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What's Happening in the Everglades & 10,000 Islands

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City Council Approves 5 Year Moratorium on New Airboat Licenses Move Protects Existing Businesses, Caps Number of Boats Leaving City Limits

The Everglades City Council passed an ordinance restricting the number of airboat business licenses to 6, with each having a maximum number of 12 boats, for a 5 year period. There are currently 6 license-holders.

The measure was approved by attending Council Members Vicky Wells, Tim Smith and Elaine Middelstaedt. Parker Oglesby and Macbeth Collins were not in attendance, but the three present were enough to form a quorum and pass the ordinance.

The ordinance is seen as a way to protect airboat passengers from the dangers of too many airboats navigating the waters. Florida has seen an increase in airboat accidents, and the proactive measure will help stem the proliferation of more boats which increases congestion, and increases the chances of accidents.

The measure is also popular with residents as it is viewed as a way to keep the noise levels reasonable for those who live on or near the river used by captains.

The ordinance regulates only those boats that dock and leave from Everglades City. Those who dock elsewhere are not affected.

The issue has been a hot topic of discussion for several months. The City held a workshop and has discussed the topic at several Council meetings before drafting the final ordinance which was read and approved at the meeting.

City attorney Zach Lombardo explained that the City has the ability to amend the ordinance at any time to make any adjustments deemed necessary. Without any changes, the ordinance will remain in effect through 2023.

Veterans Honored With Memorial Plaque at Everglades City Hall On Veterans Day



A memorial plaque, donated by the Everglades Society for Historical Preservation honoring those who have served our country, was unveiled on Veterans Day Sunday, November 11th in front of Everglades City Hall.

Pastor Bob Wallace seen below in his Navy Whites, led the small gathering in prayer and the singing of "God Bless America."



The Everglades Society for Historic Preservation (ESHP, Inc.) is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit corporation whose focus is to raise awareness of our unique history and of the wealth of historic buildings in our area. ESHP's mission is to preserve historic sites, structures, documents, artifacts and memories within the Everglades area.

The Society was founded at the end of 2004. The areas of interest include Everglades City, Plantation Island, Chokoloskee, Ochopee, Copeland & Lee Cypress, and Jerome. Members include local residents, seasonal visitors, and admirers of our heritage from other parts of Florida or further afield. If you would like information about ESHP, contact Marya Repko at 239-695-2905.



72-Hours to Key West Bike Ride by Patty Huff

This year marked the 9th Annual 72-Hours to Key West Bike Tour. When this bike ride was organized to benefit the Tiny Hands Foundation (www.tinyhandsfoundation.org), there were only nine bicyclists who participated.

On the morning of November 2, a group of 67 cyclists left Ft Myers Beach and traveled through the Everglades along the Tamiami Trail to spend the first night at the Miccosukee Resort.



The following day they cycled down the new multi-use pathway alongside Krome Avenue, finishing the day in Marathon before completing the tour in Key West on Sunday.

Experienced bicyclists who are used to cycling next to automobiles enjoy the long



distance rides through south Florida, appreciating the beauty of the Everglades where they will see a variety of birds, wildlife, vistas and cultural / historic sites along the Tamiami Trail that can't be found anywhere else in our state.

If you are interested in learning more about cycling events in the Everglades, visit www.evergladesrogg.org/events. Brochures are available all around town highlighting Hiking/Biking/Paddling the Everglades.

Photos: Top: Riders stop at the Big Cypress Swamp welcome center. Bottom: Riders cycle along the Tamiami Trail.

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NOVEMBER 18, 2018 – DECEMBER 22, 2018

<u>SUN</u>	<u>MON</u>	<u>TUES</u>	<u>WED</u>	<u>THURS</u>	<u>FRI</u>	<u>SAT</u>
NOV. 18	19	20 Dental Bus, see p. 3 P & Z Mtg, 7:00	21 Ladies Coffee City Seafood 8 am	22 Thanksgiving Day!	23 full moon ☉ Black Friday Shopping	24
25	26	27	28 Ladies Coffee Havana Café 8 am	29 Diamonds Tea, see p. 3	30	<u>DEC. 1</u> <u>RAPPER</u>
2	3 ESHP Mtg, 8:30 am FME Annual Meeting & Luncheon	4 City Council Mtg, City Hall, 7 pm	5 Ladies Coffee Island Café 8 am	6	7 New moon ● Fakahatchee Celebration, see p. 10	8 Art-in-Glades see p. 3 Boat Parade, see p. 3
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16	17	18	19 Ladies Coffee Havana Café 8 am	20 Book Club, see p. 10	21	22 full moon ☉

December 25: Christmas Day

December 31: New Year's Eve

January 1: New Year's Day

January 4: Museum Event, TBA

AREA INFORMATION & NUMBERS:

AA: Wed., 5:00 pm, Evg. Comm. Church, Fellowship Hall
 CARNESTOWN Recycle & Trash: Dec 1st, Every Sat, 9 am to 3:30 pm
 DR DEMARTINO: Little Gator Clinic, Opening Nov. 30, Fridays 1:30-4:30
 DR MARTIN: Call for appointment: 813-787-9738
 LIONS CLUB: Meet 2nd Thursday of Month, 6 pm
 MUSEUM: Open Monday-Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm. 239-695-0008
 PANCAKE FLY-IN: Closed for summer.
 REACH OUT: 3rd Tuesday, 4 pm, City Hall
 SKATING RINK: Now open! Fri. & Sat. 6 to 9 pm
 SMALLWOOD STORE: 11 am to 4 pm, 239-695-2989
 THRIFT SHOP: Open Tuesday & Saturday 11 am to 3, see p.3.
 VETERANS SUPPORT: 2nd & 4th Wed. of month, noon—2 pm

The Local Area Code is 239

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Art-in-the-Glades

Saturday, Nov. 17th, 10 am to 1 pm

Come out to McLeod Park for Art-in-the-Glades on Saturday, November 17th from 10 am to 1 pm.



There will be live music, goodies for the kids (and adults) and plenty of local arts and crafts. It's a great time to get some early (and unique) holiday gifts and a great excuse to spend a few hours at the park!

Diamonds Tea

Thursday, November 29th, 2 pm to 4 pm
Jinkins Hall, Evg. Comm. Church



Each year Reach-Out hosts Diamonds Tea for the ladies in our area 70 or over. This year the event will be held at Jinkins Hall at Everglades Community Church. If you have not received your invitation, please contact Anne Mitchell at 239-695-2009. We hope to see everyone there!

Boat Parade

Saturday, December 8th, 6:00 pm

Mark your calendars so you can be a part of a growing tradition!



The annual boat parade will be on December 8th, with boats meeting at the mouth of the Barron River at 6 pm, and making their way around the island in true Everglades City style.

This year, we hope to add many more boats and continue growing this into a true town tradition (Ft. Lauderdale Boat Parade watch out!). Start planning your decorations and we will see you on the 8th!

The Third Annual Mullet Rapper Plant (and Treasure) Sale at McLeod Park
December 15th, 8:30 - 11:30 am
100% of the Proceeds are donated to Everglades City School



The third-annual Mullet Rapper plant sale is almost here.

This year's sale will feature vegetables, herbs, ornamentals, butterfly host plants, palms, seeds and much more. In addition, we will also have some craft and gift items (and anything else you may want to donate!) available and perfectly timed for gift-giving season.

If you have any plants, pots or seeds you would like to donate, or if you would like to volunteer for the event, please contact Kathy Brock at 954-662-7003. You can drop the plants and pots off at my house anytime...I need them (especially empty pots)!

Dinner & Music at McLeod Park Hosted by the Lions Club November 17th, 6 to 9 pm

Featuring Cecil's "famous chicken" with beans & slaw, drink & dessert, \$12. Hotdogs or hamburger, chips & drink, \$6.

Live music will be played by The Magic Mitch Ensemble. There will be a 50/50 drawing & door prizes.

Proceeds of this event will be used for McLeod park restoration. We hope to see you there!

COMMUNITY SERVICES

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Nov. 20, 8 am to 4 pm

The Healthcare Network of Southwest Florida's Health & Smiles Mobile Dental Bus will be in Everglades City on **November 20th** from 8 am to 4 pm, in the Fire Station parking lot, providing free dental checks, blood pressure screenings and behavioral health information if requested. For more information or an appt: call 239-986-7323.

THE FOOD BANK IS OPEN!

Wednesdays noon to 2pm

Everglades Community Pantry, a proud partner agency of the Harry Chapin Food Bank, is open every Wednesday from noon to 2 in Jinkins Fellowship Hall at Everglades Community Church. This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

DOCTOR'S CLINIC



Dr. Kirk DeMartino is seeing patients in his Marco Island Office and in **Everglades City on Friday's from 1:30 to 4:30 pm.** You may call his office to schedule an appointment to see him there: (239) 642-5552.

NATURAL MEDICINE



Dr. John Martin can see patients in Everglades City on Fridays. Appts: from 10 am to 6 pm. Call to confirm: 813-787-9738.

CEDR Hurricane Disaster Recovery Assistance is Available

Communities of Everglades Disaster Recovery works in conjunction with the Salvation Army and have a team set up in Everglades City Hall (right inside the front door). They will have advocates there from **10 am to 3 pm on Mondays** to assist people still in need of help. Stop in the office or you can call Elaine at 239-695-2695 for more information.

NEW THRIFT SHOP

Tuesday & Saturday 11 am to 3 pm

The new thrift shop is open Tuesday & 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 or dirty items.



A Message from Fire-Chief Kingman Schuldt

The Greater Naples Fire Rescue District celebrates its four year anniversary this month. On November 4, 2014, 149 founding members of Greater Naples Fire Rescue District ventured into new and uncharted territory. Four years later, the Fire District has grown to be the largest in the State, protecting more than 160,000 residents in some 1,512 square miles. With five Fire Commissioners and 224 members, and service agreements with Collier County, Cities of **Everglades City** and Marco Island, and the Florida Department of Transportation, the Fire District continues to expand services at a staggering rate.


With a rebounding economy the demand for service continues to increase; however, the District will remain challenged to meet these expectations with limited funding that fall short of the demands placed upon us by the rapid growth of the community. With these demands come a need to increase resources and capabilities, all while administering cost-effective budget strategies that maximize resources and expenditures.

During this past year the District has continued to enhance services; increasing the number of certified Paramedics to 67, restructuring the Training and Specials Operations Teams Section, expanding Logistics and Fleet support capabilities, and acquiring new self-contained breathing apparatus, 14 new fire apparatus, support vehicles, and mobile equipment for example.

The District has achieved numerous accomplishments over the recent year. This would have never been possible without the continued support of the Board of Fire Commissioners, diligence of staff, and commitment of those in the field conducting some 6,000 life safety inspections and responding to more than 20,000 emergency incidents annually.

Through it all, the Fire District staff stands ready for what the next year will bring. The membership continues to perform in an exemplary manner, meeting these demands while providing exceptional customer service.

As a result of the recent General Election, I would like to congratulate Fire Commissioners Charlie Cottiers and Dave Stedman on their re-election to the Board. The District looks forward to their continued support.



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A Brief History of Thanksgiving
 (from History.com)



In September 1620, a small ship called the Mayflower left Plymouth, England, carrying 102 passengers—an assortment of religious separatists seeking a new home where they could freely practice their faith and other individuals lured by the promise of prosperity and land ownership in the New World. After a treacherous and uncomfortable crossing that lasted 66 days, they dropped anchor near the tip of Cape Cod, far north of their intended destination at the mouth of the Hudson River. One month later, the Mayflower crossed Massachusetts Bay, where the Pilgrims, as they are now

commonly known, began the work of establishing a village at Plymouth.

In November 1621, after the Pilgrims' first corn harvest proved successful, Governor William Bradford organized a celebratory feast and invited a group of the fledgling colony's Native American allies, including the Wampanoag chief Massasoit. Now remembered as America's "first Thanksgiving"—although the Pilgrims themselves may not have used the term at the time—the festival lasted for three days. While no record exists of the historic banquet's exact menu, the Pilgrim chronicler Edward Winslow wrote in his journal that Governor Bradford sent four men on a "fowling" mission in preparation for the event, and that the Wampanoag guests arrived bearing five deer. Historians have suggested that many of the dishes were likely prepared using traditional Native American spices and cooking methods. Because the Pilgrims had no oven and the Mayflower's sugar supply had dwindled by the fall of 1621, the meal did not feature pies, cakes or other desserts, which have become a hallmark of contemporary celebrations.

Sarah Josepha Hale Lobbies for Thanksgiving...And, It Worked!

Pilgrims held their second Thanksgiving celebration in 1623 to mark the end of a long drought that had threatened the year's harvest and prompted Governor Bradford to call for a religious fast. Days of fasting and thanksgiving on an annual or occasional basis became common practice in other New England settlements as well. During the American Revolution, the Continental Congress designated one or more days of thanksgiving a year, and in 1789 George Washington issued the first Thanksgiving proclamation by the national government of the United States; in it, he called upon Americans to express their gratitude for the happy conclusion to the country's war of independence and the successful ratification of the U.S. Constitution. His successors John Adams and James Madison also designated days of thanks during their presidencies.

In 1817, New York became the first of several states to officially adopt an annual Thanksgiving holiday; each celebrated it on a different day, however, and the American South remained largely unfamiliar with the tradition. In 1827, the noted magazine editor and prolific writer Sarah Josepha Hale—author, among countless other things, of the nursery rhyme "Mary Had a Little Lamb"—launched a campaign to establish Thanksgiving as a national holiday. For 36 years, she published numerous editorials and sent scores of letters to governors, senators, presidents and other politicians.

Lincoln Makes it Official

Abraham Lincoln finally heeded her request in 1863, at the height of the Civil War, in a proclamation entreating all Americans to ask God to "commend to his tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners or sufferers in the lamentable civil strife" and to "heal the wounds of the nation." He scheduled Thanksgiving for the final Thursday in November, and it was celebrated on that day every year until 1939, when Franklin D. Roosevelt moved the holiday up a week in an attempt to spur retail sales during the Great Depression. Roosevelt's plan, known derisively as Franksgiving, was met with passionate opposition, and in 1941 the president reluctantly signed a bill making Thanksgiving the fourth Thursday in November.

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A Message From Coach Jill Whitcomb



Basketball season is here! The Lady Gators start with a preseason classic at Donahue Academy in Ava Maria on Thursday Nov. 15. The boys and girls regular season starts on Tuesday, Nov 27th.

We will have a middle school boys team and a high school girls and boys basketball team! The cheerleaders have been working hard this fall to cheer loud and proud for our Gators this season! Check out www.collierschools.com/evg for the school calendar with all our games! Admission to our home games is \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.



The mission this season to SPORTSMANSHIP. The Gator Philosophy is Cheer Loud & Proud for our Gators! Let the players play, the coaches coach, the officials officiate, and the fans cheer loud!

We are excited for our upcoming season with our newly formed conference. The high school conference is called the Paradise Coast Athletic Conference (PCAC) which consists of Everglades City, Donahue Academy, Village School, Mason

Academy, and Marco Island Academy.

The middle school conference is called the Southwest Florida Athletic Conference (SFAC) which consists of Everglades City, Mason Academy, Marco Charter Middle School, Oak Creek Charter of Bonita Springs, and Gulf Coast Charter of Naples.

The volleyball season was very competitive and we are looking forward to some great competition in basketball too!

Come out and support our Gators!

School Calendar-No School Days

Nov. 21-23.....Thanksgiving Break
Dec. 23- Jan. 3.....Christmas Break

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Good Sportsmanship Teaches Respect (Excerpts from Stanford University Health)



Good sportsmanship is one of the life lessons that children can learn from sports. You can help your children understand and value good sportsmanship while making sure they have a safe and fun sports experience.

Good sportsmanship may seem hard to define, but its

hallmarks include being able to win without gloating, respecting one's opponents, and being able to lose gracefully. Here are some important principles to instill in your children:

- If you lose, don't make up excuses.
If you win, don't rub it in.
Learn from mistakes and get back in the game.
Always do your best.
If someone else makes a mistake, remain encouraging and avoid criticizing.
Show respect for yourself, your team, and the officials of the game.

Tips in Teaching Good Sportsmanship

Good sportsmanship includes following certain guidelines for good behavior. Share these concepts with your children:

- Follow the rules of the game. It might seem easier to win by doing things a different way (cheating), but everyone has to follow the rules. Explain to your child that rules are created so that sports can be played in an organized way.
Avoid arguing. Stay focused on the game instead of giving in to anger with teammates, coaches, or referees. Always avoid using bad language and negative words.
Everyone should have a chance to play. In youth sports, it's important to encourage even those players who are the least skilled to have fun playing in the game. Parents, coaches, and even other players have an important role in allowing less talented teammates time to participate.
Play fair. Good sportsmen want to win because they followed the rules and played the best game they could. Never support any effort to win that attempts to go around the rules. Cheating is not acceptable.
Follow directions. Emphasize the importance of listening to coaches and referees and following their directions while on the field and involved in team activities.
Respect the other team. Whether your team wins or loses, it's important to show respect for the effort of the other team. If the other team wins, accept defeat, acknowledge their abilities, and move on. If your team wins, resist bragging—that's what it means to be a gracious winner.
Encourage teammates. Team sports work best when each individual supports the team. Praise teammates for what they do well and encourage them when they make mistakes. Avoid criticism and unkind actions. Parents should model this behavior for children by praising them for specific things they have done well, even if they made a mistake or may not have played as well as hoped.
Respect the decisions of referees and other officials. These people are charged with making difficult decisions about plays in the game. Good sportsmanship requires that you accept a call, even if you disagree with it. Remember that it's only one call in a long game—get back into play and focus on the game.
End with a handshake. Good sportsmen enjoy sports and know how to end a game on a positive note, whether or not they won. Threats, anger, criticism, and other negative expressions are not acceptable.

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Join us on December 9th as we ride through historic Everglades City and make our way to Chokoloskee Island.

Meet at McLeod Park on the Circle at 9 am. From there we will ride through historic Everglades City, then to Chokoloskee and return.

Everyone is invited and we will lunch together after the 10-mile ride.

Details:

- ◆ Meet: McLeod Park, Everglades City, 9 am.
- ◆ No Registration / No Fee
- ◆ Self-Supported – Bring water/snacks
- ◆ Wear a Helmet

For info: email info@evergladesrogg.org
or call (239) 695-2397 / 719-0020
Visit the website: <https://evergladesrogg.org/events/>



Biking Event Schedule
(All rides start at 9:00am)

- ◆ Dec. 9 – Everglades City/Chokoloskee (10 miles) Meet at McLeod Park in Everglades City
- ◆ January 13 – Janes Scenic Drive in the Fakahatchee (17 miles). Meet at Fakahatchee Strand Headquarters in Copeland
- ◆ February 10 – Ave Maria (40 miles) Meet at McLeod Park in Everglades City
- ◆ March 10 – Bear Island in the Big Cypress Meeting Location TBA

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Solution to November 3, 2018 Puzzle



My Little Slice of Paradise

by Kathy Brock
Principal for a Day

Have you ever wondered what it is like to be the principal of a school or thought of what a school principal's day might be like? I was offered the opportunity to serve as Principal of the Day by the "real" Principal James Ragusa of Everglades City School...and that day was Friday, November 2nd.

This was a great, eye-opening experience. You see, I have had less interaction with schools as an adult because I never had children of my own. However, I do have a scholastic background in education, so I do not consider myself clueless when it comes to education and teaching.

I was wrong. I am clueless. I knew going in that teachers have their hands full and their jobs are way more difficult (and important) than people seem to recognize. But I was not aware of the fast pace of the day and the switching on and off of teacher mode from one period to the next.

Here's an example of what Principal James Ragusa's day is like...Greet all of the children **by name bright and early!** Unlike most principals who oversee an "elementary school" or "middle school" or "high school," he has students at the school from 3 years old to 18 years. That's a range of toddler to young adult!

He and his staff must effectively communicate to all of the different age ranges as they roam the hallways in age appropriate language

Throughout the day, there is constant motion going from one room to the next to check on a student's progress or to see a new tool a teacher may have researched to employ in a classroom.

The admiration the students have for Principal Ragusa is obvious. He is greeted with smiles and enthusiasm, and returns the smiles in-kind. As I watched I was thinking that I would have been fortunate to have that kind of educator in my life as a kid.

The children at Everglades City School have the good fortune of attending a school with a very dedicated staff. This is not a clock-in, clock out, type of job. You show up early (very early in some cases) and stay late, often past 7 pm if you are a coach as well as a teacher.

It takes a special person to smile all day, no matter what, and to be thinking of others the entire time. These educators are with the (maybe your) children from 7:45ish to 3 pm every day. They have a huge responsibility as they assist in the molding and teaching of these young humans minds.

It's a shame that teachers are not paid a wage commensurate with the enormity of their responsibility. Being that they are responsible for the majority of a child's waking hours and prominent in the formative years, you would think it would be obvious that they should also be well compensated so that they are highly satisfied and feel appreciated as they mold these children.

But that is often not the case. As a whole in our society educators have historically been underpaid (75% of teachers are female, but I won't go there). We get away with it because they are also special people, and as such, they are self motivated and dedicated to do their best, and what's best for the kids

no matter the wage. That is ever so evident in Principal Ragusa's staff at Everglades City School.

This is a dedicated group of professionals that demonstrate the passion they have for their jobs everyday. I have always admired educators and do so even more now that I had a chance to serve as their principal for a day!

Above Photo: I demonstrate my "teaching skills" in the donut eating contest held for the kids with perfect attendance. Note: I lost, but the kids loved it...which makes it all worth it.

Photo by Sue Gentry



Island Life Recipes
Laura's Sweet Potato-Coconut Pie
Cooked & Tested by Kathy Brock

Ingredients:
 1-1/2 cups mashed oven-cooked sweet potatoes
 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
 1 tsp. ground cinnamon
 1/4 tsp. ground ginger
 1/4 tsp. ground nutmeg
 2 eggs
 1 cup evaporated milk (or regular milk)
 1/2 cup shredded coconut
 1 unbaked pie crust
 Whip for topping

Directions:
 Preheat oven to 400°F. Mix sweet potatoes, sugar, cinnamon, salt, ginger and nutmeg in large bowl until well blended.
 Add eggs, milk and butter; mix well. Stir in the coconut. Pour into pastry shell. Bake 35 minutes or until knife inserted in center comes out clean. Cool. Top with whipped cream or your choice of whipped topping.
Note: Even though it is tempting to microwave the potatoes, they lose flavor (do a taste test some day and you will see). So...for this recipe, you will want to pre-oven bake sweets and use them. You can pre-cook them several days in advance. This is a great pie for Thanksgiving!



MULLET RAPPER CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 Got grayer
- 5 Catch you later
- 10 Hint
- 11 Most Kurds
- 13 Popular type of party, often at universities
- 14 Horn of Africa resident
- 15 Spain and Portugal
- 17 Above
- 18 Indian flatbread
- 19 Speck of soot
- 21 First US orbiter
- 23 General Hospital actor Anthony ---
- 27 "And the rest," in short
- 29 Aviation regulator
- 30 What a soufflé should do
- 33 Recurrent
- 35 Said by a confessor
- 37 Corned Beef _ _
- 38 _ _ Grit
- 39 Skip over
- 40 "Get _ _ _ _ of yourself!" _ _
- 41 Coolers

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- 1 Job for a thespian
- 2 All over the world
- 3 Seat of the University of Oregon
- 4 Costly
- 5 Indian tea state
- 6 Laurel and Hardy, for example
- 7 Jail resident
- 8 The show comes --- 9
- 9 Missile housing
- 12 Drink daintily
- 16 "--- it romantic?" (Rodgers & Hart)
- 20 _ _ _ _ Betty (TV show)
- 22 ... on a --- know basis
- 24 Burning
- 25 Dried grape
- 26 Regatta entrants
- 28 Portrayed
- 30 Edge
- 31 Concept
- 32 Darth Sidious's group
- 34 Karate blow
- 36 Not well





Poetry Street
by Katherine Tullie
Thanksgiving only comes once a year. However, we should give thanks for all the good people and good things in our life every day. That is the theme of my poem "Thanksgiving Is A State of Mind."



*Gratitude is A Special Thing
The Gratitude In Our Heart
Makes Us Want To Sing
We Sing With Joy
For The People In Our Life
Always Singing Trying
To Avoid Daily Strife
We Walk Hand In Hand
As We Move Along
Striving To Do Right For Others
And Never Wrong
Celebrating Our Lives With Love
Always Asking For Guidance
From Heaven Above
Yes, Thanksgiving Is A State Of Mind
An Attitude In Life
To Be Ever So Kind
Let Every Day Be Thanksgiving Day
For All The Good Things
That Come Our Way*



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Twitter!

**Local News Extra
Tree Lighting & Light Parade To Be
Held on December 15th!**



December 15th will be a day of celebration! The Annual Christmas Tree Lighting ceremony will be held at 5:30 pm at Everglades City Hall.

Immediately following the tree lighting ceremony the parade of lights (on land!) will travel through the town in our own, unique way we do things here!

The parade should be quite a spectacle if the entrants participate like in years past.

With golf-carts being a popular mode of transportation here, you can expect some interesting "floats" to kick off the Christmas season in full gear.

To participate in this year's parade, plan on having your "float" ready and in line by 5:30. Additional details will be in the next Mullet Rapper on December 1st...but save the date!

Please Donate to the Christmas Fund

Each year the City of Everglades City provides a gift for every child, so that no matter the situation, our children have a little something to let them know we care. To do this, we need your help.

If you would like to donate to the Christmas Gift Fund, please send a check to "The City of Everglades City" and put "Christmas Fund" in the memo section of the check. You can mail it to: PO Box 110, Everglades City, FL 34139

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If you would like to have your business featured at this much anticipated annual event, please contact the organizers: 239-695-2277 or visit: www.evergladesseafoodfestival.org.

**December is "Meteor Shower
Month. Look Up!**

Submitted by Chris Herlovich

If you like stargazing, you'll love December. Dark skies coupled with the moon phases time perfectly with the Geminids Meteor Shower. Take advantage of one of the most beautiful displays nature has to offer!

December 13, 14 - Geminids Meteor Shower. The Geminids is the king of the meteor showers. It is considered by many to be the best shower in the heavens, producing up to 120 multicolored meteors per hour at its peak. It is produced by debris left behind by an asteroid known as 3200 Phaethon, which was discovered in 1982. The shower runs annually from **December 7-17**. It peaks this year on the night of the 13th and morning of the 14th. The first quarter moon will set shortly after midnight leaving dark skies for what should be an excellent early morning show. Best viewing will be from a dark location after midnight. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Gemini, but can appear anywhere in the sky.

December 22 - Full Moon. The Moon will be located on the opposite side of the Earth as the Sun and its face will be fully illuminated. This phase occurs at 17:49 UTC. This full moon was known by early Native American tribes as the Full Cold Moon because this is the time of year when the cold winter air settles in and the nights become long and dark.

December 21, 22 - Ursids Meteor Shower. The Ursids is a minor meteor shower producing about 5-10 meteors per hour. It is produced by dust grains left behind by comet Tuttle, which was first discovered in 1790. The shower runs annually from **December 17-25**. It peaks this year on the night of the 21st and morning of the 22nd. This year the glare from the full moon will hide all but the brightest meteors. Best viewing will be just after midnight from a dark location far away from city lights. Meteors will radiate from the constellation Ursa Minor, but can appear anywhere in the sky.

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Living Gulf Coast
by Charles Sobczak

Horseshoe Crab (*Limulus polyphemus*) Nicknames: Atlantic horseshoe crab, king crab, horsefoot, saucepan crab, helmet crab / Status: FL=species of special status, IUCN=NT / Life span: 20 to 40 years / Length: 18-24 in. (46-61 cm) / Weight: n/a / Reproduces: in the estuary and back bay / Found: Throughout Southwest Florida though numbers are declining.

A living fossil, the horseshoe crab has remained essentially unchanged for the past 250 million years. The present-day species is little changed from an earlier relative that dates back to the Silurian period, more than 400 million years ago. It is the closest living relative to one of the oldest known fossil finds on earth, the trilobite.

The horseshoe crab is actually far more closely related to spiders, ticks, and scorpions than to any other species. It is sometimes called a "living museum" because of the wide array of species it carries, including algae, flatworms, mollusks, barnacles, and byozoa. As adults they are heavily preyed upon by raccoons and otters, and as juveniles they are taken by birds, fish, and larger crabs.

The horseshoe crab is unique in that it has blue blood, based on copper rather than iron, making it valuable to scientists. The pharmaceutical industry, for example, uses horseshoe crab blood derivatives to detect bacterial endotoxins in drugs. A single horseshoe crab can be worth \$2,500 over its lifetime in blood extractions alone.



The animal is also studied for its unusual vision. It has four eyes and a complex method of sight that is still not fully understood. Lacking jaws, it grinds its food—bits of fish, mollusks, annelid worms, and other invertebrates—with bristles on its legs and a primitive gizzard containing sand and gravel.

The horseshoe is a very important part of the estuary system, and because of its recent declining numbers, scientists are concerned about its future. A decade ago thousands of these living fossils were found along either side of Wildlife Drive in "Ding" Darling. Today finding a single living

horseshoe crab is rare.

Editors note: During the late spring, I have seen many horseshoe crabs on the edges of Chokoloskee Bay at the Gulf Coast entrance to Everglades National Park coming ashore to spawn.


According to horseshoecrab.org, horseshoe crab spawning season varies according to latitude, but it generally peaks in May and June, with peak spawning occurring on evening high tides during the full and new moons. The adults seek beaches that are at least partially protected from surf, within bays and coves. Horseshoe crabs reach adulthood and breeding age at the age of 10. Horseshoe crabs can live 20 years or more.

The Delaware Estuary is the largest staging area for shorebirds in the Atlantic Flyway and is the second largest staging site in North America, with an estimated 425,000 to 1,000,000 migratory shorebirds converging on the Delaware Bay to feed and rebuild energy reserves prior to completing their northward migration.

At least 11 species of migratory birds use horseshoe crab eggs as their primary food supply during their 2 to 3 week stopover. The eggs replenish their fat supply during their trip from South American wintering areas to Arctic breeding grounds. Most of the eggs consumed are from nests that have been disrupted by waves and storms, so the feeding of the shorebirds does not have an adverse affect on the breeding success of the horseshoe.

In the Everglades area, it is not unusual to see horseshoe crab carcasses on islands or to see a living crab occasionally. If you see horseshoe crabs, you can report the sightings so that they can be documented in the national database that tracks their activity. Visit

www.horseshoecrab.org and follow the instructions to report sightings.



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Everglades Backcountry Experience
by Capt. Rodney Raffield

How's it going Mullet Rappers? Capt. Rodney with Everglades Backcountry Experience here with some fish stories

for you.

Fishing this last month has been some of the best I can remember in a very long time. Snook have been great on the outside as well as in the Backcountry. These guys have been hitting our Zman, D.O.A., and Wiffelure soft plastics quite readily with Pearl and Chartreuse colors working best.



Redfish have been plentiful but mostly running on the small side. Trout are also around and have been hitting the aforementioned baits just as well as the Snooks and Reds.



We had a little shot of cool air but not enough to put the fish into the holes. As we get into December and January fish will start their Winter pattern with Trout in the deeper holes and Snook will work their way deeper into the Backcountry.

Soft plastic lures can be productive year round for all the species we have here in the Everglades National Park so have confidence, and most of all have FUN. ~Capt. Rodney Raffield

Capt. Rodney Raffield is a 6th generation native of the Chokoloskee Bay Area. If you would like to experience this beautiful place he calls his Backyard, he can be contacted at 239-695-4626 or email at captrodney@centurylink.net. The best way to see what he does on a daily basis is to follow on Facebook at Everglades Backcountry Experience

Regional News

**American Pickers to Film
In Florida in January 2019
They Are Looking for Interesting People
With Interesting Things
(Could That be You?)**



Mike Wolfe, Frank Fritz, and their team are excited to return to Florida! They plan to film episodes of the hit series AMERICAN PICKERS throughout the region in January 2019!



AMERICAN PICKERS is a documentary series that explores the fascinating world of antique "picking" on History. The hit show follows Mike and Frank, two of the most skilled pickers in the business, as they hunt for America's most valuable antiques. They are always excited to find sizeable, unique collections and learn the interesting stories behind them.



As they hit the back roads from coast to coast, Mike and Frank are on a mission to recycle and rescue

forgotten relics. Along the way, the Pickers want to meet characters with remarkable and exceptional items. The pair hopes to give historically significant objects a new lease on life, while learning a thing or two about America's past along the way.

Mike and Frank have seen a lot of rusty gold over the years and are always looking to discover something they've never seen before. They are ready to find extraordinary items and hear fascinating tales about them.

AMERICAN PICKERS is looking for leads and would love to explore your hidden treasure. If you or someone you know has a large, private collection or accumulation of antiques that the Pickers can spend the better part of the day looking through, send us your name, phone number, location and description of the collection with photos to:

americanpickers@cineflix.com or call 855-OLD-RUST. Facebook: @GotAPick

Fakahatchee Strand News

November is a Cool Time for a Fakahatchee Swamp Walk or Tram Tour

Cooler temperatures make November the perfect time to experience a swamp walk or tram tour in Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park. The park, east of Naples, is Florida's largest and has been called "the Amazon of North America."

Ghostrider Tram Tours of the park from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. get underway Nov. 8. The naturalist led tours are offered for \$25 per person most Thursdays in November and December and are named for the famous ghost orchid found in the park.

The Naturalist Led Tram Tour and Swamp Walk begins Tuesday, Nov. 6 at 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. This \$60 adventure takes visitors into knee-high water and is offered on most Tuesdays during the season.

For directions, complete details and required reservations for all Fakahatchee adventures, visit www.orchidswamp.org and click on Tours and Events. Please be advised that tours sell out quickly so it is recommended to call and schedule your dates as soon as possible!



**Big Cypress Bend Boardwalk
Groundbreaking**

Friday, December 7 - 8:30 to 10:30 am

Please join the **Friends of Fakahatchee** and State officials for the groundbreaking of a multi-year joint project that will enhance all aspects of the Big Cypress Bend Boardwalk.

- ◆8:30 am - Seating and refreshments
- ◆9:00 am - Keynote address by Eric Draper, Director of Florida State Parks
- Remarks by State Senator Kathleen Passidomo
- Remarks by Collier County Commissioner Donna Fiala.

Location: Just East of the Miccosukee Indian Village located 27027 Tamiami Trail East / US 41. (Big Cypress Bend Boardwalk sign is on South side of US 41.)

Local Happenings

**New Book About Area Entrepreneur
Who was Barron Collier?
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Read about the amazing man who bought over 1 million acres of South Florida land and had a county named after him in a new book **EVERGLADES ENTREPRENEUR** by local historian Marya Repko.

Besides completing the Tamiami Trail across the swamp and developing Everglades City, he also owned a group of resort hotels which attracted the rich and famous to Useppa, Tampa, West Palm Beach, Boca Grande, Lakeland, Bradenton, Punta Gorda, Sarasota, and to the most renowned locale, the Everglades Rod & Gun Club. But that's not all -- he operated a telephone service, published newspapers, and provided transportation on ships and buses.

And, he was a big player during the Roaring Twenties in New York City where he hobnobbed with important people and reduced traffic accidents with his "Aunty J. Walker" campaign. He had grown up in Memphis and made his fortune in streetcar advertising which he used to promote charitable causes such as the Boy Scouts.

To order online, go to www.ecity-publishing.com or you can purchase it at Right Choice Supermarket or Win-Car Hardware in Everglades City. For more information, call the author at (239) 695-2905.

Book Club Meeting Dec. 20th

The book club in Everglades City is back for the season! Anyone interested is invited to join in. We will provide meeting locations in the paper as the dates draw closer.

- Dec. 20:** **The Phony Hermit** by Al Seeley and Elizabeth Pardichizzi, Hosted by Dianna Pollock and reviewed by Elaine Middelstaedt
- Jan 17:** **Undaunted Courage** by Stephen Ambrose, Hosted by Sadie Stroud
- Feb. 21:** **Watership Down** by Richard Adam, Hosted by Linda Williams
- Mar. 21:** **Being Mortal** by Atul Gawande, Hosted by Judy Jury
- Apr. 11:** **Lilac Girls** by Martha Kelly, Hosted by Diann Lock

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Havana Café (695-2214): Open Daily, 7 am to 4 pm See our ad on page 10!
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 – 4:00 pm Open: Mon., Fri., Saturday & Sunday
Rod & Gun (695-2101): 11:30 am - 8:00 pm; daily
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Obituary

Howard "Reese" Hamilton

Howard "Reese" Hamilton, age 67, of Florahome, Florida, passed away November 4, 2018. He was born October 14, 1951 in Fort Myers, Florida to the late John Dexter "J.D." Hamilton and Virginia Lee Rhoden Hamilton.

Reese graduated from Everglades High School in 1970. On March 11, 1996 he married the love of his life, Teena Wilson in Daytona Beach, Florida during Bike Week. Reese enjoyed being outdoors on his golf cart, boating and riding his motorcycle. He loved the Lord with all his heart and knew his Bible well. Reese is predeceased by his parents; and nephew, Wendell Wooten.

Reese is survived by his loving wife, Teena Hamilton of Florahome, FL; children, Brian Hamilton of Niceville, FL, Kris (Laura) Hamilton of Starke, FL, Sean (Haley) Hamilton of Lake Placid, FL, and Kimberly (Jason) Bradford of Palatka, FL; sister, Janice Masey and his niece, Tina Marie (Casey) Hickok both of Copeland, FL; numerous grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

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cubic foot freezer, only 1 year old, \$75.
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The City of Everglades City

Dear Friends:

What a difference a year makes. Our community has made great strides this past year. Last year when the holidays were upon us, our area was still reeling from the impact of Hurricane Irma.

Today, we look like our “old selves again” but some of our friends and neighbors are still not fully recovered...but we are getting there a little each day!

No matter what the circumstances, the City of Everglades always wants to make a positive impact for our children, so that the season brings holiday cheer and joy into every household.

For the past 19 years, the City of Everglades City has been able to raise an average of \$4,000. These generous donations always go towards the purchase of gifts for children within our area who might otherwise go without. We make sure **every** child has a little something to make them smile.

This year’s gifts will be distributed to our community’s children during our Annual Community Christmas Party on December 15th where families, friends and neighbors gather to celebrate the spirit of the season.

It would be wonderful if you would be able to contribute to this year’s program. If you would like to help us, please make your donation payable to “The City of Everglades City” and write “Santa’s Toys for Kids” in the memo section. Checks should be mailed to: The City of Everglades City, PO Box 110, Everglades City, FL 34139.

Thank You. For your support!

