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## A Note To Readers

Until things return to "normal" the Mullet Rapper will be abbreviated. We will resume normal operations as soon as possible.

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## Mother's Day is May 10th. If You Can't Be With Her, Try These Ideas

One of the most difficult things about "social distancing" is not physically being with family and friends.

With Mother's day coming up on May 10th, many of us will not be able to be with our moms on that important day.

Don't let that stop you from doing something special for your mother to let her know how much she means to you!

There are creative ways you can let her know you are thinking about her and appreciate her without being *with her* on Mother's Day.

One creative idea is to make a slideshow that includes important photos from your life. Collect photos (and video) from your lives together and put them into a slideshow.

You can then show them to her in a video chat (like on [www.zoom.us](http://www.zoom.us)). As you show the slides, tell your mother what you remember most and why those memories are so important to you. This gives you a great opportunity to share your feelings with words and pictures!

Another possibility is to have a "video lunch" together. Simply create a meeting using zoom, Facetime or any other comparable platform you like, and eat your lunch together while chatting. Smilebox Live ([smilebox.com](http://smilebox.com)) is a free platform that allows you to invite others to the chat, such as family members, as well. If your mom is in an area where you can have a special lunch delivered to her for this special chat, consider that as an extra option.

Another idea is to write a heartfelt letter. Don't let another year pass without letting your mom know how much you love her. Letters seem "old fashioned" but they are truly one of the most personal ways to honor someone you love.

What you do is up to you. What's most important is to let your mom know how important she is to you and your family.

**Mother's Day is Sunday, May 10th. Don't forget!**

## Biking for Fun, Health, and the Gift of Giving



**May is National Bike Month!** This designation was established in 1956 and is now promoted by the League of American Bicyclists and celebrated in communities across the nation. It provides us the opportunity to highlight the many benefits of bicycling, especially during this time when we need to continue social distancing. You may bike with your family members or with a friend and maintain the recommended space between other riders. It's a win-win for all – it's fun, it gets you out of the house and provides you with healthy exercise you need every day.

The Friends of the River of Grass Greenway thought biking might also be a great way to applaud our essential local businesses that have stayed open to be of service to us and, yet, have put themselves in harm's way.

We are all very appreciative to Right Choice for stocking (and adding to their regular supplies) all of our necessary food products so we don't have to drive to Naples just to buy groceries; Petra and/or her employees have been there every day of the week from 9 am to 7 pm all through these uncertain times. Also, Loco Produce has been coming regularly from Immokalee to provide us with additional fresh fruits and vegetables. Win-Car General Store and other essential businesses have remained opened, saving us additional trips to Naples.

So, how can we say THANK YOU! What if we take this National Bike Month opportunity to bicycle more and donate \$1 for every mile we ride for the first full week of May (May 3 – 9) to these essential businesses? For more information, please call Patty at 719-0020. Happy Biking and Be Safe!

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**SAWFISH NEWS by Tonya Wiley, Havenworth Coastal Conservation**  
**Sawfish At-Home Education and Entertainment Resources**

Normally this Sawfish News article shares information about sawfish research, management, and policy. But due to COVID-19, these aren't normal times. Schools are closed, most of us are under safer-at-home orders and self-isolating directives. So, I'm dedicating this Sawfish News article to sharing information about the many organizations which have sawfish-related educational and entertainment resources for students, teachers, parents, families, and adults during the school closures and stay-at-home orders.

The Sawfish Conservation Society is dedicated to connecting the world to advance global sawfish education, research, and conservation. They have games, coloring pages, lesson plans, crafts, hands-on activities and much more available at <http://sawfishconservationsociety.org/>.

NOAA Fisheries is the agency responsible for the protection and recovery of the endangered smalltooth sawfish population in the United States. You can learn about the targeted management actions taken to recover this species at <https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/species/smalltooth-sawfish>. To learn more about sawfish research, management, and conservation in the United States visit [www.SawfishRecovery.org](http://www.SawfishRecovery.org).

The IUCN Shark Specialist Group developed a Global Sawfish Conservation Strategy in 2014 that provides an update on the status of sawfishes, and details global-scale prioritized recommendations for meaningful research, education and conservation action and a roadmap for the development of regional conservation programs to improve the global status of sawfishes. Also available on their website <https://www.iucnssg.org/conservation-strategies-sawfish.html> are regional fact sheets and other infographics.

Sharks4Kids is creating a new generation of shark advocates through access to a dynamic range of educational materials including sawfish (and shark) webinars, a "What is a Sawfish" curriculum Power Point, coloring sheet, fact sheet, and more sawfish, shark, and ray information on their website <https://www.sharks4kids.com/>.

Sharks and Rays Australia is conducting an assessment of the current distributions and abundance patterns of four species of sawfishes in Australia and has sawfish identification guides, sawfish craft ideas, coloring sheets, and a sawfish food web game at <https://www.sharksandraysaustralia.com/materials/#outreach>

International Sawfish Day is celebrated each year on October 17 to raise awareness for sawfish around the world and to highlight the threats they face in order to safeguard their future. The website <https://internationalsawfishday.org/> has education and entertainment resources for use every day including posters, coloring pages, activities, and infographics in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and Arabic.

There are several children's sawfish books you may find online or at your local library or bookstore including Frank the Sawfish by Stephanie Matthews, Sandy the Sawfish Seeks Self Control by Jennifer J. Swanson, The King of the Fishes by Ruth H. Leeney, and The Adventures of Sonya the Freshwater Sawfish by Stirling Peverell. Want to see a sawfish giving birth? Check out this amazing video <https://marinelab.fsu.edu/news-around-the-lab/dr-grubbs-documents-pregnant-sawfish-giving-birth-in-the-wild/>. Dallas Also see, World Aquarium: <https://dwazoo.com/animal-cams/shark-cam/>, Georgia Aquarium Ocean Voyager exhibit: <https://www.georgiaaquarium.org/webcam/ocean-voyager/>



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A Message From EVG School Principal Dr. Cherie Allison

Learning never stops for our EVG families and fifth grade is a testimony to this! Jason Mayberry our fifth grade teacher challenged his students to celebrate earth day by planting

something and they rose to the challenge!

Mr. Mayberry as well as many of our teachers have had 100% participation in CCPS elearning online. This has been an extremely

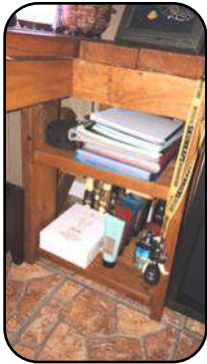


challenging time for our families, yet our kids are filled with grit and determination to keep things as normal as they possibly can.

We are aware that there are many families that are still finding this new learning extremely challenging at home. We have asked that anyone that is struggling reach out to the school by calling 239-377-9804 or you can email me directly at allisc@collierschools.com. We will all get through this together and all of our teachers and our guidance department are reaching out to offer any support that you need.

Speaking of grit and determination. Trenton

Mayberry, one of our very own high school students decided that he needed a work space of his own if he was going to be successful in this new elearning platform. He scoured his home and found reclaimed wood and built his very own desk! Our children may be struggling and out of the



classroom but maybe, perhaps, they are learning just how strong and resilient they really are.

It would be remiss of me if I did not mention our most special group of students. My heart, at this time, particularly goes out to our seniors. These are a group of individuals like no other I have ever met and they deserve everything that they have missed so far. The district is working diligently on plans to celebrate these students and when it is safe to do so we are going to recognize them with the celebration that they so well deserve.

Note: See kindergarten registration information on page 6.

Taxing Things by Mike the Tax Guy IRS Economic Relief Efforts



WHAT IT MEANS FOR YOU & WHEN YOU CAN EXPECT IT.

Stimulus Payments:

- ▶ If you filed a 2018 or 2019 tax return and received your refund by direct deposit, the IRS will use that bank information to distribute your payment.
▶ If you receive Social Security by direct deposit, that bank information will be used.
▶ If you have not filed a return for 2018 or 2019, you will need to access the IRS tool for 'Non-Filers' to provide bank information.
▶ If you filed 2018 or 2019 tax return and owed a payment by direct withdrawal, that bank information will NOT be used. Instead you must also access the 'Non-Filers' tool to provide information.
▶ If you do not have a bank account and have filed with the 'Non-Filers' tool, you will receive a check by mail; however, much later than direct deposit.

Link: https://www.irs.gov/coronavirus/non-filers-enter-payment-info-here

Economic Injury Disaster Loan Assistance Program

This program is for any small business with less than 500 employees, including sole proprietorships, independent contractors and self-employed persons.

- ▶ Based on available funding, applicants will be processed on a first-come, first-served basis.
▶ Funds will be made available within days of a successful application.
▶ This loan advance will not have to be repaid. See link: https://www.sba.gov/funding-programs/loans/coronavirus-relief-options/economic-injury-disaster-loan-emergency-advance

Florida Unemployment

- ▶ The unemployment website has been updated in order to accommodate the overwhelming amount of applications.
▶ Florida government is reassigning around 2000 state workers to assist in processing paper applications.
▶ Unemployment forms are available at Collier County public library locations.
▶ Residents can pick up an application along with a mailing envelope at an unstaffed table outside the library entrance.
▶ Residents can complete the application at home and mail it.
https://www.colliercountyfl.gov/your-government/divisions-a-e/communication-customer-relations-division/collier-county-covid-19/covid-19-business-resources

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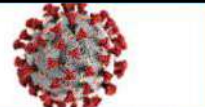
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**SYMPTOMS**

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- Fever (100.4°F/38°C or higher)
- Dry Cough
- Shortness of breath

If you develop these emergency warning signs for COVID-19, get medical attention immediately:

- Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath
- Persistent pain or pressure in the chest
- New confusion or inability to arouse
- Bluish lips or face

Here is a link to the CDC symptom checker online:  
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/symptoms-testing/index.html>

Please note that some people may carry the COVID-19 virus and show no symptoms whatsoever.

These individuals can still transmit the disease. It is critical that you keep a safe distance from all persons outside of your immediate household during this time!

**NEED A TEST FOR COVID-19?**

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My Little Slice of Paradise by Kathy Brock

The new normal is quite abnormal it seems. Just when you thought we were recovering nicely from Hurricane Irma...BAM! Another challenge upon us.

Nothing is like what it was! Not even the Mullet Rapper! Yes. It is true, the one thing you can always count on is change. Whether it is wanted or not, change seems to happen and we simply must adjust to it.

This particular change is different because it is affecting everyone all across the world all at the same time.

Some people are reacting with anger, others with anguish and some take it in stride. Regardless of our reaction, the situation remains the same. There is a virus. Most of those who get it will recover. Some will not even know they had it. And others will die from it. All of those statements are true.

The test before us is how we cope. Many are suffering. Some are suffering

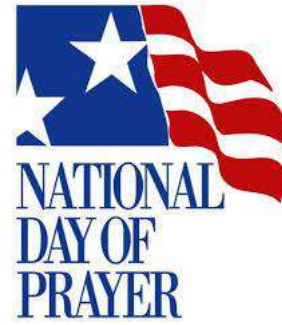
because their business is closed. Some are out of work and are struggling financially, and others have lost loved ones. Kids are not in school. Parents have become teachers and teachers have become IT specialists. The world is upside down.

Over the coming weeks our State, County and City leaders will be making difficult decisions. If they open too early, more people will get sick and some could die. If they wait too long, businesses could fail and local economies will suffer. No matter what they do no one will ever say it was perfect timing.

There will be criticism and they know it. What may be good for one family or business could be devastating for another and something in between pleases no one. Honestly, we should expect to have inconveniences during a pandemic. Anything else would be naïve. Yes. These are extraordinary times.

National Day of Prayer

Thursday May 7, 2020, 7 am to 9 am  
Submitted by Pastor Bob Wallace



The National Day of Prayer held at 11:00 AM on the front steps of Everglades City Hall each year will not be held this year.

However, The National Day of Prayer will not be canceled nor postponed. The national observance

will still take place from 7-9 a.m. Thursday, May 7.

The observance will be broadcast, streamed and posted in many ways, including on nationaldayofprayer.org. In addition, it can be seen on Facebook Live that will be cross-posted by many partners, Instagram, and more.

It can be viewed on television on GodTV, Daystar, NLC, and possibly more to come, and on radio through Moody and Bott Radio Networks.

While the number of people you pray beside in person, or in the same room, may be different this year, the prayers we pray will be multiplied and amplified. Across our homes, neighborhoods, cities, states, nation and the world through many creative and innovative ways, all are planning to "Pray God's Glory Across the Earth!"

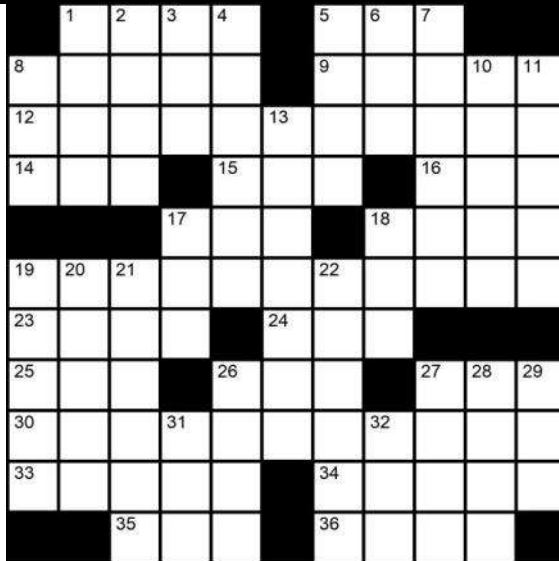
Annual Fish Fry Canceled

The annual fish fry honoring our local first responders has been canceled due to Covid-19 social distancing requirements. Our gratitude has not been canceled. We thank and honor all first responders, police and medical communities. You are true heroes!

MULLET RAPPER CROSSWORD

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- 1 Doorframe part
- 5 Eggs go with
- 8 Vehicle on Mars or the Moon
- 9 Type of wish
- 12 Target of statin drugs
- 14 --- Arbor, MI
- 15 Network which created "Cribs"
- 16 Tina's former partner
- 17 Meadow
- 18 Parade wrecker
- 19 First pair in the first garden
- 23 Comply
- 24 Anger
- 25 The mailman's busy this month



5/2/20

Down

- 1 A Beatle
- 2 "Calling" Co.
- 3 Director --- Brooks
- 4 German city on the Weser River
- 5 Man cave centerpiece
- 6 Affirmative vote
- 7 Moses' sister
- 8 First U.S. color TV maker
- 10 Cell brand
- 11 First orbital American
- 13 Game venue
- 17 "Now I \_\_\_ Me Down to Sleep"
- 18 Eggs
- 19 Operandi or vivendi
- 20 "That rings ---"
- 21 Sweet secretion of flowers
- 22 Christmas decoration
- 26 Coarse file
- 27 Waiters wait for them
- 28 They might feature in 27 Down
- 29 "Something in ---" (Lorrie Morgan hit)
- 31 A sac fly collects one
- 32 Cereal grass



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