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Carolyn Wants You to Know

By Carolyn Thompson



We had a little hick-up at *Win-Car* this year. Tricia had to leave due to health problems. I PANICKED! I thought we would sell, but Alex and

Casey stepped in to help. Alex will manage and Casey will help us, run her business, and take care of all their kids.

I will turn 90 this year and have tried to serve this community for 35 years. When the fishing guides wore khaki pants and shirts, I ordered them. Then Lee jeans came into style, so we had jeans and jackets.

When we mixed paint, I kept records of what color you painted each room so I could make touch-up paint for our customers. So many of our customers said, "Just charge it", so we sent out a statement once a month and hoped to get it paid. Things change but our customers have always been great!

After Irma, customers came in and painted, helped build gondolas, and even gave money to help me replace the shelving and inventory. I could never repay the love and help.

So, we will be the same *WinCar Hardware...* plus Alex and Casey. I know you all loved Tricia and the girls and wish them the best.

God bless our little community.

~ Carolyn

Spotlight on Businesses

by Patty Huff

There are several restaurants that opened this season and will continue through the summer months: *Captain Morgan's Seafood Grill Corporation* in Everglades City and *The Hangout* and the *Boatwreck BBQ & Seafood* in Chokoloskee.

Captain Morgan's Seafood Grill Corporation is located on the Circle where many residents



remember Susie's which operated there since the early 1990s. It was vacant for many years, and now with a repainted exterior and beautifully redecorated interior it attracts visitors who have the option of dining in cool air conditioning inside or in the shade under the porch outdoors. The menu is varied with Cuban coffee, pastries, full seafood dinners, salads, sandwiches, and delicious ice cream and desserts. A lot of attention was given to details in upgrading this local restaurant. Come enjoy lunch or dinner Wednesdays through Sundays from 11 am to 8 pm.

In Chokoloskee JT's restaurant (now *The Hangout*) is back! The building itself goes



back 100 years when it was a small Collier Corporation office building located behind

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Fishing For May

By Captain Mike Merritt



May notes the end of Snook season and many of the snowbirds are gone. That means less boat traffic in the Islands and back country.

Bugs will be biting but so will the fish. Catch and release is a

lot of fun. Time to hone those skills!

The Islands usually hold good fish this time of year and it's always fun to catch them on top water lures like the *Zara Spook*. Most guys that fish top water agree one good fish this way is worth 10 fish any other way.

Tarpon are still around and a little easier to spot when the winds lay down. We will start seeing more fish in the rivers and back bays this month. The big push might be over but there are still lots of opportunity to catch a big one.

Redfish are being caught but the numbers are still low. This should be the same this month. There might be some juvenile fish showing up. Jigs are still the best way to catch them.

Seatrout fishing starts tapering off this month but they should continue to be caught all month. Deeper water when the water temps rise usually works. Offshore fishing will be good this month also.

Lower winds for the first part of the day will make for some beautiful mornings. Permit, Cobia, Snook and Goliaths will all be willing to feed this month.

Enjoy the weather and stay hydrated! Good luck fishing.

~ Capt. Mike Merritt

Mike Merritt, Fishing Guide

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4	5	6	7 Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12p	8 Ladies' Coffee City Seafood 8:30a	9	10

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: 2nd Thurs. of month, 6pm (No Meetings: June-August)
 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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April & May 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

May 12

5 pm

Annual EVG Sports Banquet

EVG will have their annual Sports Banquet on May 12 at 5pm in the cafeteria. Cost: \$20 Adults | \$10 students Anyone can attend who purchases a food ticket. Purchase tickets from Angela at the front office. Deadline to purchase tickets is May 10th.

May 13

5 pm

The Mayor's Annual Fish Fry

Come and fill your tummy and honor the Sheriff's Department, Fire Fighters, EMS & Veterans in McLeod Park on May 13th starting at 5 pm.

May 14th

10 am

Special Mothers Day Service

Chokoloskee Family Church will be having a special Mothers Day service Sunday May 14th starting at 10am. Every mom gets a gift and every lady gets roses. We'll also have some free drawings for some really nice gifts.

May 24

7 pm

Baccalaureate

Attention Everglades City Graduates, come to Chokoloskee Family Church May 24th at 7 pm for a special evening of music, gifts, speakers, along with cake and refreshments.

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



Independence Day Celebration

Saturday July 1st

Planning is underway for this years July 1st Celebration. This is a huge event that we all anxiously await every year!

This years theme is *100 Years of History*. Design your amazing parade float, golf cart or whatever you can think up and join us for the festivities. The celebration starts with a "bang" at 10 am. Here's the fun filled schedule:

10:00 am Opening Ceremony

10:30 am Parade (Prizes for the best entries)

11:00 am Booths Open, Food, Contests

11:30 am Parade Winners Announced & Kiddies' Contests

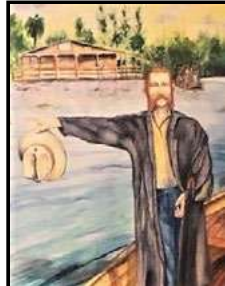
12:30 pm Raffle Winners Announced

9:00 pm FIREWORKS

The Everglades Lions Club will be providing hotdogs, chips and a beverage to those in attendance (at McLeod Park).

Each year the fireworks are paid for by generous donations taken in boxes placed in local businesses or directly sent to the City for the festivities. The cost for fireworks has gone up considerably and we need your help!

If you would like to contribute to this year's celebration, please send a check to the City of Everglades City, and put "fireworks" in the memo section. Mail it to PO Box 110 Everglades City, 34139.



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Spotlight

From p1

the *Rod & Gun Club* before being moved to its present site in 1956 after the causeway was built. The history of offering food services in this building dates back to that time when owner Uncle "Doc" Brown operated a general store. Then selling to James Kelley and his wife who changed the name to *Kelley's Grocery & Tackle* specializing in homemade BBQ and Key Lime pie. In 1989 Fran and John Tift (JT) bought the building and held a grand opening of *The Lunch Room* on February 7, 1991. Larry and Jane Pegg operated it as the *Island Grill & Grocery* in 1994 until Vicky and Bob Wells purchased it in July 1995 and brought back the name J.T.'s. They sold the building to Avery Sumner in 2000 and reopened in February 2001 with a Bahamian flair. In 2007 Patty and Steve Huff purchased the property, leasing it for a season to Lundy Valentine who served lunch. Later *Everglades Area Tours* started operating out of the building (first leasing then buying the property). Now Adrienna (one of "Doc" Brown's descendants) and her husband Mike, have opened a Sub/Sandwich shop (with homemade bread) called *The Hangout*. Open from 11 am to 3 pm, Thursdays through Mondays. *Everglades Area Tours* continues to operate in the same building so grab a sandwich and enjoy a kayak trip out in the Everglades.

If you want to enjoy a smoked barbeque, mullet, or chicken in a breezy outdoor setting, stop by *Boatwreck BBQ & Seafood* (a Food



Truck) at the *Smallwood Store & Museum* while you sit on a picnic table under the shade of an umbrella overlooking the beach on Chokoloskee Bay. The food is prepared on site and delicious. You may also want to take some home with you. Be sure to visit the historic store and museum which has recently installed separate restrooms on the north side of the building. The food truck is open 7 days a week, 10:30 am to 5:00 pm, Monday through Saturday and 10:30 am to 3 pm on Sundays.



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The Tamiami Trail • 95th Anniversary • 1928-2023

by Lila Zuck



Tamiami Trail Dedication Motorcade, 1928

The morning of April 25, 1928, with flags a' flying, the first automobile in the Tamiami Trail motorcade carrying Florida Governor John W. Martin and Barron G. Collier started over the "magnificent ribbon of pavement" in Tampa, opening the 273-mile Tamiami Trail to "a perpetual great stream of traffic."

Celebrations began in Tampa the day before and continued in every flag and bunting-draped town in the seven counties the Tamiami Trail traverses en route to Miami. The caravan headed for Sarasota, where busses carrying the renowned 26-member Czecho-Slovakian National Band, on tour in the U.S., were ready to roll.

In Fort Myers, Thomas Edison and Henry Ford joined the motorcade and proceeded to Naples the morning of April 26th, picking up a bus carrying Naples Mayor Edward J. Keefe, former Naples Mayor E.G. and Mrs. Wilkinson, Councilmen J.C. McDonnell, Ike Tuttle, and Council President Ed Crayton and his wife, and Mr. Lon Weeks before continuing on to Everglades.



Entrance to Collier County Fair & Tamiami Exposition, Everglades, April 26, 1928.

produce and Seminole handicrafts at the 1924 New York City World's Fair, and also showcased a Transportation Building housing South Florida automobile dealers' 1928 models.

A crew of only 15 men began construction of the Trail in Collier County in 1923, progressing at a rate of only four-tenths miles per month. The hardest rock to break through was the Everglades portion of the road. If laid end to end, the sticks of dynamite used

At Everglades, the Tamiami Trail opening dedication also marked the First Annual Collier County Fair and Tamiami Exposition.

The County Fair featured a replica of Collier County's display of locally grown

would stretch from Jacksonville to San Francisco, a distance of almost 2,500 miles. By January 1927 the crew numbered 310.

For the vital role they played in the construction of the Tamiami Trail through Collier County, the Seminole Indians were offered a spot in the heart of town, where they built Seminole City, a series of thatched roof structures showcasing their culture.



*Seminole City at Everglades, 1928
Members of the Czecho-Slovakian National Band are in the lower left corner, 1928.*

After the parade and a pioneer barbecue hosted by Barron G. Collier, a ribbon cutting ceremony invited motorists to cross the Everglades and head to Miami.

As the motorcade entered Coral

Gables, it was showered with roses and confetti dropped from an airplane which followed the automobiles discharging 25 fireworks. An aerial marriage ceremony was performed by Rev. F.E. Frost, Jr. of Miami between Miss Louise Schley of Lakeland and Frank Hefling, a stunt flyer from Tampa, symbolizing the union of the east and west coasts of Florida.

At Bayfront Park, the motorcade's final destination, the public was addressed by Mayor of Miami, E.G. Sewell, Florida Governor John W. Martin, Fons A. Hathaway, Chairman of the Florida State Road Department; Barron G. Collier; D.B. McKay, Mayor of Tampa; Captain James F. Jaudon of Miami, originator of the idea to build a highway linking both coasts of Florida; and the Chairmen of the County Boards of Dade, Hugh Peters; Collier, F.L. Holmes; Lee, John E. Morris; and Monroe, J. Otto Kirschheimer.

When asked what real benefit will result from the opening of this much talked of highway Barron Collier replied "It seems that of paramount importance is the rendering accessible of a vast area of



Tamiami Trail Dedication and Barbeque, Everglades, April 26, 1928.

See 95th p7



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EVG Kids on the Go



Everglades City School is proud of the completion of another incredible Kids on the Go program. The Kids on the Go program is a supplemental student wellness program that takes place during students' lunch recess. Students in second through fifth grade are encouraged to participate. There is no cost for the program. The program encourages healthy living habits and having fun with fitness. Mrs. Owen runs the program and we were thrilled to have 38 participants this year! The students had the option during their lunch recess to run the courtyard running/walking path. Mrs. Owen had QR codes made for each student to track their process. Students were encouraged to earn over 25 miles to make it to the big "final mile" celebration run. The students earned prizes as they earned miles!

EVG is proud of the 24 students that qualified/earned over 25 miles and went to the CCPS Healthy Student Final Mile event. Our students traveled to Golden Gate High School track on Thursday, April 13, 2023 to run! That night the students ran a mile and earned their Kids on the Go medal! EVG had one student earn the award called the "Golden Sneaker" trophy. Congratulations to Melinda Cruz in the fourth grade for earning over 84 miles! She ran each lunch recess with a smile on her face and with incredible sportsmanship! Melinda was the recipient of this year's Golden Sneaker award!

Also, a huge thank you to our middle school student leaders who helped at the event! Thank you to Joey Ames, Aria Mitchell, Chris Whittington, Ruth Cifuentes, Amaia Mayberry and Addaison Sylvest! Our student leaders helped warm up the students for the run and were their biggest cheerleaders during the run! By the way, most of our student leaders were former Kids on the Go runners and now members of our cross-country team!

Contratulations!



Congratulations to Katie and Gena Collins for being named to the FACA (Florida Athletic Coaches Association) All-Academic Team for the 2023 softball season!



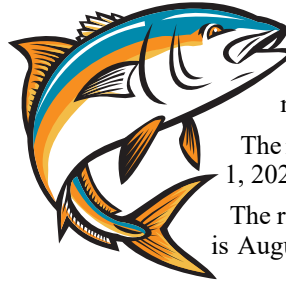
Student athletes must have at least a 3.5 GPA and be a key player for their team!

Thank you!

A Huge thank you to Holly Dudley and The Florida Stone Crabbers Association for providing EVG prom students a fabulous dinner at the Diving Pelican and a Limousine Bus ride to Prom!!! Shout

out to Mrs. Byers and Mrs. Whitcomb for putting the whole event together. The students were amazing, everyone looked fabulous, and they had a great time.

Amberjack Season Will Not Reopen in May



NOAA Fisheries reminds recreational fishermen that the Gulf of Mexico greater amberjack recreational fishing season will not reopen for the month of May 2023.

The recreational fishing season will reopen August 1, 2023, at the start of the 2023/2024 fishing year.

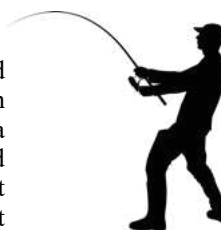
The recreational fishing year for greater amberjack is August 1 through July 31 as set by the Gulf of

Mexico Fishery Management Council and implemented by NOAA Fisheries.

An emergency rule implemented by NOAA Fisheries on July 25, 2022, and extended on January 23, 2023, temporarily modified the recreational greater amberjack fixed closed season to be August 1-31 and November 1 - July 31 (open September 1 - October 31) for the 2022/2023 recreational fishing year.

Recreational greater amberjack fishing in the 2022/2023 fishing year for the month of May will remain closed due to the extension of the emergency rule.

The 2023/2024 recreational greater amberjack fishing season will reopen on August 1, 2023.



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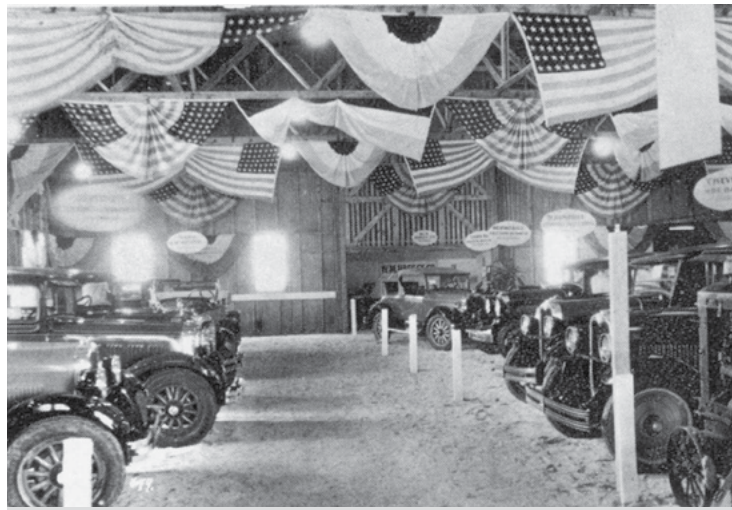


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The Transportation Exposition, 1928.

95th from p5 two million acres, the fertility of which is surpassed by none in the world," adding that the gold Spain's conquistadores sought was not a precious metal. Rather, it was Florida's "glistening golden harvests" awaiting cultivation.

"Through the opening of the Tamiami Trail, the health and marvelous wealth of the Everglades are assured for the benefit

of mankind. That, it seems to me," Collier said, "is the real value of this Trail. This will prove, in my opinion, one of Florida's greatest assets. And its value to us local people is beyond reckoning."

On Sunday, May 25, 1958 The New York Times featured an article titled "A Highway Built by Heroes," opening with "The highway which experts said it was impossible to build is thirty years old this year." The following month, the Historical Association of Southern Florida hosted a re-dedication ceremony at Miami and a motorcade traveled to Tampa, erecting three historical markers along the way.

This 95th anniversary year we celebrate our heroes and the highway they built ... the Tamiami Trail.



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April 15, 2023 Puzzle Solution

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Volunteering Means A Lot

by Rev. Bob Wallace



I'm very impressed by the amount of volunteerism which takes place in our town. There are so many in our community who have retired, yet find time to give of their time and resources to the various causes and opportunities available.

For example, I'm so proud how many faithful volunteers show up at Community Church every Wednesday to receive, assemble and distribute food to around 120 families every week. The joy and fellowship among them are a thing to behold! We owe them a big round of applause for their faithfulness. This may be something you would enjoy doing.

The Everglades Visitors Center is a vital part of the welcoming spirit we offer visitors. There's nothing better than a warm smile and friendly word to those who come here from every part of the world letting them leave feeling they were welcome in our midst. If you think that would be something you would enjoy doing, contact the Visitors Center and let them know you would like to help.

Every Season we have people coming to our community who are volunteers at the National Park Service on Tamiami Trail. Volunteers support the National Park Service in its mission to preserve and protect our national parks. You can volunteer for a day, or year-round; on your own, or with friends and family; close to home, or at a dream destination. Volunteer opportunities are available nationwide including in U.S. Territories.

Friends of the Museum of the Everglades is a wonderful place to volunteer. Faithfully restored to its original, 1920s Collier-era appearance, the museum is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The Museum is devoted to displaying local history from early Native American times to the present. Permanent exhibits tell the story of adventurers stubborn enough to persevere in Southwest Florida's "Last Frontier". The Pauline Reeves Gallery rotating exhibits of special interest. The Museum of the Everglades is part of the Collier County Museums system. Contact the Museum and let them know you would like to help.

Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park may interest you. The Friends of Fakahatchee work hand in hand with park staff to provide resource-based recreation while interpreting, preserving, and restoring natural resources. One of the group's important missions is to promote public awareness of the fragility of the Fakahatchee Strand Preserve State Park's biodiversity, and does so by creating wonderful adventures and programs. There may be a place for you.

You might contact the Everglades City Office and offer your services where needed. There are always needs for helping our community.

And don't forget our Everglades Community School. If this is where you would like to give some of your time, contact the Principal and let her know of your desire to help in some way.

And don't forget your church. Contact your Pastor and let him know you are available.

The bottom line is, retirement can mean the freedom to do not only what you want to do when you want to do it, but it can also mean that you have the freedom to do something meaningful, perhaps for the first time in your life.

So, volunteer your time and your talent. You'll be glad you did!

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

Sawfish Experts Mark Endangered Species Listing 20th Anniversary

by guest author Sonja Fordham

Twenty years after the Smalltooth Sawfish was listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA), experts on the associated [Recovery Team](#) met in the Everglades to share updates, agree on next steps for improved conservation, conduct additional field research, and generally celebrate the species.

The Smalltooth Sawfish -- a slow-growing, mangrove dependent, shark-like ray -- was once plentiful in the Southeast U.S., particularly off Florida. During the 20th century, the U.S. population was severely depleted from intentional and accidental fishing and, to a lesser extent, habitat loss. In response, my colleagues and I at the Center for Marine Conservation (now the [Ocean Conservancy](#)) developed a petition that led the National Marine Fisheries Service ([NMFS](#)) to list the species as Endangered under the ESA on April 1, 2003. The designation prompted federal protections and the establishment of a multidisciplinary team of experts to develop, monitor, and amend a comprehensive, long-term [Recovery Plan](#) for the species.



Sawfish Recovery Team members prepare to tag and release a juvenile Smalltooth Sawfish in Everglades National Park. Credit Tonya Wiley.

At the special anniversary meeting held in Everglades City, the Sawfish Team members not only discussed the latest sawfish science and avenues for bolstering protections but also engaged members of the public through an evening event featuring a [new documentary](#) on regional sawfish research. A day in the field resulted in the tagging of a whopping ten juvenile sawfish, which will yield crucial information about their habits and, in turn, inform future iterations of the Recovery Plan.

Twenty years ago, we had a much poorer understanding of Florida's sawfish. The ESA listing allowed for collaborative research that has greatly expanded our knowledge of sawfish behaviors, from feeding and reproduction to habitat use and stress response. In addition, thanks to the tireless outreach efforts of (Sawfish News regular author) Tonya Wiley of [Havenworth Coastal Conservation](#), the public is also much better informed about the status of sawfish and what to do if one is encountered. There are even encouraging signs that the population, at least the juveniles, may be increasing, and lessons learned in the U.S. are inspiring conservation actions for other threatened sawfish populations around the world. At the same time, some key fisheries information, particularly with respect to shrimp trawl bycatch, is still sorely lacking and major threats to sawfish -- from illegal fishing to habitat loss -- remain. Most urgently, along Florida's west coast, we need to increase the observations of shrimp trawling operations,

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

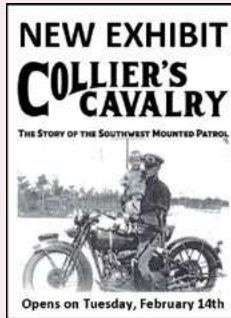


About the Museum of the Everglades: First opened in 1927 as a commercial laundry, the building that now houses Museum of the Everglades is one of the historic structures still standing as a testament to the town's time as a once-bustling center of business and the region's first County seat. The museum is open Tues-Sat, 9am-4pm and admission is free. Visit today at 105 Broadway Ave W, Everglades City.

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.



Third Thursdays Talks
5/18 at 2pm – In the Path of the Park

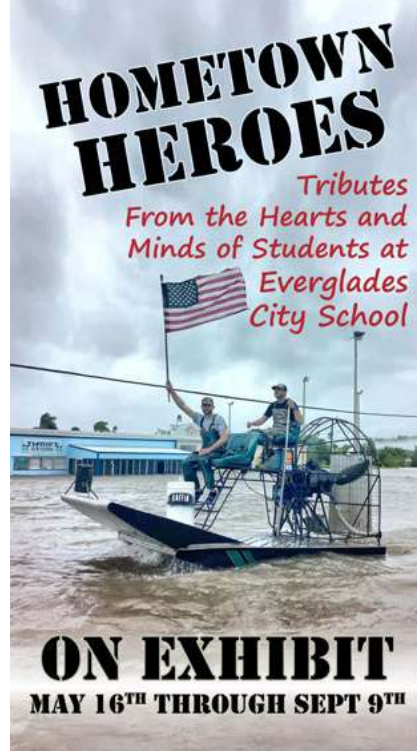
Museum of the Everglades Manager Thomas Lockyear will recount the stories of some of the families and individuals who lived and worked in the area now designated as Everglades National Park – discussing how the creation of the park impacted them and the adjacent communities of Everglades City and Chokoloskee. While many local residents still harbor ill feelings and enmity toward the Park Service today, much progress has been made in building bridges and working together to preserve this last bastion of "Old Florida" and the natural beauty of the Everglades. Join us in learning from the past in order to build a better future.

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

Centennial Banner Booklet

A little booklet about the historical banners on our solar lamp posts and their sponsors is now available at the Visitor Center and Right Choice Supermarket.

Hometown Heroes Creative Response Contest



This year's Creative Response Contest sponsored by the Friends of Museum of the Everglades is titled HOMETOWN HEROES. The Museum has challenged students at Everglades City School of all grade levels to submit stories, photos, videos, interviews, paintings, drawings – whatever medium they choose – to tell us about someone in our community they see as a hero. This includes people from the region's past, family members, friends, local business owners, teachers, first responders, etc. It doesn't matter how long the person has lived in town or even if they commute here to play their part in building a better community.

Friends of Museum of the Everglades will distribute over \$1000 in cash prizes across multiple categories in three different age groups. All entries will be included in the Hometown Heroes Exhibit from 5/16 to 9/9. **All entries must be delivered to Museum of the Everglades and are due by 4pm on Tuesday, May 2nd.**

The exhibit will open on Tuesday, May 16th and **the Award Ceremony will take place on Friday, May 19th from 5:30-7pm** with awards announced promptly at 6pm.

Sawfish

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turn sawfish hotspots into protected areas, and minimize destruction of mangrove and wetland areas.

Changing fishing policies and conserving Critical Habitats are uphill battles. Help from the concerned public is essential to balance opposition and convince managers to act. We've achieved so much for sawfish over the last two decades, but we still have a long way to go. Concerned citizens who champion sawfish protections and tell policymakers to prioritize population recovery can make all the difference in securing a brighter future for this irreplaceable species.

Sawfish News guest author Sonja Fordham is president of [Shark Advocates International](http://SharkAdvocatesInternational.org), a project of [The Ocean Foundation](http://TheOceanFoundation.org). She co-authored the ESA petition for the Smalltooth Sawfish while working at the Ocean Conservancy and has served on the NMFS Sawfish Recovery Team since the listing.

Blueberry Cobbler

Filling

- 4 cups fresh blueberries, rinsed & drained
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 stick unsalted butter
- 1 teaspoon lemon juice

Topping

- 1 cup self-rising flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1/2 cup milk

Directions

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Melt butter and pour into an 8-inch square baking dish. In a large mixing bowl, combine lemon juice and blueberries. Add sugar and mix well. Add the blueberry mixture to the baking dish.

Combine flour, sugar, vanilla, and milk in a small bowl. Pour over the blueberry mixture and bake 45 minutes or until brown.



“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

*Wednesday Bible Study
at Island Café*

*Free Coffee and Tea Served, 7:00 pm
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- 7 Spanish letter after “ka”
- 10 Monkey
- 11 Office installation
- 12 Be unwell
- 13 Armstrong’s Eagle
- 14 Withstands
- 16 When the mouse ran down the clock
- 17 Unsettled
- 18 Sister or mother
- 19 Securely confined
- 20 Steeple
- 22 Brother of 18 Across, maybe
- 26 Standing by
- 28 Lobbyists ran amok
- 29 Surviving spouse
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- 4 Satisfied about wet helipads, once they’re sorted out
- 5 December temp
- 6 Uncaring
- 7 Dumbo’s “wings”
- 8 Place
- 9 Otherwise
- 15 Computer operator
- 21 Public disturbance
- 23 Contaminate
- 24 Soul star --- Franklin
- 25 Gone bad
- 27 Some denims
- 29 Cried
- 30 Somali model
- 31 “--- count your chickens ...”



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City Seafood All Year 8 am – 3 pm (239) 695-4700
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Right Choice Market Daily 9 am – 7 pm (239) 695-4535
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Copeland Baptist Church Sunday: 10 am School, 11 am Worship
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

BARRON RIVER TIDES - April 29, 2023 to May 27, 2023

4/29/2023	Sat	6:16 AM	0.25	L	5/13/2023	Sat	5:49 PM	0.77	L
4/29/2023	Sat	12:13 PM	2.17	H	5/13/2023	Sat	10:42 PM	2.52	H
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4/29/2023	Sat	11:35 PM	2.28	H	5/14/2023	Sun	12:03 PM	2.45	H
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4/30/2023	Sun	12:41 PM	2.32	H	5/15/2023	Mon	12:02 AM	2.52	H
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