

# The MULLET RAPPER



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## 95th Anniversary of the Tamiami Trail & Collier County Centennial

by Denise Wauters

## Summer Time Fishing In 10,000 Islands

by Captain Mike Merritt



If you get jealous easy, and you didn't make the April 29th celebration you probably don't want to read any further because you're goin' a wish you were there! The City's 100 year, Tamiami Trail's 95th year and the Museum's 25th Anniversary event day was a huge hit.

The opening ceremony was held on the courthouse steps with speakers: Pastor Jesse Wilson of Chokoloskee Church of God, Amanda Townsend Director of Collier county Museums, Elaine Middelstaedt President of Friends of the Museum of the Everglades, Patty Huff President of Everglades Society for Historic Preservation, Jack Shealy Gladesmen Heritage Foundation, Everglades City Mayor Howie Grimm and Guest of Honor Terry



Collier grandson of county founder Barron Gift Collier kicking the day off.

Then there was a crazy fun parade with people on stilts, clowns, hula hoop dancers, old cars, fire trucks, and more. All the local news and magazines were there for the story.



After the parade, we cooled our jets under the shade in the McLeod Park and stuffed our tummies with Lions Club hot dogs and drinks while we tapped our feet to the live music provided by Naples Dixieland Jazz Band.

Next we all moved to the museum where we had Laundry Cart Races to celebrate the



museums anniversary. The connection? In 1928 the museum building was the town laundry. The cart races were a huge hit, with all ages participating. Thomas Lockyear, Museum Manager said "It's the only laundry cart race in the world...Google it!". The laundry cart race event is going to be an annual event according to Thomas.

When the race was over we enjoyed some of the museums birthday cake. Yummy!

To wrap up the day we settled in for a mesmerizing presentation about the Tamiami Trail by historian and author Cesar Becerra.

With such a fun jumpacked day it's obvious that Everglades City events are definitely not to be missed.



May started out with some pretty heavy winds! This along with no rain has had a negative affect on the Snook Fishing. Hopefully this changes as the summer rains should be starting up.

We normally catch quite a few big Snook in the Islands this time of year. I have seen ups and downs many times in my 30 years of guiding, along with 20 year of Snook fishing prior to guiding. But, this is definitely some of the toughest conditions I can remember in quite a long time.

We have good days and bad days but the fishing is definitely slower than normal. Of course with some good steady rains this can change really fast and that is what we are hopeful for this Summer! That being said one of my clients, John Johnson, had the pleasure of landing a 38" Snook this week. This is normally something we do 5 or 6 times a week inshore this month. Let's hope they keep moving in!

The Redfish bite continues to be the toughest of all. The local guides are still catching some but not in the numbers we consider normal. I remember Capt. Norman Brown telling me that the big schools of Reds used to show up the 3rd week in August. That was 30 years ago he said that to me. Then it seemed they started showing up in the middle of September. Now it seems even later. Last year we had Ian interrupt the migration so we never got those big schools and the ones that had arrived disappeared. Let's all hope this year is a banner year for the Reds!

The Seatrout fishing has remained good. The biggest problem we have concerning the Trout is the lack of Turtle Grass. The grasses have completely disappeared from our Islands and flats. It has been replaced in some areas with other types of grass but this lack of Turtle

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**EVENT CALENDAR - May 28, 2023 to July 8, 2023**

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29 Memorial Day	30	31 Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12p	June 1 Ladies' Coffee Island Cafe 8:30a	2	3 Full Moon
4	5 ESHP Mtg 9a	6	7 Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12p	8 Ladies' Coffee City Seafood 8:30a	9	10
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2	3 Full Moon	4 Independence Day	5 Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12p	6 Ladies' Coffee HavAnna Cafe 8:30a	7	8

**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-Noon  
 Mobile Pet Vet: hsnaples.org/mobile-veterinary-clinic

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 Ochopee (239) 695-2099  
 (M-F: 8 am to 10 am, noon to 4 pm; Sa: 10 am to 11:30 am)

**OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS**

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 Big Cypress: (239) 695-2000  
 City Hall: (239) 695-3781  
 Curbside Trash Pickup (239) 252-2380  
 Dr. Demartino, Marco Island (239) 642-5552  
 EVG National Park: (239) 695-3311  
 Fakahatchee Preserve Office: (239) 961-1925  
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**June 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.

**June 18**  
**10 am**  
**Special Father's Day Service**

Chokoloskee Church will have a special Fathers Day service on June 18th, 10am. Every father will receive a special gift and there will be giveaways following the service.

**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**  
**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](mailto:ESHP@hotmail.com)



**Independence Day Celebration**  
**Saturday July 1st**

Theme: 100 Years of History.

Put this one on your calendar! Come enjoy Hot Dogs, Cold Drinks, Bake Sale, Contests, Raffles and Prizes. There's even a Little Miss and Mister FireCracker contest (Kiddies' Best-Dressed Contest, home made preferred).

Design your amazing parade float, golf cart or whatever you can think up and join us for the festivities. **To enter the parade** contact Karen at (239)695-4299 or [Kcochran@cityofeverglades.org](mailto:Kcochran@cityofeverglades.org)

The celebration starts with a bang (cannon shot) so secure your pets. Here's the line up:

**10:00 a.m. Opening Ceremony**

**10:30 a.m. PARADE**

*Theme: "100 Years of History"*

*Trophies for Best Parade Entries*

**11:00 a.m. Booths Open, Food, Raffle**

**11:30 a.m. Parade Winners Announced**

**11:30 a.m. Kiddies' Contests**

**12:30 p.m. Raffle Winners Announced**

**9:00 p.m. FIREWORKS**

The Everglades Lions Club will be providing hot dogs, chips and a beverage in McLeod Park.

Fireworks are paid for by generous donations taken in boxes placed in local businesses or directly sent to the City for the festivities. This years fireworks cost \$13K, up from \$12.5K last year. Help us continue the fun, donate early or during the event.

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 Fri & Sat 11 am – 8:30 pm  
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**The Hangout**  
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**HavAnna Café**  
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**Chokoloskee Family Church**  
 Sunday: 10 am School, 10 am Worship

**Copeland Baptist Church**  
 Sunday: 10 am School, 11 am Worship

**Everglades Community Church**  
 Sunday: 11 am Worship

**1st Baptist Church of Everglades City**  
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**Spotlight on Businesses**  
by Patty Huff

One of the advantages of living on an island is waterfront dining. Several of our restaurants are located along the Barron River where there is always a front row view of our natural wildlife.



Arriving by boat or car you cannot miss the location of Camellia Street Grill along the Barron River with the brightly colored umbrellas and the colorful whimsically painted VW street side entrance. As you walk through the tropical boardwalk you will enjoy a garden of herbs and greens used to heighten the taste of the fresh salads and specialty dishes created by Terri & Naiara and prepared to perfection by the amazing Marisol & staff.

The outdoor dining room & patio with a fun eclectic charm and island music adds to this overall unique setting. See the manatees, dolphins and alligators as the tide changes.



Camellia's offers a variety of foods including the freshest seafood and salads, amazing burgers, vegetarian, vegan and gluten free dishes. They are open daily from 11 am to 9pm. See [Facebook.com/CamelliaStreetGrill](https://www.facebook.com/CamelliaStreetGrill) for their specials and activities.



The oldest building in town is the former home of William Smith Allen, the first white settler who built a small house on the property in 1871 after purchasing the land  
See **Restaurants** p8



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The Relocation of Our County Seat

by Lila Zuck

In the 1950s, local population projections through the 1980s indicated that the population of Collier County was on a steady upward trend and the Collier County Commissioners began discussing the need to enlarge the Collier County Courthouse at Everglades City. A Collier County Branch Courthouse had already been established in 1956 in Naples, on Third Street and Broad Avenue South.

In 1958, members of the Naples Chamber of Commerce and the Naples Jaycees spearheaded a movement to prevent the courthouse expansion, and instead relocate the Collier County Seat from Everglades City preferably to Naples.

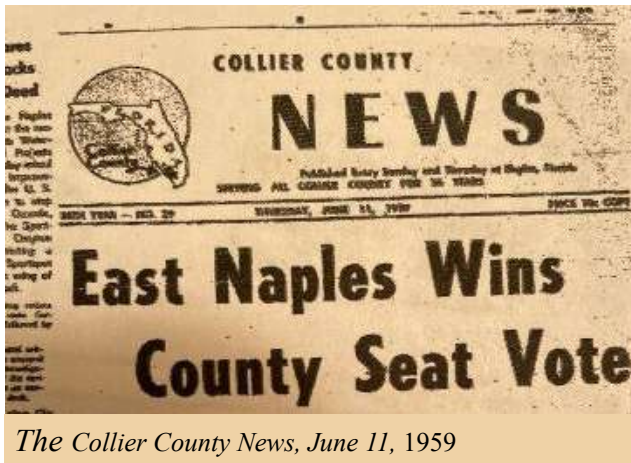
By 1959, the movement had strengthened and the decision was taken to the voters as to whether to enlarge the Everglades City Courthouse or relocate the county seat to Immokalee, East Naples or Naples, where populations had increased between 1940 and 1950. Since the population of Marco Island had not fluctuated much in that same 10-year period, Marco was not in the running.

A runoff election held on May 19, 1959 between the four options revealed that 53% of Collier County's 4,737 registered voters had narrowed the choices to two options: retain and enlarge the courthouse at Everglades City or relocate it to East Naples.

Since the relocation of a county courthouse was governed at the time by Florida's General Election Laws, on Tuesday June 9, 1959, all bars, taverns and liquor stores in Collier

County closed for 12 hours, between 7 am and 7 pm, when the polls were open.

The results of the election indicated 1,674 voters favored East Naples, as opposed to the 1,006 who voted to retain the courthouse at Everglades City.



The Collier County News, June 11, 1959

In December 1959, the County Commissioners began evaluating four sites in East Naples, for the construction of a Government Complex, ultimately purchasing a 20-acre site at the northwest corner of the intersection of East U.S. 41 and the north-south leg of Airport Road. An additional 10 acres were added to the back of the diamond shaped parcel, and groundbreaking took place on October 13, 1961.

The Collier County Government Complex, reflective of visionary planning and managed growth, was presented to the residents of Collier County on October 30, 1962. This 95th anniversary year we celebrate our heroes and the highway they built

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EVG will promote and participate in their incredible program to engage and advance the literacy skills of our students over the summer! The Collier County Public Library prides itself in helping young learners enrolled in our K-12 public schools to build, grow and even expand their reading skills. The CCPL 2023 Summer Reading Program will run from June 3 – July 29! They offer an extensive reading program designed for students of all reading abilities! EVG students can win prizes, while improving their reading skills and expanding their knowledge.

The Collier County Public Library staff and Ms. Stone (locally) look forward to helping EVG students improve their reading skills during their 2023 Summer Program. The first step to take advantage of this free and amazing opportunity is simply to complete and turn into EVG (Mrs. Owen) your application for a library card. Even if you are not interested in our 2023 Summer Reading Program, we strongly urge you to get a library card as there are always great programs, books, movies and CD’s available to you at every library across Collier County free of charge.

The program is open to babies through adults! To participate you read and complete a Summer Reading Program card. Then, weekly you can return the card to a CCPL library for prizes. At the end of the summer, the CCPL will share the reading data with EVG! EVG will celebrate our summer readers at the beginning of the school year with prizes/rewards! EVG keep reading! Go Gators! ~Melissa Owen

The applications and program directions was sent home to EVG students May 15 – 19. Students must return their applications to Mrs.

Owen by May 28 or submit directly to Ms. Stone at the EVG CCPL location. The program information and directions will also be found on the EVG website under the Resources – Media section.

In addition to the incredible CCPL prizes, EVG students will be recognized and celebrated at the beginning of the 2023 school year!

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### Welcome to the Garden Everglades City Memorial Garden

Tucked in the arms of the historic Everglades Community Church in the circle mid-town is a beautiful little hideaway filled with gardens whoes flowers scent the air.



There I found helpers busily tending to all the “flowers planted to attract butterflies, hummingbirds” said Stephanie Burke. I had to know more. How had this beautiful place not been on my radar?



Our garden was established back in 2012 she continued. One of our parishioners, Ron Slutter, passed away and left us money to build a



columbarium (a place for urns to be stored) at the church. He was the first person to be buried here. Ms Louise Collier Jinkins, daughter of Barron Collier is also buried in one of our niches. She was very active in Everglades City and our little church on the circle. There is a also “Tree of Life” where you can memorialize loved ones.

The little garden has taken a few beating over the years, first Hurricane Irma and then this past September with Hurricane Ian. You couldn’t tell it now due to the all love given to this wonderful little place.



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**Fishing**

From p1

Grass is a major concern. That being said we are catching lots of Trout and they can be found in a variety of places like flats, bars, deeper holes and around the Islands. I am still catching plenty with the 3/4 oz. DOA Glow Shrimp under a popping cork.

Tarpon fishing was phenomenal this year along the coast and among the Islands. I think I saw more guides fishing here than I have ever seen but there seemed to be plenty of fish! Not sure if there was a lack of fish in other areas or if there are just more registered guides now. Hope the businesses all continue to do well.

I know there seems to be some negative points I made this issue but there are things that are changing here and not all of it is good. But thankfully we have one of the most unique and beautiful areas in the world for people to enjoy world class fishing. I for one just want it to remain that way. Let's all be good stewards and enjoy what we are blessed to have! Good Luck fishing!

~ Capt. Mike Merritt

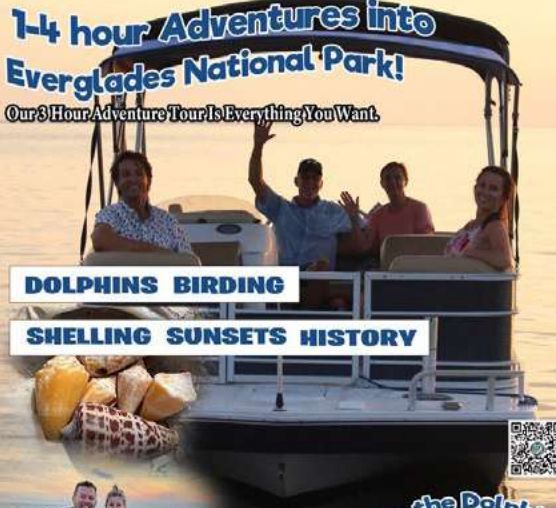
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On May 13th the Mayor's Annual Fish Fry to honor and celebrate our Sheriff's Department, Fire Fighters, EMS & Veterans was enjoyed by many locals at McLeod Park. A wonderful community event with great food cooked and served by the Lions Club!

**April 29, 2023 Puzzle Solution**

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**What You Don't Know Can Hurt You**

by Rev. Bob Wallace



My wife's a label reader. Before she buys anything she always looks at the label to see what's in it. She has to watch her salt. I have to watch my cholesterol. How do you do that? How do you control your salt intake and reduce your cholesterol level? Well, there's a way that's easy. Read the food labels before you buy! It's that's simple. But first, you need to learn a

few basic things. Health organizations have been warning about the dangers of salt for a long time. That's because high salt intake has been claimed to cause several health problems, including high blood pressure and heart disease.

The main reason salt, or sodium, has remained a problem is that it's a major part of all processed food—and, well, it makes everything delicious. On average, people consume more than double what is advisable every single day, raising the risk of common diseases such as heart attack and stroke. Health organizations have been warning about the dangers of salt for a long time. However, many studies show that eating too little salt can be harmful. So, what's a body to do? The FDA proposed reducing sodium in certain foods by using salt substitutes. So, watch your salt intake.

And what is cholesterol? It's in your blood vessels and occurs naturally. It's gotten from animal fats, or other fats in your food called saturated fats. Too much cholesterol can cause a problem that leads to hardening of the arteries which happens when too much cholesterol is concentrated in your bloodstream. As cholesterol attaches to the walls of your arteries it builds up to a point where it can clog your arteries until the blood flow stops and you are at risk of a heart attack or stroke. So, how can you control this? By becoming a label reader!

Most food on the market today has a label on the side, or back, with nutrition facts. Spend a little time looking at them and learn how to interpret labels for your health. Read carefully how much the serving size is on each food you're thinking about buying. Then, see how many calories a serving contains. You'll be surprised at what you have been eating just how much salt and cholesterol and calories are contained in it. Most people eat far too many calories for their own good. It's by counting calories you'll get your weight off!

Try to find "no salt" products with as little sodium as possible. Try to keep your cholesterol count under 200.

What about the vitamins in food? They're listed right there on the label. And they are shown by the daily vitamin percentage in the food you are thinking about buying. Read carefully. You will see you are probably eating the proper amount of vitamins if you choose your food carefully. Pretty soon, label reading will become second nature to you.

And remember, before you buy, read the label. It's a great way to reduce your cholesterol. My wife taught me how to do it. And now, I hope I'm teaching you how to do it.

Is that smart, or what?

**Reverend Doctor Bob N. Wallace**  
Pastor of Everglades Community Church  
Learn More: [Ever-Community-Church.com](http://Ever-Community-Church.com)

**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, Right Choice Supermarket and Captain Morgan's Seafood Grill.

**Restaurants**

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from squatters. In 1889, George W. Storter Jr., purchased the landholdings for \$800 and enlarged the house to entertain the growing number of fishermen and hunters who came to the Everglades.

Barron Gift Collier bought the house in 1921 and renamed it the Rod & Gun Club catering to presidents and celebrities. The Bowen family has owned the property since 1973 and their restaurant specializes in a wide variety of seafood on their menu, including Grouper Rueben sandwich, Caesar salads with shrimp, chicken, or fish, Gator Bites and much more.



Lunch and dinner are provided from 11:30 am to 8:00 pm. Experience the charm of the past as you dine on the veranda in this historic building overlooking the Barron River.



Breakfast and lunch await you at our local City Seafood restaurant which has been operated by Richard Wahrenberger and Candice Jolly for 35 years. You'll find a wide selection of seafood alternatives served casually from the counter. Favorites include Sausage & Biscuits for breakfast and shrimp baskets for lunch. You can watch the boats motor by or catch a glimpse of the wildlife from the picnic tables on the deck.



There is also the City Seafood Beach Bar which is a popular spot for locals in the early evenings, open 4 pm Wednesdays, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The restaurant is open weekdays 8 am to 3 pm, weekends 8 am to 4 pm and will be open all summer. Photo Credit: Patty Huff ~



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Mayor Howie read a proclamation at the May 2nd City Council meeting declaring May as NCH Safe and Healthy Children Coalition/ Drowning Prevention month.



**Exhibits and Events**  
**Museum of the Everglades**

105 West Broadway Avenue Everglades City, FL



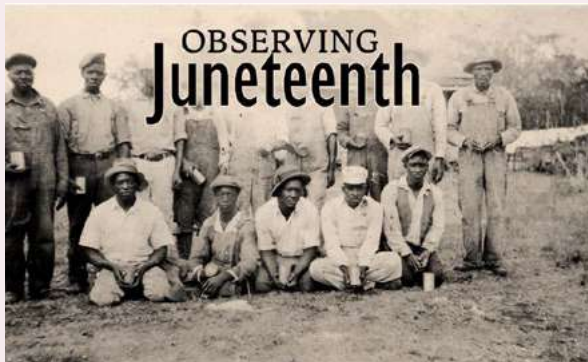
**About the Museum of the Everglades:** First opened in 1927 as a commercial laundry, the building that now houses Museum of the Everglades is one of the historic structures still standing as a testament to the town's time as a once-

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.

**Third Thursdays Talks**

6/15 at 2pm – Celebrating the Black History of Everglades City

In observation of the Juneteenth National Holiday (the following Monday), Museum Manager Thomas Lockyear will explore the significant though often overlooked contributions made to the region's history by African American residents of the greater Everglades City area.



Subjects will include early settler Augustus Swycoper, midwife Mother Perry, Barron Collier's multi-cultural workforce, why the local African American community moved from Dupont to Copeland, and much more.

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



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On May 18, at the Museum of the Everglades, Thomas Lockyear gave his 3rd Thursday presentation titled "In the Path of the Park." Thomas always brings us interesting topics which are well researched and entertaining to hear as well as to learn more about our history.

**Hometown Heroes Creative Response Contest**

by Elaine Middelstaedt



Photo Credit: Patty Huff

One of the great innovations of the Museum of the Everglades is its close collaboration with the Everglades City School, which is unmatched in the county and the state. This year the students were invited to present their Hometown Heroes in whatever creative art form each chose.

The Heroes they showcased included revered grandparents, great-grandparents, parents, stepparents, teachers and other community members, mentors, and even Meals of Hope. The students' entries showed their love, and their pride in their family and community history. The stories were presented in essays, drawings, and wonderful photographs from the past and today. Special kudos to 5th Grade teacher Jason Mayberry who encouraged each of his students to create an entry for the contest.

Museum Manager Thomas Lockyear welcomed nearly 100 people to the exhibit and awards ceremony on Friday May 19.

**HOMETOWN HEROES**  
Tributes  
From the Hearts and  
Minds of Students at  
Everglades  
City School  
**ON EXHIBIT**  
MAY 16<sup>TH</sup> THROUGH SEPT 9<sup>TH</sup>

The Friends of the Museum of the Everglades (FME) furnished refreshments for the evening and the prize money awarded to the students. Thomas explained that a team of nine judges from the museum system and other disciplines examined the entries and selected the awards to be given to each one.

I encourage the reader to peruse the exhibit which is in the Museum's Pauline Reeves Gallery now through September 9th. The Museum is open Tuesday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and admission is free. You are sure to learn something new when you visit.

### Greek Seven Layer Dip

**Ingredients**

- 8 ounces hummus
- 1 cup Greek yogurt
- 1 tsp minced garlic
- 1 tsp chopped fresh dill
- 2 Tbsp lemon juice
- Pinch of salt
- Dash of black pepper
- 2 Tbsp red onion, minced
- 1 cup diced and seeded cucumber
- 1 cup diced and seeded tomatoes
- ¼ cup crumbled feta cheese
- ¼ cup sliced black olives

**Directions**

In small bowl, combine yogurt, garlic, dill, lemon juice, salt and pepper. Set aside.

In an 8" x 8" or 7" x 11" glass dish, layer the hummus, yogurt mixture, red onion, cucumber, tomatoes, feta and olives.

Serves with pita wedges or large corn scoops



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**Across**

- 1 Obama's youngest
- 6 One Note ---
- 11 Florida Keys, e.g.
- 12 Check for fit
- 13 Detroit gridgers
- 14 Oak-to-be
- 15 Testing place
- 16 Kind of port
- 18 Kissing in public, perhaps, briefly
- 19 Hesitator's syllable
- 20 Claim against property
- 21 San Francisco sight
- 24 Duration
- 25 Wee boy
- 26 "It's pretty, but is it ---?" (Kipling)

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- 28 Army detectives
- 31 Supple
- 33 Incongruity
- 35 Muzzle
- 36 "Bronco Billy" co-star Sondra ---
- 37 They might be smashed as Tom gets drunk
- 38 Persuades

- 1 Ledge
- 2 Home to billions
- 3 Grubby guy
- 4 Cackleberry maker
- 5 Suppose Sue mixes it with Sam
- 6 Brief attempt
- 7 Curve
- 8 Short-sightedness
- 9 Place for a patrol
- 10 UN head before Ki-moon
- 17 Nose

- 19 "Ode on a Grecian ---" (Keats)
- 20 Type of TV screen
- 21 Burst of speed
- 22 Military display
- 23 Some Sri Lankans
- 24 Chip dip
- 27 Takes a chance
- 28 Narcotic shrub
- 29 Deep black
- 30 Treats with tinctures
- 32 Sing wordlessly
- 34 Rank



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