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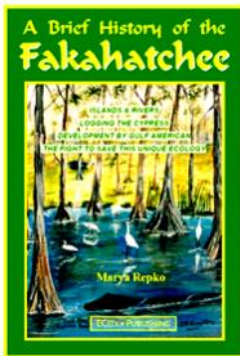
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## Local Historians's Book About Fakahatchee a 'Must Read'

Marya Repko Covers 100 Years of History in this, Fascinating, Easy-to-Read Book



Marya Repko, area historian, author, and Everglades City resident, gives an in-depth overview of Southwest Florida's past, the drainage and development, and then delves in detail into the history of the Fakahatchee area.

The book includes old photographs, a large list of references, a timeline, stories from local residents, and first-hand accounts of the formation of the Park from some of the people involved including;

- ◆ the strand with its rare plants and animals
- ◆ the islands and rivers, home to early settlers
- ◆ the logging of big cypress and life in a lumber camp
- ◆ the development of Golden Gate Estates & Remuda Ranch
- ◆ the long fight to save the unique ecology in a State Preserve

This book makes a great gift for anyone interested in learning more about our area!

You can obtain your copy (only \$10) at WinCar Hardware or Right Choice Supermarket in Everglades City or by contacting Marya: telephone: (239) 695-2905, email: [ecitypublishing@earthlink.net](mailto:ecitypublishing@earthlink.net) online: [www.ecity-publishing.com](http://www.ecity-publishing.com).

## Red Tide & Green-Blue Algae Wreaking Havoc in SWFL But the Coast is Still Clear in Everglades City & Chokoloskee

by Kathy Brock

There has been a tremendous amount of media coverage both locally, and nationally, about condition of the waters of Southwest Florida. In fact, there are even calls to boycott our state because of it!

And, it is true that some parts of SWFL are experiencing the double whammy of Red Tide and Blue-green algae. What guides and businesses in Everglades City and Chokoloskee want everyone to know and understand, is that the waters off of our area are currently clear, healthy and very fishable!

The Red Tide has been detected as far south as Naples. Blue-Green algae is mostly affecting Lee County from Ft. Myers and northward. Collectively, Charlotte, Sarasota, Lee and Collier counties are referred to as "Southwest" Florida. However, this is a very large land mass, and what is happening in Charlotte or Lee County is not necessarily happening in Collier County, and vice versa.

The confusion this causes is obvious. Some businesses in Everglades City, including The Mullet Rapper, have been contacted by potential visitors to see "how bad" the outbreak is here. So far, so good! We are clean as a whistle, c'mon down!

The good news is that it seems fishing activity has increased in our parts as some of the fish are moving south to avoid the issues further north.

Unfortunately, in affected areas, the fish-kill is significant as evidenced by the images we have been seeing on local and national news reports.

Hopefully, things will improve over time for our friends further north, and things can return to a normal, more healthy state.

estuaries, it can be exacerbated by nutrient –rich runoff.

Blue-Green Algae (formally, cyanobacteria) on the other hand, is directly influenced by agricultural runoff and nutrient rich urban runoff.

The nutrients in the runoff encourage the growth of cyanobacteria. In parts of Lake Okeechobee, there are pockets of heavy outbreaks of cyanobacteria. Some researchers suggest that over time, nutrient rich sediment settles on the bottom of the lake and severe storms, like Hurricane Irma, stir up the bottom and intensify the bloom of cyanobacteria.

When the state periodically releases water from the lake to reduce water levels in Lake Okeechobee (to prevent a flood event), the water isn't the only thing flushing through the locks. Blue-Green algae goes with the released water and eventually makes its way into the interior waterways causing the algae to fester in once pristine waterways - as we have seen on many news reports.

All of this has been bad news for some Florida homeowners, and equally as bad for tourism as the reports generalize the area as SWFL, leading potential visitors to believe that the entire southwestern coast is inundated with both water issues.

Some potential visitors think the entire state is under a state of emergency and stay away all together.

If you are planning a trip to Florida, check with your target area before assuming "the algae is everywhere". Many parts of Florida are currently unaffected...and we hope to stay that way (see clear area by arrow, that's us).

### What is the difference between Red Tide and Blue-Green algae?

Well, aside from the color difference, they are two completely different phenomena that have no influence on each other.

Red Tide, formally *Karenia brevis*, does not thrive in low salinity waters. It prefers the salty waters of the Gulf. Blooms of Red Tide occur in the Gulf, but it can eventually make its way into bays and estuaries.

Agricultural runoff has no bearing on the naturally occurring blooms that take place offshore. However, if/when Red Tide makes its way closer to the shore or into bays and



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# AUGUST 12, 2018 – SEPTEMBER 15, 2018

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
August 12	13	14	15 Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8 am First Day of School	16	17 Movie Night, 6 pm, see p.3	18  Early voting
19  Early voting	20  Early voting	21 Dental Bus, See p. 3  P & Z Mtg 7 pm Early voting	22 Ladies Coffee Island Café 8 am  Early voting	23  Early voting	24  Early voting	25 <u>RAPPER</u>  Early voting
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9 new moon ●	10	11	12 Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8 am	13	14	15  Fishing Tournament, see swflgo.com

Sept 28: Romp in Swamp Fishing Tourney  
Oct 27: Halloween Celebration

Sept. 29: Blessing of the Fleet  
Oct 27 & 28 Butcher Swamp Weekend

Oct.15: First Day of Stone Crab Season  
November 6: Election Day

**AREA INFORMATION & NUMBERS:**

AA: Wed., 5:00 pm, Evg. Comm. Church, Fellowship Hall  
 CARNESTOWN Recycle and Trash: 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday, 9 am to 3:30 pm  
 DR DEMARTINO: Marco Island office information on p.3.  
 DR MARTIN: Call for appointment: 813-787-9738  
 LIONS CLUB: Meetings suspended for summer.  
 MUSEUM: Open Monday-Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm. 239-695-0008  
 PANCAKE FLY-IN: Closed for summer.  
 REACH OUT: 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday, 4 pm, City Hall  
 SKATING RINK: Closed until further notice  
 SMALLWOOD STORE: 11 am to 4 pm, 239-695-2989  
 THRIFT SHOP: Open Saturday 11 am to 3, see p.3.  
 VETERANS SUPPORT: 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wed. of month, noon—2 pm

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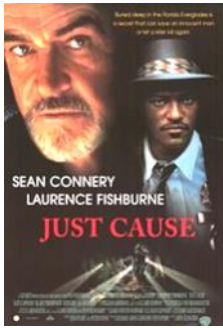
*Saturday August 11*  
*From 10:00am - 4:00pm.*

Meet Clyde and Niki at their Big Cypress Gallery Saturday, August 11th from 10am-4pm. They both will be showing some of their new works and will be introducing our new visiting artist Leslie Peebles.

Leslie Peebles has been visiting our Big Cypress Gallery for years drawing and painting our surrounding area. We are very excited to introduce her beautiful work at our gallery. Leslie is a painter and printmaker who specializes in linoleum and wood block relief prints, oils, and encaustics.

To visit the gallery: 52388 Tamiami Trail E, Ochopee, FL 34141. For more information or to contact the gallery, phone 239-695-2428.

**Movie Night! Just Cause**  
**August 17th, 5:30 pm**



Museum of the Everglades will continue our Mid-Month Summer Movie Nights on Friday, August 17th with JUST CAUSE – a mystery thriller starring Sean Connery, Ed Harris and Lawrence Fishburne. Portions of the movie were shot in and around Everglades City. “Buried deep in the Everglades is

a secret that can save an innocent man or let a killer kill again.” The movie will start promptly at 6 pm, but please be seated by 5:30 to get situated!

Do you have a memory to share about the shooting of this film? Behind the scenes photos? A funny story? Help us tell the story of this film’s connection to the community and expand our local movie exhibit. Call Museum of the Everglades at 239-695-0008.

**Big Cypress Gallery FALL FESTIVAL**  
**Meet Clyde & Ranger-led Activities**  
**October 27 - October 28**  
**9:00am – 5:00pm.**

Come out to the Big Cypress Gallery and experience the annual fall festival. There will be raffles and ranger-led swamp walks during this fun-filled weekend.

If you would like to book a swamp walk, there is limited space. Get your tickets by visiting the website: [www.clydebutcher.com](http://www.clydebutcher.com), and click on “events:”. You can also call us at 239-695-2428.

**For more information, see the complete article on page 8.**



**Travis Daniels Serving Our Country!**

2017 EVG school graduate, Travis Daniels, is graduating from Great Lakes Naval Recruit Training Center on August 27<sup>th</sup> as a Naval Corpsman.

Travis is currently stationed in San Antonio, Texas. We are all very proud of Travis! Thank you for serving our country and God Bless from all of us back home.

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**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 to see him there: (239) 642-5552.


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**NEW THRIFT SHOP**

 The new thrift shop is open Saturday from 11 am to 3 pm. Come see the new store! Please do not leave donations on the porch outside where they can get wet or damaged! Please do not drop off damaged items.



**A Message From Fire Chief Schuld**

With Summer in full swing much of our activities in Southwest Florida involve water. Whether it's a trip to the beach or a dip in the

community or backyard pool, you can ensure that swimming is as safe as it is fun by following a few basic safety tips.

**Hard Facts about Swimming Safety**

◆ Among preventable injuries, **drowning is the leading cause of death for children 1 – 4 years old.**

◆ Children 1 – 4 years old are more likely to drown in a pool.

◆ Children 5 years and older are more likely to drown in natural water, such as ponds, lakes and rivers.

◆ The risk of drowning in open water increases with age: The average 10-year-old, for example, is three times more likely to drown in open water than in a pool.

**Top Tips about Swimming Safety**

◆ Watch kids when they are in or around water, without being distracted. Keep young children within arm's reach of an adult. Make sure older children swim with a partner every time.

◆ Teach children how to swim. Every child is different, so enroll children in swim lessons when they are ready. Consider their age, development and how often they are around water when deciding if they are ready for swim lessons.

◆ Make sure kids learn these five water survival skills and that they are able to:

1. step or jump into water over their heads and return to the surface;
2. float or tread water for one minute;
3. turn around in a full circle and find an exit;
4. swim 25 yards to exit the water; and
5. exit the water. If in a pool, be able to exit without using the ladder

◆ Teach children that swimming in open water is not the same as swimming in a pool. They need to be aware of uneven surfaces, river currents, ocean undertow and changing weather.

◆ Know what to do in an emergency. Learning CPR and basic water rescue skills may help you save a child's life.

We hope you continue to have a fun and safe Summer and if a water emergency occurs promptly contact 9-1-1 in order to activate your local emergency responders.



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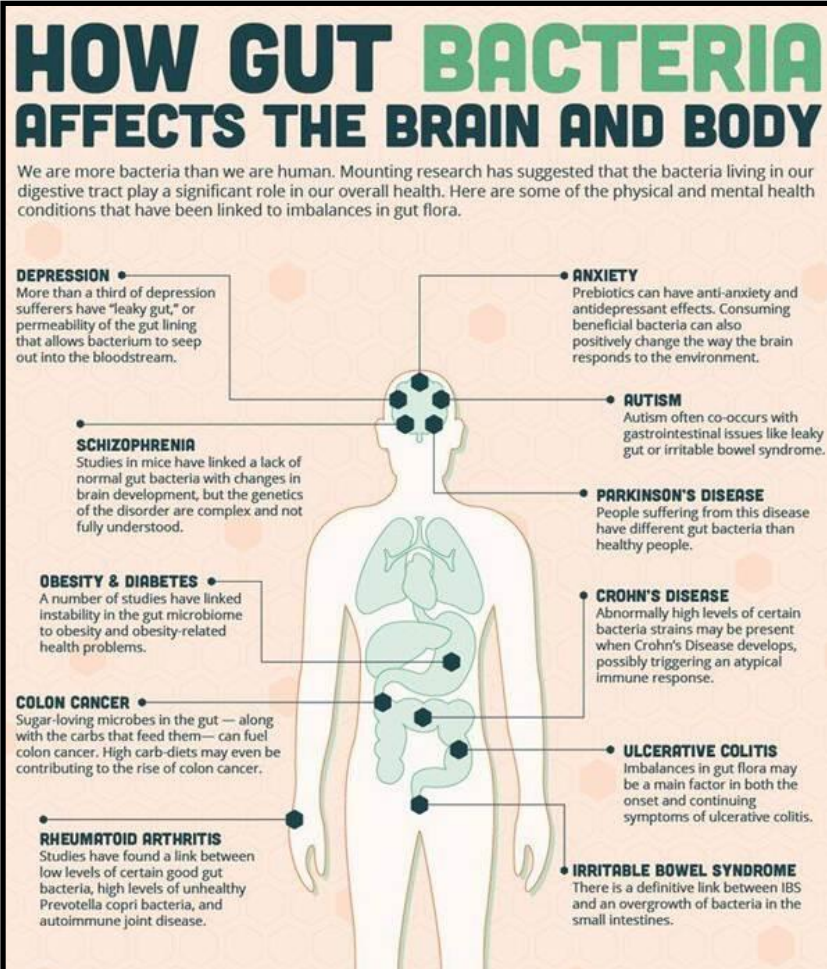
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**Our Amazing Bodies by Dr. John Martin**  
*The Gut-Brain Connection III*  
*How Your Gut and Brain Work in Harmony*

More and more scientific studies are validating that what we eat, and how healthy we maintain our microbiome (intestinal “beneficial bacteria” and other important microbes), determines just how well our systems function.

**HOW GUT BACTERIA AFFECTS THE BRAIN AND BODY**

We are more bacteria than we are human. Mounting research has suggested that the bacteria living in our digestive tract play a significant role in our overall health. Here are some of the physical and mental health conditions that have been linked to imbalances in gut flora.



- DEPRESSION** • More than a third of depression sufferers have “leaky gut,” or permeability of the gut lining that allows bacterium to seep out into the bloodstream.
- ANXIETY** • Prebiotics can have anti-anxiety and antidepressant effects. Consuming beneficial bacteria can also positively change the way the brain responds to the environment.
- AUTISM** • Autism often co-occurs with gastrointestinal issues like leaky gut or irritable bowel syndrome.
- SCHIZOPHRENIA** • Studies in mice have linked a lack of normal gut bacteria with changes in brain development, but the genetics of the disorder are complex and not fully understood.
- PARKINSON'S DISEASE** • People suffering from this disease have different gut bacteria than healthy people.
- OBESITY & DIABETES** • A number of studies have linked instability in the gut microbiome to obesity and obesity-related health problems.
- CROHN'S DISEASE** • Abnormally high levels of certain bacteria strains may be present when Crohn's Disease develops, possibly triggering an atypical immune response.
- COLON CANCER** • Sugar-loving microbes in the gut — along with the carbs that feed them— can fuel colon cancer. High carb-diets may even be contributing to the rise of colon cancer.
- ULCERATIVE COLITIS** • Imbalances in gut flora may be a main factor in both the onset and continuing symptoms of ulcerative colitis.
- RHEUMATOID ARTHRITIS** • Studies have found a link between low levels of certain good gut bacteria, high levels of unhealthy Prevotella copri bacteria, and autoimmune joint disease.
- IRRITABLE BOWEL SYNDROME** • There is a definitive link between IBS and an overgrowth of bacteria in the small intestines.

This is especially true for our brain to grow, develop, and stay healthy. For many years (70+) there has been a misconception that eating fat produces fat. And, that this can lead to all sorts of diseases, especially those with the cardiovascular system.

Now we know that sugars (and carbohydrates in general) have been the culprits all along. So, to develop and keep our nervous system and our brain, in a healthy and optimally functioning condition, we need to change our nutritional outlook and adopt more beneficial lifestyle choices – Specifically, *our food choices.*

One of the first things you can do is to reduce the intake of carbohydrates. The Japanese have an old saying “to increase your years, decrease your calories”.

Interestingly, a much lower percentage of the Japanese population are obese, as compared to the U.S. population.

Few individuals eat as many calories in a day as Sumo wrestlers, for sure. But the standard Japanese diet boasts far fewer calories than the standard American diet (“S.A.D.”).

The Asian cultures consume considerably more fish and pork. Many beneficial factors are available in wild caught, cold water fish. One essential for brain and nervous system health is omega-3 fatty acids (especially DHA). We'll cover that, and some reasons to eat pork (or not) in another *Mullet Rapper* issue.

The Scandinavian people also consume large amounts of cold water fish in their diets, and another portion of calories in fat from reindeer and other large game. The Scandinavian population has a much lower percentage per capita of obesity and cardio-vascular disease than does the U.S. population. These are statistics we must pay attention to!

*Dr. Martin sees patients in Everglades City. You can call 813-787-9738 to schedule an appointment during weekdays between 10 a.m. & 6 p.m.*

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**A Message From Principal James Ragusa**



**Welcome Back!** We are anxiously looking forward to **August 15<sup>th</sup>** and the return of our students for the 2018-19 school year.

There will be some changes this year as we welcome new staff members and implement procedural changes that the school district is enacting to improve security on our campus. I am excited to welcome our new staff members and we wish the best to the teachers who have moved on to other opportunities.

You may have seen the **new basketball pavilion** located behind the baseball field. Our physical education classes, as well as a number of our sports teams throughout the year, will be able to utilize this facility. There have been other projects on campus and we are winding them up now before the arrival of students.

For those who visit our campus, they will find a new video entry system at the main entrance. All visitors will be required to show a photo ID prior to accessing our school. Please remember your photo identification when visiting our campus as this will assist us in maintaining a safe environment for our students and staff.



Our first **School Advisory Council Meeting** will be on **Thursday, August 16, 2018 at 6:00 pm in the Media Center**. We welcome our parents and members of the community to attend these meetings and your input is valued. Meetings occur the third Thursday of every month through April of 2019.

~Principal Ragusa

**IT IS ALWAYS A GREAT DAY TO BE A GATOR!**

**Everglades National Park Wants Your Opinion on Proposed Entry Fee Changes**

Everglades National Park is reinitiating civic engagement on proposed fee changes, which was put on hold following Hurricane Irma. In addition to fee changes that were directed by the National Park Service (NPS) to go into effect on January 1, 2019, the Park is proposing additional changes.

Proposed changes being considered to go into effect in January 2019 include: initiation of a vessel entrance fee (equal to what vehicles pay for land access), introduction of entrance fees at Gulf Coast district, and elimination of marina launch fees. The Park is also proposing additional increases to entrance fees effective January 1, 2020, at which time the Park expects to have overnight lodging and new restaurant available.

The Park has decided not to assess a fee for the Boater Education Program, although completion of the program will remain mandatory for persons operating motorized vessels in Park waters, once the program is in place. This decision was taken, in part, out of consideration of the introduction of the vessel entrance fee. The Park hopes to make the Boater Education Program available by January 2019.

“We look forward to hearing the public’s thoughts on these proposals,” said Everglades National Park Superintendent Pedro Ramos. “Entrance fees are incredibly important to help provide a quality experience for all visitors, and to address the maintenance backlog in our Park.”

In Everglades National Park, 80 percent of entrance fees stay in the Park and are devoted to spending that supports the visitor. The Park shares the other 20 percent of entrance fee income with national parks that do not collect entrance fees such as Biscayne National Park and Big Cypress National Preserve for their projects.

**Some examples of projects funded in the last five years from entrance fees at Everglades National Park:**

- ◆ Rehabilitate Back Country Camping Facilities;
- ◆ Installation of new shower houses in Long Pine Key Campground;
- ◆ Installation of new entrance signs at Pine Island, Shark Valley, and Gulf Coast;
- ◆ Replacement of the Anhinga Boardwalk at Royal Palm;
- ◆ Replacement of the Bobcat Boardwalk at Shark Valley.

**Some examples of projects planned for the next five years, using entrance fees:**

- ◆ Repaving of the main entrance road;
- ◆ Replace Marine Route Markers in the Florida Bay District;
- ◆ Replace Marine Route Markers in the Gulf Coast District;
- ◆ Replace Marine Route Markers in the Flamingo District;
- ◆ Rehabilitation of the Gumbo Limbo Trail;
- ◆ Rehabilitation of the Long Pine Key campground amphitheater;
- ◆ Rehabilitation of the sewage lift stations in the Flamingo District.

National parks have experienced record breaking visitation, with more than 1.5 billion visitors in the last five years. Throughout the country, the combination of an aging infrastructure and increased visitation has put a strain on park roads, bridges, campgrounds, waterlines, bathrooms, and other visitor services and led to a \$11.6 billion deferred maintenance backlog nationwide.

Everglades National Park has had an entrance fee since 1966. The current rate of \$8 per person, \$25 per vehicle or \$20 per motorcycle has been in effect since 2015. The annual entrance fee is currently \$40. The Park is one of 117 National Park Service sites that charge an entrance fee; the other 300 national parks are free to enter.

**The Park invites public comments on the proposed changes in writing by August 31, 2018 through any of the three means below:**

**By mail,** to: Attn: Public Comments – Fees, 40001 State Road 9336, Homestead, Florida 33034-8733

**By email,** to: [Ever\\_Information@nps.gov](mailto:Ever_Information@nps.gov), (Include in Subject Line: **\*\*Public Comments – Fees\*\***)

**By online comments** submitted at: [https://parkplanning.nps.gov/Everglades\\_Fee\\_Changes](https://parkplanning.nps.gov/Everglades_Fee_Changes).

**For a breakdown of the proposed changes, go to:**  
<https://swflgo.com/faq-fee-changes-enp/>



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## Perseids Meteor Shower Is a Must See Light Show! Get Out Your Telescopes!

### Best Viewing: August 12-13

According to NASA meteor expert Bill Cooke, the Perseids are perhaps the most popular meteor shower of the year; and this year, they'll be the **best shower of the year**.

This year during peak, people should see about **60-70 meteors per hour**, but in outburst years (such as in 2016) the rate can be between 150-200 meteors an hour.

The meteor shower's peak will be visible both the nights of Aug. 12-13, Cooke said.

"This year the moon will be near new moon, it will be a crescent, which means it will set before the Perseid show gets underway after midnight," Cooke told Space.com. "The moon is very favorable for the Perseids this year, and that'll make the Perseids probably the best shower of 2018 for people who want to go out and view it." The Perseids are rich in fireballs, so the show should be even better.

#### What causes the Perseids?

Comet Swift-Tuttle is the largest object known to repeatedly pass by Earth; its nucleus is about 16 miles (26 kilometers) wide. It last passed nearby Earth during its orbit around the sun in 1992, and the next time will be in 2126. But it won't be forgotten in the meantime, because Earth passes through the dust and debris it leaves behind every year, creating the annual Perseid meteor shower.

*Note: The Everglades area is an official "dark sky" area -perfect for meteor shower viewing...all we need is a clear night!*




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Solution to July 28, 2018 Puzzle



**My Little Slice of Paradise**

by Kathy Brock

As the summer break ends for kids, and September draws closer, the one-year anniversary for the most unwanted visitor to our area in decades is almost here. Oh my, what a difference a year makes.

Yes, there are still reminders of what the Hurricane did to our area, but if you did not know what happened, you may not think anything bad happened at all. However, we know different.

What have I learned in the past 11-plus months? Well for starters, what I thought was about 2 months of work turned into 12 months of work. Tim and I joke that our "construction company" is Glacier Construction, because we (apparently) move at the pace of a glacier! We are slow, but we are thorough.

The mud that coated everything lasts longer than the finest paint on any surface. I am amazed that there is still a grey haze on some of the things that this "yuck" touched. It has been washed and scrubbed, rained on and walked on...and it is still there. No wonder our ancestors used the mud on the skin to prevent mosquitoes from biting. This stuff is incredible!

I have also learned that trees will come back if you give them a little love. If a tree tips over, pull it back into place, water it, and remove damaged branches. The tree will do the rest. Of the five that suffered the most damage in our yard, four are doing well. The fifth, a gumbo-limbo, was yanked out of the ground completely. I have two cuttings from that tree that are growing...but the mature tree itself did not make it.

St. Augustine grass will live through anything. In fact, if I did not know any better, I'd think the grass benefited from the flood. The lawns in town are lush and green now. Initially, it looked a bit rough, but it eventually "shook it off" and started to thrive. I am impressed!

The islands, wildlife and marine life are all survivors. It is amazing that the wildlife and marine life survive storms like that without the benefit of shelter, per se. They know where to go and what to do to try and survive. It is fascinating to think that while the winds are swirling, and the water is rising, the animals somehow make it through. It really lets you know that if there is a will...there is certainly a way.

Lastly, my most important learning is that when times are the worst, our community performs at its best. Not only did our community show resilience, we showed that we care for each other, and want to help each other. That was evident from the day after the storm - all the way to today. We exemplify the term "community."

Which brings me to this...There are some in the community that still need help badly. We must not forget about them. There are still families that are displaced. One displaced family is one family too many. But there is hope!

There is still help available for those that need it. A group known as CEDR (pronounced like the cedar tree) was formed last fall in response to Hurricane Irma, and generally meets at City Hall on the first and third Monday of each month at 3:30 pm. They offer counseling and assistance to those that need it, including financial assistance. Do not hesitate to ask for help if it is needed. If you know someone who is still hurting, please let them know about CEDR. There is more information about the group on page 8 of this edition.

As the one year anniversary approaches, look around and see all of the progress that has been made. There is still much to do, but we have come a long way in just under one year.

Here is my wish-list for the next 12 months. A very quiet hurricane season. A very active snook season. An award-winning stone crab season. A great growing season for all of our farmers and local growers/gardeners (like me)! And, a great school year for all of our kids.

It would be nice to look back on 2018 as the "boring" year. Nothing much to report about, no big headlines. Just another year in the 'Glades watching the sunsets, eating stone crabs and living life on "island time." Now, that sounds just perfect!



**Island Life Recipes**

**Star Fruit (Carambola) Freezes**

by Jaye Brunner

**Ingredients:**

- Ripe starfruit (as many as you have), edges peeled, seeds removed
- Sugar to taste
- Splash of bottled or filtered water

**Directions:** Place prepared star fruit in food processor and puree until smooth. Add a small amount of water and sugar to taste.



Place in individual cups and cover and freeze. Serve them as a dessert or enjoy one anytime to cool down on a hot summer day!

This same concept can be used for any plentiful fruit like, mangoes so they do not go to waste.

You can also add a small amount of spices, vanilla extract or any other natural flavorings to obtain the desired taste. Keep the added sugar to a minimum and they are excellent, natural treats.

Take these out of the freezer about 5 to 10 minutes before serving to soften them up.

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- 1 Rugged auto
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- 24 What became of the OSS?
- 27 Longest African river
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- 35 Program that performs repetitive tasks
- 36 Whale group

**Down**

- 1 Manhattan Project goal
- 2 High building
- 3 Its delta lies near Astrakhan
- 4 Electrical discharges
- 5 Flickertail state
- 6 Inconvenient orange road sign
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**Poetry Street**  
by Katherine Tullie



*When you have a friend you are truly rich. Friendship makes the world a better place. It gives us a sense of community. That is the inspiration for my poem "Friendship."*

Friendship is a special thing  
When you have a good friend  
you just want to sing  
When we have found this jewel in our lives  
It makes us happy and helps us feel alive  
A good friendship is not always easy to  
come by from day to day  
Cherish the time we have with this  
special friendship love  
It may have been written  
in the stars above  
You never know where it will lead  
Once you have planted this emotional seed  
It is an investment, indeed  
Let it play out  
Without a doubt  
Friendship love is such  
a special emotion to be found  
It helps us in our world when it is true  
to get us around  
It can come from any nook and cranny in  
our lives, I say  
So when you have this special friendship  
treat it well every day!



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**Hurricane Recovery News**  
*Local Group, CEDR, is Here to Help  
You Recover From Hurricane Irma  
Damage - If You Need It*



Hurricane Irma is no longer in the news but that does not mean that the effects from the storm are behind us.

Many of our friends and neighbors are still trying to recover from the devastation the storm brought to the area.

When you drive through Everglades City, Chokoloskee and Plantation Island, it is hard to tell that the area was inundated with water only 11 months ago. However, when you look inside many homes, they are still gutted to the studs as the homeowners await any assistance they can get to help them rebuild.

That's where a group like CEDR comes in. CEDR stands for Communities of Everglades Disaster Recovery. They work in conjunction with the Salvation Army and have set up a team in Everglades City Hall (where the old bank used to be on the 1st floor). They will have advocates there from 10 am to 3 pm on Mondays to assist people still in need of help.

If you need help, including financial assistance, to help you get back on your feet, please stop in to see them.

If you work and cannot make it in on a Monday, call Elaine Middelsteadt and she will help make arrangements so that you get the assistance you need.

**You can reach Elaine at 239-695-2695, or stop in the CEDR office in Everglades City Hall on Mondays from 10 am to 3 pm.**

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The fourth Annual Big Cypress Gallery Fall Festival, is a recognition of the continuing importance of protecting our unique swamps of Florida and natural environment through education. The past four years this event has raised over \$25,000 for the Swamp Water and Me Program (SWAMP) in Big Cypress National Preserve. SWAMP is an outdoor science education program that introduces thousands of kids to the Big Cypress every year on school field trips.



We invite you to come out and meet Clyde Butcher and the Big Cypress National Preserve Rangers at his Big Cypress Gallery. Clyde will be donating a percentage of the sales in the gallery, raffle items including a photograph, plus a 100% of the proceeds from ranger-led swamp walks will support the SWAMP program. There is no entry fee to gallery and it is open to the public. The guided ranger-led swamp walks behind the gallery 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. If you would like to do a swamp walk there is limited space get your tickets by visiting our website: [www.clydebutcher.com](http://www.clydebutcher.com), and click on "events". You can also call us at 239-695-2428.

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**Living Gulf Coast**  
by Charles Sobczak

**Red Fox (*Vulpes vulpes*)** Other names: silver fox, cross fox / Status: FL = expanding its range, IUCN = LC / Length: not including the tail, 19-35 in. (49-90 cm) / Height at shoulder: 14-20 in. (35-50 cm) / Weight: 5-22 lb (2.2-10 kg) / Life span: to 15 years / Breeds: in the winter months, with kits born in the spring / Found: AC, near coast, mainland / Months found: JfmamJJASOND (lower case indicates breeding season)



The red fox is the most widely distributed and successful carnivore on earth. It has 45 recognized subspecies and is found on every continent except Antarctica. It even inhabits the High Arctic where it often out competes the smaller white Arctic fox. Although the red fox was historically found along the northern tier of Florida where the eastern deciduous forest ends, it has recently expanded its range southward and can now be found everywhere in the state except the Keys.

The red fox is similar in size to the gray fox, and the two animals coexist fairly well. True to the adage, "cunning as a fox," this small canid is a brilliant

survivor. There is no doubt that its expansion into Southwest Florida has been on the coattails of our own expansion in the same environment.

The red fox eats just about everything, including carrion and flotsam. It also preys on fawns, rabbits, squirrels, moles, mice, birds, raccoons, opossums, reptiles, earthworms, and insects. Although considered a carnivore, the red fox is actually an omnivore; during certain times of the year its diet may consist entirely of plant matter, berries, fruits, and tubers. This ability to alter its diet to whatever foodstuff is readily available is key to the fox's success.

The red fox is still trapped extensively for its fur. In the U.S., the Alaskan red fox has the best fur, with silky guard hairs that make it extremely desirable on the fur market. More than 2 million red fox pelts are harvested in the wild worldwide, particularly in Canada and Alaska. Despite this continued trapping, the red fox is not threatened or endangered anywhere in North America, and only two of the 45 subspecies in the world are listed as endangered.

The female, which is called a vixen, has one litter a year with up to 12 kits in a litter. Like its cousin, the coyote, the fox was once common prey for wolves and pumas. With these two top predators gone, many more kits survive, and the fox's numbers are increasing in every state in the Union. In Australia and New Zealand, where the red fox was introduced for the British sport of fox hunting, it is considered an invasive species and has caused serious declines in many indigenous species such as bettongs, bilbies, numbats, kiwis, and wallabies.

The red fox is too small to seriously injure a human, and though it has been known to attack infants, no reported attack has been fatal. Like the coyote, the red fox will take outdoor house pets such as cats and small dogs and has been known to decimate entire flocks of chickens in a single night. The red fox will sometimes resort to an unusual behavior more commonly found in man—it will overkill prey beyond its immediate needs. Panthers and lions are also known to kill more than they can eat, though no one can explain the biological mechanism behind overkilling.

The red fox is prone to rabies and a number of other potentially lethal human diseases such as tularemia and encephalitis.

Although the red fox is increasing in number, your chances of seeing one of these small, secretive animals in the wild is extremely rare. It tends to hunt at dawn and dusk, and its keen sense of hearing keeps it at a safe distance from noise-making humans. The fox is a surprisingly fast animal, disappearing into the understory in a heartbeat.

Charles Sobczak is a writer and author from Sanibel Island, Florida  
Photo by Bob Gress



**The Artificial Angler**  
by Capt. Rodney Raffield

Fishing this month has been pretty good considering the warm water temperature.

Trout fishing slowed a little but we have still been able to catch respectable numbers on Jigs as well as

Hardbaits.

Reds have picked up for us in the Islands with fish being caught on jigs such as Mr. Wiffelures, D.O.A. Cals, and ZMAN paddle tails. We are also getting these fish to hit Mirrodines, Yozuri Inshore Minnows, and Rapala Xraps.

Snook are also falling for the very lures listed above being a little more plentiful than the Reds. You want to catch the higher tides for these fish and get a early start as the bite drops off considerably with the rising sun.

You can catch trophy fish on lures, my friends, so do not second guess yourself. Trust your lure and your own abilities and that dream fish will become a reality.

~Capt. Rodney Raffield, Everglades Backcountry Experience.



**TAXING THINGS** by Mike the Tax Guy  
**Hot tips for summer jobs**



It's that time of the year again for seasonal work and summer jobs. The IRS is providing the small business and self-employed community some helpful tips to work now and avoid tax issues later:

Worker classification matters. Business owners must determine whether summer workers are employees or independent contractors. Independent contractors are not subject to withholding, making them responsible for paying their own income taxes plus Social Security and Medicare taxes. Workers can avoid higher tax bills and lost benefits if they know their proper status.

Summer workers may be exempt from tax withholding. Workers may not earn enough from summer jobs to owe income tax, but employers usually must withhold Social Security and Medicare taxes from pay. If self-employed or an independent contractor, workers need to pay their own Social Security and Medicare taxes, even if they have no income tax liability. The Form W-2 shows the amount of earnings and withholdings for state and federal taxes, Social Security, Medicare wages and tips.

**Check withholding.** For those who work a seasonal or part-year job, checking withholding now can help make sure employers withhold the right amount of tax. The Withholding Calculator on IRS.gov helps employees determine whether they need to submit a new Form W-4 to their employer. It estimates income, credits, adjustments and deductions for most financial situations. Employees can use their results from the calculator to fill out the form and adjust their income tax withholding. They must give their updated forms to their employers to take effect.

**Local News**

**Vacation Bible School A Smashing Success!**

Chokoloskee Church of God held its annual vacation bible school (VBS) from July 30th through August 3rd.



The number of children varied each day, but most days there was well over 20 children that participated in this year's VBS themed "Shipwrecked. Rescued by Jesus".



Each year, immediately after the school summer break, the church hosts the bible school for area children. If you are interested in having your child or children attend, contact Chokoloskee Church of God before next year's summer break! You can call them at 239-695-4437.



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**SAWFISH NEWS by Tonya Wiley, Havenworth Coastal Conservation**

**Sawfish Handling and Release Guidelines**

Smalltooth sawfish are listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act, which makes it illegal to target, harm, harass, or handle them in any way. While it is technically illegal to catch a sawfish (except with a research permit or in a fishery where incidental take has been authorized) captures do occur while fishing for other species. Any sawfish caught while fishing must be released as quickly as possible.

The guidelines below were developed to aid anglers in quickly and safely releasing incidentally caught sawfish. These guidelines take into account the safety of both the endangered sawfish and the angler. Sawfish are large, powerful animals that can cause serious injury, so use caution if you do catch one.

The number one rule to remember when handling and releasing a sawfish is to leave it in the water at all times. Do not lift it out of the water onto your boat or a pier, and do not drag it on shore.

**General Release Guidelines:**

- ◆ Leave the sawfish in the water – never lift or drag it onto a boat, pier, or shore
- ◆ Never remove the saw (rostrum) or injure the animal in any way
- ◆ Remove as much fishing gear as safely possible
- ◆ Use extreme caution when handling and releasing sawfish as the saw can thrash violently from side to side
- ◆ Never use a gaff or rope to secure a sawfish

**If hooked:**

- ◆ Leave the sawfish, especially the gills, in the water
- ◆ If it can be done safely, untangle any line wrapped around the saw
- ◆ Cut the line as close to the hook as possible

**If tangled in a cast net:**

- ◆ Leave the sawfish, especially the gills, in the water
- ◆ Untangle and cut the net removing as much of it as possible from the animal
- ◆ Release the sawfish quickly



Sawfish are extremely susceptible to entanglement in recreational fishing lines and commercial nets. Mishandling and the purposeful injury or killing of captured sawfish is both illegal and detrimental to the recovery of the population. Never use a gaff on a sawfish you have caught and never remove the rostrum. Sawfish use their rostrum for detecting and catching food so in addition to being illegal, removal of the rostrum severely limits the animal's chance to find enough food to survive.

If you catch or see a sawfish take a quick photograph of the sawfish, estimate its size, note your location, and share the details with scientists. The details of your sightings or catches of sawfish help to monitor the population and track the recovery progress. You can share your information by calling 844-4-SAWFISH (844-472-9347) or emailing [sawfish@myfwc.com](mailto:sawfish@myfwc.com).

Some fishermen have expressed concern that reporting encounters will result in the closure of their favorite fishing locations. However, the smalltooth sawfish is already listed as an endangered species and critical habitat has been designated and neither of these actions has resulted in any closed fishing areas for recreational or commercial anglers. Your encounter reports will be used to track recovery of the population and steer research efforts, which will ultimately benefit the species and the areas in which you fish. Adam Brame, the Sawfish Recovery Coordinator for NOAA Fisheries, said "We are confident that NOAA and recreational anglers can work together to recover smalltooth sawfish so future generations can experience the thrill of encountering such a unique animal."

**For more information about sawfish visit:**

<http://myfwc.com/research/saltwater/fish/sawfish/> or <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/species/smalltooth-sawfish>. Phone: 941-201-2685, or email: [tonya@havenworth.org](mailto:tonya@havenworth.org).

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<b>Camellia Street Grille (695-2003):</b> 11:00 am – 9:00 pm daily
<b>City Seafood (695-4700):</b> 8:00 am – 10:00 am; breakfast Noon-6pm Lunch & Dinner
<b>Glades Haven Deli (695-2091):</b> Deli Closed for Repairs Live bait available at marina
<b>Havana Café (695-2214):</b> Closed for Summer See you in October
<b>Island Café (695-0003):</b> 6:00 am – 9:00 pm; daily
<b>Ivey House (695-3299):</b> 6:30 – 9:30 am; daily
<b>Joanie's Blue Crab Café (695-2682):</b> 11:00 am – 4:00 pm <i>Open: Mon., Fri., Saturday &amp; Sunday</i>
<b>Oyster House Restaurant (695-2073):</b> Currently closed for repairs Please check back!
<b>Rod &amp; Gun (695-2101):</b> 11:30 am - 8:00 pm; daily
<b>Tastes of the Everglades (695-0075)</b> Closed for summer.
<b>Triad Seafood &amp; Café (695-2662):</b> We are closed for summer. See you in October.
<b>MARKETS</b>
<b>Right Choice Supermarket (695-4535):</b> 9:00 am – 7:00 pm; daily
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<b>Fresh Produce</b> 1181 Hamilton Ln, Chok. Closed for Summer By E City Post Office, Closed for Summer
<b>SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES</b>
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<b>Copeland Baptist Church</b> Sunday: 10 am School, 11 am Worship
<b>Everglades Community Church</b> 11:00 am Sunday Worship
<b>1<sup>st</sup> Baptist Church of Everglades City</b> 9:45 am Sunday School, 11 am Worship 6 pm Sunday, 6 pm Wed. Bible Study
<b>Holy Family Catholic Church</b> Closed for Summer, see San Marco below
<b>St. Finbarr Catholic Church, Naples</b> Phone: 239-417-2084
<b>San Marco Catholic Church, Marco Isl.</b> 239-394-5181

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8/20/18	Mon	5:58 AM	1.02	L
8/20/18	Mon	10:51 AM	2.79	H
8/20/18	Mon	6:53 PM	0.36	L
8/21/18	Tue	2:03 AM	2.27	H
8/21/18	Tue	6:59 AM	1.02	L
8/21/18	Tue	11:52 AM	2.86	H
8/21/18	Tue	7:47 PM	0.29	L
8/22/18	Wed	2:24 AM	2.35	H
8/22/18	Wed	7:53 AM	0.99	L
8/22/18	Wed	12:47 PM	2.96	H
8/22/18	Wed	8:34 PM	0.23	L
8/23/18	Thu	2:33 AM	2.43	H
8/23/18	Thu	8:37 AM	0.93	L
8/23/18	Thu	1:31 PM	3.08	H
8/23/18	Thu	9:14 PM	0.2	L
8/24/18	Fri	2:52 AM	2.52	H
8/24/18	Fri	9:16 AM	0.87	L
8/24/18	Fri	2:10 PM	3.18	H
8/24/18	Fri	9:51 PM	0.18	L
8/25/18	Sat	3:16 AM	2.61	H
8/25/18	Sat	9:51 AM	0.81	L
8/25/18	Sat	2:44 PM	3.24	H
8/25/18	Sat	10:26 PM	0.19	L

**HCN receives \$10,000 grant from Suncoast Credit Union Foundation**  
**Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida** (HCN) has received a \$10,000 grant from the Suncoast Credit Union Foundation to support the expansion of its Ronald McDonald Care Mobile program.

The Ronald McDonald Care Mobile is a mobile pediatric office that travels to schools and neighborhoods to deliver dental care and medical screenings to the most underserved children in our community while giving them access to continuing care through HCN's land based dental sites. Since 2004, the Ronald McDonald Care Mobile (RMCM) has provided medical and dental care to more than 32,000 underserved children in Collier County.

The RMCM provides dental screenings and sealants in coordination with Collier County Schools, to first and second grade children in 13 Title One Schools. The program currently serves 13 Title One Schools in Collier County, and the funding from Suncoast Credit Union Foundation HCN will increase the number of children served by adding an additional school for the 2018-2019 school year. CEO Mike Ellis noted that "Our goal is to create a dental home for every child in our community, and often the first point of access is at these school based visits on board the Care Mobile. The support from Suncoast Credit Union Foundation will ensure that we continue to reach as many underserved children in need as possible".

**About HCN**

Founded in 1977, Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida is a federally qualified health center providing primary health and dental care to over 60 percent of Collier County's children as well as family care, women's care and behavioral care to over 50,000 patients through its 21 facilities. Persons interested in further information may visit [www.healthcareswfl.org](http://www.healthcareswfl.org) or call 239-658-3000.

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