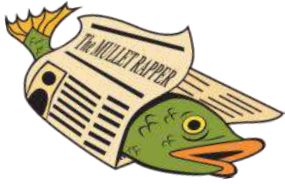


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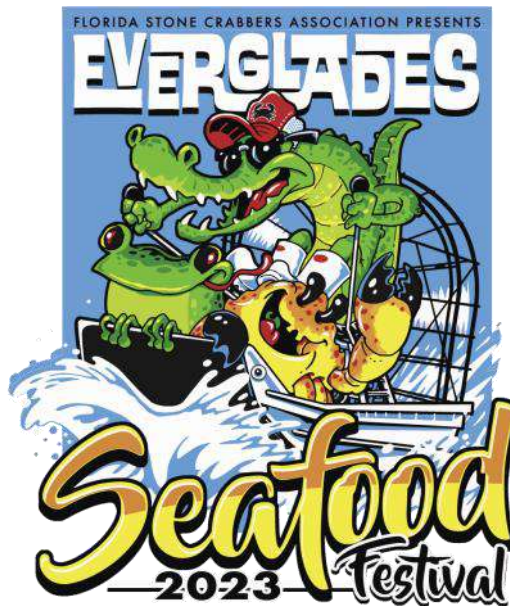
Lions Club Improvements in McLeod Park

The Everglades Lions Club continues to make improvements at McLeod Park. They recently painted the pavilion as well as adding new mulch to the playground area, inspiring many more volunteers to join in.



Thanks to the Lions Club for everything they do for our community!

Photos Credit: Everglades Lions Club & Patty Huff



The Everglades Seafood Festival has a jam-packed music lineup for its 53rd annual event. Headliners this year are The Marshall Tucker Band, The Winters Brothers Band, and Ward Davis, along with a spotlight on local artist Charlie Pace.

Each day, attendees can enjoy delicious seafood, live music, creative works from local artists, carnival rides, pony rides, a petting zoo, and alligator wrestling.

Tens of thousands of visitors from all over the world flock to this small town each year to partake in the festivities.

Friday night admission is free for all ages. Saturday & Sunday admission is a \$5 minimum donation for adults. Children and residents of Everglades City, Chokoloskee, and Copeland can receive free admission on all days. Beverage & carnival ride tickets will be cash only, and there will be ATMs on site.

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.

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 about the 2023 Everglades Seafood Festival visit:
www.EvergladesSeafoodFestival-2023.com

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EVENT CALENDAR - February 5, 2023 - March 18, 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
5 Clyde & Niki Butcher p3 Full Moon	6 ESHP Mtg, 9a	7 City Council 7p City Hall, EC	8 Wilderness Talk p9 Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12p	9 Ladies' Coffee HavAnna 8:30a	10	11 Bike Tour p3
12	13	14 	15 Wilderness Talk p9 Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12p	16 Ladies' Coffee Island Café 8:30a 3rd Thur Talk p9 Book Club p.7	17 Everglades Seafood Festival	18-RAPPER Everglades Seafood Festival
19 Everglades Seafood Festival	20 President's Day New Moon	21	22 Wilderness Talk p9 Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12p	23 Ladies' Coffee City Seafood 8:30a	24 ESHP Talk p3	25 Art-in-Glades p3 Praise Night p.3
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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

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 Big Cypress: (239) 695-2000
 City Hall: (239) 695-3781
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What's Happening!

**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 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. Informations? Call the Big Cypress Gallery (239)695-2428.

**February 4, 2023
10 am to 1 pm**

Art in the 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. Admission is Free.

February 11, 2023

Free Guided Bike Tour

On Saturday, February 11, the Friends of the River of Grass Greenway will be sponsoring a free guided bike ride along Loop Road. This is an off-road tour which will begin at the western end of Loop Road at Monroe Station. It's always a fun ride with lots of camaraderie. Please contact Patty Huff at 239-719-0020 for more information and to reserve your spot.

For detailed info about Loop Road visit nps.gov/bicy/planyourvisit/upload/BICY-Loop-Road-Scenic-Road-FINAL-4.pdf.

**February 24, 2023
5:30 pm**
Annual Meeting & Historical Talk
Everglades Community Church ESHP
Annual Meeting for members of Everglades Society of Historic Preservation.

**February 25, 2023
10 am to 1 pm**
Art in the 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.

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.



EC Triathlon/Duathlon 2023 Finishers



It was a beautiful cool morning as participants started kayaking or running in the 2nd Annual Everglades City Triathlon/Duathlon, followed by a 10 mile bike ride and a 3.1 mile run. Great day enjoyed by all!

The Official Top Place Finishers Are

Overall Triathlon

- Top 3 Male Participants
- 1st - Jack Braconnie
- 2nd - Mattia Pastore
- 3rd - Mads Johansen

Overall Triathlon

- Top 3 Female Participants
- 1st - Erica Holler
- 2nd - Kim Loucks
- 3rd - Kristen Braconnie

Overall Duathlon

- Top 2 Male Participants
- 1st - Breck Collins
- 2nd - Peter Boncelet

Overall Duathlon

- Top 3 Female Participants:
- 1st - Mary Humphrey
- 2nd - Sharla Sugierski
- 3rd - Tara Saathoff-Wells

Overall Team

- Triathlon Participants
- 1st - Concetta Pallela & Kathy Norman
- 2nd - Kyle & Sirena Dechert

The sponsors for the event were Everglades Lions Club, Everglades Isle, Friends of River of Grass Greenway, Woodward Pires & Lombardo PA., Everglades City Fishing Charters, Ivey House Everglades Adventures Hotel,



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race and handed out
the participants med-
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the finish line.

Thank you
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Florida's Wildlife Corridor Expands



Senator Jason Brodeur filed Senate Bill 106, Florida Shared-Use Nonmotorized Trail Network. The legislation expands access to Florida's Wildlife Corridor, connecting the iconic corridor to Florida's Greenways and Trails System and the SUN Trail Network, as well as recreational pathways to heritage small towns across Florida.

"Fifty years from now our children and grandchildren will say that the greatest thing the Florida Legislature did in the 2020's was the expansion of the Wildlife Corridor and the preservation of millions of acres of farmland and ranch land for conservation. It will be our Central Park," said Senator President Kathleen Passidomo (R-Naples), who has prioritized expanding the Wildlife Corridor during her two-year term as Senate President. "I envision Florida's Wildlife Corridor as a top destination for bikers, runners, and other visitors. Expanding access, where appropriate, will allow the public to see the wonder, beauty, and importance of preserving these areas."

Florida's Wildlife Corridor encompasses approximately 17 million acres, including almost 10 million acres of conservation lands. The corridor is being created through the state's purchase of development rights of farmers, ranchers, and other landowners who will be able to continue their operations in perpetuity and the lands will never be developed.

The bill requires that trail projects located within the Wildlife Corridor, to the greatest extent possible, use previously disturbed lands, such as abandoned roads and railroads, utility rights-of-way, canal corridors and drainage berms, and permanent fire lines. Further, FDOT is directed to minimize gaps between trail segments and to ensure, to the greatest extent possible, that local support exists for projects and trail segments, including the potential for dedication of local funding and of contributions by sponsors to support trail maintenance, which may include those private landowners who make their land, or property interests in such land, available for public use as a trail.

Grants to Benefit Local Arts and Culture Organizations

The [Naples, Marco Island, Everglades CVB](#) is pleased to announce the FY 2023-2024 arts and culture grant awards applications will open on Monday, January 23, 2023, at 9 a.m. (EST) and close on Friday, March 24, 2023, at 5 p.m. (EST). Grant monies will be awarded to local arts and culture organizations that meet the eligibility requirements. According to the last *Arts and Economic Prosperity Study* completed by *Americans for the Arts*, over 9,200 jobs are in the cultural sector in Collier County. The nonprofit arts and culture industry is a portion of that sector and accounts for almost 3,000 jobs, generating an economic impact of \$107.7 million.

The grants are funded through Tourist Development Tax (TDT) collections and approved by the Collier County Board of Commissioners and the Tourist Development Council. Projects that can be funded need to occur between Oct.1, 2023 – Sept. 30, 2024. Projects must promote tourism and funding is available for out-of-region marketing campaigns with limited support for exhibitions, events, and productions by cultural organizations.

Organizations may apply for a grant in one of these two categories:

- "C-2" Non-County Owned and Operated Museums
- "B" Marketing Grants

Grant applications, guidelines, training sessions, and a link to the new online grant application portal can be found at the [Naples, Marco Island, Everglades website](#).

"I am excited to announce that our FY 2023-2024 grant awards open on Monday, January 23rd. Our arts and cultural institutions and programs are a vital asset to our community, not only for the educational and entertainment components they provide, but also for the economic impact they bring to the County. Last year we awarded \$950,000 to our local arts and cultural organizations," said John Melleky, Arts and Culture Manager for the Naples, Marco Island, Everglades CVB. "Elevating the visitor experience is key to increasing visitation and awareness for our destination. Our arts and cultural offerings truly raise the bar and speak to the authentic and unique experiences the discerning traveler is looking for, which truly sets Florida's Paradise Coast apart from other destinations."



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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.



CCPS Parent Academy

Collier County Public Schools is proud to announce the official launch of the CCPS Parent Academy! The CCPS Parent Academy provides educational opportunities and resources for parents to become fully engaged partners in their child’s education and enhance their learning experiences. Information regarding upcoming events and parent seminars, community resources and information regarding continuing adult education programs can be found on the CCPS Parent Academy website at www.collierschools.com/pa.

Ft Myers Model A Club Tours Everglades City

On January 21 the Ft Myers Model A Club enjoyed lunch at the Rod & Gun Club before touring the Bank of Everglades Building and the Museum of the Everglades. The Club's visit with their 1928-31 vintage automobiles highlights our continuing celebration of Everglades City's 100 years!



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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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ARE YOU GETTING ENOUGH SLEEP?

By Rev. Bob Wallace



It seems the older we get the more difficulty we have in getting a good night's sleep. Boy, last night was a doozy for me! When I was younger, I was able to sleep soundly all night long. It was even possible for me to have a refreshing night's sleep when I was serving aboard ship as a Chaplain in the U. S. Navy. But the time has come when this is no longer possible! Why? What happened?

Well, it seems insufficient sleep is common among most people. And the need for sleep varies among persons at different stages of life. Children seem to need more sleep than elderly persons. Some adults need nine, or more, hours of sleep, while others can get by on eight hours or less. Many times, when I visited hospitals and nursing homes, I would enter a room and the person's eyes would be closed. Make a little noise or disturbance and their eyes pop open. They appeared to be sleeping when they weren't.

Many times, sleeplessness is caused by insomnia. There may be a physical or emotional problem or worry. Depression can keep you from sleeping and may be treated by a doctor. But be aware! Self-help for depression often fails and can be dangerous. A complete physical examination will often reveal the underlying cause of the problem.

And you better watch out for caffeine! It's a stimulant. Taken in moderation, it may have a place in your life. But if it is taken in the afternoon or early evening, or late at night, it may have an adverse effect on your sleep.

Alcohol falls into that category. Contrary to what many people feel about having a night-cap before bedtime, alcohol can be a stimulant. It can interfere with your sleep pattern and cause you to have a fitful night's sleep.

The same's true for sugar. Late night snacks and heavy meals are the culprits which may cause you to turn and toss and have nightmares. When your metabolic process should be slowing down for the night, those things turn it back on. They speed up your body processes when they should be slowing down for the night. A good rule of thumb is, eat nothing heavy after five, or six, and leave off those stimulating drinks. If you do, you're going to rest more comfortably and have a good night's sleep, every night!

Now, what about those sleeping pills beside your bed on the nightstand? Or the sleep mask you place over your eyes. Or your ear plugs. Or your noise machine. Whatever you decide to use be advised, it may interfere with your sleep. But watch out, tranquilizers, sedatives, or hypnotics, which are a class of psychoactive drugs whose primary function is to induce sleep and to treat insomnia, can work against you as much as diet pills, nasal decongestants, anti-depressants, and psychotropic drugs. Any type of sleep aid taken orally should be taken under advice of your physician. Especially if it's taken over a period of time. If you suspect your prescribed medication is causing you sleeplessness, consult your doctor.

What else can cause sleeplessness? Body pain such as arthritis, stomach disorders, backaches, heart problems and other bodily disfunctions. That's why your physician should be consulted if you're having trouble sleeping at night. Just don't brush it off and hope it will take care of itself. It may be more serious than you think.

Prostate enlargement in men and cystitis in women will often cause

sleeplessness with frequent getting up in the night. If this is happening to you, consult your physician. You can be getting up and down so many times during the night that when morning finally comes, you're worn out! Yes, it's part of getting older, but it can be fixed.

But if you haven't reached the stage in life when you say you're getting older, then what's going to help you sleep better? Exercise at least thirty minutes four times a week. Stay away from caffeine and alcohol before going to bed. Relax early in the evening by avoiding thriller TV programs. Have a regular bedtime. Take a nap in the afternoon. And after you've tried some of those things, perhaps going to bed and getting a good night's rest will be easier for you. It worked for me. Sweet dreams!

The Reverend Doctor Bob N. Wallace was called to be Pastor of Everglades Community Church on March 19, 2006 where he currently serves.

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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.



**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.

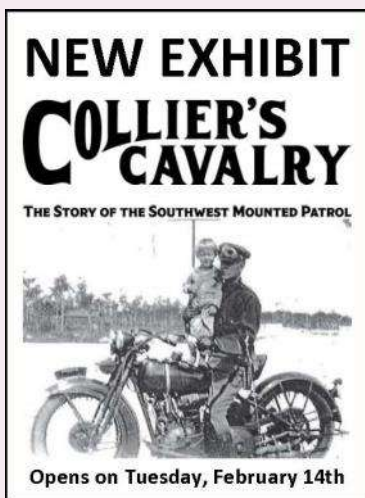
The Southwest Mounted Patrol was not only the precursor to the Collier County Sheriff's Department, but also predated the Florida Highway Patrol by more than 10 years. This exhibit, featuring a vintage 1929 Harley-Davidson JD as its centerpiece, celebrates Collier County's colorful contribution to law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

Wilderness Wednesdays

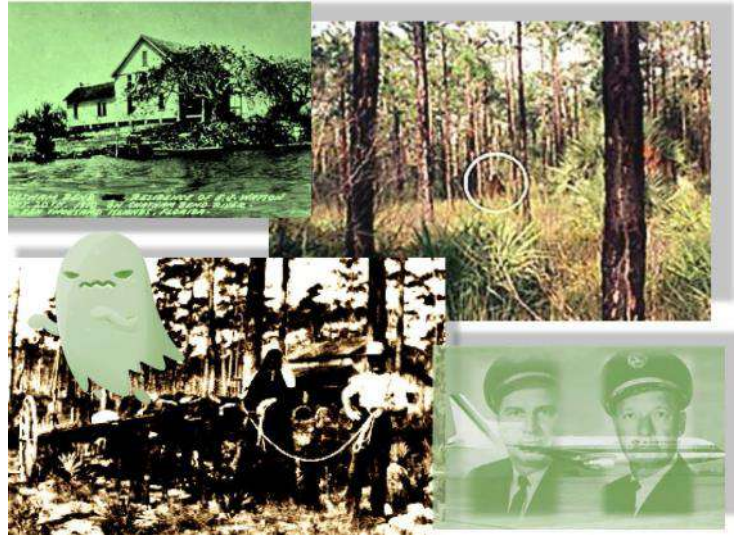
The Big Cypress National Preserve is partnering with the Museum of the Everglades to bring you Wilderness Wednesdays, a lecture series hosted at the museum every Wednesday from 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm. Join us for a series of talks from January through April presented by our National Park Service on a variety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



STRANGE TALES AT MUSEUM TALK



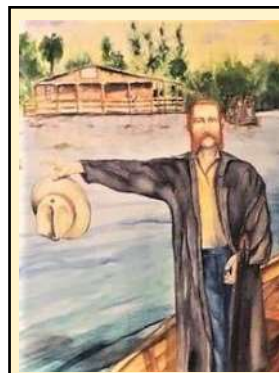
We heard about some of the weird things around the Glades on Thursday, January 19, when Museum of the Everglades Manager Thomas Lockyear gave an illustrated lecture to a packed audience. His subject was "Legends & Lore of the Ever-

glades" and included The Ox Woman, Edgar Watson who was gunned down in 1910 in front of the Smallwood Store, and the mysterious ValueJet Flight in 1972.

The "Third Thursday Talk" at the Museum is free and everyone is welcome to attend.




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Stone Crab Salad

Description

Hearts of palm, watercress, topped with crab.

Ingredients

- 1 pound Lump Stone Crab Meat Precooked And Cracked From Your Seafood Counter
- 1/3 cups Plain Yogurt
- 2 Tablespoons Mayonnaise
- 1/8 cups Lemon Juice
- 1/4 teaspoons Lemon Zest
- 1/8 teaspoons Chiltepin* (optional)
- 4 bunches Watercress
- 14 ounces, weight Hearts Of Palm
- 2 whole Avocados
- 1/2 whole Small Red Onion, Thinly Sliced
- 3-1/2 Tablespoons Lemon Juice
- 1/2 teaspoons Fresh Minced Italian Parsley
- 1/2 teaspoons Fresh Thyme
- 1 Tablespoon Dijon Mustard
- 1/2 cups Olive Oil

Preparation

Whisk together the yogurt, mayonnaise, 1/8 cup lemon juice, zest, and 1/8 teaspoon chiltepin (optional). Set aside.

Set the crab into a separate bowl and slowly add the yogurt mixture. Add a little at a time to get the right consistency. You do not want to overdress the crab. If you like less heat, add less chiltepin. Remember a little of this spice goes a long way. Set the crab mixture aside.

Rinse and trim the watercress. Drain and slice the hearts of palm. Thinly slice the avocado. Slice the red onion as thinly as you can. Set all of these aside.

For the dressing... In a jar or bowl combine the remaining ingredients, lemon juice, Italian parsley, thyme, Dijon mustard, olive oil, set aside.

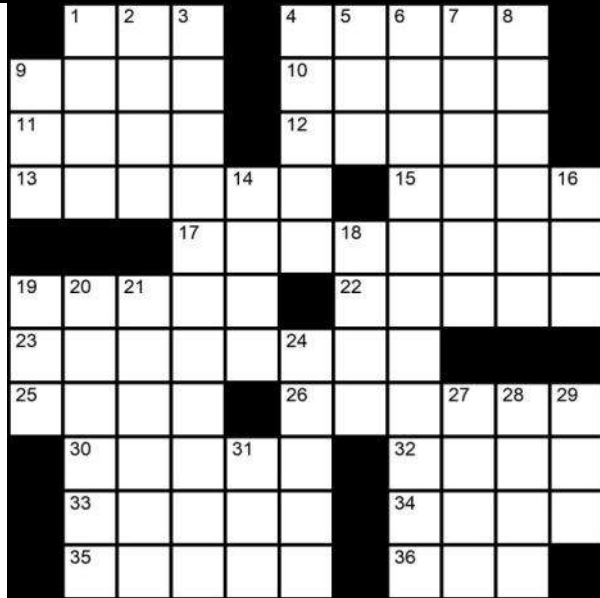
To assemble the salad, combine the watercress and red onion. Lightly dress the greens with the dressing. Add a little dressing at a time; be sure not to over dress the greens. Add two to three slices of avocado to each plate along with some hearts of palm. Gently add a mound of the crab mixture onto the salad.

*chiltepin: a small red oblong wild chili peper

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Across

- 1 "Brave --- World"
- 4 Outfits
- 9 Bean in Peru?
- 10 Crosswise, nautically
- 11 Prince Charles or Tony Blair, for example
- 12 Auntie's other half
- 13 Grave
- 15 Cash box
- 17 Legible
- 19 Momma's partner
- 22 Occupied
- 23 Getting going
- 25 47 for silver or 79 for gold
- 26 Cipher
- 30 Sun-dried brick
- 32 Bandit's refuge
- 33 Thin cookie
- 34 Supporter
- 35 Slashed seats for something valuable
- 36 Informer



Down

- 1 Iron out actor's last name
- 2 "--- and the Detectives" (1964 Disney movie)
- 3 Makes impervious to the rain
- 4 The animal kingdom
- 5 "Son of" in Arabic
- 6 Urgent! Clara must organize shape
- 7 Coconut liqueur
- 8 Bouquets
- 9 A kg. is about 2.2 of these
- 14 Flesh
- 16 Downwind
- 18 "Saw" actress --- Meyer
- 19 Snappers' org.
- 20 Capital where Senators skate on thin ice
- 21 Bamboo-eaters
- 24 Lifeless
- 27 Festive occasion
- 28 Fencer's grip
- 29 Have a go
- 31 Gathering for a specific purpose

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11:00 am Sunday Worship

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9:45 am Sunday School, 11 am Worship

6 pm Sunday

6 pm Wed. Bible Study

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2/4/2023	Sat	1:17 AM	2.5	H
2/4/2023	Sat	9:11 AM	-0.38	L
2/4/2023	Sat	3:00 PM	1.9	H
2/4/2023	Sat	9:11 PM	0.61	L
2/5/2023	Sun	1:52 AM	2.56	H
2/5/2023	Sun	9:46 AM	-0.36	L
2/5/2023	Sun	3:20 PM	2	H
2/5/2023	Sun	9:44 PM	0.55	L
2/6/2023	Mon	2:25 AM	2.57	H
2/6/2023	Mon	10:19 AM	-0.32	L
2/6/2023	Mon	3:46 PM	2.09	H
2/6/2023	Mon	10:18 PM	0.47	L
2/7/2023	Tue	2:57 AM	2.53	H
2/7/2023	Tue	10:51 AM	-0.24	L
2/7/2023	Tue	4:13 PM	2.17	H
2/7/2023	Tue	10:53 PM	0.4	L
2/8/2023	Wed	3:31 AM	2.44	H
2/8/2023	Wed	11:20 AM	-0.13	L
2/8/2023	Wed	4:40 PM	2.22	H
2/8/2023	Wed	11:29 PM	0.32	L
2/9/2023	Thu	4:08 AM	2.3	H
2/9/2023	Thu	11:48 AM	0.01	L
2/9/2023	Thu	5:04 PM	2.24	H
2/10/2023	Fri	12:08 AM	0.25	L
2/10/2023	Fri	4:50 AM	2.11	H
2/10/2023	Fri	12:14 PM	0.17	L
2/10/2023	Fri	5:23 PM	2.25	H
2/11/2023	Sat	12:53 AM	0.18	L
2/11/2023	Sat	5:42 AM	1.89	H
2/11/2023	Sat	12:37 PM	0.33	L
2/11/2023	Sat	5:42 PM	2.26	H
2/12/2023	Sun	1:50 AM	0.12	L
2/12/2023	Sun	6:56 AM	1.65	H
2/12/2023	Sun	12:57 PM	0.51	L
2/12/2023	Sun	6:09 PM	2.28	H
2/13/2023	Mon	3:05 AM	0.03	L
2/13/2023	Mon	8:42 AM	1.48	H
2/13/2023	Mon	1:16 PM	0.67	L
2/13/2023	Mon	6:50 PM	2.31	H
2/14/2023	Tue	4:21 AM	-0.1	L
2/14/2023	Tue	10:40 AM	1.46	H
2/14/2023	Tue	1:30 PM	0.82	L
2/14/2023	Tue	7:55 PM	2.34	H
2/15/2023	Wed	5:30 AM	-0.26	L
2/15/2023	Wed	1:24 PM	1.64	H
2/15/2023	Wed	5:04 PM	0.91	L
2/15/2023	Wed	9:27 PM	2.43	H
2/16/2023	Thu	6:34 AM	-0.42	L
2/16/2023	Thu	1:35 PM	1.82	H
2/16/2023	Thu	6:23 PM	0.86	L
2/16/2023	Thu	11:00 PM	2.62	H
2/17/2023	Fri	7:30 AM	-0.55	L
2/17/2023	Fri	1:58 PM	1.95	H
2/17/2023	Fri	7:24 PM	0.75	L



**Everglades National Park Seeks
Public input on Environmental
Assessment for the Gulf Coast Site
Plan Project**

The National Park Service (NPS) released the Environmental Assessment (EA) for the Gulf Coast Site Plan.

The entire Gulf Coast site would be redeveloped under the proposed action, which has been identified as the preferred alternative, including:

- Constructing a new visitor center
- Creating a new public entryway off the roadway
- Elevating the site to address tidal impact, seasonal flooding and increase site resiliency
- Replacing existing bulkheads
- Expanding the marina basin
- Dredging the marina and boat channels
- Installing a living shoreline

The proposed action incorporates guidance from the park's 2015 General Management Plan.

The construction of the new visitor center designate the "Marjory Stoneman Douglas Visitor Center" in commemoration of the vision and leadership shown by Douglas in the protection of the Everglades.

**The public may comment on this EA
until Feb. 26 at
ParkPlanning.nps.gov/Gulfcoast**

**or by Mail:
Pedro Ramos, Superintendent
Attn: Gulf Coast Site Plan
Everglades National Park Headquarters
40001 State Road 9336
Homestead, FL 33034-6733**

The public comment period will be open from Jan. 24 until Feb. 26. Mailed comments should be postmarked no later than Feb. 26.

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