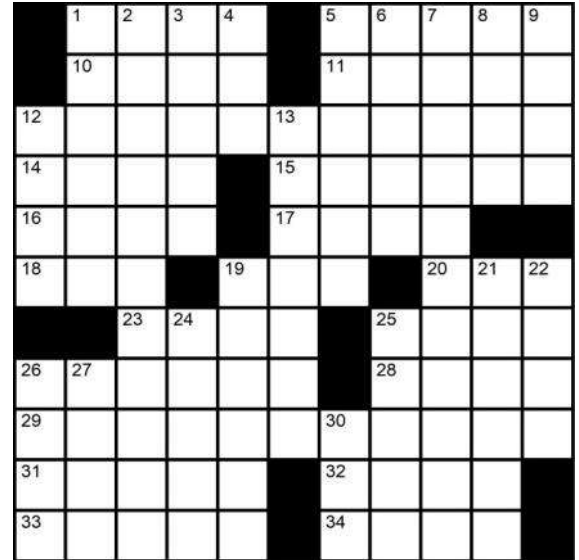
- Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Mix all together well then shape into small 1.5 inch balls, placed about one inch apart. Bake until well browned (watch carefully not to burn), approximately 15-20 minutes. Remove from the oven and confirm that they are baked all the way through. It's better if the sausage balls are chilled prior baking them.
- These can be pre-cooked and reheated at low temperature in the oven prior to a party or event...or served fresh from the oven.



MULLET RAPPER CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 Workplace watchdog
- 5 Watched
- 10 Half of a boilermaker
- 11 Two-wheeled Delhi carriage
- 12 Lauded College Athlete
- 14 "But, --- ! what light ... " (Romeo and Juliet)
- 15 Their Lodge is in Everglades City
- 16 Opposite of beginnings
- 17 Fishing spot
- 18 It precedes beauty?
- 19 Young child
- 20 Top private
- 23 Going with it is usually the easy option
- 25 Barry Manilow's faded showgirl
- 26 Relaxing order
- 28 Nest eggs, briefly
- 29 Most prominent position
- 31 Discrimination
- 32 Vehicle
- 33 Silky
- 34 In business



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Down

- 1 Rectangle
- 2 Martial arts
- 3 Preliminary races
- 4 Set to go off
- 5 One kind of jacket
- 6 Composure
- 7 Businesses do this
- 8 "A Visit from the Goon Squad" writer
- 9 Rather and Marino
- 12 Serving in the navy, perhaps
- 13 Invest with authority
- 19 "To strive, ---, to find, and not to yield." (Tennyson, "Ulysses")
- 21 Large wine holder
- 22 Large amount of beer
- 24 Frothy milky espresso
- 25 Became cheerful
- 26 N T book
- 27 Small dabbling duck
- 30 Brazilian saint



Poetry Street
by Katherine Tullie



Worries got you down?
Negative people all around?
One of the best ways to change
all that is to project to others
what you want for yourself. Be
that positive force. Be the person who
spreads good will and positivity! You will
be surprised how much comes back to
you! That is the theme of my poem "Let's
Be A Positive Force In Unsettling Times."

Let's be our own positive force
It's the best way
to go through life, of course
Do not let anything
get you down
Or knock you to the ground
Let's tap into our inner self

Leaving all of our worries on the shelf
Thoughtful positivity is the best way
It will make for a much better day
From within let's find our powers of love
And spread it around
like sunshine from above
Let's all spread our wings
Until we all begin to sing
Yes, let us be our own positive force
It will get us far in life, of course
Remember we have the power from within
To end negativity so we can win
Let's move forward
towards the good force today
It is powerful and enlightening
and can save the day!



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Area Parks

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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-
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Reservations are accepted up to 14-days in
advance of the activity date. Ranger scheduled
activities are **free**. Please download the list of
programs at <https://swflgo.com/big-cypress-programs/>

**4th Annual Wine & Wildlife
February 21, 5:00-7:30 PM**



Join our guest of honor **Fran Mainella**, the
16th Director of the National Park Service and
the first woman to lead our national
parks, on Thursday, February 21 for our
signature event of the year in Naples- Wine &
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This one-of-a-kind evening combines good
wine, great food, and live wildlife in
celebration of South Florida's national
parks! Best of all, you'll have the satisfaction
of knowing that your contribution supports our
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Through your generous support, Wine &
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Parks Trust (SFNPT) and programs and
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and Everglades National Park**, including
environmental education programs that turn
our parks into outdoor classrooms for
thousands of school kids each year.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO
PURCHASE TICKETS:**
<https://wineandwildlife.eventbrite.com>

Local Happenings

Circle K to reopen in March!

Circle K in Everglades City will be
reopening in early March after extensive
renovations are completed to repair
damages caused by Hurricane Irma.

The updated store will be open 24
hours and will include a "Made to Go
Café" that will be operating from early
morning to evening and will include food
ready to eat such as: Pizza (ready-made
slices and whole pies made to order),
chicken wings, chicken fingers, corn
dogs, empanadas, breakfast sandwiches
(biscuits/ croissants).

The store will feature a new coffee
bar, soda fountain, and frozen drink
products, in addition to the traditional
tobacco, beer, wine, Fuel (diesel, non-
ethanol, and regular grades) lottery,
frozen bait, ice, propane tanks and
grocery products.

The store is currently hiring for
multiple positions, visit <https://workwithus.circlek.com>, and search by
zip code for local openings.

Book Club Meeting February 21



The Everglades City Book
Club meets monthly during
the season. We welcome
visitors who are interested in
books and discussion. If you would like
to check out our club, please come to one
of the club meetings. For more details,
contact Patty Huff at: 239-695-2397.

Feb. 21: Watership Down by Richard
Adam, Hosted by Linda Williams
Mar. 21: Being Mortal by Atul
Gawande, Hosted by Judy Jury
Apr. 11: Lilac Girls by Martha Kelly,
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Living Gulf Coast by Charles Sobczak

Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve / Preserve area: 110,000 acres (171 square miles) / Headquarters: 300 Tower Road, Naples, FL, 34113 / Phone: 230-417-6310 / Fax: 239-417-6315 / Website: www.rookerybay.org / E-mail: info @rookerybay.org.

The establishment of this 110,000 acre aquatic preserve goes back to 1965 when the Collier County Conservancy was formed. Now formally called the Conservancy of Southwest Florida, in 1978 Rookery Bay National Estuarine Preserve became self sufficient and in 2003, the preserve was expanded to its current size. Unusual in that the majority of this preserve is water (70,000 acres) while the remaining acreage is comprised of mangroves, marshes and a variety of upland habitats.

Rookery Bay itself, along with the Ten Thousand Islands, is one of Florida's most pristine estuarine environments. These estuaries are identified as shallow mixing grounds where the fresh water flowing down from the Big Cypress Preserve and the Everglades National Park meet the salt water of the Gulf of Mexico. The average depth of the entire preserve is only one meter deep. This ever changing dynamic of brackish waters, coupled with the constant nutrient loading produced by the red, black and white mangrove detritus, is considered to be one of the richest ecosystems on earth, rivaled only by coral reefs and tropical rain forests. The estuaries in and around Rookery Bay are home to scores of fish species, including the world's best juvenile habitat for the endangered goliath grouper as well as juvenile nurse, bonnethead and bull sharks to mention but a handful.

Any visit to Rookery Bay should begin with a trip to the learning center, located on Tower Road just south of Highway 41 on County Road 951. Completed in 2004, this 16,500 square foot facility is the ideal place to get a better understanding of the size of the preserve as well as the research that is being conducted there. Exhibits include a 2,300 gallon aquarium teeming with a variety of fish species found within the preserve. A short film is on hand displaying the natural beauty of the region as well as showing the research biologists at work in the backwaters. There are also numerous displays on the effects of global warming, the history of the estuary dating back to the Calusa Indians, microscope viewing and interactive exhibits. While at the learning center it is important to take a journey over the newly completed (2009) Henderson Creek pedestrian bridge. While the bridge leads to a half-mile nature walk through pine flatwoods, the view overlooking the tidal Henderson Creek is amazing. Look for black-striped mullet, snook, tarpon and manatees, all of which are known to frequent this stretch of the creek.

Of course the best way to see a preserve that is mostly made up of water is to get out on Rookery Bay itself. There are a number of guided kayak tours offered during the winter months and a sandy boat ramp is located just a few miles south of the learning center off of Shell Island Road. Once launched you can enjoy the well-marked Shell Point Canoe Trail. The trail takes you through a water maze of mangrove tunnels, mud flats, oyster beds and actual rookery islands inhabited by ibis, pelicans and other species.

Be on the lookout for mangrove tree crabs, hermit and stone crabs as well as the dozens of various species birds that nest and live in the red mangrove forest surrounding you. Take a fishing pole along with you since fishing is allowed throughout the entire preserve. Remember, anglers must comply with all local, state and federal laws.

Another boaters-only access point located in the preserve is Keewaydin Island. Stretching for eight miles along the coastline, this pristine barrier island has been a popular destination for Marco Island and Naples boaters for years.

Charles Sobczak is a writer & photographer from Sanibel Island.



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The Backcountry Experience By Captain Rodney Raffield

Fishing for the last month has been very productive. We are definitely in a winter pattern with Trout in the deeper holes and Snook in the Backcountry.

Redfish are around but still on the small side with most fish falling under the slot.



Snook fishing has been incredible but again most fish running on the small side. We have hooked and released a few very large fish like the bruiser pictured here in this article.

All in all, it has been some of the best fishing I have experienced in the last few years.

Hot lures continue to be soft plastics such as Mr. Wiffelure and Zman paddle tails with smaller baits doing the best.

The Snook pictured was hooked on 2.5" soft plastics so don't be afraid to go small in your presentation!

So till next time tight lines my Mullet Rapper friends. Capt. Rodney Raffield

Capt. Rodney Raffield is a 6th generation native of the Chokoloskee Bay Area. If you would like to experience this beautiful place he calls his Backyard, he can be contacted at 239-695-4626 or email at captrodney@centurylink.net.

Download Complete Fishing Limits Guide
<https://swflgo.com/florida-saltwater-fishing-regulations-2018/>

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"	***Season Closed***
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

Great White Sharks Tagged in Nova Scotia Tracked to Waters off Naples

Two great white sharks that were tagged off of the waters of Nova Scotia Canada have been tracked to the Gulf waters off of Naples.

One of the sharks known as "Nova" weighs 1186 pounds, was the first great white to be tagged in Canadian waters. The last time it surfaced was on Christmas eve in the Gulf off of SW Florida.

The other great white shark known as "Cabot" was also tagged in Nova Scotia, is a 533 "sub-adult" shark. This animal was tracked off of the SW coast of Florida and the outskirts of the Gulf of Mexico and the Dry Tortugas on January 17th.

Cabot was tagged in Nova Scotia on October 5th, 2018. It made the 2700 mile trip to the Gulf in just over 3 months and was the first tagged animal tracked off of the Gulf coast this winter.

About the Great White Shark

The great white shark, Carcharodon carcharias, is a type of mackerel shark which are distinguished by possessing two dorsal fins, an anal fin, five gill slits, eyes without nictitating membranes (a third, clear eyelid), and a mouth extending behind the eyes. Also, unlike other sharks, they maintain a higher body temperature than the surrounding water.

The great white is famed for being very large with females capable of growth to 20 feet and 4200 lbs. Males can grow up to 16 ft.

According to a 2014 study, the lifespan of a great white shark can reach 70 years. With no known predators, except killer whales (when the sharks are juvenile) and humans, their reign over the oceans is unquestioned.

The great white is considered the primary predator for marine mammals. It is known to prey upon sealions, otters, whales, manatee and polar bears, and also prey on birds and other fish when the opportunity presents itself.

Great white sharks are responsible for more human bites than any other shark. They are considered a vulnerable species and protected by multiple national governments.

Advertisement for Scott E Martin, Fine Art Photographer, featuring images of Chokoloskee Bay and Big Cypress.

Fakahatchee Strand News

Winter Fakahatchee Tram Tours Are the Perfect Day-Excursion!

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

Ghostrider Tram Tours of the park are from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The naturalist led tours are offered for \$25 per person most Thursdays in February 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 excursion 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 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!

About the Fakahatchee Strand

The Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park is perhaps the best example of a subtropical, strand swamp in the United States. The Fakahatchee Strand is a linear swamp forest, approximately twenty miles long by five miles wide and oriented from north to south. The Strand harbors one of the largest concentrations and diversity of native orchids in North America, and supports numerous rare and endangered animal species. It is also one of the core areas of the current range of the Florida Panther.

The Strand's 85,000 acres are part of the main drainage slough of the Big Cypress Swamp. The Fakahatchee Strand is linked hydrologically to the Everglades system and is particularly important to the estuarine ecosystem of the Ten Thousand Islands area.

Local Happenings

Great Horned Owl Watch



It is confirmed! The Great Horned Owl has two owlets this year. The baby owls can be seen when they are active at the nest located on the light pole

behind the fire station in Everglades City, and in front of the Community Center & Thrift Shop.

This is the second straight year the owls have chosen this location as the place to raise their brood. Best viewing is in mornings and afternoons...but as the babies mature, you will see them almost anytime!

Photo by Greg Dupignac

New Card Racks at E-City Hall Feature Businesses & Attractions



There is a great new resource at Everglades City Hall. The card racks on the first floor by the entry have free brochures about area businesses and attractions for visitors.

If you would like your information added to the racks, please contact Kathy Brock at 954-662-7003, or via email at mulletrapper@gmail.com.

Advertisement for Havana Cafe, featuring the logo, contact information, and a collage of photos showing the cafe's interior and food.

EATERIES & AREA WORSHIP

Angler's Cove, Port of the Islands

(642-1025): Monday - Wed 5 to 11 pm,
Thurs to Sun Noon - 11 pm

Camellia Street Grille (695-2003):
11:00 am – 9:00 pm daily

City Seafood (695-4700):

8:00 am – 10:00 am; breakfast
Noon-6pm Lunch & Dinner

Glades Haven Marina (695-2091):

Deli Closed. Marina is open.
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Havana Café (695-2214):

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See our ad on page 10!

Island Café (695-0003):

6:00 am – 9:00 pm; daily

Ivey House (695-3299):

6:30 – 9:30 am; daily

Joanie's Blue Crab Café (695-2682):

11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Open: Mon., Fri., Saturday & Sunday

Rod & Gun (695-2101):

11:30 am - 8:00 pm; daily

Tastes of the Everglades

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By E City Post Office, Weekends 8 am-4 pm

SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

Chokoloskee Church of God

Sunday: 10 am Sch., 11 am Worship
Wed. 7 pm Hr. of Prayer

Copeland Baptist Church

Sunday: 10 am School, 11 am Worship

Everglades Community Church

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

1st Baptist Church of Everglades City

9:45 am Sunday School, 11 am Worship
6 pm Sunday, 6 pm Wed. Bible Study

Holy Family Catholic Church

Sunday Mass, 10:30 am

St. Finbarr Catholic Church, Naples

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2/21/19	Thu	3:21 AM	2.93	H
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2/21/19	Thu	4:13 PM	2.43	H
2/21/19	Thu	11:13 PM	0.05	L
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2/22/19	Fri	11:43 AM	-0.12	L
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Area Notices

Yard Debris Must be Bundled, Tied and Placed at Roadside for Pickup on Thursdays

Everglades City residents, if you have placed yard debris outside for pickup and nothing happens except a green tag upon it...please keep reading!

Yard Debris is to be tied in bundles exceeding no more than 4 ft. You may also use the yard debris paper sacks or put some in your garbage bin..

What you cannot do is just stack it up on the curb loosely. The pile will not get picked up by WastePro. For more information regarding yard debris pickup call (239) 252-2380 or go to the county's website; www.colliercountyfl.gov.

Sign Up for Text Notices

Water Boil Notices, Emergencies and City Updates on Your Smart Phone

Everglades City has an easy text notification system for residents and water customers. A recent boil-water notice let us know how important it is to set up a **FREE ACCOUNT** to receive these notices so you know when these situations occur and when they are remedied.

To sign up text the word "Everglades" to # 474747. You'll receive a welcome message with a link to set up your account. It is a simple, one-time process. When you sign up, you'll indicate which notices you want, business, student, voter, or water user. If you want all of them, just check "all". If you no longer want messages, you can stop the service at any time.

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