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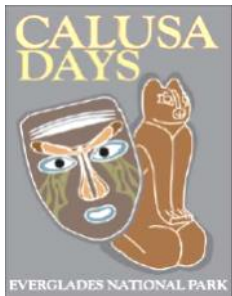


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FREE Event! Come out and Enjoy Calusa Days on March 24th



Help Everglades National Park celebrate Calusa Days by learning about the 10,000 Islands. Come discover how these fascinating islands have shaped many lives. Join us on Saturday, March 24, to learn about the amazing man who was born in Memphis 145

years ago, and changed the face of southwest Florida. Hear how he had a County named for him, and forged a road through the Everglades.

Local historian Marya Repko will give a free talk about her new book "The Story of Barron Collier" at 1:00 p.m. in the Chickee Hut at the Gulf Coast Visitor Center of Everglades National Park during "Calusa Days".

WHERE: Everglades National Park's Gulf Coast Visitor Center, 815 Oyster Bar Lane, Everglades City, FL 34139

WHAT to Expect: 10 am-3:00 pm engaging outdoor demonstrations, interesting activities, riveting storytelling, and many thought provoking programs.

WHO will be there: At 1:00 pm-2:00 pm hear local historian Marya Repko tell The Story of Barron Collier.

From 11:00 am-12:00 pm, see Florida Public Archaeology Network's, Mallory Fenn, archaeo-astronomy program and ancient stargazing presentation.

Community Easter Egg Hunt at McLeod Park

Saturday, March 31, 11 am



All kids are invited to hunt eggs divided into age appropriate groups. There will be treats to eat afterwards. Kids should bring a basket or other container to hold the eggs they find on the hunt!

Easter Sunrise Service Sunday, April 1, 7 am



The community Easter Sunrise Service at Everglades National Park. All local clergy will lead the service. Special music, coffee and donuts for everyone following the service. The service is sponsored by our local churches.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

Everglades Community Church

March 25 Palm Sunday Worship

11 am (Palm Crosses will be distributed)

March 29 Maundy Thursday

Communion Service 7 pm

March 30 Good Friday Service 7 pm

April 1 Sunrise Svc-ENP, 7 am

April 1 Easter Service, 11 am

Holy Family Catholic Church

March 30 Good Friday Service 3 pm

April 1 Sunday Mass 10:30 am

1st Baptist Church of Everglades

April 1 Lords Supper Service, 11:00 am

Chokoloskee Church of God

April 1 Easter Service 11 am

Copeland Baptist Church

April 1 Easter Service 11 am

Carolyn Thompson Is One Tough, But Very Sweet, Woman! (Yay! Win-Car is Reopening)

by Kathy Brock



I have had the pleasure of knowing Carolyn Thompson since we came to the City in 1993. When we first arrived having bought a "fixer upper" we made so many trips to the hardware store. Often two, three or more times a day.

What really made me realize it was different down here is when I forgot my wallet...and Carolyn said to just come back in...but take your items! That doesn't happen when you live in Broward county (where I was born & raised).

I have gotten to know Carolyn much better in recent years and marvel at how incredibly strong she is. 2017 was an extremely difficult year for Carolyn. The year started for her with back surgery. In March her son Gary tragically and unexpectedly passed away. In August she lost her son Derick to a long illness. Then in September she lost her store to the storm surge brought in by Hurricane Irma.

Amazingly, she kept going, fighting and vowing not to give up or give in. In January she volunteered for the Community Clean Up and worked with us the entire day picking up trash. I was blown away! How in the world does she do it?

Currently, Carolyn is working hard to get Win-Car ready to reopen. Thank goodness! Of course, after not having the store for 6 months we all know how incredibly important it is to us and the community. But personally, I am happiest because that means Carolyn is back. She is someone I look up to and respect tremendously. She reminds me of my mother that I lost in 1994. She is a role model and the kind of woman I aspire to be.

When Win-Car reopens, I encourage all of my readers to go to the store to say hello to Carolyn. Let her know how vitally important she is to the community. Show her by patronizing the store, buying items and going back again and again.

Sure, you may be able to go to a big box store to save a few cents, but do you really? Not when you factor in the price of gas and travel time into Naples.

Plus, for me there is something at Win-Car you just cannot get anywhere else, and that is Carolyn Thompson. She is a shining light in our community and I am proud to say that I know Carolyn and that she is my friend.

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MARCH 25, 2018 – APRIL 28, 2018

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
25	26	27 City Council Mtg on Docks, 7 pm City Hall	28 Ladies Coffee Havana Café 8 am	29 Maundy-Thursday	30 Good Friday No School	31 full moon ☉ Easter-Egg hunt, see front page
April 1 Easter Sunrise Service, 7 am ENP	2 ESHP Mtg., City Hall, 8:30 am	3 City Council Mtg., City Hall, 7 pm	4 Ladies Coffee Island Café 8 am	5 Book Club, see p.3	6	7 <u>RAPPER</u>
8 Bear Island Bike Ride, see p. 3	9	10 Collier School Board Mtg, EVG, 4:30 pm	11 Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8 am	12 Lions Club, Havana Café, 6 pm	13	14 Community Cleanup, see p. 3
15 new moon ●	16	17	18 Ladies Coffee Island Café 8 am	19	20	21 <u>RAPPER</u> FBA Meeting Pancake Fly-in, see p. 3
22	23	24	25 Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8 am	26	27	28 Tamiami Trail & Museum B-day see, p. 8

May 3: National Day of Prayer

May 12: 1st Responders Fish Fry

June 30: Independence Day Celebration

THRIFT SHOP: Reopened on March 24, 11 am to 3, see p.3.
 LIONS CLUB: 2nd Thursday of month, 6 pm
 DR DEMARTINO: Marco Island office information on p.3.
 DR MARTIN: Call for appointment: 813-787-9738
 AA: Wed., 5:00 pm, Evg. Comm. Church, Fellowship Hall
 MUSEUM: Open Monday-Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm. 239-695-0008
 CARNESTOWN Recycle and Trash: 2nd Saturday, 9 am to 3:30 pm

SKATING RINK: Closed until further notice
 REACH OUT: 3rd Tuesday, 9:30 am, location TBA
 LITTLE GATOR CLINIC: Not seeing patients at this time
 VETERANS SUPPORT: 2nd & 4th Wed. of month, noon—2 pm
 COMMUNITY CHURCH FOOD PANTRY: See p. 3
 SMALLWOOD STORE: 10 am to 5 pm
 PANCAKE FLY-IN: 4/21 at 10 to 12, E-City Airport

SHERIFF AT CITY HALL: Tuesdays, 2 to 5 pm
 CHAMBER OF COMMERCE: Mon–Thurs (9 am to 2 pm); Fri-Sat (9 am to 3 pm)
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What's Happening

In and Around Town



COME RIDE WITH US! April 8th

Join our group as we cycle through the beautiful Everglades.

For more information, please email info@evergladesrogg.org or call Patty at: 239-695-2397. You can also review the schedule online at www.evergladesrogg.org/events.

April 8 - Bear Island in the Big Cypress (off-road). Meet at Bear Island (end of Turner River Road).



Activities in the Park!

Everglades National Park Gulf Coast Visitor Center

Come out and learn about the plants and animals in Everglades National Park in these informative and fun events for the entire family. Please check the park website for additional dates and times at this web address: www.nps.gov/ever/planyourvisit/index.htm

Nature Talk: Meet at the picnic pavilion to learn about native plants and animals. Every Tuesday & Thursday from 4 to 4:30, through April 4th.

Nature Walk: Meet the staff at the picnic pavilion for this easy walk to learn about the native plants and animals. The walks take place each Tuesday & Thursday from 3:30 to 4:30 through April 4th.

Last Meetings of the Season!

Book-of-the-Month Club April 5th, 9:30 am



Join us as our annual book club meets for the final time this season at 9:30 a.m. to discuss an interesting title. For more details, contact Patty Huff at: 239-695-2397.

April 5: The Tale of Edgar Sawtelle, Hostess Diann Lock, 498 Collier Ave., phone: 812-361-7402.

PANCAKE FLY-IN BREAKFAST

April 21st, 10 am to noon

The pancake fly-in is hosting the final breakfast! Please join us on April 21 to meet and enjoy a free pancake breakfast with sausage and coffee. Of course, fly-ins are encouraged, and we welcome walk-ins as well! This is the last fly-in of the season so we hope to see you there!



DRY SEASON IS WILDFIRE SEASON

Please be aware that this is our dry season in southwest Florida and wildfires are very common at this time of year. There have been recent closures due to wildfire activity

You can call the national park service to verify that the park areas you are planning on visiting are safe for recreation. Contact Big Cypress National Preserve: (239) 695-1201 or go to the website: www.nps.gov/bicy/index.htm, click on "alerts."

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April 30th, 9 am to 4 pm

The Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida's Health & Smiles Mobil Dental Bus is scheduled to be in Everglades City on **April 30th** from 9 am to 4 pm, in the Fire Station parking lot, providing free dental, diabetes, blood pressure and behavioral health screenings. For more information or to make 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 of 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 to see him there: (239) 642-5552.



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THRIFT SHOP

The thrift shop is open! Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday from 11 am to 1 pm. Please do not leave donations on the porch outside where they can get wet or damaged! Please do not drop off damaged items.



Volunteer For the Great American Cleanup Collier County "Bay Days" Sponsored by the Everglades Lions Club April 14th, 8 am to 11 am

Keep Collier Beautiful, Inc. is organizing a county-wide clean up taking place on April 14th from 8 am to 11 am.



The Everglades Lions Club is sponsoring the cleanup in Everglades City, Chokoloskee, and Plantation Island.

Please come out and help us pick up any of the leftover trash from the storm and the reconstruction taking place throughout our communities. *We need volunteers on land and by boat!*

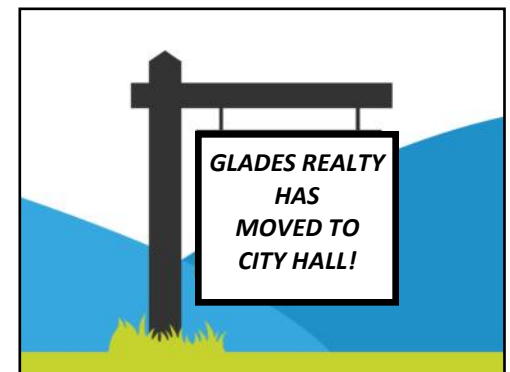
Volunteers will receive T-shirts, gloves and trash bags and lots of love from their fellow volunteers.

There are many areas of our community that still need quite a bit of attention, so please tell your friends to come too! If you are aware of areas that need our attention, please write it down and bring it with you so that we can be sure to get it done!

To sign up, please contact Tony Pernas. You may email him at tpernas@bellsouth.net to confirm your intention to participate in the clean up.


We look forward to seeing everyone there.

Let's Team Up to Clean Up Our Community! Bring Your Motivation and a Smile! We'll Provide the Rest!



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**Hook 'em In the Glades Fishing Tournament a BIG Success!
by Coach Jill Whitcomb**



Everglades City School is the smallest PreK-12 public school in the state of Florida with a student population of 196 students. We have a fantastic Booster Club that helps provide uniforms and equipment to our student athletes each year, but there are many other expenses that fall upon the school. Last January 2017, I was appointed the activities coordinator at Everglades City School. When I learned that we constantly had to do

fundraisers to help pay for operating expense such as umpires, referees, team entry fees, equipment rental for off campus facilities, and other such expenses, I decided to have one big fundraising event to raise money.

I wanted to start planning on upgrading needed equipment in the near future. Expensive expenditures such as our scorer's table and padded chairs for sports teams are in desperate need of being replaced when funds become available. We also wanted to look at purchasing banners to hang in our gym to honor sports accomplishments. These are just a few of the items I wanted to begin planning to purchase or replace. Although these items don't seem like much, for a small school like ours, these items are all long term planning items.

I planned the fishing fundraiser for Oct. 14, 2017, then Hurricane Irma hit! The devastation to our school and community was tremendous! We lost all our softball & baseball equipment, a large portion of PE equipment, our gym, music room, and art room. The school lost all chances of any revenue because we were unable to host home games. Our Booster Club lost their ability to raise funds because there were no concessions. With almost 40% of our student population displaced, the need for funds was even greater than anticipated.

This fishing fundraiser is unique for many reasons. First, it takes place in one of the most beautiful parts of Florida, Everglades City and the 10,000 Islands. Next, it was marketed as a family friendly event to benefit our school. The adult prizes were donated by our very own world renowned, Clyde Butcher! We had both adult and junior angler divisions. We had 38 boats sign up with over 120 anglers of which 38 were youth! The captains meeting was held at a local restaurant, Camellia Street Grill, which sustained major damage in the hurricane! This fundraiser not only helped raise funds for our athletic department, but also helped bring people to our community and local businesses that are continuing to work through the recovery process. Hook'em in the Glades was not just about our school after Irma, it was about the healing process that our community continues to work through.

Planning for the 2nd Annual Hook'em in the Glades is already underway! We look forward to many years of great fellowship, fishing, and fundraising!

**Mullet Rapper Donations to Date
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Remember, the Mullet Rapper donates 100% of the proceeds from the sale of the print edition of the paper! When you see the coin receptacle, please put your quarter (or more) into the slot!

Every quarter you donate is helping students achieve their goals. School athletics help students receive grants and scholarships and are also shown to help keep students focused and on track with their studies!

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Collier County Supervisor of Elections Accepting Scholarship Applications Until March 29

\$1,200 Scholarship Opportunity Being Offered by the FSASE

Jennifer J. Edwards, Collier County Supervisor of Elections, is accepting applications for a scholarship opportunity until Thursday, March 29. The Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections (FSASE) is offering three \$1,200 scholarships to eligible Florida residents enrolled or accepted as full-time students in a senior college or university in Florida.

Applicants must be Political Science, Public or Business Administration, or Journalism/Mass Communication majors who have finished two years of junior college or undergraduate work. Students should also demonstrate a financial need.

The scholarship applications and guidelines are available at www.CollierVotes.com, or can be obtained at the Collier County Supervisor of Elections Office located at 3750 Enterprise Avenue, Naples, FL 34104.

Completed applications and two letters of recommendation must be submitted by **5 p.m. on March 29** to the Supervisor of Elections of the county in which the applicant is registered to vote. Each county's Supervisor will review the applications received and select one finalist to be sent to the FSASE Scholarship Committee. The committee will announce the scholarship recipients at the FSASE 2018 Summer Conference.

FSASE is a statewide, professional organization of 67 county Supervisors of Elections, dedicated to "supporting fair, honest and accurate elections in the state of Florida."

For more information visit www.CollierVotes.com or contact the Supervisor of Elections office at (239) 252-VOTE.

TAXING THINGS

by Mike the Tax Guy

Things to Remember When Considering Early Withdrawals from Retirement Plans

Many taxpayers may need to take out money early from their Individual Retirement Account or retirement plan. Doing so, however, can trigger an additional tax on early withdrawals. They would owe this tax on top of other income tax they may have to pay. Here are a few key points to know:

- ◆ **Early withdrawals.** An early withdrawal is taking a distribution from an IRA or retirement plan before reaching age 59½.
- ◆ **Additional tax.** Taxpayers who took early withdrawals from an IRA or retirement plan must report them when they file their tax return. They may owe income tax on the amount plus an additional 10 percent tax if it was an early withdrawal.
- ◆ **Nontaxable withdrawals.** The additional 10 percent tax doesn't apply to nontaxable withdrawals, such as contributions that taxpayers paid tax on before they put them into the plan.
- ◆ **Rollover.** A rollover happens when someone takes cash or other assets from one plan and puts it in another plan. They normally have 60 days to complete a rollover to make it tax-free.
- ◆ **Exceptions.** There are many exceptions to the additional 10-percent tax. Some of the rules for retirement plans are different from the rules for IRAs.
- ◆ **Disaster Relief.** Participants in certain disaster areas may have relief from the 10-percent early withdrawal tax on early withdrawals from their retirement accounts; this applies directly to Everglades City and other hurricane disaster losses.

School Schedule:

March 30: No School, Good Friday

April 10: School Board Meeting, 4:30

May 25: Graduation

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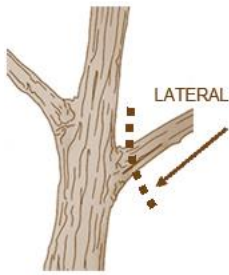
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My Little Slice of Paradise
by Kathy Brock

Spring is here and that means our primary growing season is approaching. In our area of SW Florida, we sustained significant damage from the flooding and winds brought in by Hurricane Irma. Obviously, this impacted our homes...but it also did quite a number on the landscaping.



Now is a good time to go out and get things ready to thrive over the summer months. A good place to start is to look for damaged limbs and branches and remove any that are not healthy. Cut them back to the main (lateral) branch and do not leave a small "stub". It is also a good time to prune back anything that is overgrown, so get that out of the way as well.

The rains will start soon so that means it is a good time to plant any new shrubs or trees. You will want to find plants that are salt tolerant and tolerant of wet conditions that do not drain well. A good guide is to look around to see what is still thriving in our area and copy that! Many plants will not do well in our soggy conditions during the summer, and others will die if or when they get inundated with salty water.

You can expect the landscaping to get wet again with saltwater when we get the spring tides in the next few months. Recall that two weeks after Irma we got a pretty high spring tide that brought in quite a bit of salt water. That pretty much wiped out anything that was still hanging on by a thread after Irma.

- The roots of salt-tolerant plants are adapted to salt concentrations that would quickly destroy the root hairs on most plants
- The leaves of these plants have specialized cells that pump salt out of the plant tissues and onto the leaf surfaces, where it is washed off by rain

Another consideration is putting plants in planter boxes. This is what I have done, and all of our trees survived the flooding because they were elevated in this way. (We lost our Gumbo Limbo but not due to water, Irma just ripped it right out of the ground and deposited it elsewhere!)

There are many types of planters you can build. We used lawn timbers from Home Depot or Lowes and then lined the inside with tar paper and plastic before adding the soil. This helps slow any wood rot by keeping the soil directly off of the lumber.

When you add soil, use a good mix of potting mix and cow manure. You can get both of these at the garden center. This gives your plants a good, nutrient-rich start and you will see a difference in the growth and productivity of them.

If you are planting trees, make sure you consider how large they will be and judge the size of the box you will need accordingly. The roots will spread out and down, so you will want a large enough box to accommodate the size of the mature plant.

These planters are also great for vegetable gardens and annual flowers! The flood actually helped get rid of unwanted weeds in the ones I use for this and it did not impede the production in the vegetables at all this season.

Getting the yard looking good again was very therapeutic for us. It gives you a sense of normalcy and accomplishment no matter what is going on inside! Choose plants that are easy to maintain and suitable for our environment. It will make your gardening life much more rewarding. Enjoy the spring & get planting!



Recipes for Good Eating

Submitted by Joyce Hatton
Squash Casserole

Ingredients:

- 4 cups sliced & chopped yellow squash
- ½ cup chopped onion
- Sleeve of Ritz or other crackers crushed
- 1 cup shredded cheddar
- 2 eggs beaten
- ¾ cup milk
- ¼ cup melted butter
- 1 tsp salt, ground pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoons butter

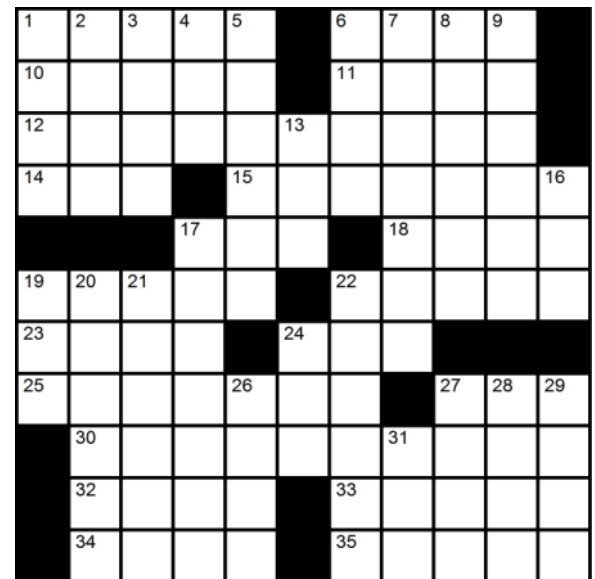


Directions:

- Preheat oven to 400°. Put squash and onion in a saucepan with a small amount of water and cook for about 5 minutes. Remove, drain and place in a large bowl. In a medium bowl mix the cheese and crumbs together and put ½ of the mixture in the bowl with the squash and mix well. Add the beaten eggs and milk and then spread the entire mixture in a buttered 9 x 12 pan. Top with the remaining cracker & cheese mixture and dot with the 2 tablespoons of butter. Serve warm and enjoy!



MULLET RAPPER CROSSWORD



3/24/18

Across

- 1 Pass through Congress
- 6 Shot on the ice
- 10 --- Lama
- 11 Slay
- 12 Nonphysical
- 14 As well
- 15 Menu at the edge
- 17 Cyst
- 18 Trick
- 19 No later than
- 22 Outmoded
- 23 Sassy
- 24 --- Rio, Texas
- 25 Take a --- it (Go for it!)
- 27 Frequently
- 30 "On top of that ..."
- 32 Female first name Ms. Minnelli rejected
- 33 S American republic that's cold by the sound of it
- 34 Opposite of first
- 35 Irritably impatient

Down

- 1 Prepare for publication
- 2 "Small" prefix
- 3 Voice below a soprano
- 4 He came between J A G and G C
- 5 Hollywood town?
- 6 Kind of row
- 7 Type of arts?
- 8 Everyone except
- 9 Make happy
- 13 Cotton seed remover
- 16 Wine selection
- 17 See
- 19 Downs' partner
- 20 Mike ---, "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire" director
- 21 Bits of information
- 22 Discover
- 24 "A little ___ will do ya"
- 26 Tiny insect
- 27 Elevating outfit?
- 28 Experienced
- 29 Small club, maybe
- 31 Much-used article



Poetry Street
By Katherine Tullie



Easter is a special time of year. It is a time to reflect on faith and family. It can be a time of uplifting renewal in your heart. I wrote the poem "Easter Dance" with those thoughts in mind

EASTER DANCE

Do Your Own Easter Dance On Easter Day
Uplift Your Life
And Be Happy In Every Way
A Time Of Freshness In Your Heart
Lifting Your Spirits With A Fresh New Start
Easter Has Such A Special Meaning
Everyone Deserves Special Easter Greetings
Thinking Of Loved Ones This Time Of Year
With Endearing Thoughts That Are So Dear
Sharing Easter Love And Hope All Around
Listening To The Musical Easter Sounds
So Strike Up The Band This Easter Day
Let The Springtime Easter Music Play
Do Your Own Easter Dance On Easter Day
Let Us Make It Great In Every Way!



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Poetry is Not Only Fun to Read,
It Helps Us in Many Other Ways!

**Kids! Submit Your Poem by March 31
To Win a \$50 Gift Card***

Poetry is important. We need it... We really do. Poetry promotes literacy, builds community, and fosters emotional resilience.

Poetry can help an adult or a child sort through their feelings and "vent" in a very positive manner.

Poetry can cross boundaries that little else can and can help us find common ground where very little else in common may exist.

Submit Your Poem by March 31st at 5 pm!

*April is National Poetry Month. To celebrate, we are having a poetry contest for children in two age groups;

Children 12 and under, and Children 13-18.

The Mullet Rapper & Poetry Street will pick one winner from each age group. The winners will receive a \$50 Walmart Gift Card, and we will publish the winning poems in the April 7 edition of the Mullet Rapper.

To submit your poem, email it to mulletrapper@gmail.com by 3/31/18 and put "poem entry" in the subject line! Make sure to include your age and full name!

More Local Events

**Come Out and Help Celebrate the
Museum's 20th Birthday
AND
The 90th Anniversary of the
Opening of Tamiami Trail!
April 28th, 2017**

April 28, 2018, marks the 90th anniversary of the opening of the Tamiami Trail and the 20th Birthday of the Museum of the Everglades!



The Tamiami Trail (from Tampa to Miami) was a brilliant engineering feat, conquering the once impenetrable Everglades and stands out as a picturesque link between the two coasts of Florida. Barron Gift Collier invested much of his personal wealth in building the Tamiami Trail, a gigantic project to link Florida's east and west coast with a continuous highway across the Everglades. The road was completed and opened to traffic on April 26, 1928.



Drill Rig Used During Trail Construction

Establishing a museum was the dream of the Everglades Women's Club which eventually evolved into the Friends of the Museum of the Everglades, under the leadership of the late Pauline Reeves, for whom the museum's front gallery is named. The Museum of the Everglades was opened 20 years ago on the 70th anniversary of the Trail. We will also be commemorating the 65th Anniversary of the incorporation of the City of Everglades City in 1953 and the 95th Anniversary of the establishment of Collier County in 1923.



The celebrations will start at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 28, at the Museum of the Everglades, located at 105 West Broadway in Everglades City, Florida. Festivities will include a parade, live music, food, and fun for all the family as well as a walking tour of historic buildings and the "old timers" storytelling. This event is free and open to the public.

**For information go to:
www.evergladesmuseum.org.
We will post information in March about
the details of the events!**

Park News & Events
National Park Fee-Free Days



The next fee-free day of 2018 is just around the corner on **April 21, 2018**. Take advantage of this opportunity to #FindYourPark at any of the over 400 National Park sites across the nation!

You can also enjoy great scenery and history with great savings at a national park for free on any or all of the entrance fee-free days in 2018:

- April 21: First Day of Nat'l Park Week
- September 22: National Public Lands Day
- November 11: Veterans Day

"National parks connect all of us with our country's amazing nature, culture and history," said National Park Service Deputy Director Michael T. Reynolds. "The days that we designate as fee free for national parks mark opportunities for the public to participate in service projects, enjoy ranger-led programs, or just spend time with family and friends exploring these diverse and special places. We hope that these fee-free days offer visitors an extra incentive to enjoy their national parks in 2018."

An annual \$80 America the Beautiful National Parks and Federal Recreational Lands Pass allows unlimited entrance to more than 2,000 federal recreation areas, including all national parks that normally charge an entrance fee.

For more information, please visit:

<https://www.nps.gov>

Schedule your visit today!

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Chances of Close Encounters Between
Florida Manatees and Boaters
Increase in the Spring



For manatees, it is the season when they leave their winter refuges and travel along the Atlantic and Gulf coasts and through inland waters.

For boaters, it is a critical time to be on the lookout for manatees to avoid colliding with these large aquatic mammals.

"Spring is a great time to go boating in Florida, but manatees are out there too. Please watch out for them," said Ron Mezich, who heads the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) manatee management program.

From April 1 through Nov. 15, seasonal manatee zones require boaters to slow down in certain areas to prevent manatees from being struck by motorboats or personal watercrafts. FWC law enforcement officers are on patrol in state waters to remind boaters of the seasonal manatee speed zones and take enforcement actions when appropriate.



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, killdeeahdeedee, 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.

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.

This article is an excerpt from *Living Sanibel* by Charles Sobczak.

Photos: Killdeer by Judd Patterson, Kingfisher by Bob Gress

It's Springtime and That Means it's Bat Maternity Season in SW Florida!

(Article by Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission)



If you have bats roosting in your attic, eaves or chimney spaces, now is the time to give them an eviction notice. Bat maternity season begins April 15 and runs through August 15. Exclusions of bat colonies must be completed before the season starts.

"During bat maternity season, bats gather to give birth and raise their young," said Terry Doonan, a Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC)

biologist and mammal conservation coordinator. "The season lasts until the young bats can fly and feed themselves. In Florida, this occurs from mid-April through mid-August for most bat species."

Bat exclusions are illegal during this maternity season to prevent young bats that cannot yet fly from being trapped inside structures and dying.

Florida is home to 13 resident bat species, including threatened species such as the Florida bonneted bat. Some bat species roost in artificial structures, including buildings and houses. Although it is illegal to harm or kill bats in Florida, guidelines have been developed allowing for the legal exclusion of bats outside of the maternity season.

Exclusion guidelines on how to remove bats from buildings can be found at MyFWC.com/Bats. Materials and methods to exclude bats can affect the success of that process. For more information on how to conduct a bat exclusion, watch this YouTube video: [How to Get Bats Out of a Building](#). Further details on how to conduct a legal bat exclusion can be found at [Bat Conservation International](http://BatConservationInternational.com).

Bats are beneficial to people and are an important part of the ecosystem. The state's native bats help keep insect populations under control, with the average bat eating hundreds of insects a night. In addition to the benefit of keeping mosquitoes and other insects at bay for residents enjoying the outdoors, the value of insect suppression by bats to U.S. agriculture has been estimated to be in the billions of dollars.

There are several ways that Florida residents and visitors can help bats:

- Preserve natural roost sites, including trees with cavities and peeling bark. Dead fronds left on palms can also provide roosting spots for bats.
- Put up a bat house.

Report any unusual bat behavior to: MyFWC.com/BatMortality. Please note that bats can carry rabies. Although infected bats may not become aggressive, like any other wild animal, they can bite to defend themselves if handled. Don't touch or go near any wild animal, especially one that's not acting normally. For more information about rabies, visit the Florida Department of Health website at FloridaHealth.gov.

Photo: Brazilian free tail bat taken in Everglades City, FL, by Tim Brock

SNOOK SEASON IS OPEN



Size Limit: 28" to 33" - 1 Per License Per Day

Local News

Stone Crab Numbers Drop, Prices Increase

Local prices for stone crabs are up significantly from last year and that is a pretty good indication of the state of the stone crab fishing season this year.

After suffering quite a blow (pun intended) from Hurricane Irma in September, the stone crab season started in October on a very positive note. Many crabbers indicated that early catches were better than past years, some saying the best in a decade.

Unfortunately, the numbers did not hold up. Since November, there has been a sharp decline in the number of crabs caught. Many crabbers have pulled some of their traps already which is evident when you ride through the fishing district of Everglades City.

Some say that March was a bit better and if winds and weather cooperate, we could end the season on a positive note. One thing that is certain, the crabs taste as good as ever...so get some now before the season winds down in May.

Thrift Store Set to Reopen

The Thrift Store located next to the Community Center in Everglades City is scheduled to be reopened on March 24th from 11 am to 3 pm.

The store was completely wiped out from the Irma storm surge and volunteers have been very busy working on getting it ready before the season ended! The dedication paid off as it will open in time so that all of our winter residents can come in to donate or buy or both! Thank you to everyone who worked so hard to get this much needed community service restored.



Harry Chapin Food Bank Moving Back to Jinkins Fellowship Hall

The renovations are completed at Everglades Community Church's Jinkins Fellowship Hall and that is great news for the community. The Food Bank will return to the Hall on March 28th barring any last minute setbacks...The Food Bank will be open on Wednesday's from 11 am to 1 pm.

The food bank carries a wide variety of fresh and packaged foods including, breads, meats, vegetables and more, see more on p. 3



Some Seasonal Business Closings Announced



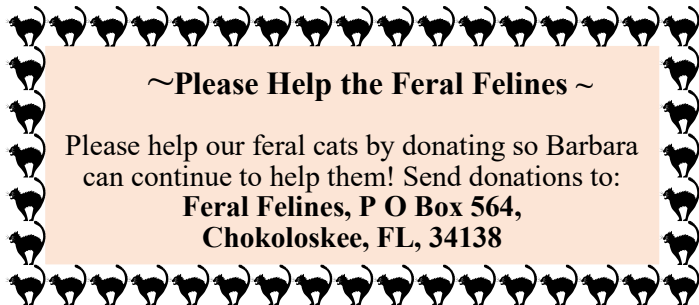
Say goodbye to the Cuban Cuisine for another season! The close of the season means that some of our local businesses, churches and restaurants will also close for the season. Havana Cafe will close its

doors on April 15th for the summer months. From now until closing, their new hours are 7 am to 3 pm daily. We have enjoyed another great year of Carlos & Dulce's specialties and look forward to the winter season.

Holy Family Catholic Church also announced their seasonal closing. Holy Family's last Mass of the season is scheduled for April 22. In spite of Hurricane Irma's wind damage, it opened on time on December 3rd and the roof and interior have been repaired. See page 11 for other nearby Catholic Churches.

~Please Help the Feral Felines~

Please help our feral cats by donating so Barbara can continue to help them! Send donations to: Feral Felines, P O Box 564, Chokoloskee, FL, 34138



Water Tribe Everglades Challenge Boat Race is in the Books!

The Everglades Challenge is an unsupported, expedition style adventure race for kayaks, canoes, and small boats. The distance is roughly 300 nautical miles depending which course is selected. There is a time limit of 8 days or less....and it is considered a dangerous expedition.



The boater's safety and well-being are completely up to them. Unsupported means that there are no safety boats or support crews to help boaters during the race. Boaters are not allowed to have a support crew follow or meet them during the race. However, it is OK to have family or friends meet at the official checkpoints, but they cannot provide anything other than emotional support.

Expedition style means that boaters must carry the same type of equipment and supplies that they would carry on a major expedition lasting 4 weeks or more. Camping equipment, food, water, safety, communication, etc. is required.

Although this is a race, many participants are more interested in cruising and adventure. Whether the boater is a cruiser or racer is up to them. Just getting to the starting line is a major accomplishment and only about 40% of starters are able to finish. The boater should be an expert kayaker and/or sailor before ever considering this challenge.

There were 92 entries and 72 of those entered finished the race within the 8 day period.

The first place vessel, a small sailboat, finished the race in 1 day, 13 hours, 40 minutes. The last vessel to finish was a kayak coming in at 7 days, 5 hours and 30 minutes. Congratulations to everyone who participated and to those that finished the race.

Spring Break Fishing Fun!



Tom Pollock (top) & Henry Pollock catch & release some nice snook during their spring break holiday with their granddad, Ted Pollock!



EATERIES & AREA WORSHIP



EVERGLADES CITY -
BARRON RIVER TIDES
LAT: 25.87° N LONG: 81.37°W

Angler's Cove, Port of the Islands (642-1025): Monday - Wed 5 to 11 pm, Thurs to Sun Noon - 11 pm
Camellia Street Grille (695-2003): 11:00 am – 9:00 pm daily
City Seafood (695-4700): 9:00 am – 6:00 pm; daily Supper Upstairs is Closed
Glades Haven Deli (695-2091): Deli Closed for Repairs Live bait available at marina
Havana Café (695-2214): 7 am to 3 pm daily We are closing on April 15 for summer
Island Café (695-0003): 6:00 am – 9:00 pm; daily
Ivey House (695-3299): 6:30 – 9:30 am; daily
Joanie's Blue Crab Café (695-2682): 11:00 am – 5:00 pm; Mon - Saturday Closed Sunday
Oyster House Restaurant (695-2073): Currently closed for repairs Please check back!
Rod & Gun (695-2101): 11:30 am - 8:00 pm; daily
Tastes of the Everglades (695-0075) 11 am to 4 pm
Triad Seafood & Café (695-2662): M-Th 10:30-6 pm, Fri & Sat 10:30-9 pm Sunday 10:30-9 pm
MARKETS
Right Choice Supermarket (695-4535): 9:00 am – 7:00 pm; daily
Grimm's Stone Crab (239-695-3222): 8 am to 5 pm M-Sat, Closed Sunday
Fresh Produce 1181 Hamilton Lane, Chokoloskee, 9-3 By E City Post Office, Sat & Sun 8:30-3
SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES
Chokoloskee Church of God Sunday: 10 am Sch., 11 am Worship Wed. 7 pm Hr. of Prayer
Copeland Baptist Church Sunday: 10 am School, 11 am Worship
Everglades Community Church 11:00 am Sunday Worship
1st Baptist Church of Everglades City 9:45 am Sunday School, 11 am Worship 6 pm Sunday, 6 pm Wed. Bible Study
Holy Family Catholic Church Sunday Mass 10:30 am
St. Finbarr Catholic Church, Naples Phone: 239-417-2084
San Marco Catholic Church, Marco Isl. 239-394-5181

3/24/18	Sat	4:08 AM	-0.08	L
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3/24/18	Sat	3:45 PM	0.88	L
3/24/18	Sat	8:15 PM	2.43	H
3/25/18	Sun	5:21 AM	-0.1	L
3/25/18	Sun	11:41 AM	1.86	H
3/25/18	Sun	5:29 PM	0.88	L
3/25/18	Sun	10:16 PM	2.44	H
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3/26/18	Mon	11:41 PM	2.54	H
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4/6/18	Fri	8:20 AM	1.88	H
4/6/18	Fri	2:08 PM	0.85	L
4/6/18	Fri	6:58 PM	2.33	H
4/7/18	Sat	3:42 AM	0.16	L
4/7/18	Sat	9:34 AM	1.82	H
4/7/18	Sat	3:44 PM	0.94	L
4/7/18	Sat	8:20 PM	2.2	H

Obituary
Rick Scholle



It is with our deepest sympathy that we have to announce the passing of our dear friend and animal care taker, Rick

Scholle. Rick has been with us at Trail Lakes Campground for 30 years and has hosted the animal exhibit for 25 yrs. He was born May 28, 1946 and passed unexpectedly on Sunday, March 11, 2018. We will be holding a memorial service for Rick in the next few weeks and we will keep everyone updated. We have been humbled by his loss and thank you all for your kind words and your support during this difficult time.
~The Shealy's

Friends of Fakahatchee
2018 Event Schedule
(Check Online for Additional Dates)



The Friends of Fakahatchee have announced their 2018 schedule of guided adventures to introduce visitors to Florida's largest state park -- Fakahatchee Strand Preserve. The park entrance is on State Route 29 in Copeland, FL, just north of Everglades City.

Ghost Rider Tram Tours from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. are offered for \$25 per person on Thursday, March 29 and Thursday, April 7. The tours are named for the famous ghost orchid found in the park.

A Naturalist Led Swamp Walk is scheduled for Saturday, March 24th and Saturday, April 28, and will be led by park biologist Mike Owen. On these five-hour adventures, naturalists lead participants deep into the swamp in knee high water. Swamp walks are \$75 and begin at 9:30 am.

The Combination Tram Tour and Swamp Walk is offered at 9:30 am on Tuesday, March 27 and Tuesday, April 3, and Tuesday, April 10. This popular four-hour tour pairs a one-hour swamp walk with a guided tram tour for \$60 per person.

To make your required reservations and check for **additional dates throughout April**, visit: www.orchidswamp.org and

Explore Florida's largest state park!

The Friends of Fakahatchee lead guided swamp walks and tram tours of Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park each week during season. For complete details and required reservations, visit: www.orchidswamp.org
All proceeds benefit the Park

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