

The MULLET RAPPER



What's Happening in the Everglades & 10,000 Islands!
News, Stories, Classifieds, Tide Table & More...

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Grapefruit Gala 2023

It all started with grapefruit.

The Annual Grapefruit Gala

with music by
**Florida fiddler
 J. Robert**

**FRIDAY,
 MARCH 24TH
 5PM – 8PM**

Outside in the parking lot at Museum of the Everglades

Join us for a whimsical celebration of Everglades City's roots as an agricultural community and the birthday of visionary founder Barron Gift Collier (born March 23, 1873).

The first piece of land that Collier purchased in the region that later became the county bearing his name was a grapefruit grove at Deep Lake. The grove (now part of the Big Cypress National Preserve) sat 15 miles north of Everglades. A small, narrow-gauge railroad – the first in Collier County – was constructed to move fresh citrus from the orchard to the port here in town. The grapefruit then made their way to markets ranging from Miami to New York City.

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Adventures of the Saltwater Cowboy Ride It Out

by Jon Edward Edwards

I'll put this cloud behind me

That's how the man designed me

To ride the wind and dance in a hurricane

Keith Whitley

I realized I had something moments after reading the assignment for last month's Marco Island Writer's Guild meeting. "A challenge to our writing members: 500 words, more or less, on the subject of Hurricane Ian." Getting a message across in a few words - that's my game, so I've been told. As vague images of a story sneaked in and out of my mind, I scanned the email again to confirm I hadn't read anything specific regarding non-fiction or fiction, as what was brewing was no doubt fantasy.

The concept was this; theoretically, the eye of Hurricane Ian could have just as easily come ashore here, on Marco, instead of Fort Myers Beach. In my case, 1,000 feet from the beach. To further theorize, the storm could have come ashore during a stronger tide and closer to the top of that tide. Throw in an X and Y factor, intensifying the strength, and my short piece is well beyond the realm of possibility.

Therefore, I wrote it but didn't show up for the meeting. Not because I didn't want to, but because I did something that many people suffering from Bi-Polar disorder do and blew off an activity better left unblown. However, because my editors, Lynn and Kathy, are super cool, they published it here. Hopefully, my fellow Guild Members will catch the issue.

Those 500 words are as follows.

From my second-story bedroom window, I watched tropical detritus, and building materials of all kinds fly by as if blown by a Husqvarna Blower the size of the Super

See Cowboy p7

Annual WaterTribe Everglades Challenge

On Wednesday March 8th, several vessels made it to the Chokoloskee Bay checkpoint of the WaterTribe Everglades Challenge.



The Everglades Challenge is a 300 nautical mile, unsupported, expedition style adventure race for kayaks, canoes, and small boats. There is a time limit of 8 days or less and is a qualifier for the Ultimate Florida Challenge.

Unsupported means no safety boats, support crews or family can help boaters during the race. Expedition style means boaters must carry 4 weeks worth of expedition type supplies like camping equipment and food.


Boaters can cruise or race but only about 40% of them finish. The race follows the SWFL coastline from Fort Desoto in Tampa Bay, Florida to Key Largo.

[For information visit WaterTribe.com/Events/EvergladesChallenge](http://WaterTribe.com/Events/EvergladesChallenge)

Photos Courtesy of Helen Bryan



EVENT CALENDAR - March 19, 2023 - April 29, 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
March 19	20	21	22 Wilderness Talk p9 Food Pantry ECC 9:30-12p	23 Ladies' Coffee HavAnna 8:30a	24 Grapefruit Gala p1	25 Art-in-Glades p3 Praise Night p3 Pan-Florida p8
26	27	28 New Moon	29 Wilderness Talk p9 Food Pantry ECC 9:30-12p	30 Ladies' Coffee Island Café 8:30a	31 Meet & Greet p5	April 1-RAPPER April Fools Day Chili Cook-Off p3 Full Throttle p3
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16	17	18 Tax Day	19 Wilderness Talk p9 Food Pantry ECC 9:30-12p	20 Ladies' Coffee Island Café 8:30a Book Club p7 Full Moon	21	22
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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
 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
Happening!*

**March & April 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.

March 25

10 am to 1 pm

Art-in-Glades/Rummage Sale

Art and rummage sale at McLeod Park. There is no entry charge and well-behaved doggies are welcome. Vendors - No charge, bring your own table and chairs. Contact Marya at (239) 451-0265

Easter Egg Hunt

April 8th

10 am to 1 pm



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Easter Egg
Hunt**

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**Saturday, April 8th
10 am - 1 pm**

McLeod Park
Copeland Ave & Hibiscus St. W.
Everglades City, FL 34139

Everyone is invited to attend!

Mark your calendar for this The Everglades City Annual Easter Egg Hunt, April 8th. An annual community event organized by multiple churches. There will be 2000 filled Easter eggs, inflatables, giveaways, music, free food, and lots of happy kids!

**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 Monday through Friday 10 am to 2 pm; Saturday and Sunday 10 am to 4 pm.

Volunteers: email ESHP@hotmail.com



**3rd Annual Everglades
CHILI COOK-OFF**

**April 1st
11 am to ???**

Organized by the
Chokoloskee Family Church of God
Women's Ministry

Part of the Full Throttle Festival
In McLeod Park, Everglades City

Registration is open to any restaurant, business or individual. Entrance Fee \$25.
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For More Info Contact Hazel
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HazelMitchell149@hotmail.com

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



The Chokoloskee Family Church of God invites you to Full Throttle Festival, a community outreach and fundraiser. Anything with an engine is coming to McLeod Park in Everglades City on April 1st from 11 am to 3 pm.

The line up includes:

- Annual Chili Cook-Off
- Antique Car Show
- Blessing of the Bikes
- Silent Auction
- Contest with Prizes
- Vendors
- Food Trucks
- Christian Music

Prizes will be awarded for bikers showing off their rides, airboats, as well as swamp buggies. This will also include a Blessing of the Bikes being invited here from all over south and central Florida.

There will be a showcasing of local artists and businesses as well as vendors from Naples and Miami. All vendors and sponsors will be donating items for a silent auction.

The Chili Cook-Off will, of course, be one of the highlights of the event showing off the cooking skills of our local community.

If interested in being a vendor or sponsor please email Peggy Patton at pjpgpatton365@gmail.com by March 17th. All donations are tax deductible.

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At the onsite gallery you can view Clyde Butcher's photographs and learn about the artist. Clyde has been called the next Ansel Adams by Popular Photography magazine, awarded as a humanitarian for acting for the betterment of his community and recognized for bringing issues to the forefront of public consciousness through his art.

During the tour you will have a chance to tour the Swamp Cottage, an artistically designed, spacious home built by Clyde and Nikki that was the base for many of their Everglades adventures.

The next tour is March 25th from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm. Each of the tours is approximately 30-45 minutes long and costs \$10 each. Reservations are required.

When you go be sure to wear comfortable walking shoes, take a hat, bring a light rain gear, and a bottle of water... and of course your camera!

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Wednesday Worship: 6:00 p.m.

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SAWFISH NEWS

by Tonya Wiley Havenworth Coastal Conservation

**Meet and Greet with Sawfish Experts
March 31, 2023 in Everglades City**

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Endangered Smalltooth Sawfish, Everglades National Pk.

Photo Credit: NOAA Fisheries

During the 20th century, the population of smalltooth sawfish in the United States experienced a significant decrease in numbers and range due to overfishing, habitat loss, and limited reproduction. In response, NOAA Fisheries listed the U.S. population of smalltooth sawfish as an endangered species under the Endangered Species Act on April 1, 2003.

At the time of the listing in 2003 scientists knew little about the biology, ecology, and population dynamics of smalltooth sawfish. Over the last 20 years, scientists from multiple agencies, universities, and organizations have collaborated to research the smalltooth sawfish population in the United States. We now know more about their size and age at maturity, the number of young they give birth to, the food they eat, their large- and small-scale movement patterns and habitat use, and their response to a variety of stressors. This research greatly improved our understanding of the species and helped us prioritize the actions needed to reach recovery as quickly as possible.

To celebrate the progress made over the last 20 years and to share the plight of this endangered species with the public, we invite all to a meet and greet with [sawfish experts](#) on March 31, 2023 6-8 pm at the [Ivey House](#) in Everglades City, Florida. We'll air a short sawfish documentary created by John Anderson with [Terramar Productions](#), answer questions about sawfish research and management, and give away some free sawfish swag.

While we have achieved a lot over the last 20 years, there is still work ahead in recovering the population of smalltooth sawfish in the United States. NOAA Fisheries has a [Recovery Plan](#) that lists actions necessary to rebuild the population and some actions specifically require help from the public, so come join us and see how you can become involved!

If you catch or see a sawfish, please share the information with scientists by visiting www.SawfishRecovery.org, calling 1-844-4SAWFISH, emailing sawfish@myfwc.com, or using the FWC Reporter App.

Cowboy
From p1

Dome. I tapped on the newly installed storm windows and was glad that Greg, the best window guy on the Island, won the bid to install new windows in the Seabreeze Complex. Many a hurricane I've sat through, but never one that none lingered so long, smashing Marco Island for hours with vicious right hooks, pushing the Gulf of Mexico directly towards us.

When the storm finally passed, one foot of water stood in the parking lot. I went on to the balcony, where a series of ropes hung from the roof that I had secured. Stepping on the balcony rail, I pulled myself up and walked to the western edge for a better view. The water in the parking lot had grown several feet. I looked toward the beach, only 1000' away but out of sight due to the mega condos that owned the airspace. You can imagine the anxiety when through a wide gap in the nearest two condos. I thought I saw the silvery tips of waves. *Impossible, I thought, that would be like Waimea Bay breaking on Tigertail Beach.* Yet the perpetually rising tide below slapped me with reality.



I hustled back down, grabbed the two bags I'd placed inside the door, and hooked them up to my ropes. One bag was a floating waterproof backpack containing provisions for a couple of days, a first aid kit, insect repellent, and a q kit. The other was my USAF Pararescue (PJ's) gear bag. I hadn't prepared for a power outage, nor did I stock up on weeks' worth of supplies. I never intended on sticking around long enough to need them. I prepared to attempt to survive a potentially catastrophic storm surge of biblical proportions.

Wasting no time, I pulled on my wetsuit, booties, hood, gloves, and chest protector and strapped dive knives to both ankles. The water had risen to the point that I could see it coming in the distance. The first floor was inundated and rising. As I strapped on my helmet, I understood what it must have felt like standing on a rooftop in the Lower Ninth Ward when the Industrial Canal levee wall failed and let the Mississippi River pour in.

I watched other structures being pushed off their foundations as floating debris slammed into the building and violent vortexes swirled around the corners. As the surge reached roof level, I pulled on my backpack and ran to the eastern edge, where I sat in several inches of water and secured my SCUBA fins over my booties. The condo shifted beneath me, and I jumped, angling for the highest point on the island, Indian Hill, deep inside Caxambas Pass.

"Ride it Out" was no longer a cliché. It was my harsh realm.

That concludes my 500 words. Although, I had more in my head, such as riding a wayward crane boom like a giant surge dragon and grabbing hold of the roof parapet of the last house on the Island before being dragged deep into the 10,000 Islands. Fodder for a longer story, I suppose.

Mother's Day Gift Shop - Donations Needed

EVG would love to have a Mother's Day gift shop so elementary students can purchase gifts for their mother or caregiver. We are looking for gently used or new items that would make a great Mother's Day gift! Contact Dr. Allison at (239) 377-9804.

Substitute Teachers Needed

EVG is in need of substitute teachers. If you have ever wanted to work with children please contact Dr. Allison at (239)377-9804.

Congratulations

Congratulations River Brown, Billy Smallwood, and James Collins (Grade 12) all registered with FSW when they were here for an instant signing Tuesday March Second. Grades 10-12 attended an informational meeting conducted by FSW and these students signed at the end of that meeting. All students celebrated with donuts.

Grade 7 went to FGCU as part of the College and Career Ready initiative by the district.

Visit Everglades National Park

by Dr. Cherie Allison

Everglades City School had a record-breaking Spring Scholastic Book Fair! Thanks to the generosity of (PAL) the Collier Country Police Activities League with Deputy Sue Gentry and support of generous classroom book sponsors!



First, the PAL and Deputy Sue on March 6th purchased a book for every single EVG student! The students had the opportunity to select any appropriate book from the fair! They were so excited! The little ones could not wait to read their books!

Next, EVG was extremely blessed by the support of the community for their classroom book sponsors! Every room was sponsored! The teachers were able to hand select perfect books for their students!

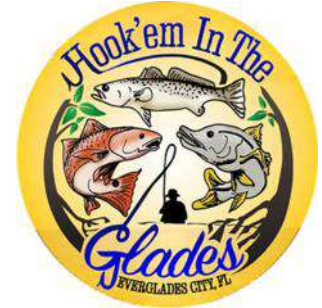
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- Bob Wells Real Estate
- Lions Club of Everglades City
- Tom Carroll - REMAX

Thank you so much for supporting literacy at Everglades City School!

And The Winners Are.....

The results are in and we have the 5th Annual Hook'em in the Glades tournament champions!



Adult Team Boat Division:
1st place
Doug Stoner and Chris Tavares
75 total inches



Kayak division:
Alejandro Pequeño Jr
39 total inches



Jr Angler Team Boat Division:
Dillon, Nico, Peyton
58 total inches



Jr Angler Individual divisions:
Longest Snook:
Lauren 30"
Longest Redfish:
Damien 23"
Longest Seatrout:
Nico 18"



Jr On-Shore Division:
Stacia with 136 total inches.

2023-2024 Student Registration Now Available

Registration for all students New and Returning for the 2023-2024 school year, is now available online using the Collier County Public Schools Online Centralized Registration platform. Registration is free.

Student Registration at
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[CollierSchools.com/Registration](https://www.collierschools.com/Registration)

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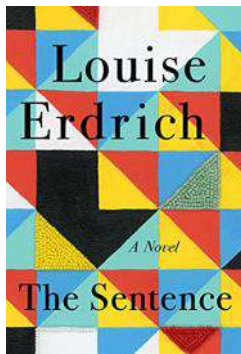
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BOOK CLUB

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
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April 20
The Sentence
 by Louise Erdrich

Recommended Reading
 Misses Benson's Beatles
 The Book of the Lost Friends



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March 4, 2023 Puzzle Solution

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Don't Put Off Until Tomorrow What You Can Do Today

by Rev. Bob Wallace



You've heard the old saying, "Don't put off until tomorrow what you can do today!" However, procrastination is in a lot of people. They have to be coaxed into going ahead and getting it done. It's that delay which causes frustration among friends and family members. But it seems we all have some of it in us. Some go along as if they don't have a care in the world! Loved ones and friends try to bring certain facts to their attention. How they look. The circumstances in which they find themselves. But those shared feelings often go unheeded, much to the consternation of those around them, because some people are just procrastinators. However, when a specific illness is observed, and a serious diagnosis is rendered by a physician, fear often sets in.

Sometimes a person becomes scared over a physical problem which should have been diagnosed earlier. Now, it has become life-threatening, and it's rough to learn about something which could have, and should have, been taken care of sooner. It's too bad some people must be scared into treatment. This is true, so many times, when people don't want to admit they are sick. They're afraid they will find out the truth about what they've suspected about themselves for some time. They know, and yet they don't want to know! However, when they finally feel bad enough, they'll do something about it.

Sometimes people have to experience a heart attack before they see a doctor in the emergency room under life-threatening circumstances. Others become very ill and require extensive medical treatment and therapy due to their inaction. And the only way a lot of people ever receive medical attention is when they're afraid they'll die if they don't. Then sometimes, it's too late. That's sad!

That's often referred to as a "whistling in the dark" attitude. It's like making noise so imagined fears will somehow disappear. Unfortunately, a lot of medical problems are not your imagination. They're real! And they are dangerous to your health! It's almost as if some want something bad to happen to them so they will die!

People who wait too long to take care of themselves, hoping their problems will go away, often find that wasn't the right way to go. If you have something your think needs attention, seek a solution to it. Many major problems have been discovered with minor routine visits to the doctor's office. When you're frightened you can have a sudden shock of feeling, or terror. It's like turning a corner and running into someone you didn't expect. When you're scared, you become afraid. That will arouse your senses and cause alarm. It occurs when you receive bad news about someone, or something, and it can often work against you.

Take positive action in a time of crisis. A lot of people put off because they say they have lived long enough. Or too long! But after the experience is over, they say they are glad they went ahead and did something about it.

It's always important to consult a physician if you, or someone you

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

know, thinks there's a problem. Just because someone doesn't think it's important isn't reason enough to put it off. No one is so wise they can diagnose themselves and prescribe their own medications. If you think that, you "have a fool for a physician, and an idiot for a patient."

So, try to encourage someone who manifests symptoms you believe should have the attention of a doctor.

And never let it be said of you, "You waited too long!"



**ORA
Rummage Sale 2023**



A big thank you to everyone who attended the ORA Rummage Sale on Saturday, March 4th. It was a beautiful day and we're so happy so many of you took the time to stop out by us. We sincerely appreciate it.

Pan-Florida Challenge Cancer Ride

The Pan-Florida Challenge Cancer Ride is a fundraising initiative that takes place annually in March to support cancer prevention and research at Moffitt Cancer Center.

The 2023 ride will take place on Saturday, March 25, 2023 (Naples routes) and Sunday, March 26, 2023 (Tampa routes), featuring nine routes and five distances, and a PFC Junior Ride, with start lines in both Tampa and Naples.

Naples route distances: PFC Junior Ride, 10-mile, 30-mile, 62-mile, 100-mile, and 125-mile

All Naples routes will take place on Saturday, March 25, 2023 at the Paradise Coast Sports Complex, 3940 City Gate Blvd S, Naples, FL 34117.

Routes are fully supported along the way with food and water stops and SAG vehicles. There will be food, games, and a DJ. Cyclists receive medals and 2023 gear, including socks, t-shirts, stickers, jerseys (select routes), etc.

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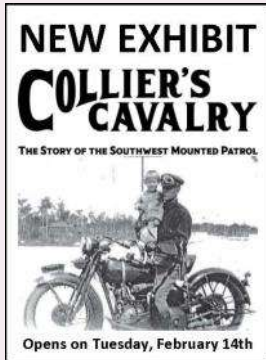
**Exhibits and Events
Museum of the Everglades
105 West Broadway Avenue
Everglades City, FL**

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.



**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.

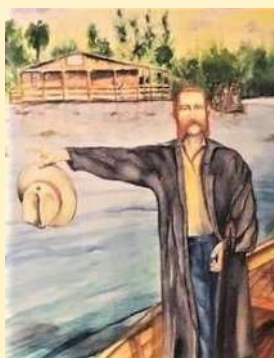
Wilderness Wednesdays

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 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.

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Our Town...100 Years Ago

by Lila Zuck

The Town of Everglades was incorporated designated as the county seat on May 8, 1923 upon the creation of Collier County. It was the engine which drove road building in the new county and construction of the Tamiami Trail to the Dade County line.

The Everglades town site was originally a mangrove swamp prone to severe flooding at high tide. The land was dredged and filled with 2,000,000 cubic yards of fill drawn from the bay and river to create dry land. The task took five years, from 1924-1929, resulting in a blank canvas upon which a lovely town blossomed.

Landscaping was meticulously planned, following advice from renowned botanist Dr. Henry Nehrling. Only the appropriate native and tropical trees which would thrive were selected for planting.

Novelist Sinclair Lewis visited Everglades, writing on January 17, 1924 in the American Eagle "A Main Street was not built, but had been designated by virtue of its natural location.

"It was not an ordinary Main Street. It was rather, a meandering thoroughfare, the passage along which was governed by the daily tides. Everglades' Main Street was the Barron River.

"Homes were constructed along both banks of the river, which was also lined with orange blossoming Royal Poinciana, varieties of palm trees and flowering plants and sub-tropical plants. Green lawns surround the homes. The deeply green carpet of grass spread over each lawn that leads to the river-street is of an unusually rich, vivid hue.

"The front doors of the homes, painted cream with green or baked red roofs and varied in architectural style, faced the river. Boats delivered groceries and children after school.

"There were no automobiles yet in Everglades, no horse and buggy, for the streets were just being laid. The Tamiami Trail was not built yet and Main Street had been established by nature.

"Avocado trees over 50 feet tall, vegetable and cane fields, and a river well-stocked with fish provided a sound economic base, soon to be enhanced by construction work on the Tamiami Trail.

"And now comes forth one Barron Collier in his pioneer development work, bringing civilization to a rich uninhabited wilderness and incidentally creating the most unique Main Street in all America-bar none."

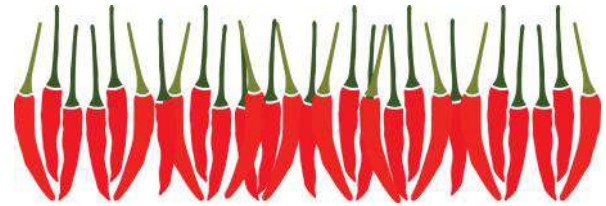
That was our town 100 years ago. This year we celebrate its birth and honor Barron G. Collier.



Home sites along the Barron River, ca. 1923.



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Jalapeno Poppers with Shrimp and Glazed Bacon
 by Cherie Allison

- 12 medium jalapeños
- 24 shrimp
- 8 ounces cream cheese, softened
- 2 cups cheddar cheese
- 3 scallions, whites and greens parts, trimmed and very thinly sliced (about ¼ cup)
- 1 tsp. paprika
- 12 slices uncooked bacon (thick-cut bacon won't cook as evenly), halved crosswise
- ¼ cup brown sugar 1/8 cup orange juice
- Zest of one orange

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C).

Line a baking sheet with aluminum foil.

Mix cream cheese and cheddar cheese together in a bowl until evenly blended. Add paprika and scallions and blend.

Cut jalapenos lengthwise and seed.

Fill each jalapeño half with cheese mixture.

Blanch shrimp just until pink and cool.

Add a shrimp to each jalapeno half.

Fully wrap with bacon covering shrimp and cheese.

Mix orange zest orange juice and brown sugar.

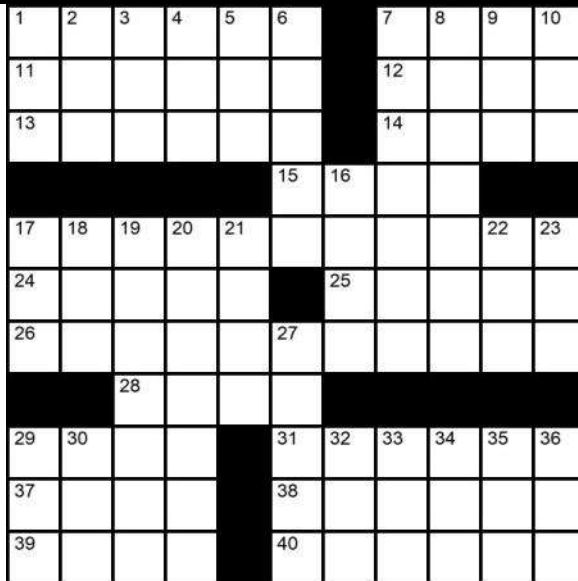
Brush over bacon wrapped jalapenos.

Bake in the preheated oven until bacon is crispy, 25 to 35 minutes.

MULLET RAPPER CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 Cheated
- 7 "--- and the Swan" (Yeats poem)
- 11 Colorful sight in the sky
- 12 "Bearded" bloom
- 13 Drive ahead
- 14 Spew, like an oil well
- 15 Child psychologist's concern, briefly
- 17 Fighting back
- 24 Prolonged pain
- 25 The DC subway
- 26 Doormen sang about etiquette



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- 28 Ship's company
- 29 Plaintive woodwind instrument
- 31 Disencumber
- 37 --- Mae Hardaway, Stevie Wonder's mother
- 38 Ralph Nader's book, "--- at Any Speed"
- 39 Conclusions
- 40 Telecommuter's tool

- 3 "Dude!"
- 4 Sock
- 5 Before
- 6 --- Lama
- 7 Thin gel spread round uplift
- 8 Very learned
- 9 Belittle, to a rapper
- 10 Powdery residue
- 16 "--- the torpedoes!" (David Farragut)
- 17 Worthless piece of cloth
- 18 Self-esteem
- 19 Like Mama Bear's porridge
- 20 The San --- Fault
- 21 Tick-borne --- disease
- 22 Department of Health office for asylum-seekers
- 23 Discouraging words
- 27 Horrendous
- 29 Bullring shout
- 30 Hot dog holder
- 32 Geneticist's concern
- 33 Medium ability?
- 34 Dig in
- 35 Something unusual on high
- 36 Vigor

Down

- 1 Criminal charge
- 2 " ... the winter of --- discontent" (Shakespeare)



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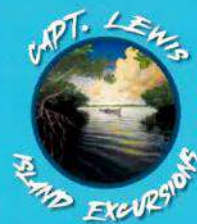
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3/18/2023	Sat	12:06 AM	2.69	H
3/18/2023	Sat	8:11 AM	-0.33	L
3/18/2023	Sat	2:23 PM	2.16	H
3/18/2023	Sat	8:15 PM	0.65	L
3/19/2023	Sun	1:14 AM	2.9	H
3/19/2023	Sun	8:59 AM	-0.31	L
3/19/2023	Sun	2:43 PM	2.31	H
3/19/2023	Sun	9:05 PM	0.42	L
3/20/2023	Mon	2:08 AM	3.03	H
3/20/2023	Mon	9:43 AM	-0.24	L
3/20/2023	Mon	3:06 PM	2.46	H
3/20/2023	Mon	9:51 PM	0.19	L
3/21/2023	Tue	2:57 AM	3.04	H
3/21/2023	Tue	10:23 AM	-0.11	L
3/21/2023	Tue	3:30 PM	2.6	H
3/21/2023	Tue	10:37 PM	0	L
3/22/2023	Wed	3:45 AM	2.93	H
3/22/2023	Wed	11:02 AM	0.06	L
3/22/2023	Wed	3:56 PM	2.72	H
3/22/2023	Wed	11:22 PM	-0.13	L
3/23/2023	Thu	4:33 AM	2.72	H
3/23/2023	Thu	11:39 AM	0.24	L
3/23/2023	Thu	4:23 PM	2.78	H
3/24/2023	Fri	12:08 AM	-0.2	L
3/24/2023	Fri	5:23 AM	2.46	H
3/24/2023	Fri	12:14 PM	0.42	L
3/24/2023	Fri	4:51 PM	2.77	H
3/25/2023	Sat	12:54 AM	-0.2	L
3/25/2023	Sat	6:15 AM	2.17	H
3/25/2023	Sat	12:46 PM	0.59	L
3/25/2023	Sat	5:22 PM	2.7	H
3/26/2023	Sun	1:43 AM	-0.14	L
3/26/2023	Sun	7:13 AM	1.9	H
3/26/2023	Sun	1:12 PM	0.74	L
3/26/2023	Sun	5:55 PM	2.57	H
3/27/2023	Mon	2:39 AM	-0.04	L
3/27/2023	Mon	8:25 AM	1.69	H
3/27/2023	Mon	12:56 PM	0.87	L
3/27/2023	Mon	6:35 PM	2.41	H
3/28/2023	Tue	3:47 AM	0.04	L
3/28/2023	Tue	10:12 AM	1.6	H
3/28/2023	Tue	11:01 AM	0.92	L
3/28/2023	Tue	7:52 PM	2.24	H
3/29/2023	Wed	5:00 AM	0.09	L
3/29/2023	Wed	2:17 PM	1.86	H
3/29/2023	Wed	5:17 PM	1.03	L
3/29/2023	Wed	9:44 PM	2.16	H
3/30/2023	Thu	6:07 AM	0.1	L
3/30/2023	Thu	2:27 PM	1.95	H
3/30/2023	Thu	6:39 PM	0.96	L
3/30/2023	Thu	11:05 PM	2.2	H
3/31/2023	Fri	7:05 AM	0.09	L
3/31/2023	Fri	2:24 PM	2.02	H
3/31/2023	Fri	7:35 PM	0.85	L



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