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Reader Responds to Weed-Killer Article & Offers Natural Solution

In the last edition of The Mullet Rapper, I discussed the use of the chemical Glyphosate, the primary ingredient in the popular weed-killer Roundup®.

One of our readers, Hannah Ineson, wrote us to share her effective, and far less toxic, solution that uses mostly natural ingredients. Here is her recipe:

- 1 gallon white vinegar
- 2 cups Epsom salts
- 2 Tbs liquid dish detergent (I use unscented ones)

You need a pail to mix this, or make a half recipe at a time. Be sure the salts are completely dissolved. Put in spray bottle and spray on any plant you want to eliminate. It is best to do it at the beginning of a sunny day when rain is not forecast for a day or so.

White vinegar can be used in many home remedies from cleaning mirrors and glass to freshening up your laundry after a fishing trip or as a cleanser for the countertop.

Best of all, white vinegar is very affordable and non-toxic. Below is link to find more uses for white vinegar in the household.

We thank Hannah for the useful tip!

<https://www.tipsbulletin.com/vinegar/>

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).

◆ Junior Angler SHORE DIVISION must check-in by 2:00pm.

◆ Awards Ceremony at 3:30pm
◆ \$200 Boat Registration 2-5 Crew Members. Captain and Crew will fish for the longest Snook, Redfish, and Seatrout in 2 divisions: Adult and Junior Angler (18 and under)

◆ \$50 Student Boat Registration
CCPS students that have their own boat may enter this category with a signed release from their parent or guardian.

◆ \$50 On-Shore Student Registration (18 yrs. & younger)

www.hookemintheplades.com

The Bahamas Need Help... But Not Furniture Yet

The residents of the Bahamas are reeling after Hurricane Dorian sat atop their island chain for over 48 hours without moving.

Seeing some of the early photos is an eerie reminder of what we went through only two years ago when Irma slapped our coastline.

Undoubtedly, the amount of damage we had will pale in comparison to a stronger storm that stalled for two days.

They will need a lot of help to rebuild their islands. And, our experiences should help make the process easier if anyone is paying attention to those of us with such experience.

When this type of destruction happens, there is a natural urge to want to do something. We know the people are hurting.

But remember when we went through this. In the immediate aftermath, what is needed first are ways to clean up the mess and to dispose of it. There is no place for people to store new beds, furniture and the like. What they need now is food, water, medicine, feminine products, baby supplies, food, gloves, bleach, and other cleaning supplies.

Temporary housing will be needed so the displaced families have somewhere to sleep while their original homesteads are being repaired or rebuilt. A relocation effort for families who can go elsewhere will also be required

Labor to do all of this work will need to be mobilized to help and money and other resources are needed to sustain the effort.

There are many wonderful people and organizations that will lend a hand. It will take several years to return the islands hardest hit to any sense of normalcy.

The Red Cross is accepting donations for Hurricane Dorian relief. If you would like to help, you can donate online at www.redcross.org.

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SEPTEMBER 8, 2019 — OCTOBER 12, 2019

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
September 8	9 ESHP Mtg., 8:30 am	10	11 Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8a City Council Mtg. 7 pm	12 Lions Club Mtg 6 pm	13	14 Full Moon
15	16	17 ReachOut, 4 pm P & Z Mtg, 7 pm	18 Ladies Coffee Island Café, 8a	19 Museum Event, See p. 3	20	Rapper 21 Fishing Tourney, See pgs. 1 & 3
22	23	24	25 Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8a	26	27 Fishing Tourney, See p. 3	28 New Moon Blessing of Fleet See p. 3 Tourney, P. 3
29	30	October 1 City Council Mtg 7 pm	2 Ladies Coffee Island Café, 8a	3 Museum Event, See p. 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	12

Oct. 14: Columbus Day
 Oct. 15: Stone Crab Season Reopens
 Oct. 26 & 27: Swamp Walk, p. 10
 November 15: ESHP Talk
 November 16: Art-in-Glades
 November 28: Thanksgiving

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.
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UPCOMING EVENTS

SNOOK SEASON IS NOW OPEN



September 1st—February 29th

Snook season is now open. 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 *Florida Pirates, Fact or Fiction?*

September 19
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. Next Talk: Florida Pirates, Sept. 19th.**

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

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

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.



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

COMMUNITY SERVICES

FREE DENTAL, BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENINGS & BEHAVIORAL HEALTH INFORMATION FOR ALL September 17th, 8 am to 4 pm

The *Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida's Health & Smiles Mobile Dental Bus* will be in Everglades City on **September 17th**, 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

The Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) program educates volunteers about disaster preparedness

for the hazards that may impact their area and trains them in basic disaster response skills, such as fire safety, light search and rescue, team organization, and disaster medical operations. CERT offers a consistent, nationwide approach to volunteer training and organization that professional responders can rely on during disaster situations, which allows them to focus on more complex tasks. Through CERT, the capabilities to prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters is built and enhanced.

Since 1993, CERT has impacted communities across the country, building essential skills and capabilities to prepare for and respond to any disaster. There are now CERT programs in all 50 states, including many tribal nations and U.S. territories; each unique to its community but all essential to building a culture of preparedness.

There are over 2,700 local CERT programs nationwide, with more than 600,000 individuals trained since CERT became a national program.

Local CERT programs have been a part of the Greater Naples Fire Rescue District community for many years. The Veronawalk, Winding Cypress, and Naples Reserve communities are examples of local success stories. These communities have active teams prepared to respond to the needs of their community during times of disaster including wildfires, hurricanes, or other significant weather events.

Whether you live in a private community or not, you may participate in the CERT program. The Fire District recently initiated monthly training meetings in effort to establish a District-wide team. Members of existing teams or individuals with no experience are welcome to attend and become part of the Greater Naples District-wide CERT. Meetings are held on the second Thursday of the month. Detailed meeting information can be found on the District's website calendar at GNFD Public Calendar.

The Community Emergency Response Team program will train volunteers to prepare for the types of disasters that our community may face. Learn how to safely respond to manmade and natural hazards, help organize basic disaster response, and promote preparedness by hosting and participating in community events.


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SAWFISH NEWS by Tonya Wiley, Havenworth Coastal Conservation
International Sawfish Day is October 17th

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Sawfishes are considered one of the world's most threatened elasmobranchs (sharks, rays, and skates) and yet few people know about these amazingly unique animals. There are five species of sawfish in the world and all are assessed as Critically Endangered or Endangered on the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN) Red List of Threatened Species.

International Sawfish Day is an annual event held on October 17 to raise

awareness for these spectacular rays and to highlight the threats they face in order to safeguard their future. Founded by the European and American Associations of Zoos and Aquariums and the Sawfish Conservation Society, the first International Sawfish Day was celebrated in 2017.

To celebrate International Sawfish Day participating organizations from around the world including public aquaria, conservation agencies, and research facilities hold celebrations and events, share messages and images on social media, and help spread the word about sawfish. Social media posts using the official hashtag #IntlSawfishDay and interactive events at public aquaria and zoos reach hundreds of thousands of people in the days leading up to, including, and following International Sawfish Day. In addition to the awareness generated for sawfish, International Sawfish Day raises funds for sawfish field research programs and helps strengthen the collaborative relationships between the public aquarium community and research and field conservation organizations.

On October 17, 2019 the third International Sawfish Day will be celebrated online and at events at aquariums, museums, zoos, schools, and other institutions and organizations around the world. The American Association of Zoos and Aquariums will coordinate a fundraiser to contribute to sawfish research. Information about events and the fundraiser can be found at www.InternationalSawfishDay.org.

Want to get involved? Resources are available from the Sawfish Conservation Society to help you celebrate in style or host your own event and increase your knowledge about all five species of sawfish. You can print posters and handouts and discover fun sawfish craft ideas. You can also buy an official International Sawfish Day t-shirt to proudly wear on October 17, and any day, to promote the conservation of sawfishes. Information about scheduled events and other International Sawfish Day resources can be found at www.SawfishConservationSociety.org and the Sawfish Conservation Society Facebook public group at www.facebook.com/groups/91335002341.

Tonya Wiley, President
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Tax-deductible donations to help us continue our mission to promote the sustainable use and conservation of marine resources through research, outreach, and education can be made at <https://www.oceanfdn.org/donate/havenworth-coastal-conservation>

Photo of sawfish by Tonya Wiley

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Everglades City School in Action
By Assistant Principal Ed Laudise



Sports Update: The "Mighty Gators" kicked off the 2019-2020 school athletic season with a Lady Gators Varsity win at Lely High School on 8-20. On 8-22 the Lady Gators stomped Gulf Coast High School at a home game and on 8-27 our varsity girls lost a heartbreaker to Donahue after our up-and-coming JV team shellacked Donahue's JV squad. Meanwhile, the Gator Runners kicked off their season on 8-24 at the Kings' invitational in Fort Myers where Sophomore Morgan "Wheels" Herrin took 9th place overall and the Gentlemen Gators captured 3rd place overall. Athletic Director Coach Whitcomb remarked, "Both volleyball and cross country have started with an unprecedented work ethic and team spirit." For example the cross country team hosts practices in every morning and evening. On Fridays they play Ultimate Frisbee.



The Lady Gators Ready for Donahue



The Everglades School Booster Club



Coach Whitcomb & Dr. Allison watch as the Lady Gators Prepare to Play

Everglades City School September Sporting Events
9/9 HS Volleyball vs. GGHS Home
9/10 HS Volleyball vs. MIA Home
9/10 MS Volleyball vs. MICMS Home
9/12 HS Volleyball vs. Mason Home
9/14 Cross Country vs. Everyone Triton
Invitational
*Home games are scheduled to start at 4:00 PM.
Admission is \$5.00. Please note the schedule is subject to change. Please call 239-377-9800 with questions. Thank you for your support.

In Other School News...

On 8/14 Everglades City School welcomed Superintendent Dr. Patton who remarked that she was impressed with the comradery and academic achievement of our school. On 8/28 Mr. Matt Miller from St Louis orchestrated day 2 of the Leader in Me Program. Thanks to community support the school has embarked on its journey to become one of about 300 lighthouse schools throughout the world. This process takes up to 4 years and embraces a continuous improvement model. Lighthouse schools have a proven track record of exceeding expectations. A special thanks to Newk's Eatery and Ms. Monique Owens for providing staff an appreciation luncheon on 8/28/19.

Mullet Rapper Donations to Everglades City School \$1700 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!

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CITY COUNCIL HIGHLIGHTS

September City Council Update

On September 3rd, the City Council met to discuss several items on their agenda.

The Council approved a millage increase (rate) on City's portion of the property taxes. The new rate will effectively raise rates by 13%. This will raise only the amount that falls under "Municipality" which was in section "C" on last years tax bill.

The Council proposed an increase on the dock leases. The City was asking for a \$1 increase per foot, plus a nominal increase for the cost of insurance. Council member Vicky Wells opposed the \$1 increase stating that many are still trying to recover from storm damage, and adding that the crabbers income was down across the board. The ordinance passed without the \$1 increase, however the increase in the cost of insurance will be passed along to the dock lessee.

The council approved an increase on the monthly charge for water and sewer. The average bill will go up about \$30 for residents and \$40 for businesses. This increase will also impact the cost of water on the docks.

City bookkeeper, Tammie Pernas explained the reason for the increases is to comply with DEP's request that the City bring water charges to rates that reflect the actual cost of providing the service. The increases will better position the City to obtain loans, and more importantly, grant monies. The City is seeking a 100% grant for the construction of a new sewer plant. The Rapper will include more information on the grants as it becomes available. The next council meetings will be held on 9/11 & 10/1.



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My Little Slice of Paradise
by Kathy Brock

Watching the extremely slow movement of Hurricane Dorian made me wonder how dolphins, manatees, turtles and other sea creatures and sea life fare in a hurricane. So I looked to see what happened to them after other storms and hurricanes.

Not surprisingly, the creatures know what to do when trouble is brewing. Many animals can tell what is about to occur from the changes in the atmospheric pressure. Changes humans cannot detect, the animals can.

Manatee survive rough conditions by riding out storms in cays or canals. They only surface when necessary. By Crystal River, known as one of the collection points for manatee, some manatee were found in ponds or areas they could not escape from after Hurricane Michael. Thanks to some caring individuals, the manatee were taken back to the river where they swam away safely.

Spiny lobsters are known to "march" single file after a dramatic atmospheric pressure change, it is a phenomena called "queueing". After Hurricane Andrew in 1992, off of the Broward County coast, the lobsters were spotted marching north. Soon the word got out and lobster divers took to the waters finding the usually hidden creatures out in the open and on the move.

Today, because the population of the spiny lobster is much lower along the coastline, this same phenomena may not repeat itself in the aftermath of Dorian.

Sea Turtles, dolphins and whales typically move to deeper water where they are able to ride out the storm fairly safely.

Animals that live nearshore are in peril during a hurricane. After Hurricane Andrew, an estimated 9.2 million reef dwelling fish and animals perished. The turbidity of the water kicks up sand and dirt in the shallows which can clog up the gills of fish.

The corals are also in danger. In the Caribbean, scientists estimated an decline in coral population by 17% or more after major storms.

Personally, Tim & I witnessed what Andrew did in south Broward county along the reefs. Places where we would regularly go scuba diving were completely changed. We saw large brain corals upended (dead). Others were completely covered by new sand dunes. Wrecks we once dove were either covered or moved or destroyed.

Growing up in Broward, I recall going to the beach with my parents after storms to collect shells that were washed ashore. The giant blue land crabs would be marching to higher ground after the rainfall on the roadway. I can also recall the ocean's waves breaking on the balcony of the Hollywood Beach Hotel where over 200 feet of beach sand and shore once existed (it was restored).


The fury of a hurricane is not only felt by the human inhabitants, it is something that affects everything in its path.

Even though Florida was spared the brunt of Hurricane Dorian, the shoreline and some of the corals will sustain significant damages.

Obviously, anything we are dealing with right now pales in comparison to our neighbors in the Bahamas who are still feeling the effects as of this writing.

The Caribbean is incredibly beautiful with its topaz-blue water, beautiful corals and shorelines. Unfortunately, it is also in the hurricane belt, just like we are. There is definitely a steep price to living in paradise.

Island Life Recipes
Savory Scallops
By Kathy Brock



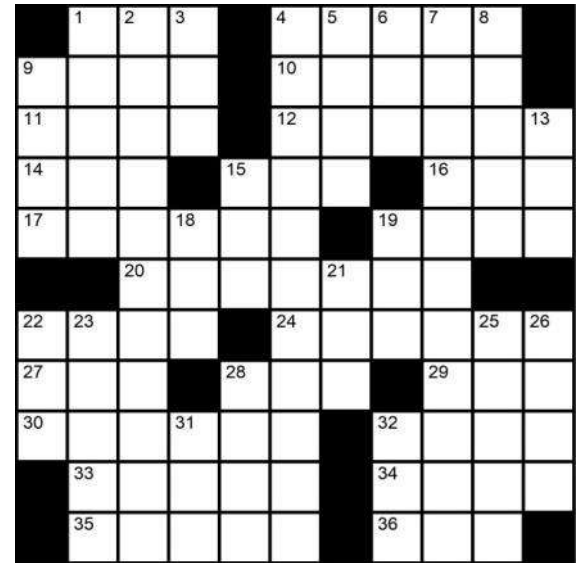
Ingredients:
 ✕ 12 large sea scallops
 ✕ 1/2 pound bacon diced
 ✕ 1 tbs. fresh basil chopped
 ✕ 1 tbs. fresh parsley chopped
 ✕ 1/2 large onion chopped
 ✕ 3 cloves garlic chopped or 1/2 tsp. powder
 ✕ 1 stick butter

Directions:
 ✕ Pat dry scallops and set aside. Cook bacon until crisp and set aside.
 ✕ Keep 1 tbs. of bacon grease and discard the rest. In a large pan, melt butter and add basil, parsley, onion, garlic and bacon grease, cook until tender. Add in scallops (or crab, shrimp, fish, whatever) and cook until tender. Served over rice is delicious. We also like to have a bit of cocktail sauce (Easy: Ketchup, horseradish to taste and a dash or two of Worcestershire sauce) on the side. Yummy!

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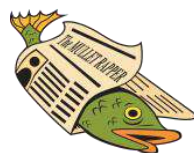
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The beauty of nature is something we cannot duplicate. Nature and the environment are unique. I wrote this poem called "Nature Time" to highlight the fact that we all must have respect for our environment and understand we are its caretakers.



NATURE TIME

It's time to have respect for nature in our land

We must take action in our own hands
 The beauty all around is fading away
 We must all work to save the day
 Respect for our environment is a must
 If not us, who can we trust?
 Our society must have urgent plans
 We cannot keep our heads in the sand
 Mother Nature is crying out
 The environment is hurting without a doubt
 Positive change can take place
 We must speed up the pace
 Nature needs a helping hand
 Change for the better is in demand
 Our environment is like a sinking ship in the ocean
 Let's be positive and get things in motion!



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EVERGLADES NATIONAL PARK



Monitoring Water Quality in Florida Bay

By Antonia Florio, Science Communications Liaison, Everglades National Park

Everglades National Park biologist Zach Fratto has many people's dream job, and he knows it. Fratto's work takes him out on Florida Bay often. I was lucky enough to tag along recently.

Our goal that day was to sample water quality in 14 sites. We covered more than 100 miles, going as far south as Long Key basin and as far west as First National Bank.



Captain Key basin was our first stop. We filled two brown, plastic bottles with water to test back in the lab. We got a low reading using the turbidity meter, not surprising because the water was pretty clear. Fratto used a water quality sounder to take other measurements such as dissolved oxygen, salinity, acidity (pH) and temperature. This data would later be logged and compared to measures from previous times in the same area.

And, then we were off to our next stop for more water quality sampling. Fratto collects this data every other month. Why? Seagrass die-offs that started in the mid-1980s prompted the park and others to start monitoring Florida Bay.

In 1987, fishing guides reported seeing a widespread die-off of seagrasses in Florida Bay. About 1990, almost 10,000 acres of seagrass were lost and an additional 55,000 acres affected. No one had ever seen anything like it. The fishing community took notice because there were a lot less fish, reduced water clarity and algal blooms.

Seagrasses form the foundation of Florida Bay, and their death caused the bay to become sick. Many people say that this was the final straw that prompted real conversations about how we needed to restore the Everglades.

The rate of seagrass die-off slowed substantially by 1990, and the seagrass eventually recovered and grew back. While small areas of seagrass die-off still occur, there were no significant die-offs until 2015. That year, 40,000 acres of turtle grass—one of three main seagrass species in central Florida Bay—died. It is still recovering.

What causes these seagrass die-offs? Scientists now know that these events are caused by a cascade of stressors that usually starts with high salinity and high temperatures, and ends with death by poisonous hydrogen sulfide.

"High salinity can occur when we're in a drought or when it's so hot that evaporation exceeds rainfall," said Christopher Kavanagh, marine ecologist for Everglades and Dry Tortugas National Parks. "The high salinity and high temperatures can work together to inhibit photosynthesis and decrease the water's capacity to hold oxygen. Under these anoxic conditions, bacteria in the sediment produce hydrogen sulfide, which can enter into the roots of the seagrass and rapidly kill the plant."

We know seagrass die-offs are a lot less likely if Florida Bay receives more freshwater. This will help prevent high salinity events.

"Additional clean freshwater, at the right time, into Florida Bay can help prevent future seagrass die-offs," Fratto said. "That's where Everglades Restoration projects, that deliver more water from Lake Okeechobee after it has been cleaned, come in. We need that water, especially during droughts and during the dry season."

Back on the boat, we finished sampling at our last location at around 1 p.m., plenty of time to get back to Key Largo to complete lab work.

The lab results will provide a snapshot of the overall health of the bay. Fratto and I filtered the water samples we collected for later nutrient and chlorophyll-a analysis. Measuring chlorophyll-a is particularly important because high concentrations are a signature of algal blooms, which can stress live seagrass by blocking out light.

Lab work finished, we started unpacking our materials. I pulled out a plastic water bottle. I had forgotten about it. We saw it floating in the water on our way to one of stops during the day.

It was a good reminder and a good way to end the day. All of us can do our part to help Florida Bay, whether that's measuring water quality or doing our part to keep it clean.

We want to hear from you! Email the author (Antonia_florio@nps.gov) if you have any feedback.

Photo: Everglades National Park biologist Zach Fratto uses a secchi disk, a way to measure turbidity or water clarity. NPS photo.

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Living Gulf Coast by Charles Sobczak

Killdeer (*Charadrius vociferus*) Other names: kildee, meadow plover / Status: FL=thriving because of its ability to adapt to urban environments, IUCN=LC / Life span: to 11 years / Length: 8-11 in. (20-28 cm) / Wingspan: 18-19 in. (46-48 cm) / Weight: 3.2 oz (90 g) / Nests: throughout SW Florida / Found: All Counties, coastal, near coast, mainland / Months found: JFmamjjASOND (lower case indicates nesting season).



Perhaps most famous for its loud, familiar call, killdeeahdeede, the killdeer's scientific name aptly describes its behavior: vociferous, meaning loud and vocal. Often found in pastures and open fields, the killdeer is a fairly large plover that frequents uplands, as well as beaches. Larger than the Wilson's plover, the killdeer is most easily recognized by its double-banded neck and its

distinctive call.

One of the most successful of all plovers, the killdeer is an example of an animal that not only has learned to adapt to the ways of man, but also flourishes in any number of urban or suburban environments. It nests in baseball fields, gravel rooftops, railroad yards, and scores of similarly unlikely locations. Because of this adaptation, the killdeer is prone to pesticide poisoning, and traffic and window collisions, among a host of other metropolitan dangers. Despite some losses, the killdeer population continues to expand its range, reaching all the way from the northern fringe of Chile to British Columbia.

The killdeer's diet consists almost entirely of insects, but it will also take small crustaceans and an occasional seed. It is a solitary nester and will feign a broken wing if you approach too near to its nesting locale. Its tiny chicks rely completely on camouflage to survive to adulthood. (Note: They can be easily seen running around Everglades City in open lots and fields.)

Belted Kingfisher (*Ceryle alcyon*) Other names: eastern belted kingfisher / Status: FL=stable to a slight decline, IUCN=LC / Life span: to 5 years / Length: 11-13.8 in. (28-35 cm) / Wingspan: 18.9-22.8 in. (48-58 cm) / Weight: 4.9-6 oz (140-170 g) / Nests: from northern Florida to the northern tier of North America from Alaska to Newfoundland / Found: All Counties, coastal, near coast, mainland / Months found: JFmamjjASOND (lower case indicates breeding and nesting season).



The distinctive loud and rattling call of the belted kingfisher generally announces its arrival or departure from a roosting site. A plunge diver that often hovers in the air studying its potential meal before diving, the kingfisher prefers freshwater to saltwater environments. This is a bird that has taken advantage of human activities

and can readily be found along highways where drainage swales and ponds have been dredged. The kingfisher is often spotted sitting on a telephone pole or power line over these small bodies of water waiting for an errant minnow or tadpole to get close to the surface,

The belted kingfisher is one of only a handful of avian species in which the female is more brightly colored than the male. There are 93 different species of kingfishers worldwide, including the famous Australian kingfisher, the kookaburra. The best places to find these birds locally are around inland lakes or along the banks of the rivers and streams.

The kingfisher lives year round throughout most of the United States, but some do migrate south during the winter months. Its nests are robbed by grackles, various snakes, and tree-climbing mammals, while the adult is taken by alligators and falcons. The kingfisher is unusual in that, like the cliff swallow, it digs tunnels and makes cavities in riverbanks where it builds its nests and raises its offspring. It is adapting well to human-designed changes in the landscape, and despite some regional losses, it is fundamentally successful.

Photos: Killdeer by Judd Patterson. Belted Kingfisher by Bob Gress. Charles Sobczak is a photographer and author from Sanibel Island, FL



Fishing the 10,000 Islands With Captain Mike Merritt

Snook season is here, and the big Snook are still biting. This has always been one of my favorite months as the big females are feeding after a good spawn and there are usually lots of smaller fish too! This makes for some great snook action.

Topwater lures in the morning is a great way to start the day. Then either sub surface lures or jigs will continue to produce. Live bait works all the time and there should be plenty of finger mullet available.

The Reds should also be feeding as the schools of migrating Reds will come into the coast in large numbers this month. These should be bigger fish this time of year, and they usually show up hungry! If you find a large school, you will be in for some fun as these guys can feed for hours.

The trick is to keep on working them once you find them. If you quit fishing them often times, they will just move on. The feeding gets the school fired up, especially since a lot of the time a hooked fish will throw up what is in his belly when hooked. This produces instant chum! They will stay as long as there is food.

For Seatrout this time of year I usually fish the grass flats. The DOA shrimp under a cork is the way to go. But sometimes a jig fish slow along the bottom will get more action this time of year. Fish close to the edges of the flats where it gets a little deeper and work your way up if nothing happens there.

Permit and Cobia will still be roaming around offshore, and wreck fishing can be awesome right now. There are still lots of sharks around both inshore and offshore. If you are losing fish to sharks most times you are better off to just leave the spot rather than kill some nice fish. Catch them another day!

Tarpon are still around, and you will see more of them showing back up this month. They love the Mullet run! Whatever you decide to do, September is a great month in the 10,000 Islands! Good luck fishing. I will miss most of September this year as I will be in Brazil with some of my clients fishing for the big Peacock Bass at my lodge! Enjoy and be safe! **Capt. Mike Merritt**

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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.

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Southern Taurids: Next period of activity: September 10th to 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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Havana Café (695-2214):

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

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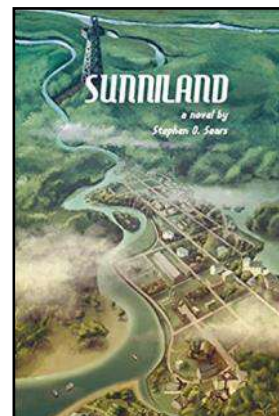
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Off the Shelf – Book Review

“Suniland”

by **Stephen O. Sears**

Reviewed by **Marya Repko**



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This new novel, set in the town of Everglades and further afield, tells the story featuring residents as well as wildcatters. There is plenty of local color and adventure plus descriptions of exploring for oil.

Author Stephen O. Sears is a retired professor of Petroleum Engineering at LSU but grew up on Florida’s east coast. He has written many technical articles and first got interested in U-boats when one was discovered sunken in the Gulf while he was on an oil field vessel.

This is a good read to distract us from current weather worries. Copies are available from Right Choice Supermarket and WinCar Hardware or on the author’s website www.stephenosears.com where you can read more about it.



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