

The MULLET RAPPER



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



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Full Throttle Festival was a success! We would like to thank the vendors, the sponsors, the volunteers and of course everyone who came out to support our 1st event of this kind. Over 200 visitors, over 100 motorcycles, over 40 classic and sports cars, along with the annual chili cook off, made it a success.



FLSCA Delivers On It's Promise

When the Florida Stone Crabbers Association made up of Holly Levingston, Carrie Doxsee & Kelly Kirk, took over the annual seafood festival they wholeheartedly committed to giving back to the community from the proceeds of each seasons event. As promised, they have already begun the 2023 season give back. To date nearly \$6000 has been given out. Here's the list of donations to date:

- ECS Valentine Candy.....150
- Chok COG Bake Supplies800
- ECS Yearbook Ad150
- Everglades Museum Sponsorship500
- Lettermens Jackets1044
- ESHP Bank Banner Sponsorship250
- Prom..... 3000+

From what I read on Facebook, prom night was a blast in the limo donated by FLSCA/ESF. A night that will live forever in their memories!



The impact on our community will continue with more FLSCA/ESF donations planned in the near future.

Thank you FLSCA/ESF's Holly, Carrie and Kelly, for loving our little community and letting it show.



Fishing For April

By Captain Mike Merritt



April is looking like its going to be a great month here in the Islands! The weather is stabilizing and water temps are up.

Tarpon are in the Islands and as long as the winds are down you will see rolling fish and free jumpers all down the coast. From live bait to flyfishing they are being caught on a variety of methods. Snook are finally showing up better in the Islands too.

We are catching fish on live baits, which are also showing up in greater numbers. Artificial swim baits and jigs are also producing. Incoming tides are providing the best chance for these feeding fish. Once the tide floods high it gets more difficult. Hopefully this trend continues all month!

Redfish have still been the toughest to catch. We never got those big schools last fall so there are fewer fish around. Oyster laden shorelines on a low rising tide are you best bet. Scented baits or shrimp tipped jigs and work these shorelines for the best chance.

The Seatrout are still biting and there have been decent size fish all year. Shrimp or small baits under a cork has been working. Jigs were also taking plenty of fish. Flats, bars, deep holes and points have all been holding these guys. The offshore bite has been reported as real good so far here at the end of March and should continue to provide great action all of April.

Whatever you decide to pursue, this month is a great month for all the species here in the Islands. Good luck fishing and be courteous!

Capt. Mike Merritt

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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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 Daily except Wed., 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

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What's Happening!

**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.

**April 29
10 am to 2 pm
Tamiami Trail 95th Anniversary**

This annual event celebrates the anniversary of the completion of the Tamiami Trail — Barron Collier's Highway across the Everglades begins with speeches by local dignitaries and members of the Collier family at City Hall. Join us for a day of live music by the Naples Jazz Band playing the hits of the Roaring 20s, birthday cake served by the Friends of Museum of the Everglades, Laundry Cart Races in front of the Old Laundry Building (the museum), a motorcade of classic cars and full parade through town, food, fun, and much more.

**April 29
10 am to 1 pm
Art in the Glades**

Our next informal arts & crafts fair in historic Everglades City is on SATURDAY, APRIL 29, in McLeod Park from 10am to 1pm. It's going to be a busy day because the Museum is holding a celebration of the Tamiami Trail 95th Anniversary.

**May 8
10 am to 11 am
Collier County 100th Anniversary**



Monday, May 8: Collier County 100th Anniversary Everglades City Hall, from 10 to 11 am. See CollierMuseums.com

The Great Egg Hunt a Huge Success!

by Kathy Brock



A wonderful Easter celebration took place at McLeod Park on Saturday, April 8th. Families from all around the area came out on this gorgeous sunny day to hunt for eggs (over 2000 of them!), play on the water slides, and eat hotdogs!



Pastor Jesse Wilson of Chokoloskee Family Church organized the day's event with the help of the other area churches (and many others).

The Everglades Lions Club served free hotdogs, so everyone left with big smiles and a full belly!

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this great celebration. Next year's Easter celebration will be even more exciting...

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 Visitor Center
Open Daily Exept Wednesdays
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. Volunteer: ESHP@hotmail.com

Pastor Jesse promised that there will be 5000 eggs in next year's egg hunt! *We can't wait!*

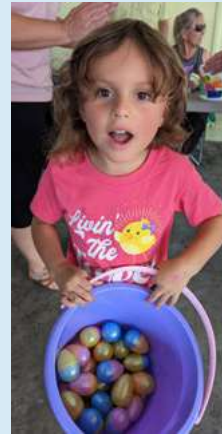
2023 Eggstravaganza Winners

Age: 0-2
Bike: Dallas Daffin & Finn Thorner
Stuffed Toys: Dakota Aryer, Kelsy Beck, Manny Pablo & Karter Morris

Age: 3-5
Bike: Hope Rayman & Glenn Weeks
Money: Summer Kelly & Trenton Burgess
Chocolate Bunny: Avery Daniels & Damon Twedell



Age: 6-10
Bike: Victoria Grey & Kolen Sylvest
Money: Adelia, Jager
Chocolate Bunny: Madison Jillian & Christopher Pablo



Age: 11 & Up
Bike: Mellissa Anitucci & Easton Flemming
Money: Joey Ames & Olivia Demere
Chocolate Bunny: Avery Fleming & Aiden Tich

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Florida Park Service Ranger Association

Park Ranger of the Year Awardee is Park Ranger Henry Gonzalez at Collier-Seminole State Park

The Florida Park Service Ranger Association congratulates Park Ranger Henry Gonzalez for being selected for the 2023 Park Ranger of the Year Award. He, along with the district awardees, received his award on April 1, 2023, at the Florida Park Service Ranger Association's Annual Meeting at Silver Springs State Park. The awardees were selected from statewide nominations representing more than 1,000 Florida Park Service employees.

Park Ranger Gonzalez plays a crucial role at Collier-Seminole State Park. With 20 years of experience at the park, he has been involved in every aspect of the park's operation. His skill set, work ethic, Ranger First attitude, and willingness to help co-workers and the public, make him a go-to Park Ranger for his district. Following the recent Hurricane Ian, he worked tirelessly to restore all park equipment, saving the park tens of thousands of dollars. Additionally, Henry provided expert advice on building repairs and was a critical asset due to his fluency in Spanish, which helped him communicate with contractors. When a problem arises in the park, Henry is usually the first on the scene with solutions ready on how to solve it. He is always ready to share his knowledge and train park staff on how to maintain, utilize, build, and repair equipment and facilities properly and safely.

Darren Flickinger, Park Manager, wrote in Ranger Gonzalez's nomination, "His positive personality and sense of humor are contagious. Anyone who knows Mr. Gonzalez would agree that he is more than deserving of this award. He is just one of those people that shows up every day and can be relied on to solve any problem that arises or do whatever is thrown at him. The park is so happy to have him, and hopefully for another 20 years!"

Gonzalez was selected for this award from the top awardee in each district. The district awardees include Wilbur "Fred" Provost - District 1, Tom Thompson - District 2, and Cassandra Meadows - District 5. Each of these finalists is exceptional and deserving of recognition for their Ranger First service. Congratulations to each awardee.

The Park Ranger of the Year Award is hosted by the Florida Park Service Ranger Association and sponsored by Tyler Technologies. This is the second year of the award that recognizes

exceptional Florida Park Service employees who exemplify the Ranger First attitude; Service to the land and to the public who use the land and Service Above Self.

Park Ranger of the Year eligible nominees include all Florida Park Service employees regardless of their official position title. "Park rangers are the heart of Florida's award-winning state parks, and we want to recognize these exceptional employees who serve every day to make our state parks the very best in the nation," said Donald Forgione, president of the Ranger Association.

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Just look for the Lighthouse!

The First 100 Years

by Lila Zuck

In compliance with Florida Statutes for the purpose of posting public notices, The Collier County News was established pursuant to the creation of Collier County on May 8, 1923.

The first issue of The Collier County News came off the press on July 25, 1923. Daniel W. McLeod was the first editor and publisher. The first masthead featured the seal of the State of Florida.

Operating from an office on the second level of the Bank of Everglades building for a period of 27 years, the newspaper was laid out at Everglades and printed in Fort Myers, first by the Barron Collier-owned Fort Myers Press, and in 1931 by the News-Press Printing Company. Copies were delivered to Everglades for circulation within Collier County.

The four-page, weekly newspaper featured local, state, national and international news stories and by 1925 correspondents stationed at Everglades, Immokalee, Chokoloskee, Marco-Collier City, Naples and Bonita Springs were assigned weekly columns featuring the happenings in those communities.

Fort Myers businesses advertised services which had not yet been established in newly established Collier County.

Subscriptions were 50 cents a month, 75 cents for three months, \$1.20 for six months and \$2.00 per year.

Breaking all national records for a weekly newspaper at 300 pages, "The Opening of the Tamiami Trail

The Collier County News

Edition," printed on April 26, 1928, the day after the Trail opened, was the largest issue of The Collier County News until 1956, when Naples Community Hospital opened.

In 1947, the office of The Collier County News was relocated from Everglades to Crayton Cove in Naples. The newspaper was still being printed in Fort Myers.

On Friday, April 2, 1954, the first issue of The Collier County News printed in Collier County came off a second hand 1905 Model 33 Linotype typesetting machine at the newspaper's Crayton Cove headquarters. The new press, nicknamed "Old Bessie," produced 3,000 copies an hour.

That year, The Collier County Daily News Carrier Corps debuted, made up of students on bicycles assigned delivery routes. Also in 1954, the newspaper became a bi-weekly and the masthead, instead of featuring the State Seal, was redesigned with an outline of the State of Florida and an arrow pointing to Collier County.

Beginning with the November 3, 1963 issue, the newspaper was renamed The Collier County Daily News and began leasing access to the Associated Press newswire service. In 1964, publication was increased from two days to five days a week, Tuesday through Friday and Sunday.

As the population of Collier County approached 38,040 residents, circulation of the eight-page

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Celebrate with Us!
Saturday, April 29th 10am - 2pm
95th Anniversary of the Tamiami Trail
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Schedule of Events
10:00am - Opening Ceremony
11:00am - Parade through town
12:00pm - Lunch at the park
1:00pm - Laundry Cart Races at the Museum
1:30pm - Cake served celebrating the Museum's Birthday
2:00pm - Tamiami Trail Talk by Historian Cesar Becerra
Music of the Roaring 20's by Naples Jazz Band will play throughout the event



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2 Everglades City School Student's Travel to Washington D.C., Meet Nation's Leaders

by Katherine Collins, Junior at Everglades City School

For the past year, I've volunteered for a Florida-based nonprofit, Incubate Debate, which hosts no-cost debate tournaments, camps and workshops across the state. At Incubate, our goal is to provide our students with a better understanding and appreciation for their countries constitution and democracy by engaging them in interesting, contemporary and fair debates.

Last month, myself and a few other students traveled up to Washington, D.C. with Incubate Debate to speak to some of our nation's leaders and create our own impact on the important issues facing our nation.



The trip was one of the most incredible and eye-opening experiences I've ever had about how our country is governed. From speaking with DOT Secretary Pete Buttigieg about how the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law will affect Florida's transportation systems, to speaking with Justice Neil Gorsuch's law clerks about the importance of properly interpreting and protecting our constitution, I learned that the people we speak of and argue about in political discourse are always much more down-to-earth than most realize.

My brother, James Collins (Senior at Everglades City School) attended the trip as well. We both joined Incubate Debate in the summer of 2021, where we fell in love with debating and the family-like culture of the organization.



My dream is for the students of Everglades City to continue having access to these same opportunities. If you're interested in your child joining Incubate Debate, you can email me any time at Katie@incubatedebate.org.

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.

SAWFISH NEWS

by Tonya Wiley, Havenworth Coastal Conservation

Video Provides Guidelines for Interactions with Endangered Sawfish in the United States

The U.S. Smalltooth Sawfish Recovery team has released a video titled *RESPECT - RELEASE - REPORT: Guidelines for Interactions with Endangered Sawfish in the United States* to provide anglers, divers, and boaters with information about what to do if they catch or see an endangered sawfish.

Sawfish were once found in coastal waters of the United States from Texas to North Carolina. But decades of mortality in fisheries and the loss of important nursery habitats led to dramatic reductions in both their numbers and range. Now they are generally only found in Florida and most commonly in southwest Florida from Charlotte Harbor through Everglades National Park. Sawfish are federally protected as endangered species under the Endangered Species Act and need your help to survive and avoid extinction. The guidelines in the video will teach you how to Respect, Release, and Report any sawfish you catch while fishing or encounter while diving, snorkeling, or boating.



The video is available on [YouTube](https://youtu.be/wxOjcUsxZ4g) at <https://youtu.be/wxOjcUsxZ4g> and on the Sawfish Recovery Team website at SawfishRecovery.org.

If you see or catch a sawfish, note its estimated total length, and the date, time, and your location with GPS coordinates if available. Please share the information by visiting SawfishRecovery.org, calling 844-4SAWFISH, emailing sawfish@myfwc.com, or entering the details in the FWC Reporter App to help scientists steer research and conservation efforts and track the population.

The goal is to recover the United States population of smalltooth sawfish so that it no longer needs the protections of the Endangered Species Act. Following the guidelines in the video will help prevent extinction and ultimately recovery.



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100 Years
 From p5

The Collier County News

newspaper grew to the point that printing operations had to be relocated in 1969 from Crayton Cove to a larger, \$1 million facility built at 1075 Central Avenue. in Naples The paper was renamed the *Naples Daily News*.

In 1976, the *Naples Daily News* was recognized by the National Newspaper Association as second in the nation for general excellence among small daily newspapers. In 1985, editor Corbin A. Wyant established the *Naples Daily News* Marching Band and in 1998, in honor of the 75th anniversary of Collier County and the newspaper, commissioned a jazz band to perform, which became the *Naples Daily News* Traditional Jazz Band.

In honor of the year *The Collier County News* was established and because a similar vehicle would have been used to deliver newspapers from Fort Myers to Naples, Wyant purchased

a 1923 Model T Ford Depot Hack and had it shipped from Peoria, Indiana to Naples for use in parades.

In 1986, at \$168 million, the E.W. Scripps Company placed the winning bid for the purchase of the *Naples Daily News* from the Collier family. In 1988, the newspaper began being published seven days a week.

In 2009, E.W. Scripps relocated *Naples Daily News* operations from Central Avenue to a \$95 million facility on 18 acres on Immokalee Road and donated its Model T Ford and 1905 line-casting Linotype machine to the Marco Island Historical Society for exhibition in the Marco Island Museum. In 2020, printing operations were transferred from Naples to Sarasota.

Happy 100th Birthday to our local newspaper!



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April 1, 2023 Puzzle Solution

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Have You Looked in the Mirror Lately?

by Rev. Bob Wallace



I was talking with a fella' the other day about how hard it is to lose weight! He said he had tried everything, but exercise. I encouraged him to mix in some daily walking, together with his rather restrictive diet. He got a funny look on his face and said, "Exercise can kill you!" Then he put a big smile on his face, laughed, and slowly walked away.

That got me thinking about what he said. It's true. A few people die every year while exercising. However, if it's done right, and under the direction of a personal trainer or physician, you'll be okay. So, why not just begin?

If you're living a sedentary life, smoking, and are overweight, don't attempt an exercise program without medical consultation. Many times, our bodies enter into a negative balance as we age. Our need for calories decreases because we're burning less energy. Minerals, such as calcium, are removed from bones more rapidly than they can be replaced. That results in weakening of the bones and increasing the risk of osteoporosis. Being a "couch potato" doesn't help either! Then, all of a sudden, you feel you need to start an exercise program. Be aware! It's best to have a good physical checkup before you start exercising. And when you begin, do it gradually!

A lot of people think they really have to "push it" when they begin. They look at TV and decide they will start doing aerobics like those young, strong people who are doing it so effortlessly. Or you may want to enter a marathon. Nope! That's not how you start exercising. You begin gradually. The medical community will tell you it doesn't take a lot of effort to achieve physical fitness. What it takes is consistency! Thirty minutes a day, getting your heart rate up to 60% or 70% of its capacity should do it. That's enough to get your metabolism going. That's your objective!

Remember, when you exercise, your body behaves differently. Your joints will gradually become more limber. Your blood circulation will improve because your heart is pumping more blood. Your lungs will get more oxygen. The net result is, you will begin to take on a healthy glow. You will look more fit. You will look younger. Your friends will begin telling you how much better you look.

The one simple fact to all of this is, if you keep your basal metabolic rate high, you will be burning off some of your body fat. No need to starve yourself. Just be more active. Studies have shown weight loss from dieting alone leads to about seventy-five per cent fat and twenty-five percent muscle loss. But, if you add exercise to your diet, you will cut your muscle loss to five per cent. So, by exercising, you can burn 500 calories per week which will lead to between a four and five pound loss over a year. It's as simple as that! So, what you want to avoid is weight gain by fat and making your weight gain be muscle.

The fellow who made the remark that "exercise can kill you" missed the whole point. It's the lack of exercise that can kill you. By making room in your day for a half an hour of exercise, and you can choose what it will be, you will reduce your risk of heart disease, sudden death, and a heart attack by one-third! Just by looking at yourself in the mirror you can tell whether, or not, you need to exercise. If you like what you see, good! If you don't like what you see, do something about it. And you might as well begin!

Good luck!

And here's looking at you!

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

Birthplace of Collier County

When Barron Collier purchased the Everglades townsite from the Storter family and opened the Rod & Gun Club in 1923, it's doubtful that he envisioned himself building a road to bring people to this already popular sportfishing destination.

But while business was booming, compelling Mr. Collier to add more accommodations in the form of the 3-story, 45-room Everglades Inn right across the street from the Rod & Gun, he could certainly read the writing on the wall: they were going to need a road connecting the coasts to continue the flow of tourists.

After several unsuccessful attempts to secure funding from local, State or Federal sources, Mr. Collier negotiated a deal: he would finance the building of the Tamiami Trail in exchange for his Southwest Florida land holdings becoming a new county bearing his name. And so, Collier County was born. Everglades City (still known as Everglades at the time) was named as the county seat.

Construction on the Tamiami Trail began in late 1923 and was completed in 1928. A citywide celebration that included the first Collier County Fair was held on April 26 of that year to celebrate the official grand opening of this "miracle of modern engineering" connecting Tampa to Miami.



Museum of the Everglades manager Thomas Lockyear will give a presentation – "Trailblazing the Tamiami Trail" - on the colorful events leading up to and the personalities involved in the construction of Collier's road across the Everglades as part of the Museum's Third Thursday series on April 20th at 2pm. Admission to the museum is free.

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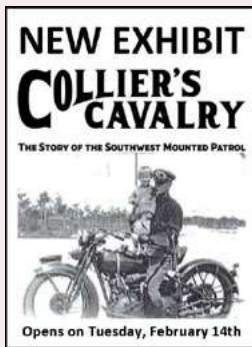
About the Museum of the Everglades: First opened in 1927 as a commercial laundry, the building that now houses Museum of the Everglades is one of the historic structures still standing as a testament to the town's time as a once-bustling center of business and the region's first County seat.

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.

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.



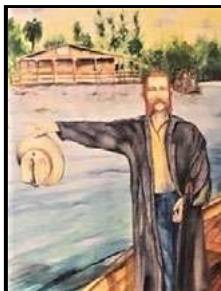
Wilderness Wednesdays

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.

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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Tamiami Trail Celebration
April 29, 10am to 2pm

Friends of Museum of the Everglades will host their annual celebration of the completion of the Tamiami Trail on Saturday, April 29th from 10am to 2pm.



This year's celebration is not only the 95th Anniversary of the completion of the Trail, but also the Centennial of both Collier County and Everglades City itself.

The opening ceremony will begin at 10am and include brief words from community leaders and county founder Barron Collier's grandson will read the speech he gave at the original Trail Celebration in 1928.

Music of the Roaring 20's will be performed by the Naples Jazz Band at intervals throughout the day.

A parade will begin promptly at 11am with a variety of vehicles spanning a hundred years of automotive history along with stilt walkers, jugglers, and many other exciting performers. Anyone interested in adding their car, truck, swamp



buggy, golf cart or even a bicycle to this once in a lifetime event should call the Museum at 239-252-5026 to reserve a spot. Help us make this Centennial Parade an even more memorable one and remind everyone that Everglades City was the Birthplace of Collier County.

At 1pm after lunch (food vendors will be on site), we will hold Laundry Cart Races in front of the Museum of the Everglades (formerly a



commercial laundry) followed by birthday cake (celebrating the Museum's own 25th Anniversary!) served in the museum's Pauline Reeves Gallery.

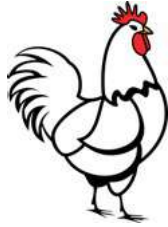
Historian Cesar Becerra will treat those gathered to an engaging talk about the Tamiami Trail's colorful history in the Museum's theater at 2pm.

Photos Courtesy of Collier County Museums

Cheesy Baked Chicken

Ingredients

- 6 chicken breast
- Salt and pepper
- 1 tsp garlic powder
- 1 tsp onion salt
- 1 stick butter
- 1/2 cup
- Parmesan cheese
- 1/2 c mozzarella cheese
- 1/2 c mild cheddar cheese
- 1 cup plain bread crumbs



Directions

- Salt and pepper chicken
- Belt butter and add garlic powder and onion salt and mix well
- Dip chicken in seasoned butter
- Mix bread crumbs and cheeses together
- Dip chicken in breadcrumbs and cheeses
- Spread the rest of the batter over top
- Bake at 350 for 30 to 35 minutes for smaller chicken breasts and 40 to 45 minutes for larger chicken breasts



Submitted by Hazel Mitchell



“Doing Life Together”

- Sunday Worship** 10:00 am
- Sun. Kids Church** 10:00 am
- Sunday Renewal** 6:00 pm
- Wed. Youth Program** 7:00 pm

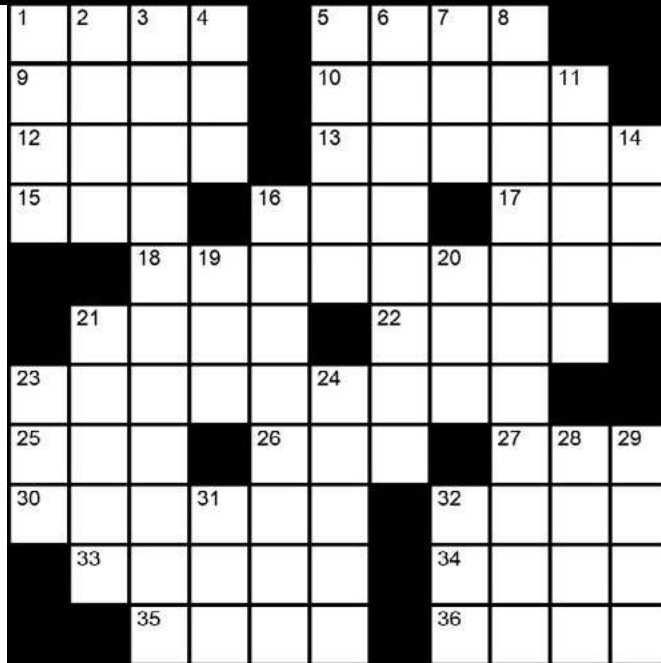
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Across

- 1 “Ramblin’ Wreck From Georgia --- “
- 5 Prejudice
- 9 “The potted physician”
- 10 Be a brat
- 12 Rate of flow
- 13 Don’t stop
- 15 “--- Little Indians” (Agatha Christie mystery)
- 16 “Charlotte’s --- “
- 17 “I” problem?
- 18 “--- Agent” (Joseph Conrad)
- 21 Yoko Ono’s son
- 22 “Twin Peaks” actor --- Tamblin
- 23 How some singles play
- 25 Leaf-peeping month
- 26 Ruling party
- 27 Amiss
- 30 Plant defenses
- 32 Extent of space
- 33 Malice is off-piste
- 34 Big rig
- 35 Lampblack
- 36 One with great power



Down

- 1 “Dollar diplomacy” president
- 2 --- Macpherson: “the Body”
- 3 Costner up to no good in kitchens
- 4 Curse
- 5 Makes macaroons
- 6 Ocean hazards
- 7 Absorbed as a loss
- 8 Huge retail establishments
- 11 Bride’s aides
- 14 Little one
- 16 Investigated
- 19 Did possess
- 20 Stimulus
- 21 Investment firm Goldman ---
- 23 Illegally obtained
- 24 Beginning
- 28 Disaster relief organization
- 29 Free from bias
- 31 “--- Bravo” (John Wayne movie)
- 32 Puerto Rico hours

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Everglades Community Church Sunday: 11 am Worship
1st Baptist Church of Everglades City Sunday: 9:45 am School, 11 am Worship & 6 pm Svc Wednesday: 6 pm Bible Study

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4/15/2023	Sat	6:49 AM	-0.06	L
4/15/2023	Sat	1:09 PM	2.24	H
4/15/2023	Sat	7:07 PM	0.73	L
4/16/2023	Sun	12:07 AM	2.69	H
4/16/2023	Sun	7:44 AM	-0.01	L
4/16/2023	Sun	1:32 PM	2.41	H
4/16/2023	Sun	8:02 PM	0.47	L
4/17/2023	Mon	1:13 AM	2.81	H
4/17/2023	Mon	8:31 AM	0.08	L
4/17/2023	Mon	1:56 PM	2.59	H
4/17/2023	Mon	8:51 PM	0.22	L
4/18/2023	Tue	2:08 AM	2.86	H
4/18/2023	Tue	9:14 AM	0.19	L
4/18/2023	Tue	2:20 PM	2.76	H
4/18/2023	Tue	9:36 PM	-0.01	L
4/19/2023	Wed	2:55 AM	2.82	H
4/19/2023	Wed	9:53 AM	0.32	L
4/19/2023	Wed	2:44 PM	2.9	H
4/19/2023	Wed	10:20 PM	-0.17	L
4/20/2023	Thu	3:41 AM	2.69	H
4/20/2023	Thu	10:31 AM	0.45	L
4/20/2023	Thu	3:09 PM	2.99	H
4/20/2023	Thu	11:04 PM	-0.27	L
4/21/2023	Fri	4:27 AM	2.51	H
4/21/2023	Fri	11:07 AM	0.58	L
4/21/2023	Fri	3:35 PM	3	H
4/21/2023	Fri	11:48 PM	-0.29	L
4/22/2023	Sat	5:14 AM	2.32	H
4/22/2023	Sat	11:41 AM	0.69	L
4/22/2023	Sat	4:03 PM	2.95	H
4/23/2023	Sun	12:32 AM	-0.25	L
4/23/2023	Sun	6:05 AM	2.13	H
4/23/2023	Sun	12:14 PM	0.8	L
4/23/2023	Sun	4:33 PM	2.83	H
4/24/2023	Mon	1:18 AM	-0.17	L
4/24/2023	Mon	7:01 AM	1.97	H
4/24/2023	Mon	12:40 PM	0.9	L
4/24/2023	Mon	5:08 PM	2.68	H
4/25/2023	Tue	2:09 AM	-0.05	L
4/25/2023	Tue	8:07 AM	1.87	H
4/25/2023	Tue	12:43 PM	0.98	L
4/25/2023	Tue	5:52 PM	2.5	H
4/26/2023	Wed	3:08 AM	0.06	L
4/26/2023	Wed	9:25 AM	1.85	H
4/26/2023	Wed	12:22 PM	1.04	L
4/26/2023	Wed	7:07 PM	2.33	H
4/27/2023	Thu	4:16 AM	0.15	L
4/27/2023	Thu	10:42 AM	1.91	H
4/27/2023	Thu	12:43 PM	1.1	L
4/27/2023	Thu	1:24 PM	1.93	H
4/27/2023	Thu	4:44 PM	1.06	L
4/27/2023	Thu	9:07 PM	2.23	H
4/28/2023	Fri	5:21 AM	0.21	L
4/28/2023	Fri	11:41 AM	2.03	H
4/28/2023	Fri	6:02 PM	0.97	L
4/28/2023	Fri	10:26 PM	2.23	H



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