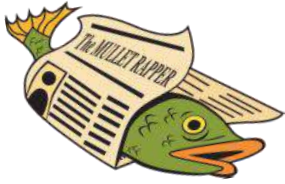


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News, Stories, Classifieds, Tide Table & More...

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**Bank Tour & Art Sale
 February 18 & 19**



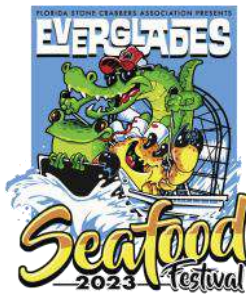
For something special, wander along to the old green Bank of Everglades building where you can find out what's happening inside this historic landmark. It's almost 100 years old! The Everglades Society for Historic Preservation is offering Exclusive Tours every hour on Saturday and Sunday from 10am to 3pm. The guided walk-through costs only \$20/person and is limited to 10 people so make sure you sign up early to get a slot.

There will also be some amazing aerial photos for sale, all to benefit the renovation effort that will transform the empty shell into a Visitor Center with space for community events and art shows.

For information, see www.ESH.org or phone Patty at (239) 719-0020

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Come enjoy delicious seafood, live music, local art, rides, a petting zoo, and alligator wrestling.

Friday night is free for all ages. Saturday & Sunday is a \$5 donation for adults. Children and residents of

Everglades City, Chokoloskee, and Copeland receive free admission on all days. Beverage & carnival ride tickets are cash only, and ATMs are on site.

Festival Entertainment Lineup

Friday Night, February 17

- 4:30 Opening Ceremony, Everglades City School Cheerleaders & The Swamp Buggy Pageant Contestants
- 5:00-6:00 The Lost Rodeo
- 6:15-7:15 Radio Road Band
- 7:20 National Anthem
- 7:30-8:30 Lee Brovitz
- 9:00-10:00 The Winters Brothers Band

Saturday, February 18

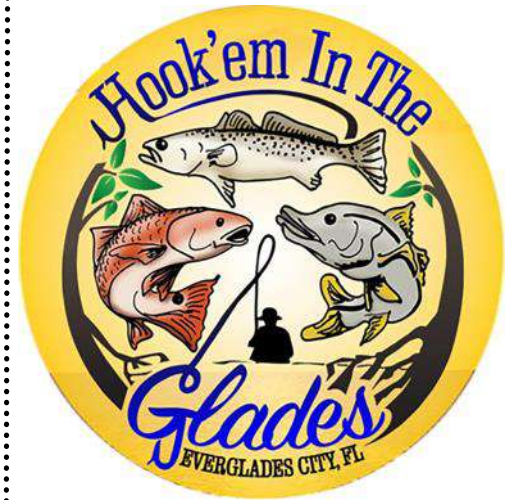
- Gator Nate (Emcee)
- 10:00 Opening Ceremony
- 11:00 National Anthem, Mary Jo O'Regan
- 11:15-12:15 Jon Prestage
- 12:45-1:45 Florida Straits
- 2:00-3:00 Sam Lowe
- 3:30-4:30 Rock Republic
- 5:00-6:00 Charlie Pace
- 6:45-8:15 The Marshall Tucker Band
- 9:00-10:00 Roxx Revolt and The Velvets

Sunday, February 19

- 10:00 National Anthem
- 10:15-10:45 Chokoloskee Church Group
- 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 information

EvergladesSeafoodFestival-2023.com



**5th Annual
 Hook'em in the Glades
 March 3-4**

Teams will fish the 10,000 Islands for a chance to catch the biggest Snook, Redfish, and Seatrout while supporting Everglades City School.

Captain's Dinner is March 3, at The Gator Hole Restaurant and Bar starting at 5:30pm.

Fishing is Saturday, March 4, lines in the water at 7am and report back to the Gator Hole by 4pm.

This family friendly event is only:

- \$200 for an Adult Boat
- \$75 per Kayak
- \$50 per Student Boat Entry (any student who is captaining their own boat)
- \$50 per Jr. On-Shore Angler (any student wanting to fish from shore)

The money raised will support student athletics and programs such as prom & homecoming committees, EVG news, cheer club, and student government. The 5th Annual Hook'em in the Glades is sponsored by the Everglades Lions Club.

Register at HookemInTheGlades.com

EVENT CALENDAR - February 19, 2023 - April 1, 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
19 Everglades Seafood Festival	20 President's Day New Moon	21 City Hall, EC	22 Wilderness Talk p9 Food Pantry ECC 9:30-12p	23 Ladies' Coffee City Seafood 8:30a	24	25 Art-in-Glades p3 Praise Night p3
26	27	28	1-March Wilderness Talk p9 Food Pantry ECC 9:30-12p	2 Ladies' Coffee HavAnna 8:30a	3 Book Fair p6 Hook'em 5:30p	4-RAPPER ORA Bazaar p3 Hook'em 7a
5	6 ESHP Mtg 9a Book Fair p6	7 City Council 7p Book Fair p6 Full Moon	8 Wilderness Talk p9 Book Fair p6 Food Pantry ECC 9:30-12p	9 Ladies' Coffee Island Café 8:30a	10 ESHP Mtg & Talk	11
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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/

OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Airport: (239) 695-2778
 Big Cypress: (239) 695-2000
 City Hall: (239) 695-3781
 Curbside Trash Pickup (239) 252-2380
 Dr. Demartino, Marco Island (239) 642-5552
 EVG National Park: (239) 695-3311
 Fakahatchee Preserve Office: (239) 961-1925
 Public Library: (239) 695-2511
 Visitor Center: (239) 232-0473

POST OFFICE INFORMATION

Chokoloskee (239) 695-4468
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*What's
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**February 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.

**February 25, 2023
10 am to 1 pm
Art-in-Glades**

Come along to McLeod Park for a relaxing saunter around the outdoor arts & crafts fair in this remote, rural town which was our first County seat. There is no entry charge and well-behaved doggies are welcome.

**March 4th
9 am to 11 am
Annual ORA Bazaar**

The Annual ORA Bazaar will now be a huge Rummage Sale and we'll still have the "New 2 U Boutique", where we sell the clothing and jewelry. All other aspects of the Bazaar have been put on hold for now. This will be held at ORA, on Chokoloskee Island, on Saturday, March 4th. We will again open it to the public. The gates will open at 9:00 and it will run until 11:00.

For more information please phone Cornie Jacquier at (413) 530-3112.

**March 10, 2023
Annual Meeting & Historical Talk**
Everglades Society of Historic Preservation invites you to celebrate Barron Collier's 150th Birthday at their ESHP Annual Meeting and Historical Talk.

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**April 1, 2023
10 am to 3 pm
Full Throttle Festival
McLeod Park**

Chokoloskee Family Church of God will be hosting a fundraiser that includes blessing of the bikes, music, a chili cook off, food trucks, vendors, old cars, and a silent auction.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES
& INFORMATION**

**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."

**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

Locals Hidden Gems

While visiting Everglade City be sure to check out where the locals' hang.

- Hiking/biking the Janes Scenic Drive in the Fakahatchee
- Sunset cruise on a pontoon boat with Everglades Old Time Charters
- Sunset on the beach in Chokoloskee after visiting the Smallwood Store
- Take a stroll down Riverside Drive
- Visit the Museum of the Everglades to learn about the history of the area
- See the smallest post office in the US
- Visit the Skunk Ape Headquarters in Ochopee
- Take a boat ride from the Everglades National Park Gulf Coast Visitor Center

See you there!



**State Park Dismantles Memorial
Honoring Local Resident and
Founding Member of Friends of
Fakahatchee**

By Howard Lubel



Bill Mesce, "Vietnam Bill," a 28 year resident of Copeland, photographer naturalist, swamp tour guide and a founding member of the Friends of Fakahatchee passed away in April, 2016, after fighting cancer. Through his swamp walks and unforgettable rides on his Belgian troop carrier, Bill introduced thousands of people to the wonders of the Fakahatchee and always with a smile, a cigarette and a joke turned city dwellers into ardent protectors of the park. His contributions were so generous and appreciated that in 2014, the Friends of Fakahatchee honored him with their prestigious Mel Finn award.

To memorialize Bill's contributions to the Fakahatchee and to the Friends of Fakahatchee, Bill's friends raised funds to establish a picnic table and memorial sign



at his favorite land place on the west main tram. This effort was undertaken after full consultation with and approval of the park manager at the time. Funds were solicited through the Friends of Fakahatchee, a picnic table was purchased and installed with park assistance and memorial signage compliant with park standards was erected by park staff at the end of 2017. For five years thereafter the site was maintained by park staff and volunteers and enjoyed as a place of respite and tranquility by park visitors.

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Did You Know?
 By Donna Medina

In 1928 The Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Depot opened in Everglades City. The station was in service from 1928-1956 moving freight and passengers. The depot was used in the movie Wind Across the Everglades starring Burl Ives and Gypsy Rose Lee and was home to several restaurants. Currently the depot is abandoned and history is slipping away.

There's a historical marker commemorating the depot but what would be better than saving the depot itself.



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SAWFISH NEWS

by Tonya Wiley of Havenworth Coastal Conservation

Florida's Endangered Smalltooth Sawfish



A mature 14-foot smalltooth sawfish.

Photo credit: Dean Grubbs

The population of smalltooth sawfish (*Pristis pectinata*) in the United States was once found in coastal waters from Texas to North Carolina. However, smalltooth sawfish populations declined dramatically during the second half of the 20th century due to the loss of important nursery habitat from coastal development and decades of mortality in both commercial and recreational fisheries. Smalltooth sawfish are now found mostly in Florida, and regularly found only in southwest Florida around Everglades National Park. In response to the dramatic reductions in both their numbers and range, NOAA Fisheries listed the U.S. population of smalltooth sawfish as an endangered species under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) in 2003.

The goal of the Endangered Species Act listing is to recover the population to the point that it no longer needs the protections of the ESA. After the listing NOAA Fisheries developed a plan to recover the U.S. smalltooth sawfish population. Published in 2009, the plan recommends specific steps to recover the population, focusing on (1) educating the public to minimize human interactions with sawfish and any associated injury and mortality, (2) protecting and/or restoring important sawfish habitats, and (3) ensuring sawfish abundance and distribution increase.



A juvenile smalltooth swims in the very shallow waters near mangroves in Everglades National Park.

Photo Credit: Andrea Kroetz.

Newborn sawfish, like many other marine species, use specific habitats referred to as nurseries to protect small sawfish from predators and provide ample food for quick growth. Young sawfish often rely on shallow estuarine habitats fringed with red mangroves, but development has changed or destroyed much

of this habitat which potentially affects in which areas sawfish can give birth and the juveniles can survive. Protecting these nurseries is vital to the recovery of the species so NOAA Fisheries designated two areas as Critical Habitat for juvenile sawfish in 2009: one in Charlotte Harbor and one in the Ten Thousand Islands/Everglades. It is important to note that the designation of an area as critical habitat does not create a closed area, marine protected area, refuge, or other conservation area. However, it ensures that federal agencies that undertake, fund, or permit activities that may affect these designated critical habitat areas are required to consult with NOAA Fisheries to ensure that their actions do not adversely modify or destroy the designated critical habitat.

If you see or catch a sawfish, note its estimated total length, and the date, time, and your location with GPS coordinates if available. Scientists use your sawfish encounter data to track recovery of the population, and steer research and conservation efforts. Please share the information 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 about current sawfish conservation and research in the United States visit www.SawfishRecovery.org or call 1-844-4SAWFISH.

Disease Threatening the Endangered Florida Panther

The FWC is investigating a disorder detected in some Florida panthers and bobcats. Affected animals exhibit varying degrees of rear leg weaknesses that lead to difficulty in walking. The FWC takes this situation seriously and is increasing monitoring efforts to locate affected animals via the deployment of video trail camera in areas where the condition has been most frequently documented. The FWC has termed this condition feline leukomyelopathy or FLM. A cause of FLM has not yet been determined.



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EVG Scholastic Book Fair March 3, 6, 7 & 8

March 7, 3:30-5 pm | March 8, 7-8:30 am

Everglades City School's *sweet book fair!* There will be **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!



Come out for the Game

Softball at home 2/21 & 2/23

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**Student Registration at
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Everglades City School Celebrating Literacy Week



EVG students doing their creative paper bag book reports that they presented to other classes.



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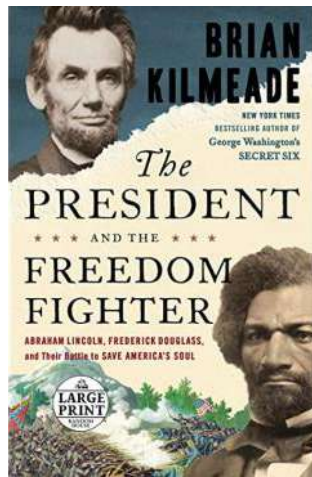
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BOOK CLUB

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.



March 16 *The President and the Freedom Fighter* by Brian Kilmeade

April 20 *The Sentence* by Louise Erdich

Recommended Reading
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What to do About Spousal Support During Illness

By Rev. Bob Wallace



“Why did this have to happen to us?” is a question often asked by a healthy spouse when the other becomes stricken. The answer is, “Don’t blame yourself!” The other is, “If only I had done such and such . . . things would be different!”

Don’t make it worse on you, or your spouse, by blaming yourself. It will only cause a bad situation to get worse. Try to create a positive support role for yourself. Many times, a spouse sells their abilities short when caring for the sick. Just remember, you have known that person longer than your doctor or nurse, and you are very important in the care and recovery of your loved one. If you display a feeling of guilt, it won’t help to bring healing. Always create a positive support role for yourself.

And don’t forget your friends. Shutting yourself away from your friends is dangerous, unless you are in quarantine for COVID-19, or some other communicable disease. That’s what phones and personal computers are for. Communication! Friends are an important part of therapy, not only for your spouse, but for you. Friends are interested and want to help, if you let them into your situation on a regular basis.

Keep your sense of humor! Remember the old saying, “Laughter is the best form of medicine!” Not only should you keep a dose of humor for yourself, but also for your spouse. Sometimes the only way you can keep from crying is to have a good laugh! And remember, recovering from an illness is just as stressful for your spouse as it is for you.

You may need to speak with your doctor about receiving professional help to overcome your own stress level. Nervousness, sleeplessness, excessive talking, hyperactivity, and overreaction to simple matters may be a sign you are stressed out and need some help. And even though you are taking care of someone else, take care of yourself! Because if you don’t, who will? Become a partner in the healing process. And always have God in the partnership through prayer and confession. You always have support from Above, when you ask for it!

And when a friend or family member tells you they are worried about you, listen to them. Take their advice. You may not be aware that if you continue your current behavior and stress level, you too, may become sick. And with both of you down, that could become a very serious problem for you and your family.

So, don’t be afraid of asking for help. Your doctor, your pastor, your friend, a family member, all can become your support group. Maybe it’s when they are listening to what you say, and when you hear what you are saying, that the answer comes to you!

You don’t have to be a rocket scientist to understand that the role of the spouse during illness is significant. Many times their recovery is keyed to how one spouse reacts to the other, because when the words “in sickness and in health” were said, they’re to be taken seriously.

So, take some of these suggestions. Use them as a checklist. Then, when they are needed, both you and your spouse will benefit.

*Reverend Doctor Bob N. Wallace
Pastor of Everglades Community Church
Learn More: Ever-Community-Church.com*

OBITUARIES

John Jonas Taft
March 20,1947-December 20, 2022

Son of John Henry Taft and Elva Marie Louder. He was catholic and an altar boy. Born in Massachusetts and lived 49 years in Virginia. John served in the Navy from 1964-1968. He was a Seabee and Vietnam Vet. John was a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose and Veterans of Foreign Wars. John was a truck driver and heavy equipment operator. John retired in 2007 and traveled the U.S. in his RV. John became a Florida resident in 2017 and lived the remainder of his life in his dream location of Chokoloskee, FL. John is survived by his wife Sharon Louise Taft, his brother James Taft, and his two daughters Cynthia Jackson and Jennifer Spencer. Five grandchildren Barron Thomas, Breana Twitty, Alyssa Spencer, William Jackson III, and Danica Spencer. Four great grandchildren Barron BJ Thomas, Justice Thomas, Breasia Thomas, and Izaiah Twitty.



Gregory Lane Lewis
June 14, 1962-January 29, 2023

Gregory Lane Lewis was born June 14, 1962 to Franklin Dalton Lewis and Constance Rewis Lewis, in Pompano Beach, Florida He lived in McClenny, Florida for the last 14 years. He passed away at UF SHANDS in Jacksonville, Florida January 29, 2023. Greg was a Florida native who, for many years, loved sharing the beauty of our great state with Tourists. He also enjoyed having conversations with the local police and fire department, first responders. Greg is survived by his brother Jeffrey Lewis and sister-in-law Terri, who along with many others, will miss Greg dearly. Gregory Lane Lewis was loved by many and will be missed throughout the state, being also a prior resident of Chokoloskee, Florida. and especially missed in his last residence, in MacClenny, Florida.



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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.



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.

NEW EXHIBIT
COLLIER'S CAVALRY

THE STORY OF THE SOUTHWEST MOUNTED PATROL



Opens on Tuesday, February 14th

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.

February 18, 9:00a-4:00p
History & Heritage Days at Everglades Seafood Festival
Visit "Heritage Row" in front of the museum at the Everglades Seafood Festival and enjoy pop-up exhibits and activities as well as displays, information and interactive experiences provided by partner organizations and other cultural institutions — all celebrating the rich and unique history and heritage of the Everglades. Don't miss the living history exhibit by the Gladesmen Heritage Foundation of swamp buggies from past (Model A) to present (high octane dragsters) in our parking lot.

Wilderness Wednesdays
The Big Cypress National Preserve is partnering with the Museum of the Everglades to bring you Wilderness Wednesdays, a lecture series hosted at the museum every Wednesday from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Join us for a series of talks through April presented by our National Park Service on a variety of topics.

Third Thursdays Talks
Learn about a wide range of topics at an exhibit companion lecture happening every third Thursday of the month from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm.

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

Memorial
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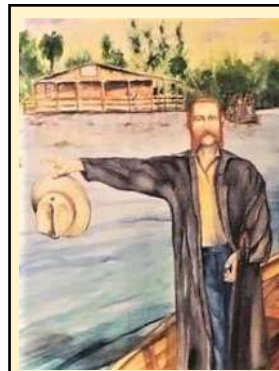
park manager, the site languished and went overgrown. When this



was pointed out to the manager, his response was to clear the picnic site but to remove the memorial signage claiming a violation of



Department rules. As a result, the picnic table exists but Bill's memorial does not. So sad RIP Bill Mesce.



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EVG Girls Basketball Undefeated

Everglades City School Middle School girls' basketball team went undefeated this year and won for the 1st time in school history the Southwest Florida Athletic Conference championship!

Congratulations!



One-pot Baked Bean Bowl
by Marya Repko

Ingredients

- Onion Chopped
- Carrot Chopped
- Green Pepper Chopped
- Little Red Tomatoes
- Baked Beans in Molasses
- Zucchini Chopped
- Olive Oil
- Paprika (Optional)

Pour a bit of olive oil to cover the bottom of the saucepan, sprinkle in some smoked paprika (optional), add chopped up onion, carrot, green pepper and a few little red tomatoes. Saute until onions are soft but not burnt. Add canned baked beans (in molasses). Simmer until bubbling, add zucchini, simmer until soft (about 5 minutes). Serve in a bowl.

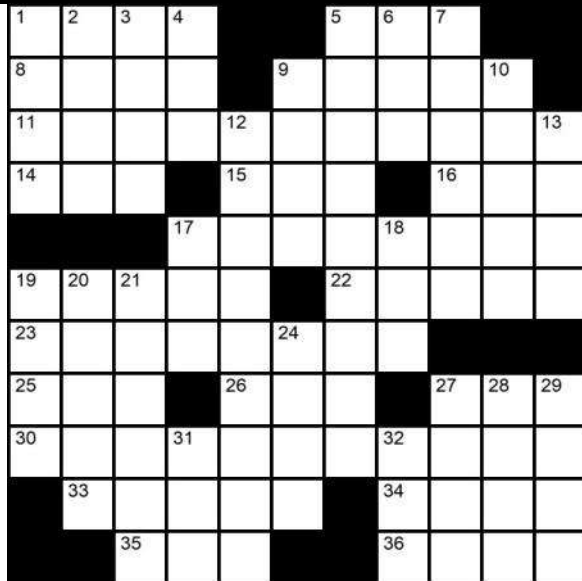
In this chilly weather, I wanted "comfort food" so I made this easy recipe and enjoyed it with toasted French bread & butter. The quantities depend on how many you want to serve but, as a guideline, the onions should cover the bottom of the pot.

If you want a meat meal, start with chopped up bacon and/or sausage and cook until done before putting in the onions and other veggies.

MULLET RAPPER CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 Shimmering gemstone
- 5 Old school dance
- 8 "Lemon" fish
- 9 Washed out
- 11 Disturbed enough moose, of a kind
- 14 Sleuth's cry
- 15 It should stop you at an intersection
- 16 Texting letters for a former identity
- 17 Thrown objects
- 19 Polite form of address for a woman



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Down

- 22 Apparel
- 23 Native Coloradan, originally
- 25 Diminutive dog
- 26 Intimidate
- 27 "Dallas" star Barbara --- Geddes
- 30 In a highly-strung manner
- 33 A means to ---
- 34 Furnace
- 35 It checks brainwaves
- 36 High point
- 1 Labor Dept. agency
- 2 "A Bear of very little Brain"
- 3 --- mater
- 4 13 Popes have had this name
- 5 Bequeaths
- 6 Lyric poem
- 7 What Soylent Green was made of (1973 movie)
- 9 Broker's charges
- 10 Boxers' fists
- 12 Massage magic ring, pulling a face
- 13 Get lippy
- 17 Planetary plan
- 18 Anger
- 19 Spouse
- 20 Fragrance
- 21 Very beginning
- 24 Goon
- 27 Radar image
- 28 Cosmopolitan competitor
- 29 Wildcat
- 31 Golfer's peg
- 32 William H. Bonney, --- "Billy the Kid"



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MARKETS

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SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES

Chokoloskee Family Church

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

2/18/2023	Sat	12:10 AM	2.85	H
2/18/2023	Sat	8:20 AM	-0.62	L
2/18/2023	Sat	2:24 PM	2.06	H
2/18/2023	Sat	8:16 PM	0.59	L
2/19/2023	Sun	1:06 AM	3.03	H
2/19/2023	Sun	9:06 AM	-0.61	L
2/19/2023	Sun	2:51 PM	2.17	H
2/19/2023	Sun	9:04 PM	0.41	L
2/20/2023	Mon	1:57 AM	3.11	H
2/20/2023	Mon	9:50 AM	-0.52	L
2/20/2023	Mon	3:19 PM	2.27	H
2/20/2023	Mon	9:52 PM	0.23	L
2/21/2023	Tue	2:47 AM	3.04	H
2/21/2023	Tue	10:31 AM	-0.35	L
2/21/2023	Tue	3:48 PM	2.37	H
2/21/2023	Tue	10:40 PM	0.08	L
2/22/2023	Wed	3:39 AM	2.84	H
2/22/2023	Wed	11:10 AM	-0.15	L
2/22/2023	Wed	4:18 PM	2.45	H
2/22/2023	Wed	11:28 PM	-0.02	L
2/23/2023	Thu	4:34 AM	2.55	H
2/23/2023	Thu	11:48 AM	0.09	L
2/23/2023	Thu	4:49 PM	2.5	H
2/24/2023	Fri	12:18 AM	-0.07	L
2/24/2023	Fri	5:30 AM	2.21	H
2/24/2023	Fri	12:23 PM	0.32	L
2/24/2023	Fri	5:21 PM	2.49	H
2/25/2023	Sat	1:12 AM	-0.06	L
2/25/2023	Sat	6:31 AM	1.87	H
2/25/2023	Sat	12:57 PM	0.54	L
2/25/2023	Sat	5:57 PM	2.42	H
2/26/2023	Sun	2:14 AM	-0.03	L
2/26/2023	Sun	7:48 AM	1.58	H
2/26/2023	Sun	1:25 PM	0.72	L
2/26/2023	Sun	6:42 PM	2.31	H
2/27/2023	Mon	3:27 AM	0	L
2/27/2023	Mon	7:52 PM	2.19	H
2/28/2023	Tue	4:39 AM	-0.01	L
2/28/2023	Tue	1:38 PM	1.69	H
2/28/2023	Tue	4:37 PM	0.93	L
2/28/2023	Tue	9:15 PM	2.13	H
3/1/2023	Wed	5:45 AM	-0.05	L
3/1/2023	Wed	2:03 PM	1.81	H
3/1/2023	Wed	5:58 PM	0.9	L
3/1/2023	Wed	10:32 PM	2.17	H
3/2/2023	Thu	6:42 AM	-0.11	L
3/2/2023	Thu	2:21 PM	1.87	H
3/2/2023	Thu	6:59 PM	0.83	L
3/2/2023	Thu	11:38 PM	2.29	H
3/3/2023	Fri	7:30 AM	-0.15	L
3/3/2023	Fri	2:17 PM	1.92	H
3/3/2023	Fri	7:42 PM	0.73	L
3/4/2023	Sat	12:27 AM	2.43	H
3/4/2023	Sat	8:09 AM	-0.18	L

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Celebrating 100 Years of Community Service



February 25, 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
Headquarters Library, 2385 Orange Blossom Drive
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This year, kids will get the chance to get up close to (and maybe even behind the wheel of) a fire truck, ambulance, police car, and different diggers. We will also have other fun vehicles like the Paws Around Town Naples Humane Society bus filled with furry friends, a CAT bus, the ZooMobile from the Naples Zoo, a food truck, and others with fun surprises inside! The program is geared towards families and will be lots of fun. We will also be hosting crafts and outreach tables with current community information. Organizations, including Collier County Museums, Parks and Recreation, the Naples Botanical Garden, and Domestic Animal Services, will be there to hand out goodies and information. Our event is sponsored by the Friends of the Library, and attendees can play games, get their face painted, and enjoy everything the Library offers.

Come and join in the fun and race to the Library!

For more information, contact the Collier County Public Library at (239) 252-7350 or visit us online at www.collierlibrary.org.



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