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SEPTEMBER 21, 2019 - OCTOBER 5, 2019

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EVERGLADES CITY NOTICE OF ELECTION

An Election will be held on Tuesday, November 26, 2019 for the purpose of filling the following positions:

- ◆ Office of Mayor
- ◆ Council Member
- ◆ Council Member

For more information please call Dottie Joiner at City of Everglades at 239-695-3781.

3rd Annual Fishing Tournament Benefits Everglades City School September 21st

The 3rd annual Hook'em in the Glades fishing fundraiser will take place on September 21, 2019!

Here are the tournament details:

◆ September 20, 2019 CAPTAIN'S MEETING: - Captains' meeting will be at Everglades Isle, located at 803 Collier Ave, Everglades City, Captain's Check-in & Happy Hour starts at 5:30pm.

◆ SEPTEMBER 21, 2019: - Photo Fishing tournament begins at 7:00am. Boat check-in is between 1:00-3:30pm at Everglades Isle, located at 803 Collier Avenue (lighthouse).

www.hookemintheglades.com

FALL IS IN THE AIR...CRAB SEASON IS ALMOST HERE! The Annual Blessing of the Fleet Celebration is on September 28th



We love Septembers in the Everglades area. Yes, the weather is hot. But when September comes, the fishing is hot too. Anglers are catching Snook, and crabbers are getting ready. The commercial docks are busy this time of year as the captains prepare their boats and their crew for the crab season ahead.

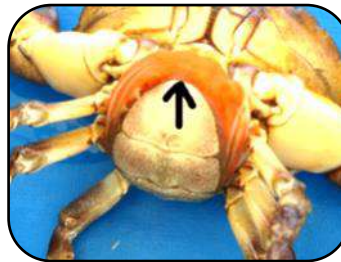
At all times of the day, and sometimes night, you can hear the crews working and preparing their traps. At this time of year we are all feeling hopeful. The crab season ahead may be a good one.

No one really knows, but the buzz about town is all positive. The tourist season should be strong. Our water is clean and our towns are ready.

We are two years removed from Hurricane Irma and the area has bounced back. I'd say "all the way back" but there are still a handful of people still working on getting their new homes built, so I will save that statement for next year. But this year, it'll be different.

We have some new buildings, and new businesses getting ready to open this season. We still have the most amazing sunsets on a nightly basis. We are still one of the best kept secrets in all of Florida...but the stone crab is not a secret. It is a highly sought after delicacy.

Did you know that The Florida stone crab (*Menippe mercenaria*). is found in the western North Atlantic, from Connecticut to Belize, including Texas, the Gulf of Mexico, Cuba, The Bahamas, and the East Coast of the United States? The stone crab can also be found in and around the salt marshes of South Carolina and Georgia.



Stone Crabs eat oysters and other mollusks, carrion, sea grass and other crustaceans. Females reach maturity after about two years. According to the FWC website, Females are only able to mate immediately after a molt, or when the crab sheds its smaller shell, while their shells (exoskeletons) are soft. Female molting and mating occurs in the fall (mostly September through November). Females retain the sperm received during the fall mating season for up to a year, or until the next season's molt. Sperm is stored in two sacs over the winter and used

during the following spring and summer spawning season to fertilize the eggs of each sponge.

It is not legal to harvest a female carrying eggs. Females carrying eggs are to be returned to the water unharmed. Egg sponges can be orange (see above) or brown.

Stone Crabs are sold from October 15 to May 15.

Photo: Female stone crab with orange egg sac (sponge), from www.myfwc.com.

For more information go to: www.myfwc.com.

Blessing of the Fleet Event Schedule:

10:00 am- Arts & Crafts booths open
 10:30 am- Blessing of Fleet by Pastors
 11:00 am- Kids contests, bake sale, music, frog races & fun for the family.
 Noon -Guava cake contest
 12:30 pm- Contest winners announced

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SEPTEMBER 22, 2019 — OCTOBER 26, 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Sept. 22	23	24	25 Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8a	26	27 Fishing Tourney, See p. 3	28 New Moon Blessing of Fleet See p. 1 & 3 Tourney, P. 3
29	30	October 1 City Council Mtg 7 pm	2 Ladies Coffee Island Café, 8a	3	4	Rapper 5
6	7 ESHP Mtg., 8:30 am	8 Safe Community Night, CCSO	9 Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8a	10 Lions Club, Pernas' House, 6 pm, Pot Luck	11 Museum Event, See p. 3	12 Core Outdoors, 10 am—1 pm. See p. 3
13 Full Moon Moonlit Tram Tour, see p. 10	14 Columbus Day	15 Stone Crab Season Opens! Get Crackin'?	16 Ladies Coffee Havana Café, 8a	17 Museum Event, See p. 3	18	Rapper 19 Bike Tour, See p. 8
20	21	22	23 Ladies Coffee Island Café, 8a	24	25	26 Swamp Walk, See p. 10

Nov. 13: School Book Fair, see p. 5 Nov. 15: ESHP Talk Nov. 16: Art-in-Glades
 Nov. 21: Book Club, see p. 6 Nov. 26: Election Day Nov. 28: Thanksgiving Dec. 7: Art-in-Glades

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: 2nd Thursday of Month
 MUSEUM: Open Monday-Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm. 239-252-5026
 PANCAKE FLY-IN: Closed for summer
 REACH OUT: 3rd Thursday of month, 4 pm
 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

OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SNOOK SEASON—DATES ***CORRECTED***

September 1st—December 14th

Snook season is now open. Last issue we had an incorrect date for the close of the current season, we apologize! 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/>

MUSEUM LECTURE SERIES

"From Collier Laundry to Collier Museum"

**October 11th
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.

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, 239-252-5026.**

Romp in the Swamp Fishing Tournament Sept. 26. & 27

Come join us for some great fun on Friday, followed by some even greater fishing on Saturday!

Kick-Off party on 9/27 for Team Angler Registration in the Port of the Islands hotel lobby. Raffle tickets to go on sale during the buffet, prior to the Captain's meeting. Sign up online: www.RompInTheSwampNaples.com

BLESSING OF THE FLEET Saturday, September 28th



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Make your plans to come out and support our local crabbers & fishery. This is a great time to show your appreciation to those who get up at 3 am to make sure we have the seafood that makes our area (almost) famous.

**Drug-free Collier
CORE Outdoors Event
October 12th, 10 am to 1 pm
Everglades Community Center
Join in on the fun! Win prizes!
Scavenger Hunt Challenge:
Download the official flyer at:
<https://swflgo.com/core-10-12-2/>**

COMMUNITY SERVICES

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October 15th, 8 am to 4 pm**

The Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida's Health & Smiles Mobile Dental Bus will be in Everglades City on **October 15th**, 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 239-202-7005.

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 Thursdays. 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 Schuldt

September 11th is officially recognized as **Patriot Day**, and is remembered globally as the anniversary of the catastrophic terrorist attacks on the United States of September 11, 2001.

Today, 18 years later and a generation ago, many not old enough to remember the attacks while even today dozens of first responders continue to lose their battle from illnesses associated with the attacks.



On that day 2,977 people lost their lives; 246 victims on the four planes, 2,606 in New York City in the World Trade Center and on the ground, and 125 at

the Pentagon. These included 55 military personnel, 343 firefighters, 60 police officers, 8 Emergency Medical Technicians and 3 Court Officers who all sacrificed their lives in the face of a cowardly enemy who so savagely attacked thousands of innocent victims, leaving thousands without mothers and fathers, sister and brothers, children, parents and loved ones.

There were 75 Fire Department of New York (FDNY) firehouses in which at least one member was killed. The FDNY also lost its department chief, first deputy commissioner, one of its marshals, one of its chaplains, as well as other administrative or specialty personnel.

121 engine companies, 62 ladder companies and 27 fire officers were deployed to the World Trade Center. All off-duty firefighters were recalled — the first time the FDNY had issued a total recall in over 30 years. In addition to the regular fire apparatus, and personnel assigned to the incident, the FDNY also deployed its only Haz-Mat unit, its mobile command center, its field communications unit, all five rescue units and high-rise units, six of its seven squad units, and one of its two tactical support units.

And so, to all who so selflessly gave their lives for the good of their fellow man and woman on September 11, 2001, with their tasks completed, their duties well done, their loved ones left behind, their last alarm sounded, let's always remember those who protect your freedoms each day, and those who lost their lives on September 11, 2001; firefighters, law enforcement, servicemen and civilians. Never take your security and safety for granted, appreciate the men and women in uniform, your parents and family, as you enjoy the freedoms of the United States of America.

FLORIDA DEER SEASON OPENS WITH NEW ANNUAL BAG LIMIT

The 2019-2020 hunting season is already underway in south Florida's Zone A and will soon be opening in the other three hunting zones. This season, there are new statewide rule changes that hunters need to understand, especially when it comes to hunting deer.

NEW ANNUAL BAG LIMIT ON DEER

"There is now a five-deer annual bag limit, of which no more than two may be antlerless. This applies to all hunters and is the maximum number of deer that any one hunter may take in the state throughout the entire deer hunting season," said Cory Morea, FWC biologist and deer management program coordinator.

Deer harvested on licensed game farms/hunting preserves and those taken through the deer depredation program, private lands deer management program, and antlerless deer program permits do not count as part of a hunter's five-deer annual bag limit. However, antlerless deer taken on wildlife management areas using antlerless deer quota permits/tags do count toward a hunter's five deer (of which two may be antlerless) annual bag limit.

"This annual bag limit was developed through extensive collaboration with staff and stakeholders and aligns with the goals and objectives outlined in our Commission-approved strategic plan for deer management," Morea said. "It is intended to improve hunting opportunities by encouraging harvest among more hunters as well as greater selectivity while helping maintain a healthy and reasonably balanced deer herd."

Until now, Florida was the only state in the Southeast without a specified annual bag limit.

NEW HARVEST REPORTING REQUIREMENT FOR DEER HUNTERS

All hunters, regardless of age or license requirement, must now log their harvested deer prior to moving the deer from the point where the hunter located it. They can do so using the new FWC Deer Harvest Reporting App or a paper deer harvest log.

The app is called "Survey123 for ArcGIS" and can be downloaded for free onto a mobile device, such as a smartphone or tablet, from the Apple App Store, Google Play Store or Amazon AppStore. At MyFWC.com/HarvestReport, hunters can learn how to find and download the app and install the FWC Deer Harvest Report Form. In addition, there's a separate set of instructions for using the app. Once a hunter inputs the required data in the app and successfully submits the harvest record, a confirmation number will be saved in the hunter's "sent" folder within the app, and the log/reporting process is complete. If no cell service or Wi-Fi is available, the harvest record will be saved in the "outbox" folder and the hunter may send the report once service is available.

If hunters do not have a mobile device or, if hunters prefer, they may choose to log their harvest on a paper deer harvest log. The FWC provides a courtesy deer harvest log that hunters can print from MyFWC.com/HarvestReport. If hunters use a paper harvest log, they will need to report their harvest by either calling the toll-free Deer Harvest Reporting Hotline at 844-392-DEER (3337) between 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. ET or by using the FWC Deer Harvest Reporting App. A confirmation number will be given once successful submission is completed, and hunters must write that number on their paper harvest log to complete the harvest reporting process.

The reporting step must be done within 24 hours of harvest, before final processing of the deer, before any of the deer is transferred to a meat processor or taxidermist, or before leaving the state with the deer.

Deer harvested on licensed game farms/hunting preserves or those possessed that were killed by motor vehicles do not have to be reported.

"When hunting deer, hunters are encouraged to keep their harvest log or mobile device with them to avoid delays in moving their harvested deer," Morea said.

Having an FWC customer ID number is helpful when reporting a harvested deer. Hunters exempt from license requirements who do not have a customer ID number can obtain one by going to GoOutdoorsFlorida.com and clicking "Create Customer Account" before going hunting.

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A Note From Principal Dr. Cherie Allison

Everglades City School is hard at work! We have already had a Positive Behavior party for students with perfect attendance as well as a Character trait celebration for the month of September. September's trait is patriotism!

News from our own media center specialist Melisa Owen :

The Everglades City School FALL Scholastic Book Fair will be held on November 11- 14, 2019!

Join us as we celebrate literacy with our fall Scholastic Book Fair. The fair will open Monday, November 11 through Thursday, Nov. 14, 2019. The daily hours will be 7:30 am – 3:30 pm. Thursday, November 14, the fair will conclude at noon!

Our annual family & friends "Books and Breakfast" event will take place on Wednesday Nov. 13 from 7:00 am – 8:00 am!

EVG is in need of teacher classroom book basket sponsors! Please support literacy at EVG by sponsoring new books from the book fair to go in the teachers' classroom libraries and the media center! Our teachers will hand select perfect books for their students from the fair. These books will be placed in a basket with the teacher's name/grade. Please stop by the media center or call, (239) 377-9810, to purchase one or all of our teacher basket books! This is an incredible opportunity for our teachers to replenish their classroom libraries! All book sales benefit EVG's library! Thank you!

Lastly, our athletic teams are doing amazing! Please come out and see the Lady Gators volleyball teams and see if you can "catch" our cross country!!

CLASSROOM RECOGNITION!



Ms. Finer's 8th grade class is hard at work! This class has been announced as a model classroom!



Ms. Clark's class is understanding the magic of science through skittles!!!

Go STEAM!



Ms. Owen took the time to celebrate our wonderful summer readers with surprise gifts!



Mr. Mayberry's 5th grade class wrote their hypothesis for this EXPLOSIVE science project!

Mullet Rapper Donations to Everglades City School ~\$1800 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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This year's titles are excellent so we expect a lively discussion at each meeting. We hope to see you there! All meetings start at 9:30 am. If you have any questions, please email Diann Lock at: DLock333@yahoo.com.

Book Club Schedule

November 21st

Before We Were Yours

by Lisa Wingate

hosted by Patty Huff

December 19th

Euphoria by Lily King

hosted by Dianne Pollack

January 16th

My Stroke of Insight by Jill Bolte Taylor

hosted by Elaine Middelstaedt

February 20th

The Swamp by Michael Gunwald

hosted by Geri Freiburger

March 19th

Educated by Tara Westover

hosted by Linda Williams

April 16th

Beneath a Scarlet Sky by Mark Sullivan

hosted by Diann Lock



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My Little Slice of Paradise
by Kathy Brock

September 21 was my fathers birthday. I am thinking about him because it is the date of this edition of the Mullet Rapper.

My father passed away in March 2016 at the age of 92. My mom died many years earlier in 1994 at the age of 70. I never felt that I got to know her as an adult, she was gone way too soon. That was not the case with my father. We knew each other very, very well.

It is hard to believe he has been gone three years now. I recall when he died how empty it felt to be without a living parent. Even though I was well into my 50's, I felt like an orphan.

The daily phone calls and conversations we once had were no more.

The ability to bounce ideas off of him was no longer an option.

Making a meal and having him gush over it would never happen again in my time left on earth. Life would never be the same again. I was an orphan.

March 18, 2016 marked the day when my "new normal" began. I had been independent my entire life, but somehow losing my father made me feel a bit like a ship without a rudder for awhile.

We were close when I was a child, and even closer as time passed. My life with Tim was intertwined with Dad as he started living with us in 1995.

Dad taught us as a couple how to do so many things. Building stuff. Repairing things. Puttering around in the yard, FISHING and BOATING. These are all things I/we learned from Dad.

He came from an era, and from a family that did things for themselves. Calling a handyman was not an option. If something broke, you figured out how to fix it and that was before Google and YouTube videos!

Dad would've loved the "how to" videos on YouTube. That was him all the way. He was super stubborn, yet understanding. He was very, very intelligent. As he aged, electronics frustrated him. He was never much of an "inside the house" person anyway. His life, like mine, is enjoyed outdoors.

We used to marvel at how some of our neighbors (on the East Coast) spent so little time outdoors. Every day we did something outside. Then, on the weekends, we would find ways to spend even more time outside.

I recall fishing in the 60's & 70's with my dad. I loved going on the boat with Dad and older brother. I was the dedicated driver as the guys manned the trolling rods...ready to act when the big hits happened. Before we would go in for the day, Dad would stop at the reefs so I could make some easy catches. Snapper, grunt, and grouper were so plentiful. Those were the days.

Looking back I feel so fortunate that my parents exposed us to so many of nature's wonders. They invested time into showing us as much as possible. My father used to say it was important to be well rounded. He stressed that having a wide knowledgebase is paramount to being independent.

My parents raised two very independent children. My brother was the more studious child, I was more of a rebel and was responsible for most of the parental headaches.

We had two caring and involved parents at home who engaged with their kids. Thanks Mom & Dad. Yes. Those were the days...

Island Life Recipes

Barley Salad

By Kathy Brock

- ✕ 3 cups cooked barley (al dente)
- ✕ 1 cup finely chopped celery
- ✕ 1 cup finely chopped carrot
- ✕ 1/2 tsp. garlic powder
- ✕ Salt & fresh pepper to taste
- ✕ 3 tbs. red wine or cider vinegar
- ✕ 2 tbs. olive oil



✕ Cook and chill the barley. The day or 2 before is fine. Put chilled barley in a large bowl and set aside. Using a food processor (or a good knife), finely chop fresh carrots and celery. Add fresh and all other ingredients into chilled barley. Toss and let sit for 30 minutes, toss again and serve.

✕ You can add other veggies to taste (peppers and zucchini are really nice). Toss in feta cheese and sliced black olives for a Greek twist. It's great with any meat and very satisfying. Enjoy!

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Across

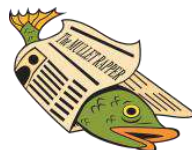
- 1 Workout woes
- 7 Kind of stock option
- 10 Go bananas
- 11 "--- neither and you say neither..."
- 13 Pay back
- 14 Fermented rice drink
- 15 Pork or beef
- 16 Evita's successor
- 18 Isn't slang
- 20 One may be fat
- 21 Leaves port
- 24 Starts the show
- 26 Cribbage marker
- 27 Hawkeye state
- 29 Becomes violently active
- 31 Dull to learn by
- 35 Roman aloha
- 36 Aviator Earhart
- 38 On one's rocker?
- 39 German children
- 40 Escaped cons go on it
- 41 Remodels

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- 1 Happy one
- 2 Wander aimlessly
- 3 " ... take arms against --- of troubles" (Hamlet)
- 4 Type of health
- 5 Porky is one
- 6 Bierkeller mug
- 7 Its most famous landmark does not look normal!
- 8 Working OK
- 9 Bamboozle
- 12 Shrill cries
- 17 Store afloat
- 19 ___ / ___ live or Memorex?
- 21 Detailed requirements
- 22 Forward pass
- 23 Large herbivorous lizard
- 25 Immediate ancestor
- 28 Honshu port
- 30 Composition in verse
- 32 Ye --- Tea Shoppe
- 33 Layer of a wedding cake
- 34 We have two
- 37 .001 inch

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Every day presents us with a fork in the road. We can either go down the darker way of negativity or we can walk into the light of positive thinking. If we try to start positive each day, we can reap the benefits of having a happier, healthier and more productive day. That is the theme of my poem today called "Traveling Road."



Let's all travel down a positive road today
Let positive thoughts pave our way
It's the best way to go in life
Let's all try and avoid the daily strife
If we think positively every day
Something good can pave our way
We can also turn to family and friends
Their advice can help us be better off in the end
We aren't meant to go through life alone each day
We need a helping hand to pave our way
We are all in this life together
Let's help each other to make things better
Together we can achieve happiness each day
Let's open our hearts to others to help pave the way
Each day there are stepping stones on the Traveling Road
If we walk along together, we can ease our load.



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FREE GUIDED BIKE TOURS
Bike Rides Through the Everglades

Come join us again this season as we tour different parts of the Everglades, some on road and some off road within our National Parks and Preserves.

These tours are free and guided. As in the past, we will be riding for the fun of exploring the Everglades area.

The bike tours will be self-supported rides so be sure to bring your own snacks and repair kits.

We will be meeting at 9:00 a.m. with plans to have lunch together after each ride.

This year we will be offering the bike rides on SATURDAY rather than Sunday so please mark your calendars!

Also, we are asking that you sign up in advance so we can prepare for the number of participants. Just email info@evergladesrogg.org or call 239-719-0020 to let us know if you plan to join us!

Schedule of Rides

- October 19.....Shark Valley
- November 9.....Port of the Islands
- December 7.....Everglades City & Chokoloskee
- January 11.....Janes Scenic Drive in the Fakahatchee
- February 8.....Loop Road in Big Cypress
- MarchBear Island in the Big Cypress

Please email info@evergladesrogg.org or call (239) 719-0020 for more information.

Florida Panther Update



There have been 17 panther remains recovered in 2019. Fourteen of the deaths were caused by vehicles, three deaths were due to other causes.

All of the deceased animals were found in either Lee, Hendry or Collier County.

On a positive note, three litters have been documented so far this year. Each litter contained two kittens, of which 4 are female and two males.

Panthers are most active at dawn and dusk so please be careful driving at those times of day. If you see an injured panther or animal, call 888-404-3922, or call *FWC or #FWC.

AG William P. Barr Announces
Corey F. Ellis as Acting Director of the
Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys

Note: Dr. Roy Frazier Ellis taught at EVG from 1968 to 1975. His son, Corey (see article below), attended Everglades City School as an Elementary School Student!



Attorney General William P. Barr today announced that Corey F. Ellis has been named Acting Director of the Executive Office for U.S. Attorneys (EOUSA). Ellis is filling the position that has been held since December 2017 by James A. Crowell IV, who was nominated by President Donald Trump and confirmed by the U.S. Senate to serve as a judge on the Superior Court of the District of Columbia.

Prior to this appointment, which will be effective September 16, Ellis served in several positions in the Office of the Deputy Attorney General, including Chief of Staff to Deputy Attorney General Rod J. Rosenstein. Before joining the Deputy Attorney General's office, Ellis was the First Assistant United States Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Western District of North Carolina, where he began as an Assistant United States Attorney in 2005. During his tenure in the United States Attorney's Office, Mr. Ellis handled a range of cases including organized crime, computer hacking and intellectual property, international money laundering, public corruption, violent crimes, financial fraud and capital crime cases.

"I look forward to continuing to work with Corey in his new role as Director of EOUSA," said Attorney General Barr. "As a career prosecutor with a stellar record, he brings a wealth of experience and knowledge about the United States Attorneys' community to the job, and I am confident he will help continue to build upon our many successes in enforcing the rule of law, deterring crime, and bringing criminals to justice."

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Living Gulf Coast by Charles Sobczak

White Ibis (*Eudocimus albus*) Other names: Chokoloskee chicken, Spanish curlew / Status: FL= species of special concern, ICUN=LC / Life span: to 16 years / Length: 21-27 in. (53-68 cm) / Wingspan: 38 in. (96 cm) / Weight: 2.3 lb (1 kg) / Nests: throughout Southwest Florida in large colonies / Found: All Counties, coastal, near coast, mainland / Months found: JFmamJJASOND (lower case indicates nesting and breeding season)



Although statewide the population of the white ibis is in decline, this unmistakable bird is found abundantly throughout Southwest Florida. Its long de-curved beak and its legs turn bright red when the white ibis is in breeding plumage. The distinctive black tips at the end of each wing when in flight make it an easy bird to identify. The juvenile is a mottled brown, similar in coloration to an adult limpkin. On the mainland you can sometimes find a similar species, the glossy ibis, which is the same size and shape but a dark blue-brown color similar to an oil slick. The immature glossy looks

virtually identical to the immature white ibis.

The ibis was a particular favorite with early Florida homesteaders, producing an edible breast slightly larger than that of a popular game bird, the ruffed grouse—hence the nickname Chokoloskee chicken. Ibis were hunted throughout Florida well into the 1950s. Even today it is an easy bird to approach and still is hunted illegally in certain areas.

The white ibis feeds on fish, frogs, crabs, insects, and small reptiles. It mates for life and generally nests in large colonies with other wading birds. It is preyed upon by alligators and eagles, and its nesting sites are raided by raccoons and bobcats. Its predominant threat statewide is habitat destruction.

Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*) Other names: black curlew, bronze curlew / Status: FL = increasing, IUCN = LC / Length: 19-26 in. (49-66 cm) / Wingspan: 34.5-41 in. (88-105 cm) / Weight: 1.1-1.75 lb (500-800 g) / Life span: to 21 years / Nests: throughout SW Florida / Found: All Counties, near coast, mainland / Months found: JFMAMjjASOND (lower case indicates nesting season).



Like the cattle egret's natural migration, the glossy ibis probably made its way to this side of the Atlantic from Western Africa via the trade winds or possibly caught up in hurricane winds. It was first seen along the northern edge of South America and has been expanding its range ever since. The glossy ibis is the most widespread ibis species in the world, with populations in Europe, Asia, Africa, Australia, South America, and North America.

Similar in behavior to the cattle egret, the glossy ibis is rapidly acclimatizing to urban and suburban developments. This adaptable bird can often be found foraging along the grassy fringes of parking lots, ball fields, and agricultural areas. The North American population is still expanding, moving into coastal Georgia, South Carolina, and all the way north into Maine.

The brownish immature glossy ibis can easily be mistaken for an immature white ibis. Both birds achieve adult plumage within the first year, however, after which it is all but impossible to confuse the two. The glossy ibis is slightly smaller than the white ibis. Both birds wield distinctive de-curved bills, which they use to ferret out insects, crayfish, grasshoppers, snakes, and grubs. They use these long, slender bills to probe deeply into soft, damp soil in search of prey. Unlike the white ibis, the glossy ibis is rarely found along the coastal beaches, preferring the near-coastal and mainland regions of Florida.

The glossy ibis nests in colonies of other herons and egrets. Its nests are subject to predation by snakes, raccoons, bobcats, opossums, and rats. The adult bird is taken by alligators, great horned owls, and bald eagles, but its reproductive abilities are such that the statewide population is still increasing. Its exceptionally long life span, up to 21 years, is also a factor in its ability to flourish.

Charles Sobczak is a writer and photographer from Sanibel Island, FL. He wrote the guides Living Sanibel and Living Gulf Coast and other titles.

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**Everglades Backcountry Experience
Captain Rodney Raffield**

Capt. Rodney here with some more fish stories for all of my Mullet Rapper friends...



Fishing this past month has been incredible with great numbers of Snook and Reds being caught in the Islands as well as the outside points.

It has not been uncommon for my clients to have 50 fish mornings on Reds and Snook combined, albeit they are running on the small side. That being said, we have managed limits on Reds most every trip this past month.

We are in the rainy season which calls for a good early morning start if your goal is to get the best bite as well as not get wet.

Also, all the fresh water has the fish pushed out of the Backcountry and onto the oyster reefs and outside points.

Trout have still been on the slow side for us but there have been enough around for us to manage a Trout dinner most Charters.

We are catching these fish best on Wiffelure and Zman paddle tails and don't be ashamed to tip with shrimp if needed.

This pattern should hold up until the rains slow down and fish should start working their way to the back by late October.

So get out there and take advantage of the wide open water before our northern friends come back to join in on the fun. Till next time tight lines my friends.

~Capt. Rodney Raffield

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Vermont has its leaf-peepers. Munich has Oktoberfest. Here in South Florida, we celebrate the fall season with swamp walks in the

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) of 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

MUSEUM NEWS

Visit the Museum of the Everglades to See Incredible Artwork & Artifacts

Summer is a great time to visit the beautiful Museum of the Everglades. The museum routinely changes their feature displays, so you will want to schedule multiple visits each year to see why we are the County's most popular museum!

The Museum is open daily from 9 am to 4 pm and is located at: 105 W. Broadway, Everglades City. www.colliermuseums.com
Visit: www.evergladesmuseum.org

FAKAHATCHEE NEWS

Oct. 13 Moonlit Tram Tour Kicks off Fall Friends of Fakahatchee Adventures

The Friends of Fakahatchee will offer their first tour of the 2019-2020 season the evening of Sunday, October 13 with their Moonlit Tram tour. The three-hour tour lets visitors experience Florida's largest state park under the illumination of a full moon. The Moonlit tours sell out rapidly, so early reservations are essential. Additional tours are offered Nov. 11 and 12 and Dec. 11 and 12, as well as next year. The tour starts at 5 pm.

The 20-passenger tram is high and dry and will provides an excellent platform for viewing park features by moonlight. City-dwellers will be amazed at how their vision changes as their eyes adapt to the light the moon provides.

Experienced naturalists lead each tour and demonstrate communication with denizens of the night, including fireflies, bats and owls. The tram is wheelchair accessible and some seats face backwards. Participants will be required to sign a standard release of liability form.

For complete details and reservations at \$35 per person, visit us online at www.orchidswamp.org and click "Tours and Adventures."

For information call 239-695-1023.

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For general information call 239-695-4111.

For reservations call 239-695-4758.

Stargazing in the Everglades Meteor Showers Light Up the Sky



Southern Taurids: Next period of activity: Now through November 20th.

Next Peak - The Southern Taurids will next peak on the Oct 9-10, 2019 night. On this night, the moon will be 87% full. Next Peak night Oct 21-22, 2019.

Orionids: Next period of activity: October 2nd to November 7th.

The Orionids are a medium strength shower that sometimes reaches high strength activity. In a normal year the Orionids produce 10-20 shower members at maximum.

Geminids: Next period of activity: December 4th to December 17th.

The Geminids are usually the strongest meteor shower of the year and meteor enthusiasts are certain to circle December 13 and 14 on their calendars. This is the one major shower that provides good activity prior to midnight.



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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):

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

Havana Café (695-2214):

Opening for Season October 15th!
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):

We are Closed for Renovations
We Will Reopen in October!

Rod & Gun (695-2101):

11:30 am - 8:00 pm; daily

Triad Seafood & Café (695-2662):

Opening for Season October 1st!
Hope to See You Then!

MARKETS

Right Choice Supermarket (695-4535):

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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

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

Closed for Summer, See San Marco

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San Marco Catholic Church, Marco Isl.

239-394-5181

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9/21/19	Sat	1:46 AM	1.07	L
9/21/19	Sat	6:40 AM	2.85	H
9/21/19	Sat	4:01 PM	0.42	L
9/21/19	Sat	9:49 PM	2.37	H
9/22/19	Sun	2:36 AM	1.18	L
9/22/19	Sun	7:46 AM	2.83	H
9/22/19	Sun	5:14 PM	0.35	L
9/22/19	Sun	11:10 PM	2.41	H
9/23/19	Mon	5:11 AM	1.21	L
9/23/19	Mon	9:53 AM	2.88	H
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9/24/19	Tue	12:22 AM	2.52	H
9/24/19	Tue	6:26 AM	1.13	L
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9/24/19	Tue	7:18 PM	0.18	L
9/25/19	Wed	1:12 AM	2.67	H
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9/25/19	Wed	12:30 PM	3.29	H
9/25/19	Wed	8:11 PM	0.13	L
9/26/19	Thu	1:49 AM	2.82	H
9/26/19	Thu	8:18 AM	0.8	L
9/26/19	Thu	1:27 PM	3.5	H
9/26/19	Thu	9:00 PM	0.12	L
9/27/19	Fri	2:21 AM	2.96	H
9/27/19	Fri	9:06 AM	0.59	L
9/27/19	Fri	2:18 PM	3.64	H
9/27/19	Fri	9:45 PM	0.17	L
9/28/19	Sat	2:51 AM	3.09	H
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10/4/19	Fri	2:07 AM	1.05	L
10/4/19	Fri	6:42 AM	2.98	H
10/4/19	Fri	3:06 PM	0.3	L
10/4/19	Fri	9:11 PM	2.43	H

Obituary
John Webb 1944-2019



John Webb was born October 2, 1944 and passed away Wednesday, September 4, 2019 surrounded by his family at home in Orlando, Florida. He married his wife Cheryl on July 23, 1966 and they have been married for 53 years. With his love of electronics and airplanes, he started Orlando Avionics in 1983. His favorite thing to do was go fishing in Everglades City, which he started doing in 1977. He loved fishing there so much, he bought a condo at the Captain's Table in 1983. He and his wife have served on the condo association boards since 1993.

John is survived by his wife Cheryl Webb, two children and their spouses (Troy & Melanie Webb and Todd & Tara Webb Christensen), and four grandchildren (Rody Webb, Riley Webb, Carter Christensen, Cole Christensen). John was an avid fisherman and introduced his kids and grandkids to his love for the 10,000 islands.

This area will be his forever home. John's passions will continue with his family and friends and he will be deeply missed by all those he touched.



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