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Annual Blessing of the Fleet Kicks off Stone Crab Season *It is Time to Get Crackin'*

The annual Blessing of the Fleet took place on October 3rd. The weather was absolutely beautiful, and smiles were all around as the crab boats made their way down the Barron River and to the docks so that the area clergy could offer a blessing to each of them.



Organizer Tod Dahlke, who does a fantastic job each year, put together another great day of appreciation for the area's crab fleet. Many locals and some visitors enjoyed the beautiful morning at the historic Rod & Gun Club in Everglades City. Everyone clearly had a fabulous time.

The day would not be complete without the much anticipated coconut guava cake contest. This year's entries were all delicious and the judges had a very difficult time choosing a winner...so much so that we had to have a second taste of each to decide on a "winner". Honestly, the winners were the judges because we got to taste all four of the cakes, and we went in for seconds!



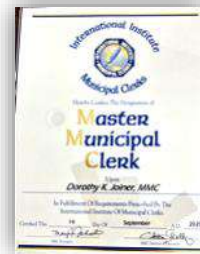
Stone Crabs went on sale at all of our local fish markets and restaurants on October 15th. This year, the stone crab season will close on May 1, so get your fill early so you don't miss out!

For a listing of local restaurants and fish markets go to the website www.VisitEvergladesCity.com and click on "directory".

Photos: Top, crab boats on the Barron River, Bottom, Cake Ribbon Winners! 1st place, Debbie Dowacter, 2nd place, Patty Bowen, 3rd place, Helen Bryan.

Dottie Joiner Earns Master Municipal Clerk Certification

Dottie Joiner, City Clerk of Everglades City is now officially a Master Municipal Clerk (MMC)!



The program is the more advanced of two certifications offered to Municipal Clerks by the International Institute of Municipal Clerks. According to their website, "The Certified Municipal Clerk program is designed to enhance the job performance of the Clerk in small and large municipalities. To earn the CMC designation, a Municipal Clerk must attend extensive education programs. The CMC designation also requires pertinent experience in a municipality. The CMC program prepares the applicants to meet the challenges of the complex role of the Municipal Clerk by providing them with quality education in partnership with institutions of higher learning, as well as State / Provincial / National Associations. The CMC program has been assisting clerks to excel since 1970.

There are only 146 MMC's in all of Florida, and 1388 worldwide.

The esteemed political science Professor William Bennett Munro, writing in (1934), stated: "No other office in municipal service has so many contracts. It serves the mayor, the city council, the city manager (when there is one), and all administrative departments without exception. All of them call upon it, almost daily, for some service or information. Its work is not spectacular, but it demands versatility, alertness, accuracy, and no end of patience. The public does not realize how many loose ends of city administration this office pulls together."

Congratulations on receiving your MMC Dottie Joiner. Thank you for your commitment to Everglades City residents.

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Meet Everglades City School's Student-Athlete Kimberly Lopez Valle!
Submitted by Athletic Director Jill Whitcomb



Everglades City School is thrilled to see the return of high school sports this fall! October is that time of year when we honor our senior athletes! This year we have one senior fall sports athlete, Kimberly Lopez Valle. Kimberly has participated in volleyball and cross-country for the past four years! She is one of the top academic students in her class. She has participated in the Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership seminar and is currently our Youth Collier Leadership recipient. Coach Welch, varsity volleyball coach, had these wonderful words to share about our single senior athlete:

"Kimberly has the desire to excel in the classroom and in her athletic endeavors and she competes with a sense of fairness to all. She sets a high standard of sportsmanship, values her education, and is devoted to her family. I would describe Kimberly as having a "wholeness" of character because she has a strong sense of integrity (doing the right thing in a reliable way). Kimberly is the Co-Captain of this year's 2020 volleyball team."

Kimberly is also the captain of the Girl's Cross-Country team this year! She leads with a gentle spirit that inspires her teammates to be the best they can be! The passion Kimberly brings to the sports she participates in will help guide her through this wonderful journey we call life! Good Luck to Kimberly in all she sets her mind to accomplish! In her own very famous words of encouragement, "You got this Kimbo!"

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CHANGES IN REGULATIONS SHORTEN STONE CRAB SEASON BY FWC

Several recreational and commercial stone crab regulation changes go into effect in the next few weeks, just in time for the Oct. 15 season start date. Florida's stone crab fishery has experienced a long-term decline in harvest and is likely undergoing overfishing. FWC staff worked with stakeholders on these changes that are intended to increase the stone crab population and build resiliency in the fishery.

New regulations in effect this season:

- ◆ The minimum claw size limit will be 2 7/8 inches (an 1/8 inch increase).
- ◆ Possession of whole stone crabs on the water will be limited to two checker boxes, each up to 3 feet by 2 feet by 2 feet OR a total volume of 24 cubic feet. Checker boxes are used to hold crabs onboard a vessel before they are measured and legal-sized claws are removed.
- ◆ The season will now end on May 2.
- ◆ All plastic and wood stone crab traps will need to be outfitted with a 2 3/16-inch escape ring before the 2023/2024 season.



Recreational Trap Registration

As a reminder, recreational harvesters who are age 16 and older and fish with traps are required to complete an online, no-cost recreational stone crab trap registration and place their registration number on their traps before using them. To register, visit GoOutdoorsFlorida.com, sign in, click the blue "Purchase a License" button, scroll down to the "Saltwater Permits" section, and select "Recreational Stone Crab Trap Registration."

Upon completion, each person will receive unique trap registration numbers that must be included on each trap along with the owner's full name and address. This information must be legible and must be permanently attached to each trap.

Other tips and regulations

Care should be taken when removing the claws so as to not permanently injure the crab.

Claws may not be taken from egg-bearing stone crabs. Stone crabs may not be harvested with any device that can puncture, crush or injure a crab's body. Examples of devices that can cause this kind of damage include spears and hooks.

Recreational harvesters may take a daily bag limit of 1 gallon of claws per person or 2 gallons per vessel, whichever is less, and may use up to five stone crab traps per person.

Recreational and commercial traps may be baited and placed in the water Oct. 5, but claws cannot be harvested or possessed until Oct. 15. Traps that are not being fished should be removed from the water to avoid ghost fishing, a process in which marine species get caught in the trap for extended periods of time and are not harvested. Stone crab regulations are the same in state and federal waters.

For more information on harvesting stone crabs for recreation, trap specifications, commercial stone crab regulations and licensing information, go online to MyFWC.com/Marine.

Keep up to date with saltwater and freshwater fishing regulations on your phone by downloading the Fish Rules app in the App Store or Google Play. Learn more at FishRulesApp.com.

Looking for stone crabs? Find them at one of our local eateries or shops: www.VisitEvergladesCity.com

The 7th Annual SWAMP Celebration for the Parks at Clyde Butcher's Big Cypress Gallery! October 24 & 25, 2020



Each year Clyde and Niki Butcher host a fall festival at their Big Cypress Gallery. As part of the fun, we host "SWAMP Alongs", special swamp walks behind the gallery that raise money for the Swamp Water and Me Program (SWAMP) in Big Cypress National Preserve. SWAMP is an outdoor science education program that introduces thousands of 6th-grade students from Collier County to the Big Cypress every year on school field trips.

This year's Fall Festival / Gallery Open House with Clyde has been canceled as a result of COVID-19, but the SWAMP Celebration walks will be held with social distancing measures in place. Total attendance will be cut by 50% this year so be sure to register early to reserve your spot! This will be a very low key and safe event. MASKS REQUIRED

The walks are \$60 per person (use early bird promo code SWAMP10 through Sept 30 for a \$10 discount) with proceeds supporting the Swamp Water and Me Program (SWAMP) in Big Cypress National Preserve.

Walks are offered every hour Oct 24 & 25 from 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM. When you purchase your tickets, you select your time slot. Walks will leave every hour on the hour, rain-or-shine. Each walk is limited to 10 participants with social distancing measures in place.

Due to limited capacity for COVID-19 safety measures, you cannot switch your registered time slot the day of the event. Please plan to arrive 20 min before your walk to ensure you arrive at the gallery on time and have time to check -in.

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Ghosts, Goblins & Lots of Pumpkins!
There are some great decorations for Halloween in town!
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Age Connections

By Katherine S. Tullie

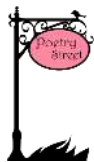


Whether we are young or old, we still share many similar thoughts experiences and emotions. We are more similar than we think to people that are younger or older than we are. If we try to reach across the age divide, we can experience love, friendship and knowledge. That is the theme of my poem today called "AGE CONNECTIONS."

No matter what the age
 People can be on the same page
 It matters not
 how old we are chronologically
 Our attitude is what matters to us logically
 For it is what is in our heart
 That gives us a jump start
 We can be young at heart at any age, I say
 Age connections
 can bring people together every day
 It is not the amount of wrinkles
 on one's skin
 It is more important to look within
 When we look inside
 someone's heart and soul
 You may find that they aren't very old
 Much in common can be found
 The similarities can
 knock us to the ground
 Never judge a book by its cover, I say
 The pages within the book
 may pave the way
 Seeing with our heart and soul
 Can change our lives whether we are
 young or old!

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10/17/2020	Sat	10:40 AM	-0.03	L
10/17/2020	Sat	4:04 PM	3.35	H
10/17/2020	Sat	11:02 PM	0.61	L
10/18/2020	Sun	3:27 AM	3.4	H
10/18/2020	Sun	11:28 AM	-0.13	L
10/18/2020	Sun	5:00 PM	3.15	H
10/18/2020	Sun	11:43 PM	0.76	L
10/19/2020	Mon	3:59 AM	3.4	H
10/19/2020	Mon	12:19 PM	-0.16	L
10/19/2020	Mon	6:01 PM	2.9	H
10/20/2020	Tue	12:26 AM	0.9	L
10/20/2020	Tue	4:38 AM	3.33	H
10/20/2020	Tue	1:11 PM	-0.1	L
10/20/2020	Tue	7:07 PM	2.66	H
10/21/2020	Wed	1:12 AM	1.02	L
10/21/2020	Wed	5:26 AM	3.18	H
10/21/2020	Wed	2:09 PM	0.02	L
10/21/2020	Wed	8:21 PM	2.48	H
10/22/2020	Thu	2:07 AM	1.12	L
10/22/2020	Thu	6:31 AM	2.98	H
10/22/2020	Thu	3:15 PM	0.16	L
10/22/2020	Thu	9:44 PM	2.39	H
10/23/2020	Fri	3:30 AM	1.16	L
10/23/2020	Fri	8:09 AM	2.78	H
10/23/2020	Fri	4:28 PM	0.28	L
10/23/2020	Fri	11:09 PM	2.41	H
10/24/2020	Sat	5:00 AM	1.11	L
10/24/2020	Sat	9:43 AM	2.69	H
10/24/2020	Sat	5:35 PM	0.36	L
10/25/2020	Sun	12:16 AM	2.49	H
10/25/2020	Sun	6:12 AM	0.98	L
10/25/2020	Sun	11:02 AM	2.68	H
10/25/2020	Sun	6:35 PM	0.42	L
10/26/2020	Mon	12:47 AM	2.59	H
10/26/2020	Mon	7:10 AM	0.83	L
10/26/2020	Mon	12:12 PM	2.74	H
10/26/2020	Mon	7:27 PM	0.47	L
10/27/2020	Tue	1:08 AM	2.7	H
10/27/2020	Tue	7:57 AM	0.67	L
10/27/2020	Tue	1:09 PM	2.81	H
10/27/2020	Tue	8:12 PM	0.52	L
10/28/2020	Wed	1:30 AM	2.81	H
10/28/2020	Wed	8:37 AM	0.51	L
10/28/2020	Wed	1:52 PM	2.87	H
10/28/2020	Wed	8:52 PM	0.58	L
10/29/2020	Thu	1:53 AM	2.9	H
10/29/2020	Thu	9:14 AM	0.37	L
10/29/2020	Thu	2:29 PM	2.89	H
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10/30/2020	Fri	2:17 AM	2.98	H
10/30/2020	Fri	9:48 AM	0.25	L
10/30/2020	Fri	3:03 PM	2.88	H
10/30/2020	Fri	10:00 PM	0.71	L

RIP Sammy Katz
 By Elaine Middelstaedt

I do not remember when David and Diana Curry offered us two "tuxedo" kittens that had been born in North Miami near David's paint shop, but it certainly was more than ten years ago.



The two boy cats came with the names of Sylvester and Rocky. Sylvester was appropriately enough a replica of the cartoon cat, but Rocky was quickly renamed as Sammy Katz, since he was much more of a kvetch than a fighter. We referred to the two of them as "half a cat, and cat and a half" because of their weight disparities. Sylvester was happy enough to spend most of his time indoors, but Sammy was our nearly feral cat. He spent most of his time outdoors underneath our stilt home, and usually under a car. He would come in when I picked up the paper in the morning, and nibble on the dry food before coming into the kitchen for a bit of canned food. If I had gone into my office, he would come down the hall and let me know with a few quick mews that he was ready to go back outside.

This morning, he actually ate a bit from four food bowls before asking to go outside. I attended the MPO meeting via Zoom, which ended around 10 a.m. and was catching up on emails, getting ready to leave for engagements in Naples, when suddenly there was an unusual thunderous sound on my back deck and a cat screech. I ran to the slider in my bedroom to the sight of a large black dog attacking my little Sammy!

Long sad story short, two big dogs had come into my fenced in yard through a gate unfortunately left open, and had run up the back stairs and had attacked my little cat. He was on his back being bitten and stomped upon. I took him to my vet, and he had such severe injuries that he had to be put down.

Looking on the bright side, he was himself and lived life to the fullest, until the final few hours. It was fortunate that we were home when the attack occurred, and were able to get him quickly to the vet for evaluation. His last minutes were at peace, purring while being petted, before the euthanasia.

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The Island Kitchen

My Stone Crab Mustard Sauce
By Kathy Brock

Ingredients:

- 1 Cup Mayonnaise
- 3 tablespoons Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon horseradish
- 3 dashes (or more) cayenne pepper



It is that time of year again. *It's time to get cracking!* Stone crab season started on October 15th, so if you haven't had any yet, what are you waiting for?

No two mustard sauces are alike! This recipe is a bit spicier than most, but if you like spicy give it a try. I would add a 1/2 teaspoon or more of the cayenne pepper, but that may be a bit too much for some - so taste and add the pepper to taste. It may also be eliminated altogether.

If you prefer your crabs warm with butter, that is easy too. Just boil water and drop the crabs in for a minute, just enough to heat them. Serve them with garlic butter for dipping. No matter how you prefer them, it is quick, easy and delicious!

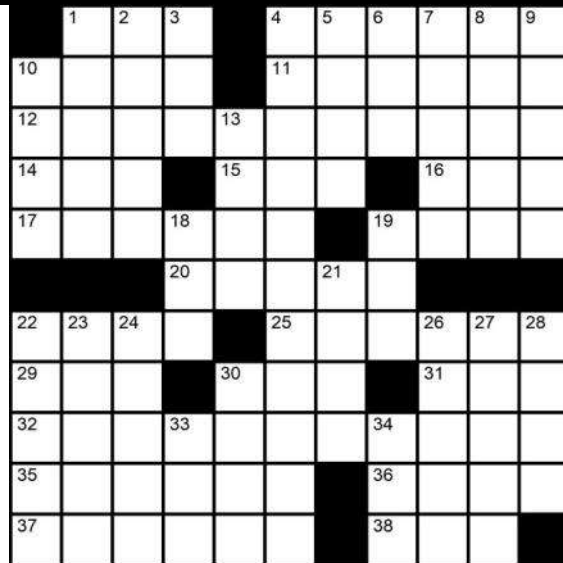
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- 30 Hindu honorific
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10/17/20

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- 10 Celebration suffix
- 13 Nasdaq events
- 18 Witty remark
- 19 Miss, once?
- 21 On the job
- 22 Trembling poplar
- 23 Carried
- 24 Apply
- 26 Plant firmly
- 27 Pale purple
- 28 Guitar ridge
- 30 Low-down horizontal beam
- 33 Half a colon
- 34 Simplicity simile



My Little Slice of Paradise
by Kathy Brock

Last Friday I was on my way to meet my friend Elaine in Naples to take care of some Historical Society business when I got a call from her that her cat had been attacked by 2 dogs on her upstairs back deck. Unfortunately her little cat did not make it.

Throughout childhood and as an adult I have had the pleasure of sharing my life with paws and snouts.

Dogs are wonderful, and many of us do share our lives with them, but they *are* animals. And like most animals, they have a "prey drive". Some breeds are more driven to hunt then others, but most of the dogs I have had loved to hunt day and night.

Many dogs like a couple of mine had no qualms about going after cats. They were not brought up with cats so they saw them as intruders, if not prey. Additionally, some of my dogs were "dog aggressive". They loved people but they had no room for other furry friends. Each dog has its own unique personality.

It is the dog owner's responsibility to keep control of their pets at all times. There really are no excuses. If an older person was walking their little dog and those 2 dogs attacked, it could have resulted in a serious injury to the unsuspecting dog walker and their pet.

In an area where people walk and bike ride, it is important that we all do our part to help prevent these types of situations. Accidents do happen, and that is understandable. But I too have been chased by dogs off leash with no humans around when I was down by Elaine's house - so this is not an isolated incident.

Please, if you are a dog owner, do whatever you must to keep your pets on your property. It what a good neighbor would do.



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FOR RENT: Efficiency apartment in Everglades City. Monthly or seasonal, for 2 adults; kitchenette, W/D, includes utilities and use of dock. No smoking or pets. For more information call 239-253-3942.

FOR SALE: Large Outdoor Resorts waterfront lot #149 w/ aluminum boat lift. Overlooks Chok Bay, new Trex deck, steps for kayak launch, custom landscape + ORA amenities. Call Jennifer Brown at 239-494-7270 or Dan at 954-579-2364.

BOAT RENTAL WANTED: 73 Y/O responsible experienced previous boatowner looking to rent small pontoon or small skiff just to fish locally. Possibly 5-10 times/month. Call 330-819-8636.

www.VisitEvergladesCity.com

LOCAL BUSINESS INFO

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RIGHT CHOICE SUPERMARKET 9 am—7 pm Daily

WINCAR HARDWARE

8: 30 am—5 pm MON—SAT

CAMELLIA STREET GRILL

M-SAT, 11am—7 pm, (239) 695-2003

CITY SEAFOOD

HAVANA CAFÉ, daily 9—4 239-695-2214

8 am—3 pm Daily (239) 695-4700

HOLE IN THE WALL PIZZA

M-Th 11-7 pm, Fri & Sat 11-9pm (239) 695-4444

ISLAND CAFÉ

6 am -9 pm Daily (239) 695-0003

MARATHON GAS/NELY'S

6 am—10 pm (239) 695-4222

ROD AND GUN CLUB

12 pm—8 pm (239) 695-2101

TRIAD SEAFOOD

Open Daily 10:30 am—4:00 pm

MUSEUM OF THE EVERGLADES

Open 9 am— 4 pm Tues-Sat

THE FOOD BANK IS OPEN!

Wednesday, 11 am to 2 pm

Everglades Community Church

Drive up service only. Food is distributed on the back deck.

General Questions:

If you have any questions, call Everglades City Hall (239) 695-3781.

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