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What's Happening in the Everglades & 10,000 Islands
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A Full Day of Fun to Celebrate Our Nation's Independence!

June 29th, Starting at 10 am



If you love fireworks, here is your opportunity to see them twice! Everglades City will host a full day of fun punctuated by an amazing fireworks display

on June 29th.

Come to the Everglades Independence Day celebration on Saturday, then enjoy fireworks again on the 4th in one of the nearby towns.

Our celebration is a bit like a blast from the past, complete with a golf cart parade, arts & crafts and raffles.

The events are all free, and you can find plenty of places to park to see the fireworks. We hope to see you there!

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!

Please do not bring pets or leave your pets in your car. Bring water, chairs, bug spray, and, hats and sunscreen!

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Hurricane Irma May Have Helped Keep These Biters at Bay



Saltwater marsh mosquitoes have been light this year. Typically they will hatch out in the spring tides we see in May.

However, this year they are fewer than expected and mosquito experts believe it has to do with Hurricane Irma, potentially one positive that came out of the storm.

According to Patrick Lynn with the Collier Mosquito Control Division, the belief is that the storm surge and movement of the water during the storm changes the depositing of silt and soil in the marshes. This changes the biology of how many eggs there are and how close they are to the surface. Scientists know there is a relationship, but they are not exactly sure what it is.

King tides and longer days are the biological signal in the marsh that trigger mosquito hatchings. In Collier County, that never happened.

However, it is too early to celebrate! The heavy rains in late May left much standing water and the freshwater mosquitoes heard the signal and responded in kind. We can confirm that there are some mosquitoes...albeit much lighter than it could be thanks to Hurricane Irma (and Dottie for spraying mosquitoes at this time of year!).

Photo: Saltwater march mosquito, Univ. of FL Etymology Department.

New Concessionaire to Run Everglades National Park Gulf Coast

Starting July 1st, the Gulf Coast Center at Everglades National Park located in Everglades City will be offering guided boat tours once again.

The new operator, Guest Services, operating as *Everglades Florida Adventure Tours*, is taking over for long-time operator Sammy Hamilton.

Guest Services will take over for a temporary one-year term, and then compete for the 10-year contract when it is put out for bid in 2020.

Guest Services is not new to the area or to Everglades National Park. They currently run the Flamingo section of the Park's region, and they once managed the Ivey House Bed & Breakfast in Everglades City for former owners David and Sandee Harraden.



Guest Services has been in the hospitality business since 1917. They have over a century of experience throughout the United States. Their corporate offices are in Virginia and they have branch offices in Naples, FL.

In addition to the familiar tours into the 10,000 Islands, *Everglades Florida Adventure Tours* will be bringing additional amenities to the Gulf Coast Center, to better align the Gulf Coast center amenities with those at the Flamingo center.

In October 2019, they expect to add houseboat rentals, and tent rentals in addition to boat tours, kayak and canoe rentals and other guided tours as the season unfolds.

JUNE 30, 2019 — AUGUST 3, 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30	July 1	2 New Moon EC Council Mtg 7 pm	3 Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8a	4 Independence Day!	5	6
7	8	9	10 Ladies Coffee Island Café, 8a	11 Red Snapper Season Closed	12	Rapper 13
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August 13: School Starts

Sept. 1: Snook Season Reopens!

Sept. 21: Hook 'em Fishing Tournament, p. 3

Sept.28: Blessing of the Fleet

Oct. 15: Stone Crab Season Reopens

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: No meetings until fall
 MUSEUM: Open Monday-Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm. 239-252-5026
 PANCAKE FLY-IN: Closed for summer
 REACH OUT: 3rd No meeting until fall
 SKATING RINK: Now open! Fri. & Sat. 6 to 9 pm
 SMALLWOOD STORE: Daily 11 am to 4 pm, 239-695-2989
 THRIFT SHOP: Open Saturday 11 am to 3 pm, p.3.
 VETERANS SUPPORT: 2nd & 4th Wed. of month, noon—2 pm

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UPCOMING EVENTS

MUSEUM LECTURE SERIES

Illegal Trades of the Everglades
JULY 18, 2019
2 PM - 3 PM



Join us at the Museum of the Everglades every month for our Third Thursday lecture series. Presented by museum staff or local authority, these lectures will explore the lesser known and often-overlooked areas of our region's past. Coming up: **Aug. 15th: Edison and Ford in the Everglades, Sept 19th : Florida Pirates: Fact & Fiction**

Every lecture is free, begins at 2 pm and will include an opportunity for questions and discussion. **Museum of the Everglades, 105 Broadway, Everglades City, FL, 239-695-0008.**

KIDS PRESCHOOL PROGRAM

Invasive Species of the Everglades I
August 14, 2019
10 am - 11 am



Join the Museum of the Everglades for a preschool program! This free program is for 2-5-year-olds who have not yet entered kindergarten. Each one-hour program will focus on learning and play, with a specific topic in mind. This month's program will focus on invasive species of the Everglades. Space is limited to 10 children per session, RSVP required. **Museum of the Everglades, 105 Broadway, Everglades City, FL, 239-695-0008.**

SNOOK SEASON REOPENS

September 1, 2019

Sunday, September 1st will mark the opening of the Gulf Coast Snook season.

Anglers must possess a saltwater fishing license and a snook stamp to harvest the fish. Regulations: 2 per harvester per day, or 2 per vessel. Slot size: Not less than 28", not more than 33". For all regulations visit <https://swflgo.com/fishing-regs-2019/>

BLESSING OF THE FLEET

Saturday, September 28th



Planning for the annual blessing of the stone crab fleet is underway. The event will be held at the historic Rod & Gun Club in Everglades City. The full schedule of events will be included in future editions.



Hook'em in the Glades Fishing Tournament September 21, 2019

Help support Everglades City School and win great prizes for the longest Snook, Redfish and Spotted Seatrout.

To register visit the website:
www.hookemintheglades.com
See more on page one, left column.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

FREE DENTAL, BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INFORMATION FOR ALL July 16th, 8 am to 4 pm


The Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida's Health & Smiles Mobile Dental Bus will be in Everglades City on & July 16th, from 8 am to 4 pm, at the Everglades Community Center (by Thrift Shop) parking lot, providing free dental checks, blood pressure screenings and behavioral health information if requested. For more info or to schedule an appointment: call 239-986-7323.

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. You may call his office to schedule an appointment at his Marco office: Call to schedule an appointment: (239) 642-5552.

NATURAL MEDICINE


 Dr. John Martin can see patients in Everglades City on 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 Saturday 11am -3pm

 The Everglades City Thrift Store is open 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 June 18th, the Nation's fire service remembered the nine firefighters lost during the Charleston Sofa Super Store fire that occurred on the evening of June 18, 2007, in Charleston, South Carolina. The fire was believed to have started in some discarded furniture in the loading dock area, and though the source of ignition has been left undetermined, there is reason to believe it may have been a discarded cigarette.

It was a hot summer evening in 2007 when a fire broke out at the furniture store and warehouse in a covered loading dock area built between the showroom and warehouse buildings which was attached to both buildings. At the time of the incident, the business was open and employees were present. Charleston firefighters arrived on the scene within three minutes of the alarm, followed soon after by firefighters from the St. Andrews Public Service District.

The impact of the fire caused the roof to collapse with nine firefighters still trapped inside. Firefighters Brandon Thompson, Brad Baity, Louis Mulkey, Mark Kelsey, Mike Benke, William Hutchinson, Melvin Champaign, Michael French and Earl Drayton were all killed in the fire. This was the deadliest firefighter disaster in the US since the September 11 attacks.

This week we honor our fallen brothers and ask you take a moment out of your busy schedule to do the same; remembering each of these great heroes and their loved ones left behind.

Please Remember that Firefighters, Police and all First Responders Risk Their Lives to Save Our Lives. Remember These Fallen Heroes by Supporting Your Local First Responders!

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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!

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BLUE ZONES PROJECT
 by Patty Huff



BLUE ZONES

What if you knew that you could add 12 healthy and happy years to your life? The Blue Zones Project® may be your answer! The concept of Blue Zones® grew out of National Geographic research that identified the places around the world where people were living the longest.

Blue circles were drawn on a map to identify these locations and thus the term “Blue Zones” was coined. Building on this research, Dan Buettner, co-founder of Blue Zones Project, wanted to see if new communities could become “Blue Zones” by adopting the same healthy best practices that the original Blue Zones locations incorporated as part of their culture. These healthy best practices are known as the Power 9® and are easy for anyone to follow.

In fact, we can control 70 percent of the factors that influence our health. It's just going to take us “helping our neighbors” to lead the way. This can be done through small, meaningful changes to our environment in which we live, work and play. The Blue Zones Project nudges people toward a healthier, longer, and better life. It is dedicated to creating healthy communities across the United States and was introduced to Southwest Florida in 2015.

What can we do? Encourage positive changes in our own community centered around the Power 9®, the shared lifestyle habits of the original Blue Zone areas:

- 1. MOVE NATURALLY:** We can get more physical activity naturally if we live in walkable communities and grow gardens.
- 2. KNOW YOUR PURPOSE:** Knowing your sense of purpose is worth up to seven years of extra life expectancy.
- 3. DOWN SHIFT:** Stress leads to chronic inflammation, associated with every major age-related disease. To reverse this, find time each day to meditate, pray, or participate in any activity that is calming to you.
- 4. 80% RULE:** It takes your stomach 20 minutes to tell your brain it is full, causing most people to accidentally overeat; so stop eating when you feel 80% full.
- 5. PLANT SLANT:** Eat mostly a plant-based diet that is heavy on beans, nuts, greens, and grains.
- 6. WINE @ FIVE:** If you have a healthy relationship to alcohol, one to two glasses of wine daily could help add years to your life, especially when consumed with a healthy diet.
- 7. FAMILY FIRST:** Centenarians in the Blue Zones put their families first. This means keeping aging parents and grandparents nearby or in the home; committing to a life partner (which can add up to 3 years of life expectancy) and investing in your children with time and love.
- 8. BELONG:** Reconnect, reconnect, or explore a new faith-based community. No matter what your faith, studies found that people who show up to their faith community four times a month live an extra 4-14 years.
- 9. RIGHT TRIBE:** Your friends have a long-term impact on your well-being. Expanding your social circle to include healthy-minded, supportive people might be the most powerful thing you can do to add years to your life.


The life expectancy of an American born today averages 78.2 years. But this year, more than 70,000 Americans have reached their 100th birthday. Whether you're trying to make it to your 100s, or you just want to live your best life as long as possible, your life expectancy could increase by 10-12 years by adopting a Blue Zones lifestyle. So, what are you waiting for?!

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Keeping Kids Engaged During Summer
Helps Reduce Brain Drain
By Iowa State Univ. on Phys.com



It was not unusual for Emily Hayden to spend the first three or four weeks of a new school year re-acquainting her students with material they had learned the previous year. That's typically how long it would take to overcome the learning students lost during three months of summer vacation.

Often called "summer slide" or "summer brain drain," educators recognize that time away from school is going to have an impact come fall. Hayden, an assistant professor of literacy education at Iowa State University and former elementary school teacher, says every day she spent playing catch up was one less day to devote to new material. While students deserve some time off, Hayden encourages parents to incorporate learning into summer activities.

"Summer is a good time to explore," she said. "Find things your child loves so that it doesn't feel like school work."

Here are a few suggestions Hayden has for parents:

Read outside the box. Summer reading should be fun. Hayden says it is OK to select books with lots of pictures and less text, if it will encourage children to read. Match books to their interests, whether that's bugs, cars or making crafts. Hayden says any time spent with eyes on text is beneficial.

Buy a science notebook and have your children record their daily observations. Have them spend time outside taking notes and drawing pictures of what they see in nature.

Spend an hour at a bookstore or the library and help your children pick out four or five books they may enjoy reading. Give them time to read the first few pages of each book and select only those that capture their attention. Allowing children to "try out" the book will increase the likelihood they will want to read and finish the book, Hayden said.

Ask children to help write a grocery list or create a menu plan for the week to encourage writing. Pack a journal on vacation so they can write about their experiences and include photos or memorabilia.

Plant something to eat. Children like the idea of growing things and bringing things to the table to eat. It can be something simple and easy to grow – Hayden recommends green beans (but in Florida in the Summer you may want to try herbs. Basil, mint and rosemary are very easy to grow all year long).

"Give children a choice and avoid telling them what book to read," Hayden said. "Help them pick out options that are appropriate and fit their reading level, but let them make the decision."

Getting children involved in the selection process can also help those who struggle to read, Hayden said. The problem is generally not because of a lack of effort on behalf of the child, it's a matter of finding the right reading material. **She recommends selecting books for summer that are a step below your child's reading or grade level, so they do not get discouraged.**

"You want your child to have experience reading and persist through a piece of text, not give up or have it be a painful experience," Hayden said.

Governor Urges Fire Safety



Governor Ron DeSantis is joining CFO and State Fire Marshall Jimmy Patronis, Commissioner of Agriculture Nikki Fried, and Florida Division of Emergency Management (FDEM) Director Jared Moskowitz in urging Florida residents and visitors to practice fire safety as dangerous fire conditions are possible throughout Florida this summer.

"Especially as we near the Fourth of July holiday and families plan summer festivities, it is imperative that all Floridians practice good fire safety tips and make a plan to protect their families and homes," said Governor DeSantis. "Every family must also be prepared for the threat of wildfires. Hurricanes in recent years have left serious amounts of debris across our state and we must all remain vigilant to protect our communities."

"Fire hazards in Florida are real, and we must work together to protect our communities from fire-related tragedies. Always remember to practice caution when grilling as you celebrate summer holidays like the Fourth of July," said CFO and State Fire Marshal Jimmy Patronis. "As temperatures increase, it is also important to understand the dangers associated with our state's elevated wildfire risk due to down timber from recent hurricanes. Being mindful of our state's fire risks will help ensure you and your family have a safe summer."

Here are some tips for creating a disaster plan in case of a fire emergency.

- ◆ Post your local fire department's phone number in a visible place in your home.
- ◆ If you must evacuate, decide where you will go and how you will get there. Unlike in a hurricane evacuation, you may only have a moment's notice.
- ◆ Have your escape routes mapped out: consider all of your home's exits and how you would get out of each room if the normal exit is blocked by fire.
- ◆ Have tools available and accessible, including a shovel, rake, axe, handsaw or chainsaw, and a 2-gallon bucket.
- ◆ Maintain an adequate water source.
- ◆ Have a plan for your pets.
- ◆ Practice family fire drills.

During the Fourth of July and other holidays, practice fire safety when using fireworks, and gas or charcoal grills:

- ◆ Make sure the use of any fireworks is supervised by an adult.
- ◆ Always have fireworks directed in the air and not pointed at the ground, trees or other people.
- ◆ When using fireworks, make sure to have a water source or fire extinguisher nearby.
- ◆ Avoid setting off large groups of fireworks simultaneously as this can start a fire.
- ◆ Keep your grill outside and at least 10 feet away from any structures, including siding, deck rails and eaves.
- ◆ Clean your grill regularly. Cleaning removes grease that can start a fire.
- ◆ Check for propane leaks on gas grills by applying a light soap and water solution to the hose and then turning on the gas. If there is a leak, the solution will bubble.
- ◆ Never leave a grill unattended while in use.
- ◆ When using a grill, make sure you have a water source or a fire extinguisher nearby.

To make a disaster plan for wildfires and any disaster, please visit: www.FloridaDisaster.org/GetAPlan.



My Little Slice of Paradise
by Kathy Brock
Upon Further Review...

Several issues back I wrote an article regarding flood insurance options. At that time, I had received quotes from two private insurers (not FEMA) that would underwrite policies in our area.

Our expiration date was June 24th, so I was now ready to execute the new policy and break away from FEMA. I always considered doing this a risk, but the difference in the quotation (**\$5500 versus \$1000**) was too great, and the risk seemed justifiable.

A friend that is an agent was surprised how low the quote was - being that we had a storm and a claim against our property in 2017. She even suggested that it may have been a mistake but I had the quote in writing and showed it to her.

Unfortunately, she was correct. The independent company's system was not yet updated with claim information from our area. When I went back to execute the policy, they increased the quote to \$3400, based on our home's recent history.

The quote was still cheaper than the FEMA policy, and I was still tempted. However, my agent offered options in the FEMA policy that put it within \$900 of the independent company, and based on that, I opted to stay with FEMA for now.

The biggest risk you take when walking away from FEMA is that independent companies can opt not to renew a policy the following year for a multitude of reasons. Then, you must scurry about to find any new independent companies or try to get back into the FEMA pool. The fewer options we have, the greater the cost will be for the policy (supply vs demand). This is a bad recipe for homeowners in the coastal belt, and for those in regions with other types of recurring natural disasters.

There are ways you can lower the cost of your coverage with FEMA (or any other carrier). The easiest way is to increase your deductible. Flood policies have a deductible on the building and on the contents. If you have a \$5000 deductible, it means \$5000 on the building, and \$5000 on the contents.

By increasing your deductible and adjusting coverage amounts you can lower the cost of the policy. We increased our deductible from \$5000 to \$10000 on the building and the policy cost was reduced by \$1200. Comparing the new, adjusted cost of the FEMA policy with the repriced open market policy, the FEMA insurance cost was comparable.

The most important thing to remember when making a homeowner insurance claim after a catastrophic event is to **make sure you have representation**. Public adjusters work for you, not the insurance company. They keep 10% of the claim amount, but the increase in what you will receive from your claim will more than pay for their commission. They also do all of the paperwork, submission of photos and follow up.

We have gone both routes, no adjuster after Wilma and our recovered amount did not cover our actual damages. After Irma we had an adjuster and our recovered amount was more than sufficient to cover our damages. The bottom line is to make the numbers work for you.



Island Life Recipes
Watermelon Cake
by Blue Zones

- ✕ 1 Watermelon
- ✕ 1-2 nectarines, thinly sliced
- ✕ Pint of blueberries
- ✕ Skewers, to assemble

This is perfect for an Independence Day Celebration!

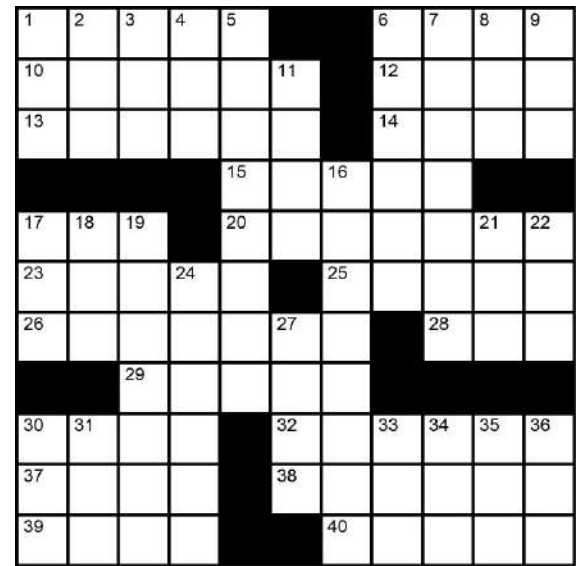
✕ **Directions:** Cut off the watermelon peel with a knife. Place the largest, widest slice on a cake platter to form the base. Arrange nectarines on top of the watermelon slice. Place 3-4 skewers upright into the watermelon base. Thread 2-3 blueberries onto each skewer. This will hold up the next layer. Carefully push the next watermelon layer through the skewers. Again, arrange the nectarines on top of the watermelon and spear 2-3 blueberries onto each skewer. Push the top watermelon layer through the skewers. Top with nectarine slices or blueberries. Push blueberries onto the skewers to decorate.



MULLET RAPPER CROSSWORD

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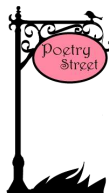


Poetry Street
by Katherine Tullie

Everybody loves Independence Day. There is no better place to celebrate it than Everglades City! The fireworks and festivities will be something for all to see. That is the theme of my poem called



Everglades City is the place to be
It will be obvious for all to see
Everyone will be celebrating
Independence Day
It will be on June 29th
and it will be a great day!
Many fun activities will be
in store for you this year
So let's all get in gear
Families and friends will all be there
Let's all come and let down our hair
A great fireworks display
will take off for your pleasure
It will certainly be
a great memory to treasure
Tell everyone you know about this date
The celebration on June 29th
will be first rate
Everglades City is a friendly town
Let's all get the word around
You will be happy you celebrated in EC
It will be a great time...
just you wait and see!



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Stargazing in the Everglades Meteor Showers Light Up the Sky In July & August

July 28th, Delta Aquarids Meteor Shower - The Delta Aquarids are an annual meteor shower that will peak on **July 28th** of this year. At its peak, the shower is known to produce up to **20 meteors per hour**. The radiate for this shower is within the constellation Aquarius, so your best viewing will be 30° - 40° away from that spot. This allows you to see the long meteor trails streak across the sky. The Delta Aquarids are known to stretch out for days, even weeks before and after the peak, so if you miss the crescendo, be sure to look for the Delta Aquarids in the days afterward.

August 13th, Perseids Meteor Shower - The Perseids are arguably one of the best meteor showers to see in 2019. The Perseids are comprised of dust particles from the Comet Swift-Tuttle that shoot through the sky at up to **60 meteors per hour**, especially at its peak after midnight on August 13th. Although the radiant is within the constellation Perseus, it is possible for meteors to shoot through any part of the night sky. Because the Perseids Meteor Shower produces a lot of bright meteors, this a great opportunity for budding astrophotographers to capture a meteor shower, as long you are in a dark sky location (Note: Everglades City & Chokoloskee are dark sky locations!).

Neighbors helping Neighbors ...Everybody Wins

By Patty Huff

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS



We are so fortunate to live in a small community. My 13-year old granddaughter from California keeps reminding me of this fact. She says she loves coming to visit me in the summer, even with the heat, bugs and rain (which is always a blessing).

She tells everyone how she can jump on her bike and ride to the grocery to pick up any item we're missing for our afternoon baking sessions. She says she appreciates how friendly everyone is and waves to you.

Last summer when she arrived and we turned off the Tamiami Trail onto CR29 to drive into town, she said how much she loves the "smell" of the Everglades! Her last text to me today was "Can't wait to come there!!! The days are just getting closer and closer." She'll be spending the month of July here seeing for herself how a small community can prosper if everyone works together.

For years my husband trimmed the hedges for our elderly neighbor after trimming ours. In return we would often find a fresh watermelon at our door. Other neighbors have shared their herbs, home-grown vegetables and plants.

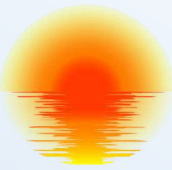
My walking partners and I would carry a bag and pick up trash as we strolled around town for our early morning exercise. I am sure each of us probably has our own story of how our community members help each other out.

Saturday was another example of how everybody wins when neighbors help neighbors. A young family had a large stump that was left after a damaged tree from the hurricane was cut down; however, they did not have the equipment or means to break it up and remove it.

Tim Brock arrived to help out with his chainsaw, cutting the stump into smaller pieces with Kathy collecting and disposing of the remains. Tim was just being "neighborly" but as a "thank you" he was invited to go out grouper fishing sometime which he loves and is unable to do in his smaller boat.

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Living Gulf Coast by Charles Sobczak

Poison Ivy (*Toxicodendron radicans*) **WARNING: TOXIC PLANT!** Other names: kudzu of the north, eastern poison ivy / Status: FL=thriving / Life span: n/a / Height: a woody vine that can reach 50 feet or higher but is generally under 8 feet in height (2.4-15 m) / Reproduces by a greyish/white drupe that is consumed and spread by birds / Found: Everywhere / Status: Far too common.

Although it would not look as good on the Chamber of Commerce's tourist brochures, another appropriate name for Sanibel and other parts of SW Florida could well be "Poison Ivy Island." This familiar, three leafed vine grows just about everywhere. The only place it does not seem to thrive is in the red mangrove forests, but a few steps back from the water's edge, poison ivy can readily be found climbing the trunks of black mangroves.

There are numerous mnemonic rhymes that best describe the appearance of this highly toxic plant: "Leaves of three, let it be." "Hairy vine, no friend of mine." "Longer middle stem, stay away from them." All of these refer to different identifying characteristics of this plant. Everyone is familiar with the three-leaf clusters of poison ivy. The hairy vine rhyme refers to the reddish hairs that can be found on most poison ivy plants and the longer middle stem is a way of telling the poison ivy plant from some similar looking vines such as the Virginia creeper, which is also quite common on the islands.



The biggest reason poison ivy is so prolific lies in its drupes. These grayish-white fruits are a favorite of cardinals, robins and warblers. More than 60 species of birds feed on poison ivy drupes and the seed hidden inside readily passes through their digestive system intact, creating a dynamic dispersal system that is unrivaled by any other vine. For this reason alone it is extremely unwise for anyone visiting the islands to stray far from the marked and cleared trails that are identified in area maps. Once off of these paths, poison ivy lies like an endless field of leafy land mines and the chances of getting brushed by one of these plants is almost a certainty. In the winter and fall, the three-cluster leaves will turn an attractive reddish orange, similar in color to an autumnal maple leaf.

The physical reaction to the oil, called urushiol, varies widely among individuals. Around 15-30% of people have no allergic reaction at all. The remaining 70% of people can develop everything from a mild rash that vanishes in a few days to severe dermatitis, requiring hospitalization. There are recorded cases of people going into anaphylactic shock and dying from contact with this extremely toxic plant. Eating poison ivy, which would be an incredibly stupid thing to do, can damage the digestive tract, the airways, lungs and kidneys of the victim. Even the smoke from burning poison ivy has been known to make people extremely ill. People who are allergic to poison ivy should also avoid contact with mango trees and the outside skin of the mango fruit, as they are from the same family and produce a chemical compound similar to urushiol.

Once contact is made a blistering rash soon develops. This is followed by oozing or weeping, wherein the toxins are excreted from the initial point of contact and weep downward, making a single incident last as long as four weeks. Remedies include the use of rubbing alcohol, Calamine lotion or Burow's Solution during the early stages of the dermatitis. Do not wash the rash with soap and water as this will only serve to spread the toxins, instead use rubbing alcohol. As the rash develops into blisters, oatmeal baths and baking soda solutions are recommended. To relieve the itching, soaking or showering in the hottest water possible gives some relief. In severe cases, medical treatment is mandatory, with injections of corticosteroids being one of the best weapons against serious reactions. There are more than 350,000 reported cases annually of poison ivy dermatitis in the United States alone. Worldwide these cases number in the millions. Recent studies have shown that one of the many negative impacts of climate change, especially an increase in CO2 into the atmosphere, is that poison ivy will flourish in this environment. We are inadvertently building a perfect greenhouse for a toxic plant.

In its natural setting poison ivy is an important plant. Its leaves provides a safe haven for butterflies to land on, since nothing will attack them when they are resting on a toxic surface. Birds love the drupes and if left alone, it's nothing more than a harmless vine. Look for poison ivy when you venture out into areas off marked pathways. Look but do not touch anything you are not sure of. Most of all, if you come into contact with the plant, take the proper steps to minimize your reaction, and if you need medical help, find your way to a clinic or doctor. Snap a photo of the plant to show your doctor if you can.



Everglades Backcountry Experience with

Capt. Rodney Raffield

Hi Mullet Rapper's Capt. Rodney here with some fish stories from the Everglades National Park.

We are most definitely in summer mode with the hot air temps and rains here on a steady basis. The fishing has been pretty good as long as you get an early start and beat the heat.



Snook are moving onto the bars and outside points as we move into our summer pattern. But there are still Tarpon and Snook holding the backcountry as you can see from the photo in this article.

Big Tarpon are on the outside points and passes which I like to target with big, soft plastics rigged on very stout jig heads. These monsters can be very finicky but if you stay focused you will get rewarded.

If Trout are your thing, you can't go wrong with a 3" soft plastic such as a Mr. Wiffelures on a 1/4 oz jig head either on its own or under a popping cork.

Same lure for your Reds and Snook around the oyster reefs and outside points.

Grouper can be caught in the deep holes this time of year and is a great try when the water is at the lower levels.

I love to drift over these deep holes jiggging a 4" to 6" soft plastic for these tasty critters.

So get out there and enjoy the beauty of the National Park as you hunt for that trophy. Just a reminder folks the Park has new rules regarding passes and also a boater education course. so go online and get legal. So. till next month be blessed and have fun my friends. **Capt. Rodney.**

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Big Cypress National Preserve. Join us on October 26 & 27 at Clyde Butcher's Big Cypress Gallery and take a walk on the wild side!

Clyde and Niki Butcher host a fall festival at their Big Cypress Gallery in October every year. As part of the fun, special swamp walks behind the gallery are available for the brave (and not-so-brave) at heart.

The walks are \$50 per person (kids 17-and-under are free, no tickets required) with 100% of the proceeds supporting the Swamp Water and Me Program (SWAMP) in Big Cypress National Preserve. SWAMP is an outdoor science education program that introduces thousands of 6th-grade students from Collier County to the Big Cypress every year on school field trips.

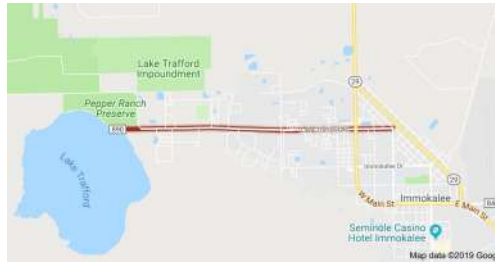
Walks are offered both days in the morning and afternoon. Sign up to arrive between 9 AM and 12 noon for a morning walk, or between 12 noon and 3 PM for an afternoon walk, and you'll be assigned to the next available walk when you arrive on Saturday or Sunday. Walks will leave every half hour, rain-or-shine.



What to know: Be prepared to get wet. The walks are approximately 2-hours long and water levels may be waist deep in places with submerged obstacles and uneven terrain. Wear closed-toe shoes, clothes that can get wet and/or muddy (long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, and shoes with laces that will stay on your feet), and bring some dry clothes to change into after your walk. Children must be over 48 inches tall for the standard 2-hour walk. We will have special walks that are less strenuous for families with young children.

Questions? Call office for details 305.665.4769. Visit the Gallery (location of the swamp walk): Clyde Butcher's Big Cypress Gallery, 52388 Tamiami Trail, Ochopee, Florida 34141

FWC Restores Aquatic Habitat on Lake Trafford in Immokalee



The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) recently completed an aquatic habitat restoration project on Lake Trafford in Collier County. Biologists transplanted hundreds of native aquatic plants in an effort to help restore this popular shallow-water bass and crappie fishing lake. The project's goal is to enhance the biodiversity of the native plant community in the lake's shallow-water marshes as part of ongoing restoration and habitat enhancement activities aimed at restoring the lake.

FWC biologists planted a native submerged plant, known as eel-grass, along the lake's northern shoreline. The eel-grass will be protected by well-marked metal cages that will prevent it from being eaten during its first year of growth. Once it is established, the eel-grass will provide a food source and protective habitat for a variety of wildlife, including waterfowl, wading birds, turtles, larger species of fish and apple snails.

These plants also will enhance the chances that anglers will be able to catch largemouth bass, crappie and panfish on Lake Trafford.

Lake Trafford is listed as one of the FWC's "Top Spots" to fish for crappie. For general waterbody information, fishing forecasts, virtual tours, plant control operation schedules and annual workplans, boat ramp information, and more, visit the "What's Happening on My Lake" website at MyFWC.com/Lake.

**CCSO Sponsored Activities
For Summer Fun for Kids!**

Each summer the Collier County Sheriff's Office sponsors activities for kids during the summer break.

This year's **Build-a-Chair** event is scheduled for **July 29 & 30** at the Everglades Community Center. This activity is for kids ages 10-13. Reservations are required! Please call the Youth Relations Office to reserve your child's spot: 230-252-0144.

Hot Summer Nights will be held at **McLeod Park on July 18th at 6pm**. No reservations are required and kids of all ages are invited to attend.

For more information, contact the Youth Relations office.

**Visit the Museum of the Everglades to
See Incredible Artwork by
Everglades City School Students**

Summer is a great time to visit the beautiful Museum of the Everglades. Currently, you can see some of the amazing artwork submitted by Mr. Tribble's art students at Everglades City School.

Check out some of the summertime activities for adults and kids at the museum!

The Museum is open daily from 9 am to 4 pm and is located at: 105 W. Broadway, Everglades City, FL.

Visit the website for event info:
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(642-1025): Monday - Wed 5 to 11 pm,
Thurs to Sun Noon - 11 pm, see ad on p. 6

Camellia Street Grille (695-2003):

11:00 am – 9:00 pm, Mon to Sat

City Seafood (695-4700):

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

Glades Haven Marina (695-2091):

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Havana Café (695-2214):

Closed for Summer. See you in October!
See our ad on page 10!

Island Café (695-0003):

6:00 am – 9:00 pm; daily

Ivey House (695-3299):

7:00 am – 9:00 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

Triad Seafood & Café (695-2662):

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Chokoloskee Family Church

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Sun. 6 pm & Wed. 7 pm Bible Teaching

Copeland Baptist Church

Sunday: 10 am School, 11 am Worship

Everglades Community Church

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

1st Baptist Church of Everglades City

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

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6/29/19	Sat	7:34 AM	0.78	L
6/29/19	Sat	12:40 PM	2.83	H
6/29/19	Sat	8:34 PM	-0.01	L
6/30/19	Sun	2:09 AM	2.23	H
6/30/19	Sun	8:19 AM	0.82	L
6/30/19	Sun	1:15 PM	2.98	H
6/30/19	Sun	9:19 PM	-0.18	L
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7/12/19	Fri	7:47 PM	0.05	L

Obituary



**Sheldon Ray Pike
3/14/81 - 6/12/19**

Sheldon Ray Pike who resided in Chokoloskee Island, Florida passed at the Wimauma Camp meeting with all his family by his side, on the morning of June 19th, he was 38.

Sheldon loved God and his family. He enjoyed boating, swimming, fishing, scuba diving, and snowboarding. He enjoyed living his life outdoors.

Sheldon could do anything he put his mind to. He was a carpenter, air boat captain, commercial fisherman, and all around outdoorsman.

Sheldon is survived by his wife, Angela Goff, his mother, Martha Daniels, his father, Craig Daniels, his daughter Pallas Ivy Pike, his Papa Raymond Rewis, his grandma Lorna Rewis, siblings Craig, Stephanie, Brandon and Cameron, along with so many family and friends.

Sheldon was preceded in death by his sister Dena, and his brothers Bryan and Devan.

Sheldon attended Everglades City School and Florida Air Academy.

Funeral services were held at Chokoloskee Church of God.

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