The MULLET RAPPER



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

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The Mullet Rapper Lives On! By Denise Wauters

It is with excitement and a few nerves that I



and a few herves that I accept the role of Publisher for *The Mullet Rapper*! I admire the wholesome news, historical roots and the sincere community spirit that the "Rapper" offers to residents and visitors of the Everglades area.

Because of the contributions and loyalty from area residents and readers, *The Mullet Rapper* will stay the same, but with your input, will keep getting better too! My company, Paradise Web, is made up of talented individuals with diverse skills in marketing including web design, social media, copywriting, advertising, and event planning. We've been around the 'hood for some time and hold a respect and love for the area. Our success depends on our connections with all of you to ensure *The Mullet Rapper* remains a valued and successful community newsletter!

We hope you'll send us your suggestions, stories, photos and community news to MulletRapper@gmail.com.

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Nate Edwards 1st Annual Fishing Tournament By Olivia Johnson

The Nate Edwards 1st Fishing Tournament raised \$65,000 for our charities!

I want to express my appreciation to



our sponsors, donors, captains, anglers and the teams who donated their winnings back. And, many thanks to the volunteers who worked to make this event a huge success!

Congratulations to our Winners!

1st Place -Xerosolutions, 82.5"

2nd Place-Blackjack

3rd Place-Fish On USA

4th Place-Marina Mikes

5th Place-Short Stabbers

6th Place-Money Shots

7th Place-Rocket Cooling

8th Place-Straight Hook'n

9th Place-Rhino Diaries

10th Place-Garcia Companies

Kid Angler Winner-Stetson Dell

14" Triple Tail

Mystery Fish-Team-Team TLC

17" Triple Tail

Calcutta Fish-Capling Leveling

20.5" Pompano

It is with mixed emotions that we celebrate the success of this tournament in Nate Edwards memory. Nate was a wonderful young man who left us too early. He would be so proud that his tournament will help out so many people.

Proceeds will be donated to the Nate Edwards Scholarship for Everglades City School, Autism Services of Florida and LARC. The 2nd Annual Nate Edwards Fishing Tournament will be in October 2023.

NateEdwardsAnnualFishingTournament.com

Sawfish News By Tonya Wiley



Officers with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission Division of Law Enforcement arrested two men in October for using an illegal gillnet near Everglades City and

killing an endangered smalltooth sawfish. The men now face several misdemeanor and felony charges.

Sonja Fordham with Shark Advocates International, and a member of the U.S.

Smalltooth
Sawfish
Recovery
Implementation
Team stated
"It's tough to
read about the
illegal killing of
an endangered
sawfish, but
good to see
FWC Officers
taking the
offense
seriously and

publicizing



various aspects of the enforcement process. I'm hopeful law enforcement will also prioritize penalties for these individuals".

Gillnets are not selective therefore tend to catch both target and not-target species, which contributed to the decline of sawfish prior to the Florida gillnet ban in 1995.

If you see or catch a sawfish, follow the viewing and handling guidelines at SawfishRecovery.org then note its estimated total length, and the date, time, and your location with GPS coordinates if available.

EVENT CALENDAR - December 10, 2022 - December 23, 2022							
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
				Ladies' Coffee		Gift Wrapping	
				Island Café 8:30a		EVG Fundraiser	
			Food Pantry	Book Club, p7		10a-1p	
			ECC, 9:30-12pm	Museum Talk p.9			
18	19	20	21	22	23	24-Rapper	
				Ladies' Coffee			
				City Sea 8:30a	New Moon	Christmas Eve	
			Food Pantry				
			ECC, 9:30-12pm				
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	
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Christmas!				HavAnna 8:30a		Eve	
			Food Pantry				
			ECC, 9:30-12pm				
1	2	3	4	5	6	7-Rapper	
Happy New Year!		City Council		Ladies' Coffee			
		7:00 p		Island Café 8:30a	Full Moon		
		City Hall, EC	Food Pantry				
			ECC, 9:30-12pm				
8	9	10	11	12	13	14	
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			Food Pantry	City Sea 8:30a			
			ECC, 9:30-12pm				

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AREA BUSINESS 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-2:00p

Dr. Demartino: Seeing patients in Marco, call: (239) 642-5552

Lions Club: Meetings are on the 2nd Thursday of each month at 6 pm.

Museum: Open Tuesday-Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm, (239) 252-5026

Smallwood Store: Open daily 11 am to 4 pm, (239) 695-2989

Everglades Comm. Church Food Pantry: Wednesdays, 9:30am-1 pm

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

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OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Airport: (239) 695-2778 Big Cypress: (239) 695-2000 City Hall: (239) 695-3781

Curbside Trash Pickup (239) 252-2380, (Call Tuesday For Thursday Pickup) EVG National Park: (239) 695-3311 Fakahatchee: (239) 695-4593 Public Library: (239) 695-2511 Sheriff: (239) 252-9300

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Saturday, December 17 Gift Wrapping Fundraiser

Bring your unwrapped gifts to the school café between 10am—1pm and support the EVG Cheerleaders.

December 2022 1st Baptist Church December Praise Night—Saturday, December 17

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. Come and See!

Sunday, December 25 Morning Worship Service 10:00 AM

No Sunday School or Evening Service

January 3, 2023 City Council Meeting, 7:00 pm Monthly City Council meeting held in City Hall, 2nd floor. The public may attend.

Saturday, January 14, 2023 Everglades Music Festival

Enjoy local music and arts and craft booths, 11-6 pm, behind the historic Rod & Gun Club located in historic Everglades City. Get your (\$20 to \$50) tickets in advance or at the door. Extra tickets may be purchased as gifts for friends!

There will be food, beverages and the amazing views down the Barron River.

Proceeds benefit the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation's (ESHP) efforts to renovate the beautiful Bank of Everglades Building.

For more information visit the websites www.eshp.org, www.save-boe.org or email us at ESHP@hotmail.com

ESHP is a 501(c)(3) non-profit corporation.



COMMUNITY SERVICES & INFORMATION

THE FOOD BANK NEW HOURS! Wed. 9:30 am to 12:00 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."

Thrift Store Closed for repairs.

Please do not leave items on the porch when we are not open. They get wet from moisture overnight and get ruined. Thank you!

Everglades Area Information

The Everglades Area Visitor Center is located at 207 Broadway W., Everglades City. The Visitor Center is open daily from 10 am to 2 pm.

The Visitor Center needs volunteers/ greeters. For more info, Email ESHP@hotmail.com

You may access the area's complete business directory at www.VisitEvergladesCity.com.

Veterans' Assistance

Every Wednesday the Department of Veterans Affairs Readjustment Counseling Service will have a tent at Everglades Community Church on the circle. **No appointment is needed**.

Gloria Salmeron and David Soldano are there to assist and answer any questions.. The Naples Vet Center is located at 2705 Horseshoe Dr S, Suite #204, Naples FL 34104. Phone (239) 403-2377. FAX (239) 403-2388.



Island Café

305 Collier Ave., Everglades City, FL 34139 Monday - Sunday : 6:00 am - 9:00 pm Breakfast Served 6:00 am - 11:00 am Phone: (239) 695-0003 www.lslandCafeECity.com Mark Your Calendar! Everglades Seafood Festival February 17, 18, 19, 2023



The Florida Stone Crabbers Association (FLSCA) will kick off its 53rd Annual Everglades Seafood Festival on Feb. 17, 2023 outside Everglades City Hall, with an opening ceremony and a fireworks display.

Attendees enjoy live music, creative works from local artists, delicious seafood, cold beverages, and carnival rides.

This year, the festival's success is key, as many residents are still getting back on their feet after Hurricane Ian. "Homes and businesses were flooded for the second time in five years—first by Hurricane Irma, then Hurricane Ian," said festival coordinator Holly Dudley. "Families were displaced, and businesses worked hard to reopen, but we are bouncing back quickly. Funds from our 2023 festival will help the victims and commercial fishermen rebuild."

Friday night admission is free for all ages. Saturday & Sunday admission is a \$5 minimum donation for adults. Children and residents of Everglades City, Chokoloskee, and Copeland receive free admission on all days.

The host, FLSCA, is a non-profit organization founded May 2020 to help unite stone crab fishermen and advocate for their best interests.

Everglades City is a major producer of stone crab and it is the festival's mission to support our local fishermen and the local communities that keep these hardworking people in business.

For more information about the 2023 Everglades Seafood Festival, visit:

EvergladesSeafoodFestival-2023.com

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New Stars to Perform at Everglades City Music Festival on January 14, 2023 Tickets are on Sale!

There will be two new faces joining the well-known regulars at the Musical Festival sponsored by the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation (ESHP) on January 14 at the Rod & Gun Club in Everglades City.

SAVE the Bank of Everglades Building

, MUSIC
-FESTIVAL

Saturday, January 14
Rod & Gun Club, Everglades City
www.Save-BOE.org

Sarah McCullough grew up in the nearby Big Cypress, so her album "The Sawmiller's Daughter" has a strong local connection.

And, for the first time, Tom "Skid Row" Skudiero, another Southwest Florida star, will also entertain us.

They will share the billing with popular names such as JRobert, Raiford Starke, Valerie C Wisecracker, Marie Nofsinger, and The Florida Boys.

They are all donating their time & talents to make it a fun day out that benefits ESHP and the "Save the Bank of Everglades Building" restoration project and ensures this classic 1927 edifice is available for future generations. The plan is to use it as visitor center, artists' gallery, and a communal meeting place.

The project and the event are being organized by the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation, a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit concerned with keeping the unique heritage and atmosphere of this remote rural town which was the first seat of Collier County back in 1923.

To learn more about the Bank of Everglades Building rehabilitation visit www.eshp.org.

Get Your Tickets
Save-BOE.org/events

For Info, Call Marya at (239) 695-2905

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Praise Night, last Saturday of the month, light supper, music, fellowship at 6:30 pm!

All-ages Sunday School: 9:45 a.m., Sunday Worship: 11:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. Wednesday Worship: 6:00 p.m.

416 School Drive / P.O. Box 550, Everglades City, FL 34139, Call Us: (239) 695-3871

Hurricane Debris Removal December 15 for Curbside Pick-up



Collier County Solid and Hazardous Waste Management Division has reached its hurricane removal milestone ahead of schedule.

Residents of Evacuation Zone A, which includes the City of Naples, City of Marco and Everglades City, have until Thursday, Dec. 15 to place all hurricane debris at the curb.

"Despite the challenges the hurricane has brought, we are grateful for our progress in getting our community cleaned up," said Division Director Kari Hodgson. "I'm pleased to report that we have collected 80% of the debris that has been placed at the curb. We realize that there is more to do and want to reassure our residents that all debris will be removed."

For more information on the correct way to separate hurricane debris at the curb, visit colliercountyfl.gov/hurricaneprep. For the latest news on solid waste collection, follow social media channels including www.facebook.com/CollierGov and www.twitter.com/CollierGov. Residents may call Public Utilities Customer Service at 239-252-2380.

Looking to help?

A lot of area homes in the City of Everglades and surrounding areas were substantially damaged due to Hurricane Ian. If you would like to assist, volunteer or donate please contact us. The Communities of the Everglades Disaster Recovery Committee (CEDR), a local 501c3 is here to help and organize the recovery and rebuilding of our area. Contact us at 239-695-3781.

Plantation Island Residents

The Plantation Island Waterways Pre-Design Study Public Information Meeting that was canceled due to impacts from Hurricane Ian will be rescheduled at a later date.

For more information, call the Transportation

Management Services Department at

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Everglades National Park reopens Everglades City location



On November 11, Everglades National Park reopened the Gulf Coast area of the park in Everglades City with limited services.

Restrooms, parking and the canoe/kayak launch reopened to provide paddlers with access to the 10,000 Islands and wilderness camping.

On November 20, Everglades Florida Adventures, the park's authorized concessioner in Everglades City, resumed boat tours, rentals and the sale of retail and limited convenience items. Additional retail, food and beverage are available at their newly renovated building nearby.

"We are so pleased to welcome back visitors to our Everglades City location," said **Pedro Ramos, superintendent of Everglades and Dry Tortugas National Parks.** "The devastation that Hurricane Ian caused has impacted us all. We are so fortunate to be able to restore these services for all to enjoy their national park."

All areas of the park, including most backcountry campsites, are now open. Wilderness Permits for camping overnight in the backcountry can be obtained online at Recreation.gov or in person at the <u>Nathaniel P. Reed Visitor Center</u> in Big Cypress National Preserve.

American Red Cross Financial Assistance

The Red Cross is providing financial assistance, based on household size, to people whose homes were confirmed to have been destroyed or sustained major structural damage from Hurricane Ian in September 2022, or Hurricane Nicole in November 2022.

A residence that is destroyed is one that is a total loss or with damage so extensive that repair is not feasible. For more information and steps to register for an appointment, please see <u>Redcross.org/Ian</u>

New Deadline for FEMA assistance is January 12, 2023

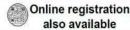


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711 or Video Relay Service (VRS): 1-800-621-3362





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Points of Pride—Everglades City School By Principal Dr. Cherie Allison



The holidays have come to Everglades City School thanks to our fabulous PTO!!

Not only did they decorate the elementary hallway, but they spread their joyful cheer to include the middle and high school this year!! Thank you, ladies, for all that you do for our students.

As of this week Everglades City School's 5th Grade class has read a whopping 114 non-fiction books in ONE month!

This was a class effort with every student reading over ten books to accomplish this feat. The students surpassed the school record!

Mrs. Owen, our incredible Media specialist, will celebrate all students that participated.

Meals of Hope

Community Outreach

On Saturday, December 10, Everglades City School's student government is sponsoring its first community outreach with Meals of Hope for all 2nd through 12th grade students.

Between 10am and Noon, 50 volunteers will pack 25,000 meals! If you are a volunteer through Collier County Public Schools, you are welcome to join us. Students should turn in their permission slips before the event!

Gift Wrapping Fundraiser HO! HO! HO!

The Everglades City School cheerleaders will hold a gift wrapping fundraiser on Saturday, December 17 in the EVG cafeteria from 10am-1pm.

This is a great opportunity to support our students, so bring your gifts to be wrapped!!





Holiday Season Activities in Collier County

December 10

Cookies & Milk with Santa at Donna Fiala Eagle Lakes Community Park. Saturday, December 10, 2022, 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Cost: \$2 Donna Fiala Eagle Lakes, 11565 Tamiami Tr E, Naples, (239) 252-3527

Christmas Around the World at Immokalee Sports Complex

Sat., December 10, 5:00 p.m. - 10:00 p.m. Cost: FREE Immokalee Sports Complex, 505 Escambia St, Immokalee, (239) 252-1951

December 16

Rudolph and Friends at Vineyards Community Park

Friday, December 16, 2022, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Cost: \$20 per couple, \$7 for each additional person. Vineyards Community Park, 6231 Arbor Boulevard West, Naples, (239) 252-4105

Big Corkscrew Island Regional Park Grinchmas Family Event Friday, December 16, 2022, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Cost: \$7 Big Corkscrew Island Regional Park, 810 39th Avenue North East, Naples, (239) 252-4900

Christmas Party (5 – 11 Years) at Max Hasse Community Park Friday, December 16, 2022, 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Cost: \$20 per couple, \$7 for each additional person. Max Hasse Community Park, 3390 Golden Gate Boulevard West, Naples, (239) 252-4200

December 17

Pancakes & Pajamas at Immokalee South Park

Saturday, December 17, 2022, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Cost: \$5 Immokalee South Park, 418 School Drive, Immokalee (239) 252-4677

Santa Paws at Veterans Community Park

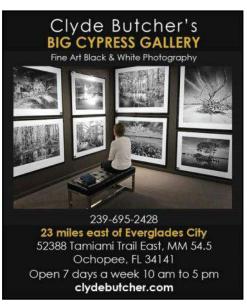
Saturday, December 17, 2022, 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m. Cost: \$10 Bring your dog to the Veterans Park's Rover Run on Saturday, December 17, to get a picture with Santa! Veterans Community Park, 1895 Veterans Parks Drive, Naples, (239) 252-4682

December 22

Winter Wonderfit at Donna Fiala Eagle Lakes Community Park Thursday, December 22, 2022, 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Cost: FREE This is a members-only event. Join us for our annual fitness member Christmas party. Bring a dish and come for food, games, and dancing. Donna Fiala Eagle Lakes Community Park, 11565 Tamiami Trail East, Naples, (239) 252-3527

For more information, call the Collier County Parks & Recreation Division at (239) 252-4000 or visit www.collierparks.com.

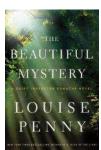






EVERGLADES BOOKCLUB SCHEDULE

The Everglades Book Club will meet the **3rd Thursday** of the month at **9:30 am (unless noted otherwise).** Anyone is welcome to attend. Questions, call Diann Lock (812) 361-7402.



December 15 - The Beautiful Mystery by
Louise Penny. Geri
Frieberger's home in
Everglades City.

January 19 - West With Giraffes at Diann Lock's home.

February 16 - *The Midnight Library* by Matt Haig

March 16 - *The President and the Freedom Fighters* by Brian Kilmeade

April 20 - *The Sentence* by Louise Erdich

Recommended ReadingMisses Benson's Beatles
The Book of the Lost Friends



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Getting Your Card List Ready Can Be Sobering By Rev. Bob Wallace



My wife opened a box the other day. It had in it the Christmas cards we received last year. Sending Christmas cards by "snail mail" seems a thing of the past, what with the price of Christmas cards and postage. Most Christmas greetings are sent by email, text, or Instagram these days. But there weren't a lot of cards in our box. So, we went to the computer to see what our mailing list could provide in the way of sending Christmas cards, and you know what? It was quite sobering. So many people we know, or have known, have passed. You stare at

a name, and it brings up a face in your mind's eye. You think of all the good times and precious memories you've had with that person. And now, they're gone. You may have taken trips with them. Visited in their home. Celebrated birthdays and anniversaries. Talked about their kids. You know, all that stuff. And now, they're gone!

So, we began talking about our friends, one by one. Some we had heard of their passing. Some we knew were in ill health. Some had lost a spouse or child. Then, we found a letter from a friend who always wrote a long letter telling about all the things they, and their children, had done the past year. Without a word between us, the letter was carefully put back into the box. It's funny how a letter like that can be a sobering reminder of our mortality and just how short life can be. But maybe, it can be a gift for this Season. How many friends have you told this year what their friendship means to you? How many get-well cards, or e-mails or texts have you sent with notes saying you hope they are getting better, and you look forward to seeing them again? How many phone calls have you made to your friends just to say "Hello"? How many times have you actually done something nice for your friends? It doesn't have to be much, because it's not just the thought that counts!

Well, it's time to get back to our Christmas list. A few names are missing this year, but new names have been added which makes the list worth its weight in gold. A friend is someone you've been close to for years. Or, it's someone who's becoming a new friend in your life. A friend could be someone you've bonded with over a favorite sport or tv show. A friend can come from all areas of your life. Most friendships involve someone who will be there for you, whether through simple words or by grand gestures. A friend isn't going to run away because they moved further away. Best friends know life gives many trials, and that's what makes friends stick with you through thick and thin. A good friend stays by your side and remains strong.

So, who's on your Christmas card list this year? Old friends? New friends? It's time to think of them and what they mean to you. Hold your friends close to your heart. Wish them a Merry Christmas, because it comes but once a year and brings with it the feelings, wonder, and memories to share for a lifetime. Light up the lives of those on your Christmas list with words that just might be what they need to cheer up their year.

Each day I am thankful for nights that turned into mornings, friends that turned into family, dreams that turned into reality, and likes that turned into love!

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

2nd Annual Everglades City Triathlon and Duathlon Saturday, January 28

Paddle, Ride and Run your way through the Historic City of Everglades. Recently designated a Florida Trail Town, your participation will benefit the youth of the Everglades. Enjoy the beauty of the Everglades as the miles flow by. Everglades City is home to some of our country's best seafood.

The Triathlon includes a half mile paddle (Kayak or SUP), 10 Mile Bike and 3.1 Mile Run. The Duathlon includes a 1 Mile Run, 10 Mile Bike and 3.1 Mile Run. Categories include Open, Individual Age Group and Team Competitions. The race is timed by Gulf Coast Runners. All participants receive a limited edition race t-shirt and finisher medal.

The race is brought to you by the collaboration of Drug Free Collier, Everglades City, Gulf Coast Runners, Naples Velo, Naples Pathways and the Trek Store.

To register, visit <u>TriSignUp.com/Race/FL/EvergladesCity/</u> <u>TriathlonandDuathlon</u>

*Note - Youth Pricing Available at Checkout for Individual Race Events (Under 18)

This event benefits the Everglades Lions Club.

For more info, contact Tony Pernas (305) 815-8849



Triathlon/Duathlon



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www.evergladescommunity.church

Exhibits and Events Museum of 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.

November 1, 2022—February 11, 2023 Gearheads in the Glades

This exhibit thoroughly explores the ways that swamp ingenuity was used to modify machines and motor vehicles to traverse and tame the Everglades. Both airboats and swamp buggies were spawned by mixing surplus airplane parts with boats, cars, trucks, and tractors. The history of these hybrids and mechanical Frankenstein creations will be told, with both vintage photos and actual vehicles included in the displays.

December 15, 2022, 2:00 to 3:00 pm The Art of Dick Jay

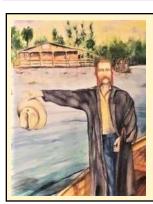
Museum of the Everglades Manager Thomas Lockyear will discuss the poignant and often whimsical way that artist Dick Jay captured historic events and personalities with paint and sculpture. Part primitive, part folk art, Mr. Jay's prolific work captured not only the essence of life in Florida's Last Frontier, but the spirit of the people living it..

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.

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



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History Corner Museum of the Everglades

Take a leisurely drive across the "River of Grass" and spend a lazy afternoon exploring the rich history of nearby Everglades City. Once accessible only by boat, this remote frontier trading town took an ambitious new turn in 1923 as the base of operations for county founder Barron Gift Collier's construction of the Tamiami Trail (present-day US Highway 41) – a road across the Everglades.



First opened in 1927 as a commercial laundry, the building that now houses Museum of the Everglades is one of several 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's permanent and rotating exhibits provide visitors with an in-depth look at over 2,000 years of human history in the area and tell the stories of those adventurous enough – and tenacious enough – to settle "Florida's Last Frontier".

Faithfully restored to its original, 1920s Collier-era appearance, the museum is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and is located 35 miles east of downtown Naples and less than 100 miles from Miami.

The Friends of the Museum of the Everglades were instrumental in the conversion of the old Laundry building into a Museum.

The Pauline Reeves Gallery is a designated space of the museum used to showcase exhibits. Exhibits are changed throughout the year to bring a variety of stories, artifacts and pictures to the museum.

To become a Friend of the Museum, visit <u>EvergladesMuseum.org/</u> <u>membership</u>

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No-Bake Snowman Oreo Cookies

Contributed by Denise Wauters Author: Tiffany Bendayan / LivingSweetMoments.com

Ingredients

1 Package Oreo Cookies1/2 lb Almond Bark or Candy coating1/4 cup Regular Chocolate Chips1/4 cup Mini Chocolate Chips1/4 cup Candy Corn



Instructions

Melt the Almond bark in the microwave in a small bowl. 60, 30 and then 15 second increments stirring between each until smooth.

Place an Oreo in the melted Almond bark. Flip it until coated. Place the cookie on a piece of wax or parchment paper.

To build the face, place a Candy Corn right in the middle of the cookie. Next, two regular Chocolate Chips, pointy end down, for the eyes. Now, place 6 Mini Chocolate Chips beneath the Candy corn to make a smile. Let cool and set at least 20 minutes. Store in an airtight container.

MULLET RAPPER CROSSWORD

Across

- 1 Windy City "L" operators
- 4 Feminine half, in Eastern thinking
- 7 20-20, for example
- 10 "--- Latest Flame" (Elvis Presley)
- 11 Grounded bird
- 12 "... --- a bottle of rum"
- **13** Try
- 15 Old crone
- 16 Director upset Soviet loner
- 18 Venus's Earthly sibling
- **19** Careful attention
- 20 Market segment
- 22 Coral and Yellow
- 25 "... When Autumn leaves begin ---" (Jacques Prévert/ Johnny Mercer song)
- 29 May remembrance time
- 31 "Call him drunken ---Hayes ..." (Peter La Farge/Johnny Cash)
- 32 Artist's medium
- 33 "--- the season ..."
- 34 Sparse fluid
- 35 Go astray
- 36 "I'm Dickens, ---Fenster" (Shortlived 60s ABC sitcom)

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- 37 Spanish "L"
- 38 Old food label letters

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- 4 Mocha native
- 5 Idealistic
- 6 Loco
- 7 Heavy Chevy
- **8** Cockamamie
- 9 Defeated by a nose

- 14 "Still, ..."
- 17 1958 Vincent Price movie thriller
- 21 Result of shouting too long or loud
- 22 One who shapes metal
- 23 Very strange
- **24** Gather
- 26 Harmonica virtuoso Larry ---
- 27 Scottish landowner
- **28** Sportswear fiber
- 30 Anger



My Little Slice of Paradise By Kathy Brock

I'm baaaack. As you know, the last edition of the Mullet Rapper was my final edition as publisher. And to mark my final issue, it was only fitting that I messed up the crossword puzzle!

Since that issue came out many of you have reached out to me to let me know how much you like the Mullet Rapper and how you enjoyed my tenure as publisher. A few of you also reached out to ask me if they were losing it or did I mess up the puzzle? No. You are not losing it! Yes, I botched the puzzle!

As evidenced by my aforementioned faux pas, my retirement did not come a day too soon. Today, I am simply a resident of Everglades City! And, as I understand it, there are about 10,000 islands out there to explore! And explore we will.

My goal for future columns is to write about some of our adventures in and around the Everglades area. Hiking, biking, and fishing, oh my. There are just so many things to do around here.

In the winter months, my absolute favorite thing to do is to go out and see the flocks of white pelicans on the outer islands. They gather in flocks of hundreds, and it is quite a spectacle! No matter how many times I see it, it never gets boring. If you are here and you have not seen them yet, make it a point to do so. Many of our private guides and boat tours regularly stop to see the beautiful birds.

Today, my toughest job is to balance my desire for birdwatching with Tim's desire to fish. The best day is a day we can do both.

Enjoying what you already have is something many of us forget to do. We travel to far-away places to see the sights and experience the visited area, but we often neglect to do the same things at home. How crazy is that when you live in a place as beautiful as this?

Yes, "retirement" does not mean that we are unplugging from this area, it means we are plugging into the vast expanse which is the 10,000 islands. And, according to my calculations if we visit one island a day, it's about 27 years of adventures ahead. Let the fun begin! Now, that's retirement.

Sincerely, Kathy B



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Obituary

Katherine S. Tullie May 5, 1951—November 24, 2022



Katherine S. Tullie of Boca Raton, Florida passed away peacefully on Thanksgiving Day, November 24, 2022, at her home. She was 71 years old.

Katherine led an active and happy life that was full of accomplishments. She was a giving and empathetic person who was always helping others. She was a shining beacon of love for the world.

Katherine graduated from South Broward High School in Hollywood, Florida and went on to obtain a Bachelor of Education Degree from Florida International University. After teaching preschool and elementary school in Florida and Northern California, she began her second career as a published Poet, Author, and Newspaper Columnist. She owned and published the popular Poetrystreet.com website and was the President of Poetry Street, Inc. She had thousands of followers on social media that read her poems every day.

Katherine was a longtime contributor for the Mullet Rapper. Over the years, she authored poems about Everglades City and about special occasions in the community.

Most of all Katherine was a kind and loving person that always considered others over herself. She is survived by her loving husband Richard (they were married 38 years) and survived her Brothers Edward Scrivani and John Scrivani and her Sister Susan Lerner. She loved and cherished them all.

Arrangements by Fred Hunter's Funeral Home in Hollywood, FL with burial at the Hollywood Memorial Gardens.

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