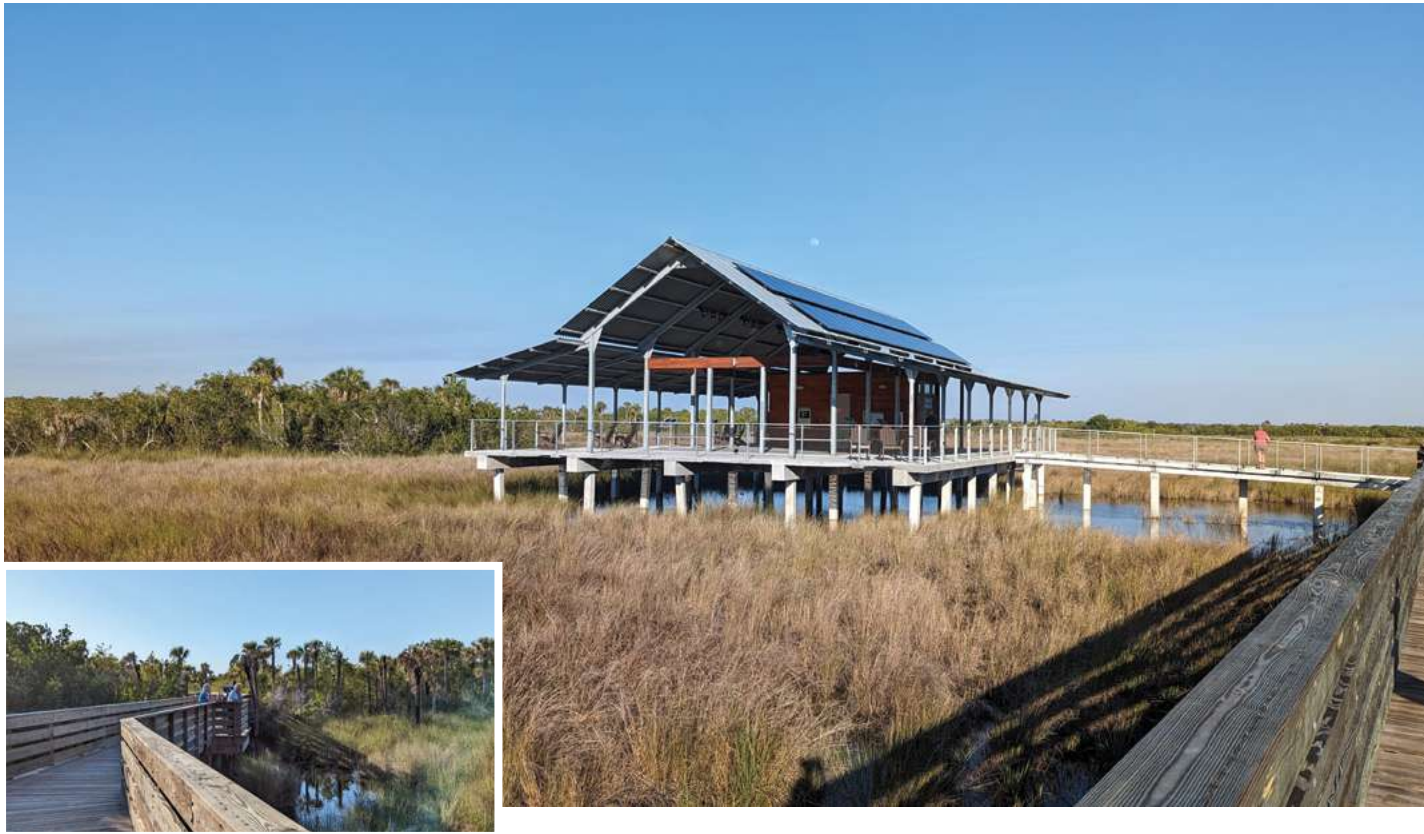


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You Gotta Visit the New Boardwalk

If you haven't taken the time to stop at the new Big Cypress Bend Boardwalk in the Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park you are missing out! The weather is perfect, there are no bugs and the view is spectacular. When you visit, bring a drink, a book or a friend and relax in the rockers on the deck to take it all in. You'll see birds, fish, butterflies, dragonflies, alligators, all the standard critters.

Along the 2,300 foot long boardwalk are lookouts/rain shelters with seating. There are over 40 signs telling you about all the wildlife you could see as well as educating you about the parks history. The boardwalk takes you through the largest Bald Cypress / Royal Palm swamp in the world. You are stepping into the central slough, the deepest part of the Fakahatchee Strand. Most of the trees here are hundreds of years old. While you are there keep a look out for wild Ghost Orchids. There are active Bald Eagle nests too!

The lake, or gator hole, at the end of the boardwalk is a great place to rest and watch the alligators that make the lake their home. Often adult female alligators and two or three generations of juvenile alligators can be found basking in the sun. The pond also supports many wading and diving birds including Green Herons, Pileated Woodpeckers, and Barred Owls.

In the building there is also a gallery featuring "today's artist". During my visit the exhibit was *A Glimpse of the Wild and Wonderful* by Jay Staton an artist who has been capturing Florida's natural beauty for more than 35 years. The gorgeous photos were huge images of the famous ghost orchid, local bears and the Everglades.

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Courtesy FWC

Sea Turtle Nesting Season Arrives

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC) is sharing the reminder that sea turtles are starting to nest on our beaches. Residents and visitors can play a big part in helping to protect vulnerable nesting sea turtles this spring and summer while visiting Florida's coastal habitats.

Because our state's shorelines provide important nesting habitat for several species of threatened and endangered sea turtles, beachgoers can have a significant impact on their nesting success. To help nesting sea turtles, people can take easy steps to protect them, including giving them space, minimizing disturbances and keeping beaches clean and dark.

Clear the way at the end of the day: Female sea turtles expend large amounts of energy crawling out of the surf and far enough up the sand in order to dig and lay nests in spots that are less vulnerable to the tides. Obstacles on the beach can entrap and prevent them from nesting as they crawl across the sand to lay their eggs. Trash, holes in the sand and other obstacles can also prevent sea turtle hatchlings from reaching the water once they emerge from their

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Events

April 24 | 3 pm - 5 pm Paint Along at HavAnnA Cafe

Get ready for fun at Havana Cafe's super cool collab with Stroke of Serendipity – it's a Paint Along! Happening monthly on the last Wednesday of the month, from 3 pm to 5 pm. \$20 for adults (12 and up) and \$10 for kids (5-11). Let's make art, vibes, and memories together. RSVP to lisagsosart@yahoo.com. Info: (239) 877-3998

April 10 | 8:30 am - 10:30 pm Fakahatchee Strand Bio Blitz

Help us understand wildlife trends. Volunteers record observations along Janes Scenic Drive from 8:30-10:30 am. Meet at the Park Office at 7:45 am. Info: Alex.gobel@floridadep.gov or (239) 961-1925.

April 20 - 28 Annual National Park Week

National Park Week is happening April 20 to April 28 this year. Entrance fees will be waived on April 20, 2024, to kick off the celebration and to encourage everyone to enjoy their national parks in person. National Park Service parks, programs, and partners will host events and activities all week! Big Cypress calendar of events includes Jr Ranger Day, Earth Day and Park Rx Day along with exhibits. Info: <https://www.nps.gov/subjects/npscelebrates/national-park-week.htm>

April 27 | 9 am - 2 pm Museum Birthday Celebration

Celebrate with us at the Museum of the Everglades on April 27th from 9 am to 2 pm, as we commemorate the 76th

Anniversary of the Completion of the Tamiami Trail and the "birthday" of our beloved museum. This celebration promises a festive blend of history and entertainment, featuring live music, complimentary hot dogs, and the only laundry cart races in the country! Arrive early for a free walking tour, register for races, enjoy classic cars, or relax with music and birthday cake. 105 Broadway Ave W Everglades City. Info: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1425646205007642>

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Save The Date

June 29 Spammy Jammy

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Ladies Coffee Thursdays | 8:30 am

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Everglades Area Information Daily | 10 - 3:30 pm

The Everglades Area Visitor Center

is located at 207 Broadway W., Everglades City. The Visitor Center is open daily 10 am to 3:30 pm.

Planning & Zoning Meeting Third Tuesdays | 6 pm

P&Z Board meetings are held monthly on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. City Council room, 2nd floor City Hall. Info: <https://www.cityofeverglades.org>

City Council Meeting First Tuesdays | 7pm

City Council meetings are held every 1st Tuesday of the month @ 7 pm in the City Council room, 2nd floor City Hall. The public is invited to attend. Info: <https://www.cityofeverglades.org>

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Little Bar (Goodland) has live music every night. March 30, catch Merrill at 1 pm, followed by the Chris O'Leary Band at 8 pm. Then, mark your calendars for April 2 when Ken Kesey Busted takes the stage. April 6 see JP Soars' Gypsy Blue Revue featuring Anne Harris at 8 pm. You won't want to miss a beat!

Crabby Lady (Goodland) has live music every weekend. March 31 Elliott West Band 1-5 pm. Round 3 April 6, 1 pm.

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Boardwalk

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At the moment the boardwalk stops at the lake. Plans are in the works to rebuild parts of the older boardwalk and extend it to loop all the way around the lake. It also includes a raised walkway.



The boardwalk as we experience it today is phase 1 of a much larger project started in 2015 by the Friends of the Fakahatchee. This is the largest project they have ever undertaken.



It's truly astonishing to see the abundance of beautiful cypress trees and wildlife that still thrive in this precious part of the everglades. During its peak, the Lee Tidewater Cypress Company operated trains that transported out of the area a staggering 80 carloads of logs every week. In

less than a century, this relentless logging activity led to the felling of thousands of ancient cypress trees, which were hauled away using elevated railways and roads. Many of these pathways still crisscross the park to this day.

Leave your fishing gear at home, fishing is prohibited from both the bridge and boardwalk. The clean, modern bathrooms are conveniently located by the parking lot and there are trashcans nearby. The park opens at 8 am and closes at sundown.



When you visit be sure to drop the suggested donation of \$3 into the sturdy box located at the trail-head. Donations go to the Friends of Fakahatchee, the nonprofit that supports the park and maintains the boardwalk.

The Boardwalk is a must see whether you are a local or a visitor. It's simply the best of the Everglades. I can't wait to walk on the raised walkway. Can you imagine all that we will see? 🦋

A Dangerous Trend in Media

In an age where information spreads like wildfire, the role of the media as a gatekeeper of truth and accuracy is more critical than ever. However, recent events on Chokoloskee Island in Florida have highlighted a disturbing trend: news reporters failing to verify their content before disseminating it to the public.

The catalyst for this concern stems from a recent news report on illegal mangrove cutting, based on an anonymous tip received by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). The reporter claimed to have investigated the matter, yet it appears that the investigation was not thorough. The property showcased in the report belonged to Glenda, who had just completed restoration work



following hurricane damage, with full approval from the DEP.

Glenda's distress was palpable, as the report not only falsely implicated her in illegal activity but also undermined her efforts to restore her property.

Moreover, the reporter's narrative, suggesting that the mangrove cutting was the result of newcomers from the north with disregard for the law, further fueled tensions in the community. However, local residents refute this claim, asserting that the issue involves locals cutting mangroves on their own and others' properties.

The heart of the matter lies in the lack of due diligence by the reporter. Rather than diligently verifying facts, the reporter opted for sensationalism, resulting in national and regional attention. This irresponsible approach not only damages the credibility of the media but also has tangible effects on communities and individuals.

It is disheartening to witness the media, an institution meant to serve as a trusted ally, succumbing to sensationalism for the sake of ratings and recognition.

Efforts to reach out to the reporter for clarification have yielded no response.

Turtles

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Photos Courtesy FWC

nests. Food scraps attract predators, such as raccoons and crows, that prey on sea turtle hatchlings. Litter on beaches can entangle sea turtles, birds and other wildlife. What can you do to help? Properly stash or recycle all trash, fill in human-made holes in the sand, and remove all beach toys, gear and furniture from the sand before sunset. Fishing line can be deadly to sea turtles, waterbirds and other wildlife, so be sure to dispose of it properly. To find a monofilament recycling station near you, visit mrrp.myfwc.com.

Lights out: Any lighting can misdirect and disturb nesting sea turtles and their hatchlings, leading them away from the ocean and toward potential danger. To prevent this, beachgoers should use natural starlight to see when on the beach at night and avoid using flashlights or cellphones. Anyone living along or visiting Florida beaches can do their part by putting porch, parking or deck lights out and closing curtains after dark to avoid disorienting nesting and hatchling sea turtles on the beach. If lighting could still be visible from the beach, be sure it is long, low and shielded.

Admire from afar: While it can be exciting to witness sea turtles on the beach, getting too close (50 feet or less) to nesting sea turtles can cause them to leave the beach before they complete the nesting process. If an animal changes their behavior, you're likely too close. Remember – it is illegal to harm or disturb nesting sea turtles, their nests and eggs, or to pick up hatchlings.

Sea turtles typically return to nest in March along Florida's southeast Atlantic coast from Brevard County south to Broward County, while nesting begins on Gulf Coast or north Florida beaches in April or May.

For more information about nesting sea turtles and how you can help, visit MyFWC.com/SeaTurtle.

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Ends of the Earth Cycling Bike Ride

By Patty Huff

On March 9 Holy Family Catholic Church in Everglades City once again hosted the Ends of the Earth Cyclists for their 13th Annual Key West Bike Ride. This year there were 35 bicyclists and 15 support staff for their 300-mile trek,



starting in Ft Myers, traversing across the Everglades on the Tamiami Trail before cycling to Homestead, then down US1 through the Florida Keys. Congratulations to the five cyclists who arrived early enough to continue riding for another 30 miles to complete their century ride. Funds raised from this tour will benefit the Prosperous Youth Foundation which is currently



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ministering to 70+ youth homes in Thailand. Ends of the Earth Cycling is an active bicycling community impacting youth globally. For more information visit their website www.endscycling.com.

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Bizarre Fish Behavior in the Florida Keys

A mysterious phenomenon is unfolding in the Florida Keys that could have ripple effects reaching our shores. Recently, reports of distressed fish and bizarre behavior have flooded in, leaving scientists baffled and locals concerned about the health of our waters.

In early November, sightings of sick fish emerged, initially resembling symptoms of freshwater fish infected with parasites – spinning or flopping upside down in a whirling pattern. As daytime sightings increased, guides and researchers began investigating, collecting samples and testing the water for potential culprits.

By January, testing ruled out common causes like red tide and extreme temperatures. Attention turned to elevated levels of a tiny algae known to produce ciguatera toxin, which can sicken humans who consume affected fish. However, identifying the toxin poses a significant challenge due to its potency at small concentrations.

Despite focusing on ciguatera toxin, researchers acknowledge other factors may contribute to the fish deaths. The recent ocean heat wave in the region adds another layer of concern, leaving coral reefs bleached and vulnerable.

As scientists continue to unravel the mysteries of South Florida's waters, it's clear the health of our marine ecosystem is intricately linked to human well-being. Residents are urged to report sightings of distressed fish to the state fish kill hotline at 800-636-0511 or online at <http://MyFWC.com/ReportFishKill>.

More details can be found on the BoneFish & Tarpon Trust website at <https://www.bonefishtarpontrust.org/blog/2024-02-23-btt-and-lkga-lead-collaborative-research-study-to-determine-cause-of-spinning-fish-in-florida-keys/>



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Stone Crabbing in Everglades has roots in the '60s, with pioneers like Totch Brown. Every October 5th at midnight, crabbers deploy 1,000 to 5,000 traps in the Gulf of Mexico, strategically placed for the season's start on October 15th. They endure a three-hour journey from the dock to depths of 20 to 150 feet, far from Everglades City, making it a complex task.



Everglades City School, a fixture since 1895, faced challenges, from cyclones to hurricanes. By 1923, it housed 45 kids with two rooms and teachers. PE meant river swimming, with gator watchers. Serving the town until 1948, the current school, established in 1961, underwent a facelift in '95, showcasing resilience. Go Gators!



Everglades National Park's **mangroves** display unique "walking" adaptations, expanding into new areas with prop roots. They serve as natural filters, purifying water and supporting diverse wildlife. Thriving in brackish water, they maintain the delicate balance between freshwater and saltwater ecosystems.



The **Old Collier County Courthouse**, a historic two-story concrete structure in Everglades City, Florida, was built in 1926 by Barron Collier, the visionary behind Collier County's development. Reflecting the Classical Revival style, it served as the county courthouse until 1962 when the seat moved to East Naples. Later, it was repurposed as Everglades City Hall.



The **County Jail**, dating back to 1883, found its home in Everglades City. This modest, wooden structure served as the initial confinement space, accommodating only a handful of inmates as the county burgeoned. With the establishment of the Collier County Sheriff's Office in 1923, under the stewardship of William Riley "W.R." Maynard as its inaugural Sheriff, the jail's significance grew further. Situated on the southwest corner of the circle, the jail incorporated living quarters for the sheriff and his family on its upper floor. A relic whose remnants still linger in the present-day Captain Morgan's parking lot, serving as a testament to the county's enduring legacy.



Founded by Barron Gift Collier in 1923 near the Barron River before relocating near the Rod & Gun Club in 1926, the **Bank of Everglades** played a pivotal role in Everglades City's development. It served as the sole bank of Collier County until 1949 and survived Hurricane Donna's flooding in 1960 without ever being robbed. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1974, the building was gifted to the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation in 2021. It is now

undergoing extensive renovation to become the recognized Everglades Area Visitor Center.



The Storter homestead took in paying guests for fishing & hunting until the **Rod and Gun Club** was acquired by Barron G. Collier in 1922. Over the years, it hosted international dignitaries, U.S. presidents, and notable figures like Ernest Hemingway, John Wayne, and Jack Nicklaus. Today, maintaining its Old Florida charm, the club offers cottages for rent, a dining room overlooking the Barron River, and access to fishing in the river and Everglades.



Explore history at the **Museum of the Everglades**, originally a commercial laundry by Barron Collier in 1927. Serving as the region's first County seat, it witnessed key developments like the Tamiami Trail construction in 1923. Restored to its 1920s appearance, the museum offers exhibitions like The Storter Collection, showcasing the region's early history with artifacts and pictures.



Everglades Community Church, established in 1926, is a historic landmark in Everglades City. Completed in April 1940 on land donated by Barron Gift Collier, it played a vital role in the community during the Collier company town era. Meeting Collier's conditions, including non-denominational status, it was dedicated on May 5th, 1940 and was Designated as historically preserved in 2007.



The **Old Railway Depot** in Everglades City, constructed in 1928, served as a vital transportation hub during the area's heyday in the 1920s. Originally part of the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, it facilitated the transport of essential commodities like tomatoes and cypress. Featured in the 1957 film "Wind Across the Everglades," it later became the Everglades Seafood Depot Restaurant. Despite recent challenges and calls for preservation, including from Mayor Howie Grimm Jr. and the Everglades Society for Historical Preservation, its fate remains uncertain, adding urgency to its ongoing preservation efforts. Historically preserved in 2007.



Built in the late 1930s by the Collier family, the **Everglades Airpark** began with a 1,000-foot paved strip, bustling with Air Force, Civil Air Patrol, and private pilot activity. President Harry Truman dedicated Everglades National Park here in 1947. Despite Hurricane Donna's 1960 devastation, the Colliers' legacy thrived, leading to Collier County's acquisition in 1968. Today, as an eco-tourism hub, we invite global vacationers to explore the Everglades' wonders. Visit to watch planes, inquire about lessons, and marvel at our rich

history and natural beauty. Fun fact: We're the second smallest airport in Florida.



The Ernest Hamilton Observation Tower, erected in 1984 by Thomas Mitchell, offers visitors a stunning perspective, standing 75 feet tall with 108 steps leading to panoramic views. From this vantage point, one can admire the vast expanse of mangroves, Chokoloskee Island, the Everglades, and the picturesque Ten Thousand Islands. Birdwatchers may catch sight of various species, including the elegant Roseate Spoonbill.



Chokoloskee Island, steeped in history since the late 1800s, is connected to the mainland by a causeway built in 1956. Renovation of the Chokoloskee Bridge began in 2007 and was completed in 2017. The new bridge meets modern standards, offering increased width and height while preserving vital seawalls. The island's rich history, including tales of notorious characters and an era of moonshine and plume hunting, is intertwined with this vital causeway.



Located on Chokoloskee Island's southern tip, the Smallwood Store has embodied Ted Smallwood's vision since 1906. Once a hub for Seminole Indians, fishermen, and farmers arriving by various vessels, it now stands as an immersive museum showcasing the area's rich history. Its exhibits capture the enduring spirit of pioneers, reflecting old Florida's resilience and allure.



Visit the Everglades Visitors Center at the Glades Building. Originally built by Jan and Tony Brock of Glades Realty after Hurricane Donna in 1960, the building underwent extensive renovations by Craig and Bonnie Woodward in 2019. In February 2021, part of the building became the Everglades Visitor Center, offering insights into the area's rich history. Explore the wonders of the Everglades and 10,000 Islands with information, maps, event updates, and knowledgeable staff to guide your experience.

Have Fun Exploring!

Time To Plant Those Slips

By John Nipper

Sweet potatoes

As the warm embrace of spring settles in, it's the perfect time to roll up your sleeves and dive into the rewarding world of sweet potato cultivation. However, the Sunshine State's unique climate brings its own set of challenges, from scorching heat and humidity to pesky insects. To ensure a bountiful harvest, here are a few things to consider to overcome these hurdles and cultivate sweet potatoes successfully.

Sweet potatoes thrive in high temperatures, withstanding heat of 100+ degrees. Florida's warm climate is ideal for these heat-loving tubers, making it essential to choose the right time for planting.

Patience is the key. Needing 90 to 100 days of warm weather to produce the best results. After the growth period, an additional 10+ days of curing time is crucial to develop the sweet flavors that make sweet potatoes a favorite.

Soil and Nutrient Management is important. Plant your sweet potato slips in loose, well-drained soil amended with compost. Ensure an adequate supply of phosphorus and potassium, as these nutrients contribute to healthy root development. Avoid high-nitrogen fertilizers, focusing on fostering root growth rather than foliage.

When planting, space your sweet potato slips twelve to eighteen inches apart to provide ample room for growth. Mulch the soil well to retain moisture and protect against the unforgiving Florida sun.

During the initial phase, water your sweet potato slips generously daily until they have acclimated to their new surroundings. Once established, you can gradually reduce the frequency of watering.

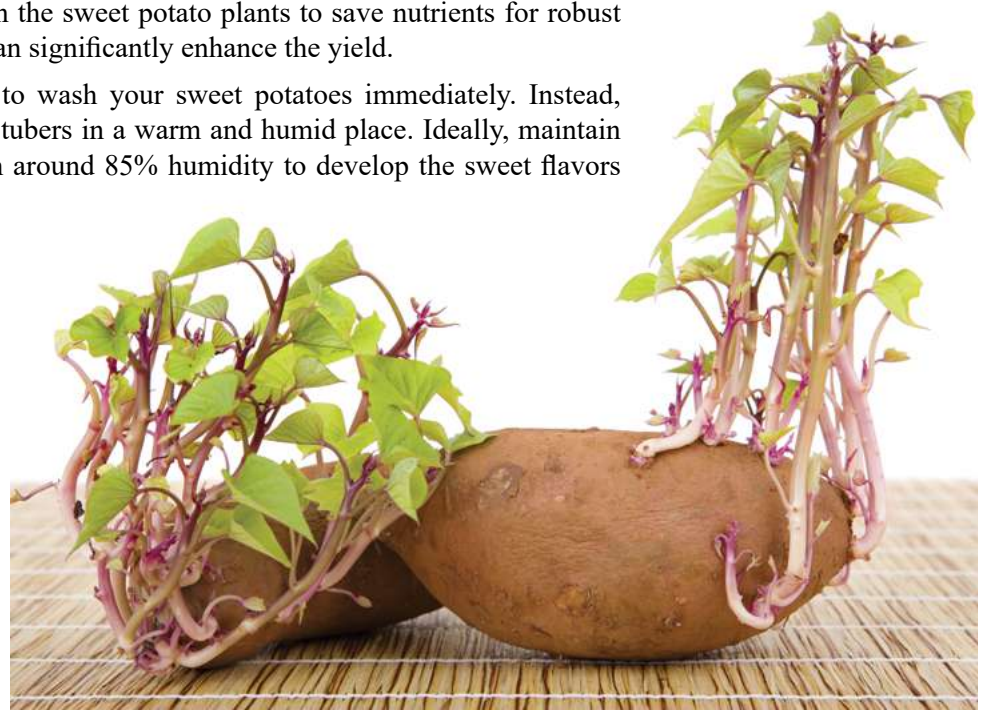
Prune any flowers that develop on the sweet potato plants to save nutrients for robust root growth. This simple practice can significantly enhance the yield.

After harvesting, resist the urge to wash your sweet potatoes immediately. Instead, leave the dirt on them and cure the tubers in a warm and humid place. Ideally, maintain temperatures between 85-90°F with around 85% humidity to develop the sweet flavors we all love.

Keep an eye out for deer & rabbits, which love to devour sweet potato leaves. Implement protective measures to ensure your plants remain untouched.

As gardening enthusiasts across the 10,000 islands embark on their summer plantings, these tips and tricks will serve as a helpful road-map to navigate the challenges unique to the area's growing conditions.

- Happy planting!



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Did You Know There's a Picture Gallery in the Swamp

By Reverend Dr Bob N. Wallace
Everglades Community Church

It's Clyde Butcher's, an internationally recognized American large format camera photographer known for his fascinating black-and-white fine art photography. He has been capturing the untouched beauty of the Everglades for over three decades. His large-format black-and-white photographs uncover the

primitive nature of this vast subtropical wilderness. As you view his black-and-white camera artistry you see the untouched beauty of Florida's natural environments. His work has been compared to that of Ansel Adams, earning him the nickname "the Ansel Adams of Florida." Initially, he worked with color photography. But after the



Courtesy Big Cypress Gallery

the park. It's an opportunity to engage in the raw, unspoiled landscape that Clyde Butcher so masterfully captures in his art. The gallery highlights his intense black-and-white photographs, which draw out a deep connection to the wilderness.

Additionally, if you're planning a wilderness vacation, you can reserve a stay at one of Clyde Butcher's exclusive nature retreats nestled deep in the Florida Everglades. These private accommodations blend natural surroundings with modern features, offering a unique experience right in the heart of this remarkable ecosystem.

Visitors can also experience guided eco-swamp tours through the swamps of Big Cypress National Preserve behind the gallery, immersing themselves in the same landscapes that inspire Butcher's art. Take a *Swamp Tromp* in Big Cypress National Preserve for a wet and wild 6.5-mile loop into the watery wilderness of the Big Cypress Swamp, one of 100 best American adventure trips from National Geographic. It provides a challenging wade into beauty where you can expect to encounter unique swamp landscapes and wildlife.

Butcher's century-old camera has allowed him to document the Everglades in all its untouched splendor. He has created a stunning collection of black-and-white photographs that truly capture the essence of this remarkable wilderness.

If you ever get the chance, visit his gallery, or take a swamp tour. Both would be a memorable adventure! Address: 52388 Tamiami Trail, Ochopee, FL 34112 Phone: (239) 695-2428 Hours: Open 7 days a week from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM.

And if you're in Naples, Florida, don't miss the chance to explore Clyde Butcher's America's Everglades Exhibit at the Naples Botanical Garden Kapnick Hall, 4820 Bayshore Dr, Naples, FL, 34112. Phone: (239) 643-7275.

He also has a gallery known as Clyde Butcher's Venice Gallery & Studio in Venice, Florida, located at 237 Warfield Ave S, Venice, FL, 34285. Phone: (941) 486-0811.

Trail Town Sign Vandalized

By Patty Huff



In 2019, after Everglades City was designated a Florida Trail Town, Kathy Brock thought it would be a good idea to update the Everglades area map coming into town. We had two large maps designed, one for the pull-off coming into town on SR29 and one for McLeod Park.

Many visitors stop by the sign on SR29 to learn about the many businesses and opportunities we have to offer. It is very sad that someone chose to vandalize this sign. We believe we are a friendly community, always there to help one another; not a community that does damage.

New Wildlife Area Finder



Explore Florida's wild lands effortlessly with FWC's new WMA Recreation Finder. Visit MyFWC.com/RecreationMap, enter your ZIP code, and discover local wildlife areas for outdoor activities. Plan your visit using the WMA Recreation Finder!

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tragic loss of his son, he transitioned to large-scale black-and-white landscape photography capturing nature's beauty inviting viewers into a personal communion with the natural world.

Butcher's studio is in the heart of the Big Cypress National Preserve. Located along the scenic Tamiami Trail (U.S. 41) approximately 47 miles east of Naples and 36 miles west of Miami at Mile Marker 54.5 it's about half a mile east of the Big Cypress National Preserve Oasis Visitor Center. If you're up for an adventure, it's surrounded by over a million acres of pristine wilderness. Consider taking a guided eco-swamp tour through the swamps behind his gallery. It's more than just a walk in



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Tuesday to Saturday from 9 am to 4 pm with free admission. Certain events may require reservations. Book your reservation at colliermuseums.com or call (239) 252-5026. Come explore Everglades heritage today!

Exhibits & Events

WE ARE STILL HERE - the Continuing Story of the Miccosukee Tribe January 23 – May 11



Pauline Reeves Gallery will present both the past and present of the Miccosukee Tribe of Indians of Florida. Created in collaboration with the tribal council, the exhibit explores the Miccosukee's culture and heritage while celebrating

their unique achievements in self-governance, education, environmental protection, and more.

Third Thursday Talk Series

Learn about a wide range of topics at an exhibit companion lecture happening every third Thursday of the month from 2 – 3 pm.

Paved With Good Intentions: How the Road Through the Everglades Harmed the Seminole and Miccosukee April 18 | 2 – 3 pm



While we celebrate the construction of the Tamiami Trail as a "miracle of modern engineering" that connected Florida's coast and opened Southwest Florida to tourism, we often fail to acknowledge the reality that there

were indigenous people living in the lands the road was built through. The Tamiami Trail not only displaced the native population, but it also had devastating and irreparable effects on their culture — socially, economically, and spiritually. In this talk, Museum Manager Thomas Lockyear attempts to tell "the other side of the story" and explores the concept of the Everglades as "stolen land".

Wilderness Wednesdays at the Museum Series January 3 - April 17 | 2 – 3 pm

Embark on a captivating journey into the heart of the Everglades with Wilderness Wednesdays, an enriching lecture series held every Wednesday from 2 to 3 pm at the Museum of the Everglades. In collaboration with the Big Cypress National Preserve, this seasonal program features presentations by ranger staff and esteemed partner organizations, delving into the distinctive flora, fauna, and remarkable biodiversity of this unique ecosystem. Spanning January to April, each week unveils a new topic presented by the National Park Service, promising an immersive exploration of the Everglades' natural wonders. For further details and updates on scheduled talks, contact the Museum of the Everglades at (239) 252-5026 or visit CollierMuseums.com/events



Historic Boat Lift

By Patty Huff

Varick Niles (shown left at her 106 Camellia Street Art Studio) recently donated a framed collage of photos of the dedication of the Historic Boat Lift to the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation who sponsored the event on the grounds of the Rod & Gun Club on April 13, 2007.

The Boat Lift was built in 1957 by the previous owners of the Rod & Gun Club for the thriving fishing guide business. There were about 20 charter captains, some of whom lived across the river.

The boat lift was transformed into a work of art thanks to the vision of Olga Hirschhorn who enjoyed fishing in the Everglades with her husband Joe.

She visited the town after the 2005 Hurricane Wilma and thought Everglades City needed a little cheering up with bright colors.

Others who contributed to this project were Barbie and Dick Kearney, Donnie Seabury, and Paul Arsenault.

They commissioned one of the best-known color field painters in America, Kenneth Noland. Some time ago he had rented a house on Riverside Drive in Everglades City for several years while he was painting and had the same concern for our town as those who sponsored this project.

ESHP and the community thanks them as well as Varick Niles who saved and framed these photos as a remembrance of our history.

Varick's Art Studio will be open until Easter. Stop by and see her works of art!



Discover Port of the Islands Park

By Denise Wauters



I lived in Port of the Islands for many years, and I've often seen people hanging out in this spot by the bridge. I used to think they were just breaking the rules. But it turns out, it's actually an official state park. Picayune Strand State Park Port of the Islands Recreation Area. So, I decided to go and check it out.

While I was here, I remember a sad incident involving a fisherman years ago who accidentally fell off the dam and drowned. They didn't find him for days, and when they did, he was way downstream. So, please be careful and stick to the rules – don't be tempted to walk on the dam while fishing here.



You might miss this spot if you're not paying attention. It's located on the north side of the bridge. Looks like a great fishing hole, I'll be back with my pole!



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- 1/2 tsp Chives
- 1 can Cheddar & Broccoli Soup
- 1/2 cup Mild Cheddar, shredded
- Pasta of your choice (optional: rice)
- Parmesan Cheese



Directions:

1. In a skillet, saute mushrooms, onions and parsley in olive oil until soft.
2. Add in the rest of the ingredients and cook over medium heat until well blended.
3. Stir often so the cheese does not burn on the bottom.
4. Add in a bit of Parmesan cheese to taste.
5. While you are cooking the shrimp dish prepare pasta so it's ready to serve immediately.
6. Serve hot over prepared pasta. Use Parmesan cheese as garnish. You can also serve this over potatoes, biscuits or toast!

Submitted by Janet Hamm



Island Beats & Creative Treats

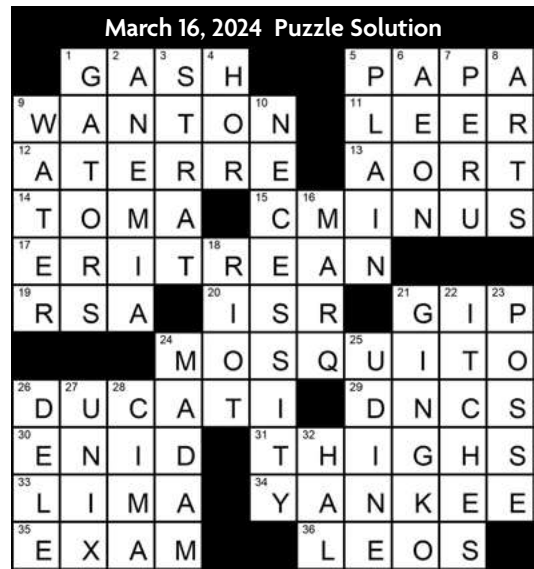
The 12th Annual Harbor Arts & Music Festival swept through Goodland on Saturday, March 9th, and Sunday, March 10th, captivating attendees with a vibrant showcase of local talent and creativity.

Throughout the two-day extravaganza, attendees were treated to an eclectic lineup of performances that spanned various genres and styles. Crowd favorites such as Cap'n Jack and J. Robert delivered electrifying sets, enchanting audiences with their original hits and captivating stage presence. J. Robert's hurricane-themed tunes set the stage.

Inside the Margood History and Community Center, a songwriter's circle took center stage, as musicians like Charlie Pace joined forces to craft soul-stirring melodies and heartfelt lyrics. It was a unique opportunity for guests to witness the creative process firsthand and connect with the artists on a deeper level.

But the festival wasn't just about music—it was a celebration of art in all its forms. From raffles to jewelry, and from original art pieces to handmade crafts, visitors had the chance to take home a piece of the colorful tapestry that is Goodland.

As the sun set on another unforgettable Harbor Arts & Music Festival, attendees departed with smiles on their faces and hearts full of memories.



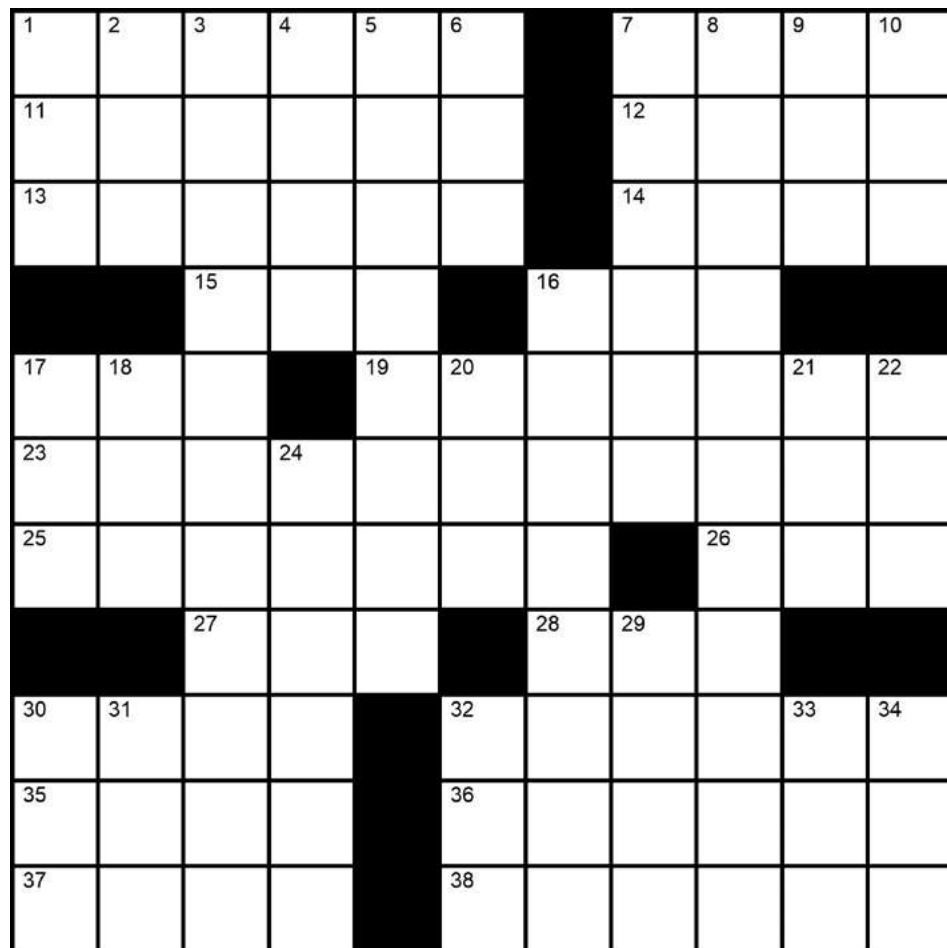
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Across

1. A light, porous volcanic rock used in abrasive cleaning and polishing
7. A popular ride-sharing company
11. To twist or squirm in pain or discomfort
12. A common carbonated beverage
13. To actively search or pursue something
14. A circular movement of water, counter to a main current, causing a small whirlpool
15. Abbr. on a French envelope
16. "___ calls?"
17. In-flight info, for short
19. Charles Foster Kane's dying word
23. To make something on a large scale using machinery
25. Kind of mark
26. B & B
27. Do goo
28. Draft org.
30. "___ I care!"
32. "Impossible is nothing" sloganeer
35. A brand of contact lens solution
36. Create a new home, in a way
37. Abbreviation for 'regulation', often used in military context
38. Surname of the first woman to swim across the English Channel

Down

1. Abbreviation for 'Poor White Trash'
2. Tail: Prefix
3. Handling or controlling something poorly or incorrectly
4. Any thing
5. In good spirits



6. "A rat!"
7. Online newsgroup system
8. An individual who uses weight training and diet
9. Byrnes of "77 Sunset Strip"
10. A line of light that comes from a bright object
16. Rose
17. Aberdeen uncle
18. Material used in road construction
20. Blade
21. Ashes holder
22. Animal house
24. Beneficial
29. Of high quality
30. Departure's opposite: Abbr.
31. "Get the picture?"
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Fishing The 10,000 Islands April

By Captain Mike Merritt



Spring Fishing here in the 10,000 Islands continues to get better. The winds of course continue to blow. But this is always normal for this time of year.

Snook are slowly moving in from offshore. We are finally catching some bigger fish on the outside Islands. Hopefully this continues to increase.

Big Sharks have moved in and these guys can wreck some good fishing. Bull Sharks and mostly Lemon Sharks are patrolling our shallows once again. If I have a Shark encounter I leave the area, as the last thing I want is to lose one of our big fish to these menaces. It can be disappointing to the client, but it is best for the fish.



Redfish are also good size right now. I have been catching some overslot fish recently and hope this also continues. These fish also

appear to be coming in from offshore as they are almost silver in color. These guys are being caught while we are Snook fishing so it is a nice bonus.

Tripletail are due to be coming in as they do every spring. We just landed an 11 lb fish yesterday. They can be caught offshore of course but you never know when you might see one free floating on the flats. Keep your eyes peeled as you run and you may just get a shot at some nice fish.



The Seatrout bite continues but now the fish seem to be getting smaller and it takes more effort to bag a limit for dinner. When the water continues to get warmer the presence of worms will increase in these fish. I learned from an old timer, older than me, that if the trout has both front teeth he has no worms or very few. If he has one tooth he has more worms. If he has no front teeth he has lots of worms. This may help you in deciding which fish to keep.



Spring also offers some great offshore fishing. One thing I have noticed is the amount of boats coming here to fish the wrecks has increased 10 fold in just the last 5 years. I guess the word got out thru all the bragging about how good it is. Sometimes keeping a low profile can be advantageous.

But, whatever you decide to do this month one thing is for sure, the fishing is getting better! Good luck and be courteous!

Capt. Mike Merritt

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Bass Busters Catch & Release Tournament Lake Okeechobee

By John Nipper

March 9th, 2024 dawned bright and warm on the shores of Lake Okeechobee, a popular fishing destination in Florida. The air was filled with anticipation as anglers from the Bass Busters Silver division gathered for the Catch and Release Bass Tournament. Excitement rippled through the crowd



as boats were launched, and competitors waited their turn to take off toward their favorite fishing spots on the lake. Myself (John Nipper of the Mullet Rapper) and Jeff Kaulbars of Fort Myers Teamed up for a challenging day of fishing.

Our team found ourselves in the 26th position to start. The countdown echoed over the bullhorn—23, 24, 25, and finally, 26. With the signal, we roared off, the wind whipping through our hair, and the boat cutting through the water. We raced past other anglers, some pushing their vessels to speeds of 75 mph and beyond, all eager to claim the best spots and start the tournament.

Arriving first at our chosen location, the grass flats on the south side of the lake, we set up our gear. It wasn't long before other boats converged on the area, confirming its status as a favored spot. The day promised warm weather, a short morning rain, and clouds throughout—a forecast that would prove to be unexpectedly inaccurate.

Despite the misleading weather predictions, we persevered. The winds were strong, occasionally relenting, but we fished the flats throughout the day, trying various lures and techniques. Top-Water Frogs, ChatterBait, Shad Tails, Zoom Speed Worms—our arsenal was diverse. However, the Zoom Speed Worms emerged as the clear winner, consistently bringing in catches.



As the clock neared 2:45, we reluctantly had to abandon our fruitful spot and race back to the launch site to meet the 3:10 deadline. With minutes to spare, we made it back, adrenaline pumping. It was time to weigh in our best five catches of the day. Prizes were at stake for the total weight and the two biggest individual fish.



Our team ended up securing 7th place, with a total fish weight of 20.28 lbs. Our biggest fish, weighing in at 6.95 lbs, earned us 3rd place in that category. It was a successful day on the water, showcasing the best of Florida living—sunshine, camaraderie, and the thrill of the catch.

First place boasted an impressive total weight of 29 lbs, with the biggest fish weighing 8.30 lbs. The second-largest catch was 7.52 lbs.

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Clubs

AA
Wednesday | 5 pm
First Baptist Church
416 School Drive, Everglades City

Everglades City Lions Club
2nd Thursday of the month | 6 pm
September - May
Jinkins Fellowship Hall behind Everglades Community Church
101 S. Copeland Ave, Everglades City
evergladeslionsclub@gmail.com

Ladies Coffee
Thursdays | 8:30 am
Rotates Everglades City Restaurants
snookcity@gmail.com
(239) 719-0020

Goodland Civic Association
3rd Tuesday of the month | 6:30 pm
Goodland Community Center
417 Mango Ave, Goodland
(239) 776-1372

Helpful Numbers

- EC Airport:** (239) 695-2778
- EC City Hall:** (239) 695-3781
- EC Public Library:** (239) 695-2511
- EC Trash Pickup:** (239) 252-2380
- EC Visitor Center:** (239) 232-0473
- Carnestown Recycle:** (239) 695-4331
- Goodland Recycle:** (239)252-2380

Post Office

- Everglades City & Chokolossee:** (239) 695-2174
- Copeland:** (239) 695-2202
- Ochopee:** (239) 695-2099
- Goodland:** (239) 394-7387

Local Parks

- Big Cypress:** (239) 695-2000
- EVG National Park:** (239) 695-3311
- Fakahatchee Preserve:** (239) 961-1925