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2nd Annual Everglades City Triathlon / Duathlon Saturday, January 28, 2023

Paddle, Ride and Run or Run, Bike, Run your way through the Historic City of Everglades. Recently designated a Florida Trail Town, your participation will benefit the youth of the Everglades.

The Tri includes a half mile paddle (Kayak or SUP), 10 Mile Bike and 3.1 Mile Run. The Duathlon includes a 1 Mile Run, 10 Mile Bike and 3.1 Mile Run. Categories include Open, Individual Age Group and Team Competitions. The race is timed by Gulf Coast Runners. All participants receive a limited-edition race t-shirt and finisher medal. The race is brought to you by the collaboration of Drug Free Collier, Everglades City, Gulf Coast Runners, Naples Velo, Naples Pathways and the Trek Store.

Start Time: 7:00am EST

End Time: 11:00am EST

Price: \$65.00 Race Fee + \$4.90 SignUp Fee

Registration: Registration ends January 26, 2023, at 11:59am EST

We would like to thank the following sponsors and supporters of our 2nd Annual Everglades City Triathlon/Duathlon: Lions Club, Everglades Isles, Friends of the River of Grass Greenway, Ivey House, Everglades Fishing Company, Woodward/Pires/Lombardo, Tour the Glades, Drug Free Collier, and the Collier County Sheriff's Office.

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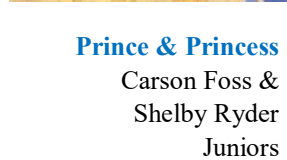
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Congratulations 2022-2023 EVG Homecoming



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 & Sienna Dungan
 Seniors



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 Shelby Ryder
 Juniors



Left to Right Seniors
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 & Sienna Dungan

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 Taylor Mayberry
 & Teddy Smallwood



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 Jayde Freeman

Chandler O'Connell &
 Chyann Nicholson



Freshmen
 Kelly Smallwood &
 Chase Stokes

Logan Wagner &
 Hannah Levingston

Bank Receives Federal Funds By Patty Huff

The Everglades Society for Historic Preservation, Inc. (ESHP) is pleased to report that its Bank of Everglades building project was included for funding in the Fiscal Year 2023 Omnibus Appropriations bill. With the assistance and support of Congressman Mario Diaz-Balart, the Bank of Everglades was appropriated three million dollars from Transportation, Housing and Urban Development (THUD) funds for community and economic development. These and other funds will be directed at stabilizing the building and its foundation, securing its structural integrity.

The Bank of Everglades building, located in the heart of Everglades City is on the National Register of Historic Places and is a prominent reminder of the heritage of Everglades City and the development of Collier County and Southwest Florida.

Recognizing the importance of saving the structure, ESHP has undertaken its rehabilitation. Once rehabilitation is completed, a multi-year, multi-phase undertaking, the building will serve as the Everglades Area Visitor Center, a Florida's Trail Town Headquarters, for community meetings, educational programming, travelling exhibits and other activities for visitors and local businesses and groups.

"We cannot thank Congressman Diaz-Balart enough for his direction, guidance and support of our important project," states Patty Huff, ESHP's president. "The Bank of Everglades building is one of a few remaining structures that illustrates the importance of Everglades City in the growth and development of Collier County which is celebrating its Centennial this year. The renovation and adaptive reuse of this National Register building not only saves that heritage but preserves it for future generations. This is wonderful news!"

For information, contact ESHP president Patty Huff at (239) 719-0020.

EVENT CALENDAR - January 15, 2023 - February 25, 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
15	16	17 P & Z	18 Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12p	19 Ladies' Coffee HavAnna 8:30a Museum Talk 2p Book Club p.7	20 Garage Sale, p3	21-Rapper Pk Spruce-Up p3 New Moon Garage Sale, p3
22	23	24	25 Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12p	26 Ladies' Coffee Island Café 8:30a	27	28 Triathlon p.1 Praise Night, p.3
29	30	31	1 Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12p	2 Ladies' Coffee City Seafood 8:30a Public Meeting p3	3	4 Clyde & Niki Butcher p3 Full Moon
5 Clyde & Niki Butcher p3	6 ESHP Mtg, 9a	7 City Council 7p City Hall, EC	8 Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12p	9 Ladies' Coffee HavAnna 8:30a	10	11
12	13	14 	15 Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12p	16 Ladies' Coffee Island Café 8:30 Book Club p.7	17 Everglades Seafood Festival p3	18 Everglades Seafood Festival p3
19 Everglades Seafood Festival p3	20 President's Day	21	22 Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12p	23 Ladies' Coffee City Seafood	24 ESHP Talk p3	25 Art-in-Glades

AREA BUSINESS & CLUB HOURS & NUMBERS

AA: Wed., 5:00 pm, 1st Baptist Church, 416 School Dr., Everglades City
 Carnestown Recycle & Trash: 2nd Sat. of month, 9a-12p, 12:30p-2 pm
 Everglades City Visitor Center: Open 7 days, 10 am—2 pm
 Lions Club: Meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6 pm.
 Museum: Open Tuesday-Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm, (239) 252-5026
 Smallwood Store: Open daily 11 am to 4 pm, (239) 695-2989
 Everglades Comm. Church Food Pantry: Wednesdays, 9:30am-1 pm
 Mobile Pet Vet: hsnaples.org/mobile-veterinary-clinic/

POST OFFICE INFORMATION

Chokoloskee (239) 695-4468
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 (M-F: 8 am to 10 am, noon to 4 pm; Sa: 10 am to 11:30 am)

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**COMMUNITY SERVICES
& INFORMATION**



**January 2023
6:30 pm**

1st Baptist Church

On the last Saturday of each month, First Baptist Church of Everglades City will have a "Praise Night" with a light supper at 6:30 pm, followed by praise music and fellowship.

January 20 & 21

Friday & Saturday 8 am to 5 pm

Indoor Garage Sale at the Fisherman's Cove Clubhouse, 675 Copeland Ave S, Everglades City. January 20 & 21, Friday & Saturday 8 am to 5 pm with half off prices starting at 3 pm.

February 2

5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Everglades Community Church

Collier County has a public meeting scheduled for the Plantation Island Waterways Pre-Design Study. The meeting will be held in an open house format from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, Feb. 2 at Everglades Community Church, Fellowship Hall, 101 S Copeland Ave., Everglades City, FL 34139

February 4 & 5, 2023

11 am to 4 pm

Meet Clyde & Niki Butcher

Join the Butcher family at their Big Cypress Gallery on Saturday and Sunday, February 4th and 5th, 11 am to 4 pm for an Artist "Meet and Greet" event. Clyde and Niki will be available to sign books and visit with fans. Clyde's staff will be on hand to answer questions and assist guests. This event is free and open to the public.

The Big Cypress Gallery has been a source of inspiration for many of Clyde's monumental photographs; come enjoy the natural beauty of the unique landscape. Call the Big Cypress Gallery (239)695-2428.

February 24, 2023

5:30 pm

Annual Meeting & Historical Talk

Everglades Community Church
ESHP Annual Meeting for members of Everglades Society of Historic Preservation
Not a Museum Event

Food Bank
Wed. 9:30 am to 12 pm
Food is distributed from the rear of Everglades Community Church located at 101 S. Copeland Ave., Everglades City. "This institution is an equal opportunity provider."

Thrift Store
Closed for repairs.
Please do not leave items on the porch when we are not open. They get wet from moisture overnight and get ruined. Thank you!

Everglades Area Information
Open daily 10 am to 2 pm
The Everglades Area Visitor Center is located at 207 Broadway W., Everglades City. The Visitor Center is open daily from 10 am to 2 pm.

The Visitor Center needs volunteers/greeters. For more info, Email ESHP@hotmail.com



Saturday, January 21, 2023
8:00am.

Let's Spruce Up the Park!
The Everglades Lions Club is sponsoring a work day to spruce up the mulch in the playground and clean up the planters at McLeod Park in Everglades City. Hurricane Ian took a toll.

The Park is used by many visitors and those of us who live here. Let's do what we can to make our Park a safe and beautiful place.

We invite all of you to come and help on Saturday, January 21, 2023 at 8:00am. Bring rakes, shovels, gloves and water.



Hope to see you all there!



Everglades Seafood Festival
February 17, 18, 19, 2023

Entertainment Lineup

Friday Night, February 17
4:30 Opening Ceremony, Cheerleaders & Swamp Girls
5:00-6:00 The Lost Rodeo
6:15-7:15 Radio Road Band
7:20 National Anthem, Mary Jo Oregon
Charlie Pace (emcee)
7:30-8:30 Lee Brovitz
9:00-10:00 The Winters Brothers Band

Saturday, February 18
Gator Nate (Emcee)
10:00 Opening Ceremony
11:00 National Anthem, Mary Jo Oregon
11:15-12:15 Jon Prestage
12:45-1:45 Florida Straits
2:00-3:00 Sam Lowe
3:30-4:30 Rock Republic
5:00-6:00 Charlie Pace
6:45-8:15 The Marshall Tucker Band
9:00-10:00 Roxx Revolt and The Velvets

Sunday, February 19
10:00 National Anthem, Mary Jo Oregon
10:15-10:45 Church
11:00-12:00 Jordan Guess
12:30-1:30 Gator Nate
2:00-3:00 Wes Shipp
3:30-4:30 Whey Jennings
5:00-6:00 Ward Davis

For more than 50 years the Everglades Seafood Festival has been essential in generating income to improve its community and help its residents. This year, the festival's success is key, as many residents are still getting back on their feet after Hurricane Ian. The festival is coordinated by Carrie Doxsee, Holly Dudley and Kelly Kirk. The host, FLSCA, is a non-profit organization that helps unite stone crab fishermen and advocate for their best interests. The 2023 festival is sponsored by Everglades Isle, Suncoast Beverage Sales, and Tacos & Tequila Cantina.

For More Information
EvergladesSeafoodFestival-2023.com

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With Gratitude
 By Patty Huff

The Everglades Society for Historic Preservation would like to express its gratitude to all our community members and businesses who donated their time and contributions to make our Save the Bank Building Music Festival such a huge success! Everyone came together to assist in one way or another, and we appreciate your support and commitment to help us rehabilitate the historic Bank of Everglades Building which will serve as the Everglades Area Visitor Center, Trail Town Headquarters, and community gathering place.



Photo Credit: Helen Bryan

First, we would like to thank the Rod & Gun Club who once again provided us with the perfect venue for this festival. They could not have been more helpful and generous. Thank you! Next, we would like to express our gratitude to Pete Gallagher, J Robert and all the musicians who donated their time and talents to provide the best experience for our attendees. Thank you, thank you, thank you! Also, to our auctioneer Kyle Plussa who did an outstanding job with the Live Auction, authors Franklin Adams and Nick Penniman as well as the Marco Island Writers, the Lions Club, and Adam Hall with our sheriff's department.

In addition to our Board members, the volunteers who helped us throughout the day are too numerous to mention but we do appreciate each and every one of you. The businesses who donated gift certificates and items and funds were: John Apte, Hannah Ineson, Varick Niles, Patricia Payzant, Clyde Butcher, WinCar Hardware, Kenny Brown at ORA, Steve Huff, The Everglades Fishing Company, Smallwood Store Boat Tour, Captain Steve's Swamp Buggy, The Original Everglades Boat Tours, Tour the Glades, Captain Scout Morris, Everglades Old Time Charters, Gunner Kennels, Townsend & Sons Everglades Outfitters, Everglades Distillers, Camellia Street Grill, City Seafood, Diving Pelican, Grimm's Stone Crab, HavAnnA Café, Hole in the Wall Pizza, Island Café, Joanie's Blue Crab Café, and Triad Seafood. Your donations contributed to the success of our fundraiser! It was a cold windy day, but your kindness and generosity warmed our hearts. Despite the weather, we had a wonderful turnout and would like to thank all the attendees who participated in our auctions and raffles. All of you contributed to the success of the festival!



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Fakahatchee tram tours celebrate 10th anniversary

The Friends of Fakahatchee Ghost Rider tram that tours Florida's largest state park is celebrating its tenth anniversary in 2023.

“Over the past ten years our Ghost Rider tram has introduced thousands of nature lovers to the wonders of the Fakahatchee,” said Friends of Fakahatchee Executive Director Francine Stevens. “Before the tram began operation in 2013, most visitors had to navigate a narrow, unpaved park road to get to the park’s interior. With other area state parks still closed, we hope visitors will help us celebrate this milestone by joining us on a tenth anniversary tram tour.”



The Ghost Rider tram, named in honor of the famous Ghost Orchid found in the park, lets participants discover the Preserve’s protected wildlife and plants without walking or driving. The \$30 Morning Tram Tour begins at 10 am and concludes at 12:30 p.m. on Fridays. The naturalist led tours include an optional 15 minute walk to see numerous air plants, a variety of ferns, and seasonally blooming orchids.

Upcoming Friday tram tours are offered in January through mid-April. For required reservations and more information, call (239) 695-1023 or visit Orchidswamp.org and click on tours and events.



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Sawfish News

by Tonya Wiley, Havenworth Coastal Conservation

What Does Recovery Mean for Endangered Smalltooth Sawfish?

Following the population decline of smalltooth sawfish in the United States and the 2003 listing under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), a [team](#) was assembled to recover the population of this endangered species. But what is recovery and how do we achieve it for smalltooth sawfish?

Under the ESA, recovery is defined as the process of restoring endangered and threatened species to the point where they no longer require the safeguards of the Act. To guide managers and researchers in that recovery process, the ESA directs NOAA Fisheries (or U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in the case of terrestrial animals) to develop recovery plans. Recovery plans outline the paths and tasks required to restore and secure self-sustaining wild populations. They are guidance documents that describe, justify, and schedule the research and management actions necessary to support recovery of a species.

A [recovery plan](#) for smalltooth sawfish in the U.S. was published in 2009 and outlines specific criteria for downlisting (a reclassification from endangered to threatened) and delisting (a reclassification from threatened to recovered). Sawfish may be delisted on the basis of recovery only if the best available scientific and commercial data indicate an improvement in the status of the species to the point where it is no longer appropriate to be considered endangered. For smalltooth sawfish that means ensuring the long-term viability of the species through substantial increases in both abundance and range.

Smalltooth sawfish in the U.S. are considered to be, and managed as, one single population. This means that under ESA regulations, all sawfish receive equal and consistent protections regardless of where they are geographically. Sawfish in Everglades National Park are just as protected and equally important to the population as those in Tampa Bay, Indian River Lagoon, Texas, or Georgia. Since the species is managed as a single population, not individual geographic populations, only the species as a whole can be considered recovered. In other words, smalltooth sawfish cannot be locally or regionally recovered such as in one particular bay system.



Smalltooth Sawfish, *Pristis pectinata*
Photo Credit: Tonya Wiley

While we are starting to see some encouraging signs in the population, we are certainly a long way from recovery. Modest increases in sawfish numbers are likely the result of the 1992 protection from harvest in Florida waters, the 1995 Florida gillnet ban, and the 2003 ESA listing which have all aided in reducing mortality, and a substantial increase in important outreach and education efforts over the last two decades. However, until recovery is truly documented, it is critical that local, state, and federal regulations and protections remain in place in all areas of the U.S. to ensure the continued improvement in the smalltooth sawfish population.

You can also help scientists track recovery of the population and steer research efforts by sharing information about your sawfish catches and sightings by visiting www.SawfishRecovery.org, calling 1-844-4SAWFISH, emailing sawfish@myfwc.com, or entering the details in the FWC Reporter App. For more information on protected species recovery visit [Fisheries.noaa.gov/insight/recovery-endangered-and-threatened-species](https://fisheries.noaa.gov/insight/recovery-endangered-and-threatened-species)



Everglades City School is getting ready for a *sweet book fair!* Mark your calendar, our spring Scholastic book fair with the theme “**Reading is SO Sweet**” is coming March 3-8, 2023! The spring fair will open Friday, March 3rd – Wednesday, March 8th! Mark your calendar for our **TWO** family/guardians/friends events. First, join us on Tuesday afternoon from 3:30 pm – 5 pm for our “*Sweet Book*” event. Then, Wednesday morning will be our “*Books & Breakfast*” event from 7:00 am – 8:30 am! Both events will offer sweet treats, contests to win free books, family/friends activities & fair shopping! Join us to explore new books, engage in fair contests, and shop together amidst the sweet theme. Students and school community members can uncover exciting new books while supporting literacy at EVG!

EVG needs teacher classroom book sponsors! Please support literacy at EVG by sponsoring new books from the book fair for our teacher’s classroom libraries and the media center! Our teachers will hand select perfect books for their students. Please call the media center, (239) 377-4384 or email Mrs. Owen at owenm3@collierschools.com. This is an incredible opportunity for our teachers to replenish their classroom libraries! All book sales benefit EVG’s library! Thank you!

Valentines Grams go on sale February 1-10th for \$2.00 it helps support cheerleaders. See Angela to purchase your Grams.

[Take the Superintendent Search Community Stakeholder Survey](https://www.hyasurvey.com/CollierCountyPublicSchoolsEN)
[Hyasurvey.com/CollierCountyPublicSchoolsEN](https://www.hyasurvey.com/CollierCountyPublicSchoolsEN)

Collier County Public Schools (CCPS) is interested in your input as we seek to hire a new superintendent. This survey is designed to gather your perceptions of the school district and the importance of various characteristics found in effective superintendents. The information will be used to determine the desired characteristics of the next CCPS superintendent. The survey is conducted by the search firm Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates, which ensures that your individual responses are kept anonymous and confidential.

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Collier County Sheriff’s Office Celebrates 100th Anniversary

The Collier County Sheriff’s Office celebrated 100 years of service earlier this month in Everglades City, which is home to the county’s first courthouse.

Sheriff Kevin Rambosk believes it’s an honor and a privilege to protect the people of Collier County and paid tribute to the first sheriff to do so one hundred years ago.

In 1923, Everglades City was rugged and wild but not lawless, thanks to the Collier County Sheriff’s Office and the first sheriff, William Riley Maynard.

Read More
[Collier County Sheriff’s Office celebrates 100th anniversary](https://www.winknews.com/2023/01/09/collier-county-sheriffs-office-celebrates-100th-anniversary/)
[Winknews.com/2023/01/09/collier-county-sheriffs-office-celebrates-100th-anniversary/](https://www.winknews.com/2023/01/09/collier-county-sheriffs-office-celebrates-100th-anniversary/)

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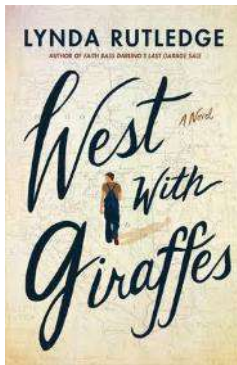
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BOOK CLUB

EVERGLADES BOOKCLUB SCHEDULE

The Everglades Book Club will meet the **3rd Thursday** of the month at **9:30 am (unless noted otherwise)**. Anyone is welcome to attend. Questions, call Diann Lock (812) 361-7402.



February 16 -
The Midnight Library
 by Matt Haig

March 16 - *The President and the Freedom Fighters*
 by Brian Kilmeade

April 20 -
The Sentence
 by Louise Erdrich

Recommended Reading
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 The Book of the Lost Friends



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**“Thank You” Isn’t Something You Say
When You Get “Round Tuit”**

By Rev. Bob Wallace



My front doorbell rang. A friend was standing there with a smile on his face. He handed me something, “it’s for you”, and turned and left, laughing all the way back to his car. I looked at the gift. It was a round four-inch piece of wood about a quarter of an inch thick with the words “TUIT. *Here’s your very own TUIT. Save it and use it whenever you can. You have often said, ‘I’LL DO IT WHEN I GET AROUND TO IT’.* Here is your very own ROUND TUIT! Now, you can do all those things you have been putting off. Congratulations!”

Ever since that day I’ve looked for my friend to tell him how much I appreciated his little round gift, but I haven’t seen him. I’ve been meaning to call him and tell him. I even meant to drop him a note. But I just haven’t had the time to do it. So, I guess I’ll wait ‘til I get around to it. Or I could use my TUIT!

One of the things necessary for a person to do after receiving a gift is always to say thank you as soon as possible! Any book on etiquette will tell you, it’s very discourteous not to acknowledge a gift in a timely manner. After all, what’s so difficult about saying, “Thank you”?

The easiest way is to thank that person the next time you meet. But that doesn’t always work. It may be a long time, especially if you don’t live in the same city. So, it’s better to send a “Thank you” note.

Does this sound familiar?

“Honey, have you thanked the Smiths for that gift they sent you?”

“Nope!”

“Well, when are you going to do it?”

“Oh honey, I was hoping you might do it for me.”

The only trouble with that is, the Smiths want to hear directly from the person to whom they gave the gift.

And thank heavens for telephones. That’s the way most people learn whether their package has arrived at its destination.

“Honey, did our package get there, yet?”

“No, it hasn’t, Mom! When did you send it?”

“Well, I sent it in plenty of time. You should have gotten it by now.”

Or, “Mom, your package just got here. I love it!”

“But honey you weren’t supposed to open it until next week! It’s for your birthday!”

“I know Mom, but I just couldn't wait. Thanks.”

“You’re welcome.”

And there’s still this old, nagging question.

“Sam, have you mailed your thank you notes yet?”

“No, Wilma, not yet.”

“Well, when are you going to do it?”

Now that’s the time Sam needs my ROUND TUIT. It works every time!

Gone But Not Forgotten

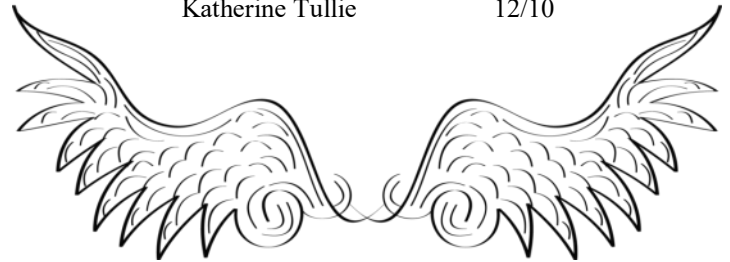
We lost many friends and neighbors in 2022. And, although they are no longer with us their memory lives on within our community, and we miss them all. Please note that the date represents the issue date of the published obituary.

Past issues can be downloaded at MulletRapper.com.



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**Exhibits and Events
Museum of Everglades
105 West Broadway Avenue
Everglades City, FL**

About the Museum of the Everglades: First opened in 1927 as a commercial laundry, the building that now houses Museum of the Everglades is one of the historic structures still standing as a testament to the town's time as a once-bustling center of business and the region's first County seat.



**November 1, 2022—February 11, 2023
Gearheads in the Glades**

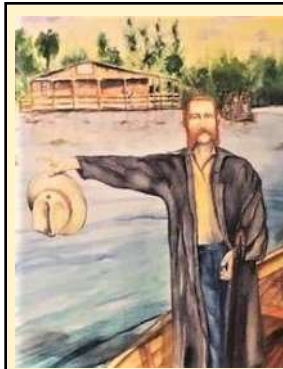
This exhibit thoroughly explores the ways that swamp ingenuity was used to modify machines and motor vehicles to traverse and tame the Everglades. Both airboats and swamp buggies were spawned by mixing surplus airplane parts with boats, cars, trucks, and tractors. The history of these hybrids and mechanical Frankenstein creations will be told, with both vintage photos and actual vehicles included in the displays.

**February 14, 2023-May 13, 2023
The Story of the Southwest Mounted Patrol**

When the Tamiami Trail opened to automobile traffic in April of 1928, it spanned over 100 miles of desolate sawgrass prairie and swampland.

The Southwest Mounted Patrol was not only the precursor to the Collier County Sheriff's Department, but also predated the Florida Highway Patrol by more than 10 years. This exhibit, featuring a vintage 1929 Harley-Davidson JD as its centerpiece, celebrates Collier County's colorful contribution to law enforcement history and the role of the motorcycle in taming Florida's last frontier.

Some events require reservations. Please make reservations online at colliermuseums.com OR by calling the museum at (239)252-5026 Tuesday – Saturday, 9am-4pm



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Everglades City Celebrating its Centennial

By Patty Huff

Happy New Year! It's 2023 and time to celebrate our 100th Anniversary throughout the year!!

The Everglades Society for Historic Preservation started off the festivities with the Music Festival on January 14 and the next event this month will be the 2nd Annual Triathlon/Duathlon (Trisignup.com/Race/FL/EvergladesCity/TriathlonandDuathlon) which will take place on January 28, then the Everglades Seafood Festival (EvergladesSeafoodFestival-2023.com) February 17-19. Notification of future events will be published in The Mullet Rapper so please plan to attend or participate in as many as possible.

The Town of Everglades served as the first county seat from 1923 to 1962. The City of Everglades was incorporated in 1953. The name changed in 1963 to "City of Everglades City" ("City" was added to the end). We have survived hurricanes, the revitalization of businesses, the loss then rebuilding of homes and industries throughout the past century.

During the next month commemorative banners will be installed on the lampposts along Collier Avenue, Broadway, and Copeland Avenue South. These banners will depict both historic and current sites as well as the influential people who served our community over the past 100 years. As you see the banners go up and you would like to sponsor one, please call Patty. We plan to publish a book with the names of the sponsors and a description of each banner.

**For more information, please call Patty
at (239)719-0020 or email snookcity@gmail.com.**

Taxing Things | Scammers

by Mike the Tax Guy

The tax filing season is a popular time for scammers to call and try to dupe unsuspecting taxpayers. These thieves often make threatening or alarming calls posing as the IRS to try to steal taxpayer money or personal information.

However, it's easy for people to recognize this scam by knowing how the IRS contacts taxpayers.

The IRS will never:

- Call to demand immediate payment using a specific payment method such as a prepaid debit card, gift card or wire transfer.
- Threaten to immediately bring in local police or other law enforcement groups to have the taxpayer arrested for not paying.
- Demand that taxes be paid without giving taxpayers the opportunity to question or appeal the amount owed.
- Call unexpectedly about a tax refund.
- Generally, the IRS will first mail a bill to any taxpayer who owes taxes.

Taxpayers who receive these phone calls should:

- Record the number and then hang up the phone immediately.
- Report the call by visiting the Hotline page of Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration and using an IRS Impersonation Scam Reporting form or by calling 800-366-4484.

Mike Klein

Individual & Business Tax Preparation nfn19842@naples.net

Happy 2023

I keep my annual To Do's lists for decades! Yes. I'm a planner. At the beginning of each year I jot down the things I want to accomplish that year. Then...I go back to last years list to see what I can check off. It's always so enlightening, rewarding and sometimes overwhelming. As I peruse through all the previous years I'll spot things that were cool or important but missed. Sometimes I'll move them to this years list, sometimes I wonder why it was so important.

On the top of this years list is becoming proficient at the Mullet Rapper and re-designing VisitEvergladesCity.com. To check these tasks off I'll need your involvement. So do me a favor and put getting your business, events or article in the Mullet Rapper and on VisitEvergladesCity.com on the top of your To Do list this year too!

Here wishing you lots of 2023 check marks! Denise



Fresh Cream of Tomato Soup

- 3-1/2 cups of fresh tomatoes
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 2 T butter
- 3 T flour
- 1/2 t sugar
- 1 t salt
- 1/8 t pepper
- 3 cups milk

In saucepan, combine tomatoes with chopped onion. Simmer together 20 minutes. Rub through sieve, and set aside.

In upper half of double boiler or in a heavy skillet, melt butter. Blend in flour, sugar, salt and pepper. Gradually add milk, stirring to keep smooth. Cook ten minutes.

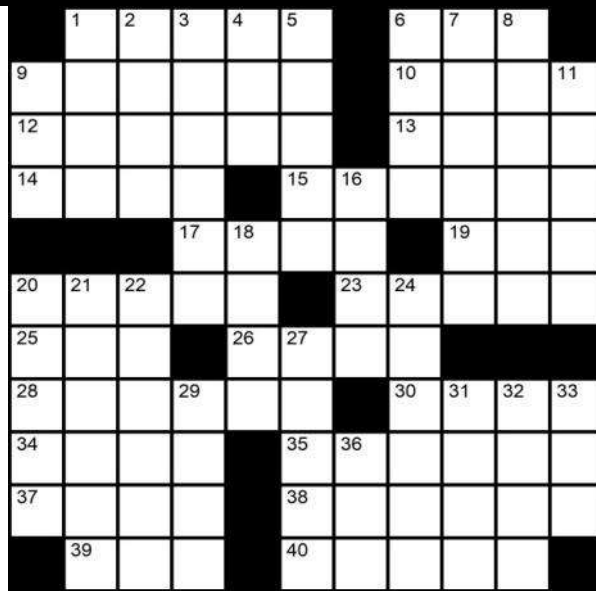
Add tomato puree very slowly to cream sauce, stirring constantly. Heat gently to boiling point, but do not boil. Serve at once.

Variation: use another vegetable in seasonal supply, e.g. zucchini

MULLET RAPPER CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 Mountain inn
- 6 "--- Believer" (Hit penned by Neil Diamond)
- 9 Put the ball in play
- 10 Sand ridge
- 12 Money earned
- 13 "Quantum of Solace" actress --- Kurylenko
- 14 Laugh loudly
- 15 Bird seed ingredient
- 17 Remote necessities, very often
- 19 Malt beverage
- 20 Clinton family cat, formerly
- 23 --- Hawke of "Dead Poets Society"
- 25 Auditor, briefly
- 26 Pair in a dead man's hand
- 28 Rinses off sticky substances
- 30 Drove
- 34 Dark or martial, maybe
- 35 Like Ark animals
- 37 One making a living jumping out of serviceable airplanes
- 38 Floating aimlessly
- 39 Salty sauce
- 40 Short letters



1/21/23

Down

- 1 Comic, TV host and garageman
- 2 Aquatic killer
- 3 New World Symphony composer
- 4 Absolute beauty
- 5 Puffy swelling
- 6 A worshiped effigy
- 7 Head of a mosque
- 8 "Murder, She Wrote" actress --- Lansbury
- 9 Knightly salutation
- 11 Consumed
- 16 "--- dead people"
- 18 Strong --- oak
- 20 Fragment
- 21 Musical dramas
- 22 Actors reassessed former leader
- 24 Concert souvenir, maybe
- 27 It covers Congress
- 29 "By Jove!"
- 31 They lost to the Iroquois
- 32 Sporting "Zebras"
- 33 Banned bug killer
- 36 Commotion



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Sun 10:30am-5 pm

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SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

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Sunday: 10 am Sch., 10 am Worship

Copeland Baptist Church

Sunday: 10 am School, 11 am Worship

Everglades Community Church

11:00 am Sunday Worship

1st Baptist Church of Everglades City

9:45 am Sunday School, 11 am Worship

6 pm Sunday

6 pm Wed. Bible Study

Holy Family Catholic Church

Sunday Mass 10:30 a.m.

St. Finbarr Catholic Church, Naples

(239-417-2084)

San Marco Catholic Church, Marco Isl.

(239-394-5181)

BARRON RIVER TIDES

1/21/2023	Sat	12:59 AM	3.01	H
1/21/2023	Sat	9:23 AM	-0.79	L
1/21/2023	Sat	3:26 PM	2.05	H
1/21/2023	Sat	9:13 PM	0.61	L
1/22/2023	Sun	1:50 AM	3.1	H
1/22/2023	Sun	10:10 AM	-0.76	L
1/22/2023	Sun	4:03 PM	2.09	H
1/22/2023	Sun	10:03 PM	0.5	L
1/23/2023	Mon	2:42 AM	3.07	H
1/23/2023	Mon	10:55 AM	-0.63	L
1/23/2023	Mon	4:38 PM	2.14	H
1/23/2023	Mon	10:55 PM	0.38	L
1/24/2023	Tue	3:40 AM	2.91	H
1/24/2023	Tue	11:39 AM	-0.43	L
1/24/2023	Tue	5:13 PM	2.2	H
1/24/2023	Tue	11:47 PM	0.27	L
1/25/2023	Wed	4:41 AM	2.64	H
1/25/2023	Wed	12:21 PM	-0.19	L
1/25/2023	Wed	5:48 PM	2.25	H
1/26/2023	Thu	12:42 AM	0.19	L
1/26/2023	Thu	5:44 AM	2.3	H
1/26/2023	Thu	1:03 PM	0.08	L
1/26/2023	Thu	6:24 PM	2.29	H
1/27/2023	Fri	1:43 AM	0.13	L
1/27/2023	Fri	6:54 AM	1.94	H
1/27/2023	Fri	1:47 PM	0.34	L
1/27/2023	Fri	7:05 PM	2.3	H
1/28/2023	Sat	2:54 AM	0.08	L
1/28/2023	Sat	8:15 AM	1.64	H
1/28/2023	Sat	2:41 PM	0.56	L
1/28/2023	Sat	7:52 PM	2.28	H
1/29/2023	Sun	4:05 AM	0	L
1/29/2023	Sun	9:56 AM	1.45	H
1/29/2023	Sun	3:48 PM	0.72	L
1/29/2023	Sun	8:46 PM	2.24	H
1/30/2023	Mon	5:12 AM	-0.08	L
1/30/2023	Mon	1:27 PM	1.58	H
1/30/2023	Mon	5:00 PM	0.81	L
1/30/2023	Mon	9:47 PM	2.22	H
1/31/2023	Tue	6:13 AM	-0.17	L
1/31/2023	Tue	2:13 PM	1.71	H
1/31/2023	Tue	6:10 PM	0.83	L
1/31/2023	Tue	10:52 PM	2.24	H
2/1/2023	Wed	7:07 AM	-0.25	L
2/1/2023	Wed	2:46 PM	1.77	H
2/1/2023	Wed	7:10 PM	0.8	L
2/1/2023	Wed	11:50 PM	2.31	H
2/2/2023	Thu	7:53 AM	-0.32	L
2/2/2023	Thu	3:03 PM	1.79	H
2/2/2023	Thu	7:57 PM	0.75	L
2/3/2023	Fri	12:37 AM	2.41	H
2/3/2023	Fri	8:34 AM	-0.36	L
2/3/2023	Fri	2:54 PM	1.83	H
2/3/2023	Fri	8:36 PM	0.68	L



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**2023 Triple Threat Throwdown
Challenge**

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission's (FWC) saltwater angler recognition program, [Catch a Florida Memory](#), will be giving away a fully outfitted fishing kayak to one lucky angler in its first-ever [Triple Threat Throwdown!](#) This challenge will run from Jan. 1 through Sept. 5, 2023, and will be an exclusive raffle opportunity for Triple Threat Club members to win a [Bonafide SS127 fishing kayak](#), fully outfitted with an accessory package from [YakAttack](#). To enter, participants must qualify for a Catch a Florida Memory recognition between Jan. 1 and Sept. 5, 2023, and be a member of the [Triple Threat Club](#) at the time of the raffle drawing, which will take place after all submissions from the challenge period have been processed.

Triple Threat Club status is awarded to anglers who have qualified for recognition in all three Catch a Florida Memory programs. This means the angler has caught a [Saltwater Grand Slam](#), a [Saltwater Reel Big Fish](#) and has qualified for at least the [Saltwater Life List](#) 10 Fish Club. Anglers only need to qualify for the Triple Threat Club once and membership never expires.

Catch a Florida Memory's saltwater angler recognition program rewards anglers for their fishing efforts while encouraging them to target a diversity of species. Anglers do not have to harvest their fish to be eligible for prizes and are encouraged to use [proper fish handling](#) techniques.

New to Catch a Florida Memory? Learn more and submit catches at [CatchaFloridaMemory.com](#). Check out the latest catches and see your achievements highlighted by following the Catch a Florida Memory Facebook page, [Facebook.com/CatchaFLMemory](#). View angler catches and much more on [Instagram](#) and [Twitter](#) by following @MyFWC.

If you have questions about the Catch a Florida Memory program, contact AnglerRecognition@MyFWC.com.

Your purchase of fishing equipment, motorboat fuel and a fishing license supports aquatic education and outreach efforts. Learn more at [MyFWC.com/SFR](#).

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