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Director of Florida State Parks, Eric Draper, Presents Mayor Grimm With Official Trail Town Designation Plaque on the Steps of City Hall



On April 27th, the Florida Office of Greenways and Trails officially designated Everglades City as a Florida trail town.

Some of OGT contingent came into town on Friday to attend a dinner in their honor hosted at Tim & Kathy Brock's house, others arrived in the morning for the full day of activities on Saturday.

Director of Florida State Parks, Eric Draper spoke about the significance of the trail town designation and then presented Mayor Howie Grimm with the official OGT seal on the steps of City Hall (above). Draper said the area's paddling trails were key in being awarded the designation.

The Museum of the Everglades Turned 21 on April 27th! The Building's Past Inspired What May Become a New Tradition

On a day where over 400 visitors came into town to celebrate the Museum's 21st birthday, a glimpse of the past circled around the roundabout...sort of.

In what may become a new tradition for our historic museum's annual birthday bash, a laundry cart race took center stage as eager "racers" lined up at the roundabout to compete for, and claim, the top prize...a gold trophy. Ok. Maybe it was a gold-plated trophy, but the winner's were all smiles afterwards.



The laundry cart is a significant symbol for the museum building as it once was a laundry back in the day's when Everglades City was the official County seat of Collier County.

Before the race took place, museum visitors enjoyed a walking tour of the City and some antique autos that were driven in to a take part in the day's celebration. Thank you to all of the participants in the Museum's special day.

Everglades Old Time Charters Shows Trail Town Committee Why We Are a Paddler's Paradise With A Beautiful Sunset Cruise

Yes. We are small, but that does not mean we didn't leave a big impression on the group from the Office of Greenways and Trails (OGT).

On Saturday night, Everglades Old Time Charters, owned by Stanford Daniels and his son Louis Daniels, took the trail town group on a beautiful sunset cruise aboard their very impressive pontoon boat.

The brand-new vessel is whisper quiet and very comfortable and stable. It can navigate in as little as 8 inches of water, and can move very quickly if that is what you want to do.

The tour meandered around the 10,000 Islands out to Fakahatchee Island where the Daniels family has quite a history.

We stopped and took a tour of the island where we saw the gravesites of some of the Daniels kin that settled there.

It was fascinating to learn that over 200 people once inhabited that island subsisting on foodstuffs caught, raised or traded with the Seminoles.

Once we were back onboard, Louis Daniels motored us out to the Gulf to watch a spectacular sunset. Nature surely cooperated with us on this day.


It was very, very gracious for the Daniels' to provide the complimentary tour to the OGT contingent so they could see what we see every time we get on the waters...Amazing beauty!

Everglades Old Time Charters started offering tours in late March 2019. They had the boat designed and built to offer a comfortable and quiet cruising option for visitors to our area.

Everglades Old Time Charters offers fishing trips and day and sunset cruises leaving out of Everglades City. To book a tour or for more information call them at 239-241-1482. Thank you to Stanford and Louis Daniels for a fabulous trip!

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MAY 5, 2019 — JUNE 8, 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5	6 ESHP Mtg, 8:30 am	7 City Council Mtg 7 pm City Hall	8 Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8a	9 Crime Prevention See p. 3 Lions Club, 6p	10	11 First Responders Fish Fry, 5 pm, see p. 3
12 Mother's Day 	13	14	15 Ladies Coffee Island Café, 8a	16	17	Rapper 18 Full Moon
19	20	21 Dental Bus, See p. 3	22 Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8a	23	24 High School Graduation	25
26	27 Memorial Day	28	29 Ladies Coffee Island Café, 8a	30	31	Rapper JUNE 1
2	3 New Moon	4	5 Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8a	6	7	8

June 16: Father's Day June 29: Independence Day Celebration, see p. 3 July 4: Independence Day
September 1: Snook Season Reopens September 28: Blessing of the Fleet

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. 239-252-5026
 PANCAKE FLY-IN: Closed for summer
 REACH OUT: 3rd Tuesday, 4 pm, City Hall
 SKATING RINK: Now open! Fri. & Sat. 6 to 9 pm
 SMALLWOOD STORE: Daily 10 am to 5pm, 239-695-2989
 THRIFT SHOP: Open Tuesday & Saturday 11 am to 4, p.3.
 VETERANS SUPPORT: 2nd & 4th Wed. of month, noon—2 pm

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First Responder's FREE Fish Fry
Saturday, May 11, 5 pm



Without them we would not feel safe. We want our first responders to know...that we understand how important they are to us and the community. This is why we are honoring them on May 11th.

Fresh fried fish, coleslaw and baked beans will be served up with a whole lot of love for the men and women who are there when we need them most! Please come to show your support.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!
THE INDEPENDENCE DAY
CELEBRATION IS JUNE 29TH
DONATIONS BEING ACCEPTED
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The planning is underway for the annual Independence Day Celebration in Everglades City that will take place on **Saturday, June 29th.**

In addition to the amazing fireworks that we all look forward to, the day is filled with fun things to do with the entire family, and Art-in-the-park!

Here is the schedule of events:
10:00 am: Opening Ceremony
10:30 am: Parade, "Hats off to America" is the theme this year
11:00: Booths open at McLeod Park - Art-in-the-Park
11:30: Parade winners announced, contests for the kids
12:30 pm: Raffle winners announced
9:00 pm: Amazing fireworks!

Everyone is invited to attend and all of the day's events are free. There will also be hotdogs and refreshments available. Donations are appreciated and help to fund the day's event. To contribute to the Independence Day celebration, please send a check to: Everglades City Fireworks Fund, PO Box 110, Everglades City, FL 34139.

Everglades City School's High School Graduation is May 24th

Join us on **May 24th at 5 pm** at Everglades City School to celebrate our graduating seniors. The graduation ceremony will be held in the gymnasium. Please plan on arriving a bit early to get seated before the ceremony. *Go Gators!*

COMMUNITY SERVICES

FREE DENTAL, BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INFORMATION FOR ALL
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The Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida's Health & Smiles Mobile Dental Bus will be in Everglades City on **May 21st**, from 8 am to 4 pm, in the **Everglades Community Center** parking lot, providing free dental checks, blood pressure screenings and behavioral health information if requested. For more info or to schedule an appointment: call 239-986-7323.

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 Aid
 Communities of Everglades Disaster Recovery works in conjunction with disaster case managers from several agencies and have a team set up in Everglades City Hall (in the old council room). They will have advocates there from **10 am to 3 pm on Mondays** to assist people still in need of help. Stop in the office or you can call Elaine at 239-695-2695 for more information.

E-CITY THRIFT SHOP

Open Tuesday & Saturday

 The Everglades City Thrift Store is open Tuesday & 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 Schuld

On April 23rd, the Senate unanimously passed a bill that would provide firefighters with cancer benefits including the full cost of treatments, a \$25,000 payout, and disability pay and death benefits for beneficiaries.

According to data from the International Association of Fire Chiefs, 70 percent of Firefighter line of duty deaths are cancer related.

This bill would provide a significant benefit for firefighters and their families. The State of Florida has made great improvements in health and safety initiatives including, but not limited to, decontamination of gear which helps lower the risks; but it doesn't eliminate them completely.

Florida would be one of 46 states to offer a cancer benefit for firefighters. Thank you to CFO Jimmy Patronis and our State legislators for supporting the bill and our firefighters.

Florida Firefighter Cancer Bill Sent to Governor DeSantis for Signature

Senate Bill 426, the Firefighter Cancer Bill, was sent to Governor DeSantis on Friday, April 26th. The Governor has one week to respond to the bill (May 3rd).

The expectation is that Governor DeSantis will sign the bill making Florida one of **46 States** to have this type legislation to protect firefighters who routinely risk their lives to save others...all while encountering unknown airborne toxins while doing so. Here is a copy of the bill as submitted to the Governor:

Firefighters; Granting certain benefits to a firefighter upon receiving a diagnosis of cancer if certain conditions are met; requiring an employer to make certain disability payments to a firefighter in the event of a total and permanent disability; providing for death benefits to a firefighter's beneficiary if a firefighter dies as a result of cancer or cancer treatments; adjusting the allocation of funds to provide line-of-duty death benefits for members in the investment plan of the Florida Retirement System, etc.

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SAWFISH NEWS by Tonya Wiley, Havenworth Coastal Conservation

What Does the Smalltooth Sawfish Critical Habitat Designation Mean?

Following a listing as "Endangered" under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) for the U.S. population of smalltooth sawfish (*Pristis pectinata*) in 2003, NOAA Fisheries designated critical habitat for juveniles in 2009. But what exactly does that mean and what does that do?

The primary reason for the decline of the smalltooth sawfish population in the United States was mortality following capture in various commercial and recreational fisheries. The secondary reason for the decline was habitat loss largely associated with coastal development and degradation. Therefore, the preservation of habitat is an important consideration for conserving the species, especially coastal estuarine areas that serve as nursery habitat for juveniles.

For the purpose of the ESA, critical habitat is defined as the specific areas within the geographical area occupied by the species at the time of listing, that contain physical or biological features (1) essential to conservation, and (2) which may require special management considerations or protection. The definition also includes a provision for specific areas outside the geographical area occupied by the species at the time of listing if the agency determines that the area itself is essential for conservation.



A critical habitat designation protects certain features, particular attributes, of an area that are necessary to ensure the species does not go extinct and can recover to the point that protections of the ESA are no longer necessary. When considering the critical habitat designation for smalltooth sawfish there was very limited information about large juvenile and adult habitat use so the focus was solely on those habitats used by juveniles. Red mangroves and shallow, euryhaline habitats characterized by water depths between the Mean High Water line and 3 feet measured at Mean Lower Low Water were determined to be the features essential for the conservation of juvenile sawfish. Euryhaline means the area can have a wide range of salt content, or salinity, due to tidal fluctuations and freshwater input as occurs in estuaries, bays, and lower reaches of rivers. These features were determined to be essential because they are the basis of nursery habitat for small, young sawfish providing both shelter from predators and an abundant source of prey.


Two specific areas (units) located along the southwest coast of peninsular Florida were included in the critical habitat designation for juvenile smalltooth sawfish: the northern Charlotte Harbor Estuary Unit and the southern Ten Thousand Islands/Everglades Unit. Efforts are still underway to learn more about large juvenile and adult habitat use to determine if there are habitats critical for these larger size classes.

So now that we've described why sawfish critical habitat was designated and defined both the areas and features of critical habitat, let's look at how this affects coastal residents. How is the designation applied and what does it mean for coastal development or recreational activities? And how does the designation conserve the species?

The designation of critical habitat provides a significant regulatory protection—the requirement that Federal agencies ensure, in consultation with NOAA Fisheries under section 7 of the ESA, that their actions are not likely to destroy or adversely modify critical habitat. The Federal Government, through its role in water management, flood control, regulation of resource extraction and other industries, Federal land management, and the funding, authorization, and implementation of a myriad other activities, may propose actions that are likely to affect critical habitat. The designation ensures that the Federal Government considers the effects of its actions on critical habitat and avoids or modifies those actions that are likely to destroy or adversely modify critical habitat. **(Continued on page 5)**

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Craig & Bonnie Woodward Host Fundraiser for Everglades City School

Marco Island residents and long time homeowners in Everglades City, Craig and Bonnie Woodward, hosted a fundraiser for Everglades City School at their Marco Island condominium to help raise awareness and funding for Everglades City School.

Craig Woodward is an attorney on Marco Island and Bonnie Woodward is a retired real estate broker. Craig's mother, Glenellen Woodward, was a home economics teacher at Everglades City School in the 1960's and the family spent many days here fishing and enjoying the City's natural beauty. Bonnie's parents also owned property on Marco Islands and they too were frequent visitors of Everglades City...so their love of the area and school goes back several decades.

When approached about the new program principal James Ragusa was hoping to launch for the next school year, the Leader in Me Program, the Woodward's immediately volunteered their support and put the fundraiser together.

The evening was delightful. The Woodward's provided delicious hors d'oeuvres and tasty foods, including snook fingers from a fish Craig caught earlier in the month, and beverages.

Principal Ragusa spoke about the program and why he felt it was so important to implement for our school children.

The Leader in Me program is based on Franklin Covey's 7 Habits of Highly Effective People. It instills leadership and cooperation skills, and helps improve attention to detail. The program is something that becomes a part of the school's culture and stays in place throughout a student's schooling.

Highlands Elementary in Immokalee implemented the program in 2016 and has seen tremendous growth in their students. Across the nation similar successes have been achieved. Principal Ragusa envisions the program as a way to bring out the best in what he calls some of the most resilient students he has ever taught.

Kudos to the Woodward's for opening their home (and wallets) for a great cause. To date the fundraiser has brought in about 60% of the funding needed to fully implement the Leader in Me program. The program will be implemented for the 2019-2020 school year.

If you would like to donate to the program, make a check payable to Everglades City School and put Leader in Me in the memo section of the check. The school's telephone number is above!

Mullet Rapper Donations to Everglades City School in 2019 ~ \$980

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 Everglades City School to help fund the Leader-in-Me Program!

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

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Sawfish News

(Continued from Page 4)

Critical habitat can contribute to the conservation of endangered species in several ways. Designation under the ESA triggers a federal agency's obligation to use their authorities to further the purposes of the Act which includes proactive conservation efforts. Designation also helps focus the conservation efforts of other partners, such as State and local governments, nongovernmental organizations, and individuals.



The critical habitat designation for smalltooth sawfish does not necessarily prevent a homeowner from building a dock or repairing a seawall, result in new slow motor zones, close an area to fishing, or limit access to areas. What the designation does do is add levels of review to ensure that any project which could alter those essential

features is carefully considered before federal permits are authorized or funds are allocated. In the case of smalltooth sawfish, critical habitat was designated in 2009 and has not resulted in any closed areas or lost recreational opportunities. But it has led to the protection of shallow, mangrove-lined habitats which are important to the recovery of the smalltooth sawfish population.

For more information about the designation of critical habitat for smalltooth sawfish visit:

www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/19425120.2012.676606

For more information about sawfish visit:

http://myfwc.com/research/saltwater/fish/sawfish/ or https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/species/smalltooth-sawfish

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Photo credit: Tonya Wiley, Havenworth Coastal Conservation A researcher prepares to release a juvenile smalltooth sawfish captured in shallow water along a mangrove shoreline in Florida Bay. Research conducted under ESA permit #1352.

Oglebay Foundation Honors Hess Family, and Everglades Society for Historical Preservation Board Member Hydie Friend

Hydie Friend, winter resident of Port of the Islands and board member of the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation was among the honorees from the Oglebay Foundation for her work as a volunteer grant writer for over 25 years for the foundation.


Hydie received the G. Randolph Worls Spirit of Oglebay Award for her commitment to the parks system of over 25 years of service as a volunteer grants writer. Her work has secured over \$10 million. Friend's award was presented by Randy Worls.

Congratulations to Hydie for receiving this well deserved recognition. We look forward to seeing her in October when she returns to our area for the winter season.

The Oglebay Foundation was created in 1926 to serve as a "umbrella repository" for all private donations to the parks in Wheeling, West Virginia.

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Cycling through the Everglades
by Patty Huff

In 2011 the *Ends of the Earth Cycling* began with a vision: ride 300 miles from Ft. Myers to Key West for the purpose of bringing together Youth Pastors and raising funds and awareness for global youth ministry.

This event became the launching platform for future tours and, beginning with that first bike ride, Everglades City has hosted these cyclists for an overnight stay.

Now *Ends of the Earth Cycling* hosts cycling tours all over the country benefiting many overseas communities. Their 8th Annual Bike Ride to Key West (see photo below) will benefit the youth of Thailand; other tours will help the youth of India, Haiti, Poland and the Philippines among others.

To learn more about *Ends of the Earth Cycling* with their global headquarters in Ft. Myers, visit their website at <https://www.endscycling.com/>. This is just one of several groups who have been experiencing the joys of cycling through the Everglades each year.



Above: The Ends of the Earth Cycling group reaches Key West, FL




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Solution to April 20, 2019 Puzzle



My Little Slice of Paradise
by Kathy Brock

On Saturday, April 27th, the Florida Office of Greenways and Trails presented the official Trail Town Seal to Mayor Howie Grimm on the front steps of City Hall. During his presentation, Eric Draper, Director of Florida State Parks, remarked that Everglades City was viewed by their office as a **destination** for paddlers from all over the country and throughout the world.

Throughout the weekend, others from the OGT that were on hand for the weekend's festivities, reiterated his comments and added how special our community was. One official told me he was particularly impressed by the warm reception and hospitality he experienced while here. Another remarked that they would be returning, but not in an official capacity, he looked to vacation here very soon.

Those that work for the OGT are very familiar with trails and trail towns. They visit all of the prospective locations and ride, paddle or hike on the trails. They have been there...done that time and time again. They know special when they see it, and that is exactly what they saw and felt when they came to our community.

When you live in a place for a long time, it is easy to not see what others do. It is especially hard when you have lived in a place for your entire life. For what looks to you like the "same ole same ole" is someone else's Shangri-La. **When it is your everyday normal, it is easy to forget that what you are looking at is really not the norm.** And, that is what we have here. We live in a place that is far from the "norm" that most others experience. For many like me, this is unique paradise.

Does everyone feel this way? Of course not. Some people crave bright lights and big cities. Others desire lots of shopping and luxury spas. No. Everglades City, Chokoloskee and the Everglades are not for everyone. It takes a special person to appreciate what we have here. Different strokes for different folks.


The visitor that loves what they see when they get here is someone who loves nature. They do not want to see skyscrapers. They are not looking for a mall. To them a perfect day is one where they saw a dolphin and a manatee, add in a sea turtle and you have a recipe of perfection.

Embracing this type of visitor is easy. They respect what they see when they get here. They look but they do not touch. They snap pictures. They tell friends. They come back again and again.

We need tourism to support our businesses. There are not enough of us who live here year around to do that. Tourism is our number one lifeline. Accepting this fully means we make progress as a community. It means our tour guides give more tours. It helps our fishing guides take more trips. But most importantly, it means there are opportunities for growth. Not the type of growth that clogs up the streets or changes our style of living, but the type that means your son or daughter may actually have an opportunity to become a business owner because there are new opportunities for them to pursue.

Everyone here is aware of the challenges the City is facing. Tourism not only brings people it brings revenue. This revenue would help our city rebound from years of financial uncertainty. Tourism helps pay for things **we would have to pay for without it.** Without tourism the cost of living here would become untenable for most families. This is not who we are or what we want. We need the financial stability that additional tourism will help provide so we can keep our style of living...not change it.

Island Life Recipes
Banana Bread
By Joyce Hatton



Ingredients:

- 2 cups all purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 3/4 cups brown sugar
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 2 1/3 cups mashed, ripe bananas

Directions:

- Preheat oven to 350°. Lightly grease 9 x 5 loaf pan or muffin tins. In a large bowl, combine flour baking soda, and salt. In a separate bowl, cream together butter and brown sugar. Stir in eggs and mashed bananas until well blended. Then stir in remaining ingredients just until moistened. Pour batter into pan or tins.
- Bake in loaf pan 60 to 65 minutes or until pick comes out clean. Bake in muffin tins approximately 25 minutes. If not using all purpose flour, use 3 teaspoons of baking powder in place of baking soda. Enjoy!

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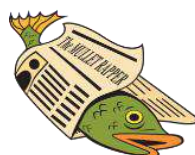
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Poetry Street
by Katherine Tullie

As my poem "Love In The Stars Above" says "What a wonderful world it would be if all could see that love really is the key." Love is so simple, and yet so necessary both in our lives and in the world.



As I write on this sparkling night
The stars are shining ever so bright
The message in the stars
is to bring back love
It is a message being sent from up above
Love in the universe is flowing down
Onto this earthly ground
We must have love all around the earth
We truly need a rebirth
Unconditional love is in much demand
This is our universal command
What a wonderful world if all could see
That love really is the key
Love in the eyes in all mankind, I feel
Can turn our world around
like a spinning wheel
When we have love in our heart
It will surely give us a jump start
I feel a love movement needs to begin
We will hear its tune and we will win
With hopes to rid our world of hate
Before it is too late
Let us share love to all we greet
It will uplift our world
and make our days so sweet!



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Area Parks & Recreation
Enjoy the Waterfront at Everglades
Gulf Coast Station

Whether you're a local resident or visiting here from afar, you're invited to stop by and enjoy our waterfront. The National Park Gulf Coast Station in Everglades City is right on Chokoloskee Bay, and amenities include a large picnic pavilion and a seawall where fishing is allowed. The site gets pleasant sea breezes and great sunset views!



Stop by the Visitor Center to pick up a copy of the Everglades National Park fishing regulations.

The Gulf Coast Station is located in Everglades City at 815 Oyster Bar Lane. The Visitor Center is open daily from 8 AM to 4:30 PM.

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A Local Experience  
Bob Williams  
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My friends & I had a beautiful trip. After crossing the Bay, we coasted up half the river with the current and the wind pushing us along.



Then we had a wonderful dinner of shrimp, steak, vegetables, and strawberries & cream at the picnic tables. (Some cabernet was also consumed.)

We then set off at sundown to enjoy



the final two miles of the river. We finished the mangrove tunnels and found our car waiting for us at Tamiami Trail just as darkness set in. Beautiful!

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Living Gulf Coast by Charles Sobczak

No-See-Ums (Family Ceratopogonidae) Other names: sand flea, no-see-em, sand gnats, granny nippers, chitras, punkie, flying teeth, biting midges / Status: FL=thriving / Life span: 6 weeks or less / Length: 0.06 in. (1-2 mm) / Reproduces around salt-marsh and mangrove swamps, as well as along the intertidal zone of the beach, the Sanibel River, ponds and mud puddles. / Found: All SW Florida counties, very common.

There are more than 4,000 species of biting midges worldwide. In Florida alone, there are 47 different species. Since their behavior, size and feeding habits are very similar, knowing exactly which species is taking a bite out of you is all but impossible. No-see-ums are the smallest blood-sucking insects on earth and, like the mosquito, only the females bite. They require the proteins from blood to make their eggs.

While the amount of blood no-see-ums take is insignificant, many people have an allergic reaction to the anti-coagulant these insects inject into their victim to prevent the blood from clotting and gumming up their microscopic beaks. It's the reaction to these chemicals that causes the itchy, painful welts that can last for days. Over a prolonged period of time, which varies among individuals, the body's immune system builds up a tolerance to these bites and the welts stop forming. Knowing this offers little comfort to a visitor who is staying on the islands for a week or less.

Because their life span is so short and their habitat so varied, Lee County Mosquito Control is unable to offer any kind of island-wide control for biting midges. Controlling no-see-ums on a county-wide scale would result in almost daily spraying and the environmental harm that resulted would far outweigh the benefits.

There are several preventative measures to avoid getting bit in the first place. The first is to wear long sleeves, long pants, gloves, shoes and socks. Beside the fact that when you stroll along the beaches and shorelines of southwest Florida you would look like an idiot, the no-see-ums would elect to go for your exposed face. The chemical DEET, which is also effective for mosquitoes, in a concentration of at least 30 percent, seems to help. Another local preventative is applying the beauty product, Skin So Soft (or any Baby Oil), which effectively traps the no-see-um in the oil, thereby preventing the tiny midge from being able to bite in the first place. Whatever you decide, be very careful not to use sun screen and DEET together as it both increases the absorption of the DEET into the person's bloodstream (which isn't good!) and breaks down the protective ingredients in sun screen, rendering it ineffective.



For people who want to avoid the use of chemicals, the CDC (Center for Disease Control) also recommends the use of oil of lemon eucalyptus, which is almost as effective as DEET. Consumer Reports recommends a product called Repel Lemon Eucalyptus, which does contain a minute amount of biochemical pesticide but is far less toxic than DEET. Another effective and less toxic remedy is cactus juice. Available at many retailers it seems to deter the little flying teeth from landing on you. Another one of the simplest, and easiest ways to prevent getting bit by no-see-ums is wind. A ceiling fan,

small house fan or an afternoon breeze will suffice to keep down the no-see-ums since they are so tiny that almost any breeze, natural or otherwise, keeps them from getting aloft.

Once bitten, the remedies for dealing with the ensuing welts are all over the map. One suggested remedy is to take a cotton Q-tip, dip it in boiling water and apply it to the welt as soon as possible. In this case the cure might well be worse than the bite! Other remedies include various patches, sprays and gels including Ibuprofen Gel, Hydrocortisone Cream and Xylocaine Gel.

Luckily there are many other insects that feed on the tiny no-see-ums and their larvae and, although troublesome, the local no-see-ums do not carry some of the diseases found in flying midges in other tropical regions, including a serious skin infection called leishmaniasis.

Charles Sobczak is a Sanibel author whose works include the novel Six Mornings on Sanibel, and two local guide books, Living Sanibel – A Nature Guide to Sanibel & Captiva Islands and The Living Gulf Coast – A Nature Guide to Southwest Florida.



Everglades Backcountry Experience by Captain Rodney Raffield

Hi Mullet Rappers Capt. Rodney from EBE here with some more fish stories for you.

I have been crazy-busy guiding with trips every day this past month. Weather has warmed up nicely and the fish have been in a spring pattern with Trout coming out of the holes and spreading out onto the outside flats and inside oyster reefs.

Redfish and Snook are also being found on the oyster reefs as well with most of these fish running on the small side.

Snook are still in the backcountry with most of the bigger fish being caught in the back.




We are still producing best on soft plastics such as Mr. Wiffelure and Zman paddle tails in Chartreuse and Pearl.

Summer is my BIG Snook time so take advantage of all our northern friends heading back home and catch & release that trophy fish (until September 1st)!

Remember to have faith in your lure and don't second guess yourself and it will happen. So, till next time - tight lines my friends.

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Regional News

Turn Out the Lights. It's Nesting Season for Florida Sea Turtles!

May marks the beginning of sea turtle nesting season on many of Florida's sandy beaches. The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is asking beachfront property owners and beach visitors to help nesting turtles and hatchlings by turning off or shielding lights that are visible from the beach at night.

"Making an effort to keep our beaches dark at night is one of the most important things you can do to help sea turtles," said Robbin Trindell, head of the FWC sea turtle management program. "Even small artificial lights from a house, a flashlight or a cellphone camera can confuse female sea turtles and their hatchlings and cause them to wander off course."

Sea turtle nesting is starting now on beaches along the Gulf coast, including the Florida Panhandle, as well as the state's northeast Atlantic coast and from Miami-Dade County south to the Keys. Nesting began earlier in March along Florida's southeast Atlantic coast from Brevard County south to Broward County.

Florida is a critically important destination for nesting sea turtles. More loggerhead turtles nest here than anywhere else in the continental United States, with 91,451 loggerhead nests counted statewide during the 2018 nesting season. Leatherback and green sea turtles also nest in significant numbers in Florida.

Buildings and other structures along the beach that need lights for human safety can be lit with long wavelength amber LED bulbs in a downward-directed, well-shielded fixture that is not visible from the beach. The FWC tests lights submitted by manufacturers to see if they meet our "Keep it long (wavelength), Keep it low (lumens and mounting height) and Keep it shielded" requirement. Approved fixtures are less likely to impact nesting or hatchling sea turtles. The agency maintains a list of these certified wildlife-friendly fixtures so property owners along Florida's coastlines can easily find options that work for human and sea turtle safety. The list is available at MyFWC.com/Conservation by clicking on "How You Can Conserve," "Wildlife Lighting" and then "Certified."

The FWC works to conserve Florida sea turtles, including coordinating nesting beach survey programs around the state. People can help by reporting sick, injured, entangled or dead sea turtles to the FWC's Wildlife Alert Hotline: 1-888-404-3922, #FWC or *FWC on a cellphone or text Tip@MyFWC.com.



Fakahatchee Strand News

Spring Fakahatchee Tram Tours May is Beautiful at the Park!

May is 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 May 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 through May.

For directions, complete details and required reservations for all Fakahatchee adventures: 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.

Obituaries

DAVID OSMOND MOSHIER

David Moshier passed away Thursday, April 11, 2019 at the age of 76 at Justin T Rogers Hospice Care Center in Akron, Ohio.

The beloved husband of Lynne (nee Fundis) Moshier, Married 52 loving years; Father of Tim (Deborah) of Everglades City and Fort Lauderdale FL and Jeffrey (Nicole) of Akron, and many other family members.

Born July 1, 1942 and raised in South Euclid, he was a graduate from Brush High School, Kent State University, class of 1965, and Cleveland Marshall Law School, class of 1969.

A celebration of his life will be held at 11 a.m. on Saturday, May 11, 2019 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church 1361 West Market St. Akron, OH 44313. The family requests that in lieu of flowers, a memorial be directed to the St. Paul's Youth Program. Arrangements entrusted to Billow's Funeral Home, Fairlawn, Ohio.

Gladys L. Smith

A life-long resident of Florida, Gladys (94) the Daughter of Matthew and Gertrude Butler was raised in Deep Lake, FL.

She met and married her High School sweetheart, Heyward Smith on November 21, 1941 and raised four beautiful children, Malcolm, Patsy, Harvey and Danny. After raising their family, Gladys and Heyward owned and operated Janes Restaurant & Country Store in Copeland, FL

Gladys was a member of the First Baptist Church in Everglades City, FL. She has lived a very long and blessed life. She was loved by many and will be greatly missed



We are closed for the summer. See you in October!





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7:00 am – 9:00 am; daily

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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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239-394-5181

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5/12/19	Sun	4:53 AM	0.01	L
5/12/19	Sun	10:54 AM	2.27	H
5/12/19	Sun	5:21 PM	0.84	L
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Local Extra

**Three new Brochures Available for
at City Hall in the Card Rack
Under the Trail Town Sign
"Everglades City
Florida State Trail Town"**

After Everglades City was designated a Florida State Trail Town in January, a new brochure was created and is now available in the card rack in the lobby of Everglades City Hall. It highlights the opportunities for eco-tourists in our community.

**"Welcome to Historic
Everglades City, FL"**

A Visitor Information Brochure has been developed listing all the businesses and services available in Everglades City. This will be a guide for anyone visiting the area seeking lodging, restaurants, and services, etc.

**"Hiking, Cycling and
Paddling the Everglades"**

This updated brochure includes information about the various opportunities and amenities along the Tamiami Trail, including information about safety on the road and links to the various state and national parks in the area.

**Snook Season Closed May 1st.
Reopening September 1, 2019**

The Gulf Coast season for snook fishing is now closed. Anglers must obey a "catch and release" policy until the season reopens on September 1st.

Snook is considered one of the highest quality food fishes because of its white flakey meat and firm texture. It is illegal to sell snook commercially...so the only way you can taste it is to catch it yourself. Visit Everglades City in September to test your luck fishing for snook!



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