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**What's Happening in the Everglades & 10,000 Islands  
JULY 13, 2019 - JULY 26, 2019**



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## Highlights from the July 2019 City Council Meeting

Summer is a very quiet time here in the Everglades area but City business does not take time off...and the July meeting was no exception.

The Collier County Sheriff's Office reported that they had a total of 333 calls in June with 18 traffic stops.

Fire Chief Schuldt reported that the funding for the I-75 based station has officially been funded for 7 years, for \$1.4 million per year. Chief Schuldt did a great job lobbying Tallahassee for this funding!

The council approved submitting a proposal to Collier County for Phase III of the safe routes program. If it is approved by the County, the County will continue the sidewalk path from the circle to the southern City limit on Collier Avenue. This project is funded by Collier County.

Mayor Grimm reported that the City is making progress working DEO to help fund construction of a new sewer facility that could eventually expand service to Plantation, Chokoloskee and even out into Big Cypress.

The City Attorney reported that the Cell Tower contract is being finalized with Century Link. There is no timetable (yet) for the new tower's construction.

## Red, White & Kaboom! A Great Day Punctuated by a Beautiful Fireworks Display!

The Independence Day celebration was held on June 29th in Everglades City, and what a beautiful day it was!

The weather was supposed to turn bad but instead we had only a brief gusty wind, a few sprinkles and an overcast day...in other words, perfect weather for our celebration. The cloud cover kept us much cooler than expected and everyone who attended had a fabulous time.

The Everglades Lions Club served up free hotdogs, chips and a drink, Jaye Brunner acted as the official "face painter" and the park was abuzz with children laughing and playing. The only downer was the winds kept the rock wall from being erected, but that wasn't enough to put a damper on an otherwise perfect celebration.

We must also mention how beautiful the fireworks were this year! As they were going off, OOHS and AAHS could be heard all around town. I spoke to one family who drove over from Miami for the 15th consecutive year to watch our little community's fireworks! We hope to see you at next year's celebration!



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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: 1 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.

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## 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.

## June Was PTSD Awareness Month

*Are You or Someone You Love Suffering From PTSD?*

*Take the Screening Test to Learn More*

Sometimes things happen to people that are unusually or especially frightening, horrible, or traumatic. For example, a serious accident or fire, a physical or sexual assault or abuse, an earthquake or flood, a war, seeing someone be killed or seriously injured, or having a loved one die through homicide or suicide. First responders and those serving our country are frequently exposed to these types of situations.

Have you ever experienced this kind of event? If you answered "yes", please answer the questions below.

**In the past month, have you:**

- ◆ Had nightmares about the event(s) or thought about the event(s) when you didn't want to?
- ◆ Tried hard not to think about the event(s) or went out of your way to avoid situations that reminded you of the event(s)?
- ◆ Been constantly on guard, watchful, or easily startled?
- ◆ Felt numb or detached from people, activities, or your surroundings?
- ◆ Felt guilty or unable to stop blaming yourself or others for the event(s) or any problems the event(s) may have caused?

If you answered "yes" to 3 or more of these questions, talk to a mental health care provider to learn more about PTSD and PTSD treatment.

Answering "yes" to 3 or more questions does not mean you have PTSD. Only a mental health care provider can tell you for sure.

### Help & Resources:

- ◆ Veterans Help Line: 800-273-8255
- ◆ PTSD Alliance: 888-436-6306
- ◆ Anxiety & Depression Association of America: Download the guide "Understanding PTSD" by the National Center for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder:  
[www.swflgo.com/understanding-ptsd/](http://www.swflgo.com/understanding-ptsd/)

### Thanks to All Those That Donated to the Fireworks Fund!

Over \$6000 was collected for the Everglades City Fireworks fund. Thank you to everyone who mailed in checks and made deposits in the boxes around town.

On the day of the celebration, the 50/50 raffle collected \$224. Dayna Fendrick won the raffle and then generously donated it back to the fireworks fund.

In total, the fundraiser collected \$5626.50 in checks mailed or brought to City Hall, \$48 from face painting, \$112 from the 50/50 raffle, and \$306.50 from area collection boxes. *Thank you to everyone who contributed!*

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**SAWFISH NEWS by Tonya Wiley, Havenworth Coastal Conservation  
 by guest author Andrea Kroetz,  
 NOAA Southeast Fisheries Science Center**

**Tracking Endangered Smalltooth Sawfish**

Acoustic tagging has become increasingly important for science. Scientists are using this amazing technology to track critically endangered smalltooth sawfish in south Florida to better understand their movement patterns and habitat use. Telemetry data are helpful to fishery managers who are designing plans to recover and conserve this endangered species.

Scientists place stationary acoustic receivers in key locations to collect and archive data remotely from tagged sawfish as they pass within range of the receiver. Each acoustic tag has a unique identification number and transmits information on the date and time at which the animal passes near a receiver. Although data collection by the acoustic receivers is limited by the number and location of receivers in place (e.g., an animal must pass near a receiver for the data to be collected), large acoustic sharing networks are in place to allow multiple institutions with active acoustic arrays to collect and share data with colleagues tagging and tracking animals



So far more than 40 smalltooth sawfish have been tagged with long-term acoustic tags and these tags have provided invaluable data on the movements of both juvenile and adult smalltooth sawfish.

For example, in April of 2017, a mature male sawfish with fresh mating scars was captured, tagged, and released in backcountry waters of Everglades National Park. This male was captured along with two mature females, also with fresh mating scars, and each of these sawfish were implanted with 10-year acoustic tags to track their movements long-term. This male was detected on receivers in the Florida Keys from the time of tagging through February of 2018 where one month later he was detected on receivers in the far northern portion of the park (approximately 74 miles as-the-crow-flies). This individual was then detected on receivers located in the same backcountry area that it was originally captured in March of 2019!



As collaborative acoustic networks continue to expand, and the technology improves, the opportunities to gather vital information on smalltooth sawfish will increase and improve our ability to manage and protect the population to recovery.

All research is conducted under Endangered Species Act permits #17787, #22078, and Everglades National Park permit #EVER-2019-SCI-0020. To learn more, or if you have questions about ongoing sawfish research or management, please call 1-844-4SAWFISH or visit [www.SawfishRecovery.org](http://www.SawfishRecovery.org).

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Photos above: Top Right: Map showing acoustic receivers. Bottom Left: Release of the adult male smalltooth sawfish that was captured, tagged, and released in backcountry waters of Everglades National Park. Photo taken by Blair Witherington.

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The 2019 Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday was passed by the Florida Legislature and signed into law by Governor Ron DeSantis. This sales tax holiday begins Friday, August 2, 2019, and runs through Tuesday, August 6, 2019.

During this sales tax holiday period, qualifying items will be exempt from tax including: certain school supplies selling for \$15 or less per item; and clothing, footwear, and certain accessories selling for \$60 or less per item; and computers and certain accessories selling for \$1,000 or less per item, when purchased for noncommercial or personal use.

For more information and a list of qualifying items, please review the Department of Revenue's Tax Information Publication (TIP) on the 2019 Back-to-School Sales Tax Holiday, as well as the Frequently Asked Questions document. For your convenience, the digital downloads and social media posts below are provided for individuals and businesses interested in sharing information about the sales tax holiday.

To download the complete list of tax free items go to: <https://swflgo.com/back-to-school-tax-free-items-list/>

We Stand Corrected!



*Mistakes happen but we hate when they do!* In our article about former Principal James Ragusa, we incorrectly stated that he will be the new principal at Pine Ridge High School. He will be the Principal at Palmetto Ridge High School...and we wish him luck.

In the June 29th issue, we missed a typo regarding snook limits. The daily bag limit is 1 snook within the slot per day...not 2! The season is closed so we are happy our error did not cause any undo confusion. Thanks for understanding...we are only human!

Mullet Rapper Donations to Everglades City School \$1470 to Date and Counting...

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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10-Day Southwest Florida Blue Crab Trap Closure Started July 10, Ends July 20th



Recreational and commercial blue crab traps in state waters from the Palm Beach-Broward county line to the Pasco-Hernando county line must be removed from the water before July 10, the first day of a 10-day trap closure. This closure will give groups authorized by the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) the opportunity to

identify and retrieve lost and abandoned blue crab traps from the water.

Traps may be placed back in the water in this area starting on July 20. Until then, blue crabs may be harvested with other gear, such as dip nets and fold-up traps. Blue crab harvesters may also use standard blue crab traps during the closure if the traps are attached to a dock or other private property.

Lost and abandoned blue crab traps are a problem in the blue crab fishery because they can continue to trap crabs and fish when left in the water. They can also be unsightly in the marine environment, damage sensitive habitats and pose navigational hazards to boaters on the water.

The closure is one of three regional, 10-day blue crab trap closures that will occur in 2019 on the Gulf coast of Florida. While state waters extend to 9 nautical miles offshore in the Gulf, the blue crab trap closures include only state waters extending to 3 nautical miles offshore. Coastal waters from Hernando through Wakulla counties, including all waters of the Ochlockonee River and Bay, will close to traps July 20-29 (see map). There are six regional closures total: three in even-numbered years on the east coast and three in odd-numbered years on the west coast. Closures may be reduced in duration if it is determined that the number of lost and abandoned traps in the region will take less time to remove.



Panther Mortality Update

Some encouraging news (it seems)...So far in 2019 there have been 13 panther deaths reported. Last year through June there were 18 reported deaths.

Of the 13 animals discovered, 8 were male and 5 were female. Ten of the 13 animals were killed by vehicles, 2 deaths were the result of intraspecific aggression (by another panther), and one death was from an unknown cause.

Vehicle accidents are by far the number one killer of the beautiful cats. Panthers are most active at dusk and dawn when visibility is poor. Please use extra caution on the roads within panther habitats.

Biologists gain valuable information by examining panther remains. Please report injured or dead panthers to the FWC Wildlife Alert Hotline at 888-404-FWCC (3922).

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**Golf Carts Now Legal  
On Chokoloskee & Plantation Islands**



On May 28th the Collier County Commission voted to approve the use of Golf Carts on designated roads on Chokoloskee and Plantation Island, joining Everglades City as golf cart approved communities.

Earlier this year some confusion occurred when Collier County Sheriffs Office started issuing citations to cart users on Chokoloskee and Plantation. Residents of all three islands have been using golf carts for many years, however Everglades City was the only community with an official designation.


According to the State of Florida's website, "a golf cart may be operated only upon a road that has been designated by a county, a municipal street that has been designated by a municipality, or a two-lane county road located within the jurisdiction of a municipality designated by that municipality, for use by golf carts. Prior to making such a designation, the responsible local governmental entity must first determine that golf carts may safely travel on or cross the public road or street, considering factors including the speed, volume, and character of motor vehicle traffic using the road or street."

To operate a golf cart, the driver must be at least 14 years of age, and must follow all standard rules for operating a motor vehicle. The cart must have brake lights, head lamps and directional signals.

We thank the Collier County Commission for approving golf cart usage on the islands!

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Solution to June 29, 2019 Puzzle





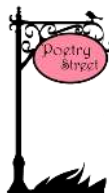
Poetry Street  
by Katherine Tullie

They say that home is where the heart is. Home is not only a place, it can also be a state of mind, a place within your heart, a calming place within you. That is the theme of my poem today called "Go Home."

HOME

Let's go home  
Let's not roam

Find a home in your heart  
A place where you will never part  
For your heart beats just for you  
It's a heart that is true blue  
When you reach into your heart and soul  
You will find your special goal  
We each have a special calling in this life  
When we find our calling  
we can avoid strife  
We can reach a calming place  
And channel our energy at an even pace  
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in positive ways  
By channeling our energy  
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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 astro-photographers to capture a meteor shower, as long you are in a dark sky location (Note: Everglades City & Chokoloskee are dark sky locations!).

Funding for New Playground at  
McLeod Park Within 74% of Goal

The proposed playground equipment for area children is getting closer to reality as donations collected by the Everglades Lions Club inches closer to the \$90,000 needed to complete the project.



To date, the Everglades Lions Club has raised \$65336.50 of the \$90,000 needed by hosting dinners during the winter season, other club activities and by receiving donations from individuals for the playground.

The old playground equipment was damaged beyond repair by Hurricane Irma. The goal is to replace what was destroyed plus a bit more.



The new design will feature a covered area to protect kids from the intense sun and heat.

Some have asked, "why is the equipment so expensive?" By law, equipment on municipal lands, in public areas and parks must meet stringent standards for strength, longevity and stability. The installation must be performed by a licensed contractor and pass numerous inspections. In short, those regulations drive up the cost substantially but insure that the end product is safe, secure and one that can endure the rigors of weather and children climbing, swinging and sliding.

If you have questions or would like to donate, below is the contact information:

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**Living Gulf Coast by Charles Sobczak**

River Otter (*Lutra canadensis*) Other names: common otter / Status: FL=stable but extirpated in 11 states and endangered in 13 more, IUCN=LC / Life span: to 20 years / Length (including tail): 26-42 in. (66-106 cm) / Weight: 11-30 lb (5-14 kg) / Reproduces: near water in suitable dens; will often use another animal's burrow or find natural holes in riprap and tree roots / Found: diurnal in all six counties.



There are 12 species of otters worldwide. The mammal appears on every continent except Australia and Antarctica. The largest of the freshwater species is the giant otter of the Amazonian basin, weighing up to 66 pounds; the shorter but heavier sea otter of the north Pacific coastline can weigh up to 90 pounds. Throughout its range, otter populations are declining as a result of continued habitat loss and the harvesting of its meat and fur.

The only aquatic member of the weasel family, the otter is renowned for its playfulness. Curious and entertaining to observe, it is a favorite at zoos and aquariums. Children seem to gravitate to the otter naturally, as they do with the dolphin. In the wild, the otter is far less playful but is still known to slide down a muddy embankment repeatedly or engage

in other behavior that can only be described as having fun. Aside from primates, the sea otter is the only mammal known to use tools when harvesting food.

The diet of the river otter is largely made up of fish, both fresh and saltwater species. It prefers slower-moving fish such as gar, panfish, and catfish, but will catch just about any fish it can. It also eats crawfish, horseshoe crabs, frogs, coots, ducks, beetles, and on rare occasions, muskrats and marsh rabbits.

An otter is capable of holding its breath for up to four minutes, diving as deep as 60 feet and swimming as fast as six-miles per hour. Its fur is so dense that its skin never gets wet. Young otters, even though they are born with webbed feet and will eventually spend most of their lives in the water, must be taught how to swim by their parents. The otter is very vulnerable to water quality issues and will quickly abandon any polluted lakes or streams. Poor water quality has been a major factor in the otter's decline worldwide.

The river otter is slowly being reintroduced into states where it once was plentiful, including Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Nebraska, New Mexico, North and South Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Tennessee, and West Virginia. It was formerly found in all of these states, but over the past few centuries has been trapped for its high-quality fur, causing localized extinctions. Most states now protect the otter.

The otter is preyed upon by alligators, bobcats, coyotes, and wolves. Because of its unusual method of running, arching its back high into the air as it runs, it is very vulnerable to automobile collisions. Oil spills are especially troublesome for the otter. The Exxon Valdez spill in Prince William Sound killed more than 1,000 sea otters and dozens of river otters within days.

By and large the otter is a rare sighting. It is most often spotted in the early mornings and at dusk. Sadly most of the otters we see are those who have been killed in automobile collisions. The best locations to find river otters are in areas with multiple freshwater ponds, where you can sometimes see them crossing over from one body of water to another. In Florida, where otters are protected, the species is making a strong come back. Many coastal otters were severely impacted by the 2004 and 2005 hurricane seasons and 2017 hurricane season, populations along the coast are currently lower than normal.

*Editors Note: There are otters in the Everglades! We have spotted otters crossing Highway 29 and in the canal the runs alongside of the Tamiami Trail. The best way to spot one is to look for their arched back while running on land.*

*Photo Credit: River Otter Family by Heather Green*



**Fish in the 10,000 Islands With**

**Capt. Mike Merritt**

Snook fishing continues to be on fire here in the Ten Thousand Islands. The big females have shown up in large numbers on the outside to spawn and things are shaping up for a good spawn this entire summer.

We are getting the rains we need and there is plenty of baitfish for them to feed on. Looking forward to a Snook filled future.

We are blessed with arguably the best Snook fishery in the world. If you get in on the action and catch these big fish take the time to revive them properly.

Take care about Sharks this time of year also. Both while fishing for Snook, but also while releasing them. If a big Shark shows up I will quit fishing the spot rather than sacrifice these big breeders, and I hope you will too.

The fish seem to be cooperating on both tides as long as the water is moving. We are catching them in a variety of areas. From shallow water to deep holes. From oyster bars to sand bars.

These big fish are roaming around and looking to take advantage of easy prey. From top water lures to rattletails, they will hit a variety of baits right now. Live baits are a sure way to get some action and the bigger the bait, the bigger the fish right now.

Redfish are still around too. These guys prefer Shrimp or shrimp scented baits. Baits fished along the bottom will get more Reds. Jigs and buck tails tipped with shrimp will be your best bet. And using these you will catch a variety including Snook.

Seatrout are also still being caught. Even with the warmer water temps they are still on the flats. But we are also catching them up around the islands. Jigs and DOA Shrimp on a cork will always do the trick. Whatever you decide, the summer fishing will provide you with lots of action. So, get out and enjoy! Good luck fishing!

~Capt. Mike Merritt

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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**

**Real Estate Transactions & New Constructions in Area**



Almost two years removed from our area's unwelcomed visitor (Hurricane Irma), the area is experiencing some positive momentum.

As reported in a previous edition, the Glades Building in Everglades City has been sold. The buyers are Craig & Bonnie Woodward. Renovations are underway and they expect to open the Everglades Café in the Fall.

Several new homes are under construction as well. On Riverside Drive, Coach Kim Helton is building a beautiful home at 403 Riverside Drive.

The Gemma family who currently have a place at the Captains Table recently purchased the old home at 308 Allen Avenue. This home has the double lot with the large banyan tree in the front yard along the river. The Gemma's will be constructing a new home on that site.

The Mayberry's are building their new home on Copeland Avenue. The concrete block structure is up, the roof is on and much progress is being made each day! We are so happy that this family is getting their new home...they have been displaced since Irma.

The Ivey House construction is coming along. The new wing is now dried in and the roof and siding should be going up soon.

Bob and Terri Cull put up a beautiful, large home along Tarpon Creek. This is a modular home...that looks nothing like any modular home we have ever seen!

"Sold" signs are going up all over town. This is a very good sign and indication that real estate is finally moving again in the area. Congratulations to all of the new property owners and to those under construction or in the middle of renovations.

**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: [www.evergladesmuseum.org](http://www.evergladesmuseum.org)**

**1st Baptist Church Educational Series "The Apostles Doctrine" A 22-Week Series Wednesday Evenings @ 6:00 PM**



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**EATERIES & AREA WORSHIP**

**Angler's Cove, Port of the Islands**

(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):**

Deli Closed. Marina is open.  
Live bait available at marina

**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) (Private)**

7:00 am – 9:00 am; daily (for guests only)

**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):**

We are Closed for Summer  
See You in October

**MARKETS**

**Right Choice Supermarket (695-4535):**

Open 7 days, 9 am to 7 pm

**Grimm's Stone Crab (695-3222):**

Closed Until October

**Fresh Produce**

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See listing under "markets"

**SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES**

**Chokoloskee Family Church**

Sunday: 10 am Sch., 11 am Worship  
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

**1<sup>st</sup> 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**

Closed for Summer, See San Marco

**St. Finbarr Catholic Church, Naples**

Phone: 239-417-2084

**San Marco Catholic Church, Marco Isl.**

239-394-5181

**BARRON RIVER TIDES**

LAT: 25.87° N LONG: 81.37°W

7/13/19	Sat	2:07 AM	2.2	H
7/13/19	Sat	7:41 AM	0.84	L
7/13/19	Sat	12:39 PM	2.99	H
7/13/19	Sat	8:38 PM	-0.06	L
7/14/19	Sun	2:56 AM	2.23	H
7/14/19	Sun	8:32 AM	0.86	L
7/14/19	Sun	1:24 PM	3.06	H
7/14/19	Sun	9:23 PM	-0.12	L
7/15/19	Mon	3:31 AM	2.25	H
7/15/19	Mon	9:18 AM	0.85	L
7/15/19	Mon	2:04 PM	3.11	H
7/15/19	Mon	10:06 PM	-0.15	L
7/16/19	Tue	4:00 AM	2.26	H
7/16/19	Tue	10:00 AM	0.84	L
7/16/19	Tue	2:40 PM	3.13	H
7/16/19	Tue	10:46 PM	-0.15	L
7/17/19	Wed	4:29 AM	2.3	H
7/17/19	Wed	10:41 AM	0.82	L
7/17/19	Wed	3:16 PM	3.11	H
7/17/19	Wed	11:26 PM	-0.11	L
7/18/19	Thu	5:02 AM	2.34	H
7/18/19	Thu	11:21 AM	0.81	L
7/18/19	Thu	3:52 PM	3.06	H
7/19/19	Fri	12:04 AM	-0.05	L
7/19/19	Fri	5:37 AM	2.4	H
7/19/19	Fri	12:00 PM	0.8	L
7/19/19	Fri	4:31 PM	2.97	H
7/20/19	Sat	12:40 AM	0.04	L
7/20/19	Sat	6:14 AM	2.45	H
7/20/19	Sat	12:40 PM	0.79	L
7/20/19	Sat	5:14 PM	2.85	H
7/21/19	Sun	1:16 AM	0.16	L
7/21/19	Sun	6:53 AM	2.49	H
7/21/19	Sun	1:22 PM	0.77	L
7/21/19	Sun	6:00 PM	2.69	H
7/22/19	Mon	1:52 AM	0.3	L
7/22/19	Mon	7:32 AM	2.51	H
7/22/19	Mon	2:10 PM	0.75	L
7/22/19	Mon	6:52 PM	2.51	H
7/23/19	Tue	2:27 AM	0.45	L
7/23/19	Tue	8:14 AM	2.53	H
7/23/19	Tue	3:11 PM	0.72	L
7/23/19	Tue	7:54 PM	2.33	H
7/24/19	Wed	3:07 AM	0.6	L
7/24/19	Wed	8:57 AM	2.55	H
7/24/19	Wed	4:20 PM	0.64	L
7/24/19	Wed	9:09 PM	2.17	H
7/25/19	Thu	3:57 AM	0.73	L
7/25/19	Thu	9:40 AM	2.59	H
7/25/19	Thu	5:24 PM	0.51	L
7/25/19	Thu	10:25 PM	2.08	H
7/26/19	Fri	4:57 AM	0.84	L
7/26/19	Fri	10:24 AM	2.65	H
7/26/19	Fri	6:22 PM	0.36	L
7/26/19	Fri	11:44 PM	2.07	H

Colby Kevin Singletary



Colby Kevin Singletary, 18, passed away unexpectedly in a tragic car accident. He enjoyed Boating, 4 Wheeling, and most of all, being with his Friends &

Family.

He was an amazing athlete who had a passion for Football and Wrestling. Colby was a 2x State Champion and a Star Linebacker for **Palmetto Ridge High School**. He wore his BEARS colors with pride and loved his Coaches and Teachers. Colby was Fearless, Adventurous, and most of all, a Great Leader!

He loved helping others in need and brought a smile to everyone's face. He will be missed by many!

He is survived by his Father (Casey Singletary), Mother (Niki Singletary), Sister (Brooke Singletary), Brothers (Cody & Chase Singletary), Uncles (James Singletary & Chris Daffron), Aunts (Alyssa Singletary, Tammy Daffron, Tracey Mccauley, Kim Llewellyn, Lexi Englant & Joy Greim), Grandparents (Charles & Cathy Singletary), (Judy & Mike Frye), (Lynn Daffron), (Deborah Singletary) and many cousins.

There will be a Celebration of Life on Saturday **July, 13th from 4:00pm-7:00pm at the Collier County Fairgrounds.**

Please wear Fishing or Palmetto Ridge attire in honor of Colby. In Lieu of Flowers and Food there will be a Scholarship Fund set up in Colby Singletary's name. Also, there will be a donation box available at the Celebration of Life.

*The Singletary family has deep roots in the Everglades City area. We are all grieving with you at this very difficult time.*



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