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News, Stories, Classifieds & Tide Table, More...

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Annual Everglades City Christmas Celebrations

The festivities included tree lighting, golf cart light parade, refreshments and a raffle at McLeod Park. Merry Christmas!



Mayor Howie and the children decorating the Christmas tree on the steps of city hall.

Photo by Jordan Grimm

Taxing Things

by Mike the Tax Guy

Before toasting the new year, taxpayers should review this to-do list.

Check Individual Taxpayer Identification Number

The IRS issues ITINs to people who are required to have a U.S. taxpayer identification number but who don't have, and are not eligible to obtain, a Social Security number. If ITIN was not included on a federal tax return at least once for tax years 2019, 2020 and 2021, the ITIN will expire on December 31, 2022. Individuals only need to renew an ITIN if it has expired and is needed on a federal tax return.

Find information about retirement plans

IRS.gov has end-of-year tax information about retirement plans. This includes resources for individuals about retirement planning, contributions and withdrawals.

Contribute salary deferral

Taxpayers can make a salary deferral to a retirement plan. This helps maximize the tax credit available for eligible plans. Taxpayers should make sure their total salary deferral contributions do not exceed the \$20,500 limit for 2022.

Donate to charity

Taxpayers must make any donation to a tax-exempt organization they want to deduct on their 2022 return by December 31. Most charitable cash donations qualify for the deduction. Cash contributions include those made by check, credit card or debit card as well as unreimbursed out-of-pocket expenses in connection with volunteer services to a qualifying charitable organization. (Continued on page 5)

Fishing For January

By Captain Mike Merritt



Fishing The Ten Thousand Islands in the cooler months can be challenging but rewarding.

Snook fishing in the back country will be better than the outside islands. The Snook will venture to warmer waters and provide more opportunities in the back waters and shallows. Of course there are still fish being caught offshore, but this is a totally different game these days with most anglers relying on their electronics.

Red fishing has been slower than normal this year. We were just starting to catch them in good numbers when the storm hit. It seems the shallow waters are best. We are catching fish on the outside on that incoming tide but not in large numbers.

Tarpon have been here in good numbers this year due to a warm November. They will thin out more as the temps drop.

If we get some cold weather and water temps drop, we should start catching Black Drum, Sheepshead, and Mangrove Snapper inshore and in the rivers. A client caught some 18" Mangroves a few days ago! Hopefully they will show up in the passes and rivers like they did last year.

Seatrout fishing has been steady but unless our seagrass beds recover, that may never be as good as it was. The Trout bite has been spread out these past years to shorelines, flats, rivers, and bars. You might catch Trout just about anywhere these days and I attribute this to less fish being on the flats.

Whatever you decide to fish for this month make sure you take along live shrimp because everything eats shrimp! Good luck fishing!

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EVENT CALENDAR - December 25, 2022 - January 28, 2023

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
25 Merry Christmas!	26	27	28 Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	29 Ladies' Coffee HavAnna 8:30a	30	31 New Year's Eve
1 Happy New Year!	2	3 City Council 7:00 p City Hall, EC	4 Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	5 Ladies' Coffee Island Café 8:30a	6 Full Moon	7-Rapper
8	9	10	11 Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	12 Ladies' Coffee City Seafood FEMA, p.5	13	14 Music Festival p.4 Bike Tour
15	16	17 P & Z	18 Food Pantry ECC, 9:30-12pm	19 Ladies' Coffee HavAnna 8:30a Museum Talk 2p Book club p.7	20	21-Rapper New Moon
22	23	24	25	26 Ladies' Coffee Island Café 8:30	27	28 Triathlon p.8 Praise Night

Feb 4-5: Meet Clyde & Niki Butcher, Big Cypress Gallery

Feb 17-19: Everglades Seafood Festival, p. 3

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 7 days, 10 am—2 pm
- 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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- Ochopee (239) 695-2099
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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
- Dr. Demartino, Marco Island (239) 642-5552
- EVG National Park: (239) 695-3311
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& INFORMATION**



*What's
Happening!*

**January 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.

**December 25
10 am**

Morning Worship Service

No Sunday School or Evening Service

**January 3, 2023
7 pm**

City Council Meeting

Monthly City Council meeting held in City Hall, 2nd floor. The public may attend.

**January 14, 2023
11-6 pm**

Everglades Music Festival

Enjoy local music and arts and craft booths, 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!

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.

**February 4-5, 2023
11 am - 4 pm**

Meet Clyde & Niki Butcher

Join the Butcher family at their Big Cypress Gallery on Saturday and Sunday, February 4th and 5th, 11 am to 4 pm for an Artist "Meet and Greet" event. Clyde and Niki will be available to sign books and visit with fans. Clyde's staff will be on hand to answer questions and assist guests. This event is free and open to the public.

The Big Cypress Gallery has been a source of inspiration for many of Clyde's monumental photographs; come enjoy the natural beauty of the unique landscape. tions? Call the Big Cypress Gallery (239)695-2428.

Food Bank

Wed. 9:30 am - 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."

Thrift Store

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Everglades Area Information

Open daily 10 am - 2 pm

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



**Local Business Directory
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For a complete list of local businesses visit our website.



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**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 hard-working 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 11 am - 6pm**

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.



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.

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Save-BOE.org/events

For Info, Call Marya at (239) 451-0265

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Wednesday Worship: 6:00 p.m.**

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Everglades National Park - 75th Anniversary
 December 6, 2022 the Everglades City Council approved of the following proclamation.



WHEREAS, "There are no other Everglades in the world" as stated by Marjory Stoneman Douglas in her famous book *The Everglades: River of Grass*; and

WHEREAS, biologist Charles Torrey Simpson wrote in 1916, "Who is there so devoid of emotion that he can gaze on the wonderful expanse of the everglades without a feeling of awe"; and

WHEREAS, the Florida Federation of Women's Clubs established a state park in 1916 on Paradise Key near Homestead to preserve the old-growth Royal Palm trees there; and

WHEREAS, the Topical Everglades National Park Association was formed in 1928 by Ernest Coe and David Fairchild; and

WHEREAS, the House of Representatives approved H.R. 2837 in 1934 establishing a national park encompassing the Everglades; and

WHEREAS, the Everglades National Park was dedicated on December 6, 1947, by President Harry S Truman at a ceremony in the town of Everglades; and

WHEREAS, since its dedication 75 years ago Everglades National Park has brought numerous visitors to historic Everglades City to explore nature and to enjoy our hospitality;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that by virtue of the authority vested in me as Mayor of the City of Everglades City I do hereby proclaim December 6th to be recognized as a significant day in our history.

Dated 6th day of December, 2022 and signed by Howie Grimm, Mayor and Dottie Joiner, City Clerk.



Credit: NPS Photo
 Pedro Ramos, Superintendent of Everglades

**Collier County Government
 Seeking Candidates for Advisory Committees**



The Ochopee Fire Control District Advisory Committee has two vacancies and two seats expiring in December for applicants residing in the Ochopee Area Fire Control Special Taxing District, and one additional expiring seat for a representative from Everglades City. This five-member committee advises the Board of County Commissioners on the budget and operation of the Ochopee Fire Control District. Terms are two years. Members of committees must reside and be registered to vote in Collier County.

To apply for this and other advisory committee vacancy, submit an application online at CollierCountyfl.gov/government/advisory-boards-and-authorities/online-advisory-board-application.

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 Redcross.org/Ian

Taxing Things (Continued from page 1) **IRA owners** age 70½ or over have the option to transfer up to \$100,000 to charity tax-free each year. These transfers, known as Qualified Charitable Distribution (QCDs) offer eligible older Americans a great way to give to charity before the end of the year. For those who are at least 72, QCDs count toward the IRA owner's required minimum distribution for the year.

Get banked and set up direct deposit

Direct Deposit gives taxpayers access to their refund faster than a paper check. Those without a bank account can learn how to open an account at an FDIC insured bank or through the National Credit Union Locator tool. Veterans should see the Veterans Benefits Banking Program for access to financial services at participating banks.

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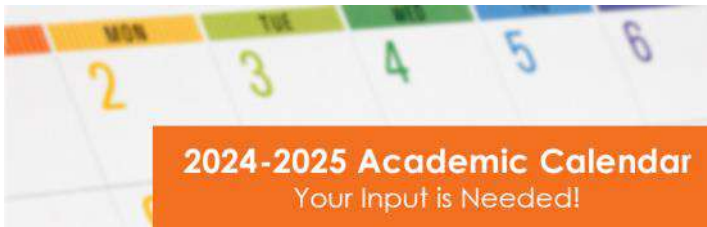
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In an effort to gather feedback from our employees, parents, and community members, we have posted the draft 2024-2025 academic calendar along with a survey which allows for specific input.

The survey will be available until 3:15 pm on January 4, 2023. We value your feedback.

To view the draft 2024-2025 calendar and provide your input, visit CollierSchools.com/calendar2425

Collier County Public Schools News

Thank you to Dr. Kamela Patton for her 12 years of service as Superintendent for Collier County Public Schools. Earlier this year, she announced her decision to make this her last year as superintendent. [Read More](#)

Welcome to Dr. Leslie Ricciardelli, who was named Interim Superintendent for Collier County Schools until the Board's appointment of a new superintendent. [Read More](#)

**Everglades City School
Have a Safe and Enjoyable Winter Break!**

Winter Break is December 19 through December 30, 2022. Students return to school on Tuesday, January 3, 2023.



Boat Parade from Kristy Small

**Splash On In For The Holidays
Sun-N-Fun Lagoon Opens for CCPS Winter Holiday Break**

Sun-N-Fun Lagoon Water Park will be open for Collier County Schools' Winter holiday break from Saturday, December 17, 2022, through Sunday, January 1, 2023, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The park will be closed Saturday, December 24, and Sunday, December 25.

Splash on in for the holidays at Sun-N-Fun Lagoon! Fun always starts at Sun-N-Fun Lagoon, a key destination for all. Sun-N-Fun includes four pools, a long lazy river, a splash playground, and exciting water slides.



Pool Entrance Fees:

- Free Ages 0-3
- \$13.00 (+ tax) Over 48" Tall
- \$ 6.00 (+ tax) Under 48" Tall
- \$11.00 (+ tax) Collier County Resident (Identification Required)
- \$ 9.00 (+ tax) Senior (60 and Over)
- \$ 8.00 (+ tax) Military

For more information about Sun-N-Fun Lagoon, visit NaplesWaterPark.com or call Sun-N-Fun Lagoon at (239) 252-4021.

Collier County Centennial

Collier County was established in 1923 so we will be celebrating the 100th Anniversary throughout the year. See CollierCounty100.com.



Our City lamp posts will be festooned with banners depicting historical sites. Watch for a booklet describing each of the photos on the banners and thanking our sponsors. See p. 9 for the history of Everglades City.

For info about getting involved in this project, contact Patty at (239) 719-0020.

Collier County Historic Highlights from 1923

May 8, 1923: The Florida State Legislature partitioned Lee County to create Collier County, Florida's 62nd county.

July 7, 1923: Collier County's new Board of County Commissioners held their first meeting at the Rod & Gun Club in Everglades.

November 29, 1923: Reported the first term of Circuit Court convened with Honorable George W. Whitehurst presiding. The official list of the first jury summoned for the term includes: W.H. Brown, J.H. Doxsee, Bruce Storter, C.A. McKinney, Dan R. House, J.M. Lassiter, Harry P. Thornton, L.V. Renfroe, Albert Addison, C.S. Smallwood, R.L. Storter, and Robert Roberts.

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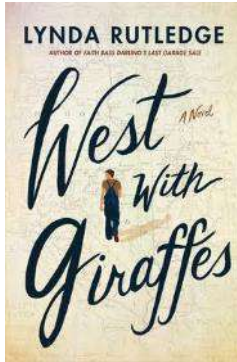
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EVERGLADES BOOKCLUB SCHEDULE

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.



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 Reading
 Misses Benson's Beatles
 The Book of the Lost Friends



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December 10, 2022 Puzzle Solution

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What To Do After December

By Rev. Bob Wallace



The month of December brings many major holidays that take up most of the month. Christmas celebrates the birth of Jesus Christ. Kwanzaa is celebrated by African American people to show unity and fight against oppression. Hanukkah is celebrated by Jewish people to commemorate the successful reclamation of the Second Temple, to name a few. Then comes January 1, 2023, the time for making New Year's resolutions. It can be a chore. Or it can be fun. Either way, here are some tips about making your resolutions for 2023.

First of all, don't do it if you don't mean it! The best way to keep from having a guilty conscience is to not make a resolution if you don't intend on keeping it! If you don't intend to change your habits, or mend your ways, don't make any resolutions! A lot of people love to tell others about the "new leaf" they're turning over in their lives. And as the days, weeks and months go by nothing happens! No one sees any change. Yet, you insist you have changed! Well, a lot of people think they're doing something when all they're doing is talking about it. So, don't try fooling others with your talk of change. Because if you do, you will only wind up fooling yourself!

Now, if you're really serious about this, make a list. Keep it conspicuously posted where other people can see it. Make a list of what you hope to accomplish during the coming year. All those things you know you should change, but you haven't gotten around to it, yet. So, a chart can really help if you keep one.

Try to find out what your friends have resolved to do during the coming year. A good friend may tell you, although it's said telling your resolutions is bad luck! Friends may have the same needs as you, and are being successful at how they are doing it. Maybe if you can find out how they're doing it, so can you!

When you get right down to it, keeping New Year Resolutions can be done, if they're realistic and attainable. You may have done some things for so long, they have become a habit with you. Most people fail because they set unrealistic goals which are unattainable. Don't make a goal that's unattainable! It's better to set one attainable goal and reach it, than to set several goals which will never be reached. Nothing succeeds like success. After you reach one of your goals, don't stop! Proceed to another. And then another. Never give up on yourself!

Now, when you reach one of your goals, treat yourself with something you have wanted. It will help you celebrate your accomplishment. Throw a little victory party for yourself. Give yourself something you've wanted for a long time. Splurge. Tell others what you've done. Nothing sounds better to one's ears than praise over a job well done. Bask in the praise of others. Be happy with yourself that you had the will, and the desire, to achieve your goal.

And after it's all over, don't give up. Don't go back to your old ways. One of the problems with goals is keeping the willpower to continue once you have reached your goal. So, after thinking about it, go ahead, make resolutions for 2023. But make sure it's something you really want to do before you do it. Then, stick with it! Be a winner! You'll like yourself a lot better if you do.

And as for me? Well, I'm still thinking about it! And by the way, HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Rev. Dr. Bob Wallace Pastor
 Everglades Community Church, Everglades City, FL.

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 Trisignup.com/Race/FL/EvergladesCity/TriathlonandDuathlon

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

This event benefits the Everglades Lions Club.

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**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**

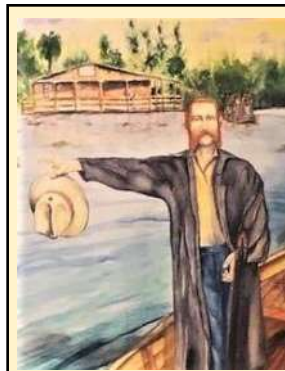
This exhibit thoroughly explores the ways that swamp ingenuity was used to modify machines and motor vehicles to traverse and tame the Everglades. Both airboats and swamp buggies were spawned by mixing surplus airplane parts with boats, cars, trucks, and tractors. The history of these hybrids and mechanical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

**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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**Celebrating The Centennial of Collier County
City of Everglades**

Everglades City is the Birthplace of Collier County. Following the Civil War, pioneer farmers began to settle in the Everglades City area, growing fruits and vegetables for northern markets.

After he and his family spent several years working local land owned by early settler William Smith Allen, George Storter Jr. purchased the townsite from him in 1889 for \$800.

Storter built a grand home on the bank of the river that would in later years be expanded and renamed the Rod & Gun Club by Barron Collier. Today that waterway is known as the Barron River.

George Jr. also opened a general store and applied for a Post Office. When the postal service rejected the name Chokoloskee (as the whole region was then referred to), brother Bembery suggested the name "Everglade" which he had seen used to demarcate the region on older nautical maps. The Everglade (the "s" was added by Collier in 1923) post office opened in 1891.

Storter soon discovered that wealthy northerners flocking to the region for legendary hunting and fishing experience would pay top dollar for guides and expanded his home to accommodate these clients.

Millionaire advertising mogul Barron Gift Collier came to Florida in 1911 and purchased the expansive home and private island of Chicago streetcar magnate John Roach. He also purchased a 300-acre grapefruit grove at Deep Lake (now a part of the Big Cypress National Preserve) 16 miles north of Everglade(s). A small, narrow-gauge railroad using a Model T fitted with flanged wheels to ride the track as its locomotive connected the grove to the frontier settlement at Everglade. This was the first piece of land that Collier purchased in the region that would later be known as Collier County.

As a highly successful entrepreneur, Collier couldn't help but notice the brisk business being done by the Storters as guides for sportsmen and imagine the possibilities his personal brand of advertising and promotion might yield. He made a deal with the Storters, purchasing the entire townsite including their home – which he expanded, improved, and renamed the Rod & Gun Club.

The Rod & Gun Club became an international destination for sports fishermen, celebrities, professional athletes, and high-ranking politicians.

Collier County was established in 1923 with Everglades at its county seat. The town grew quickly, adding a bank, department store and laundry as well as the first streetcar in Florida south of Tampa. The town also became the base of operations for construction of the Tamiami Trail. While the town survived the Depression, it struggled through the 1940s and 50s. As the population and business prospects declined, the Bank of Everglades was moved to Immokalee and the county seat to Naples in 1962.

Today Everglades City remains famous for its smalltown hospitality. Guests visit from around the world, to enjoy world-class fishing with 4th and 5th generation guides and unique local cuisine. The Rod & Gun Club remains in operation and the rich heritage of Everglades City as the Birthplace of Collier County is celebrated at Museum of the Everglades.

Source and Credit: CollierCounty100.com/history

Spicy Egnog
By Kathy Brock

- ½ cup sugar
- ¼ tsp cinnamon
- Dash allspice
- 1/8 tsp nutmeg
- 3 eggs separated
- 1 cup light cream
- 2 cups milk



1. Combine sugar and spices.
2. In large bowl, beat egg whites until soft peaks form.
3. Add ½ of sugar mixture and beat until stiff peaks form.
4. Beat egg yolks until lemon colored. Add rest of sugar mix and beat until thick and smooth.
5. Thoroughly fold yolk mix into egg whites.
6. Stir in milk and cream, and mix well

Friends of the Museum
Everglades Society for Historic Preservation
Thank You Franklin Adams

The Friends of the Museum welcomed Historian and Florida Gladesman, Franklin Adams, to speak at their annual meeting and luncheon on December 5.

He entertained everyone with memories of his early childhood exploring the Everglades, the old pioneers he would meet and their stories of living in the swamp, his commitment to preserve this area, protecting it from developers, and his message for us to help maintain what we all love about this place.

Franklin has co-authored a book with Nick Penniman (with photographs by Clyde Butcher) entitled *Enjoyment of the Same*, and he will be available to autograph copies of this book at the January 14th Music Festival which will be the first fundraiser in the new year hosted by the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation.

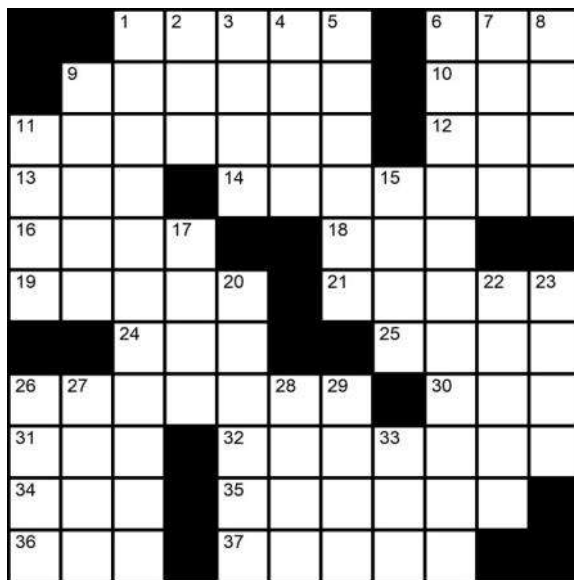
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Across

- 1 World's gambling center
- 6 Check
- 9 The Donald's youngest
- 10 Lawyers' league
- 11 Homilies
- 12 Range of knowledge
- 13 "--- a stupid question ..."
- 14 Manipulates seals we dissected
- 16 Brainy sort
- 18 Monogram for Jesus
- 19 Loft
- 21 "Unleaded" coffee
- 24 Ammo for a non-lethal weapon
- 25 Battle of --- Alto, 1846
- 26 Polls
- 30 "Blame It on ---" (1984 Michael Caine movie)
- 31 "Market basket" cost measure
- 32 Sushi wrap
- 34 AMEX alternative
- 35 "Darkness ---" (Koestler novel)
- 36 Bath water tester
- 37 No longer stuck with



12/24/22

Down

- 1 Going rate
- 2 Upper limb
- 3 Boast
- 4 Jim-dandy
- 5 Tacit
- 6 Handles ecofreaks at butchers
- 7 First murder victim
- 8 Prohibits
- 9 Assailed on all sides
- 11 Narrative of heroic exploits
- 15 Loyal Fort Benton dog
- 17 "The Great Gate of ---" (Modest Mussorgsky)
- 20 Comic Sid ---
- 22 Not from here
- 23 "---, glorious ---" ("Oliver!")
- 26 Caber tosser
- 27 "He's --- no good"
- 28 Abominable snowman
- 29 Quartz grains
- 33 Solicit

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SUNDAY CHURCH SERVICES
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Everglades Community Church 11:00 am Sunday Worship
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Holy Family Catholic Church Reopening November 27th
St. Finbarr Catholic Church, Naples Phone: 239-417-2084
San Marco Catholic Church, Marco Isl. 239-394-5181

BARRON RIVER TIDES

12/24/2022	Sat	1:40 AM	3.17	H
12/24/2022	Sat	10:23 AM	-0.73	L
12/24/2022	Sat	4:26 PM	2.16	H
12/24/2022	Sat	10:11 PM	0.73	L
12/25/2022	Sun	2:27 AM	3.14	H
12/25/2022	Sun	11:12 AM	-0.67	L
12/25/2022	Sun	5:15 PM	2.13	H
12/25/2022	Sun	11:03 PM	0.69	L
12/26/2022	Mon	3:24 AM	3	H
12/26/2022	Mon	12:01 PM	-0.52	L
12/26/2022	Mon	6:01 PM	2.12	H
12/26/2022	Mon	11:59 PM	0.64	L
12/27/2022	Tue	4:33 AM	2.77	H
12/27/2022	Tue	12:50 PM	-0.3	L
12/27/2022	Tue	6:46 PM	2.14	H
12/28/2022	Wed	1:01 AM	0.58	L
12/28/2022	Wed	5:50 AM	2.48	H
12/28/2022	Wed	1:42 PM	-0.05	L
12/28/2022	Wed	7:31 PM	2.18	H
12/29/2022	Thu	2:14 AM	0.48	L
12/29/2022	Thu	7:14 AM	2.18	H
12/29/2022	Thu	2:40 PM	0.2	L
12/29/2022	Thu	8:16 PM	2.25	H
12/30/2022	Fri	3:32 AM	0.35	L
12/30/2022	Fri	8:41 AM	1.94	H
12/30/2022	Fri	3:40 PM	0.41	L
12/30/2022	Fri	9:00 PM	2.31	H
12/31/2022	Sat	4:41 AM	0.18	L
12/31/2022	Sat	10:11 AM	1.78	H
12/31/2022	Sat	4:39 PM	0.58	L
12/31/2022	Sat	9:39 PM	2.4	H
1/1/2023	Sun	5:41 AM	-0.01	L
1/1/2023	Sun	12:16 PM	1.75	H
1/1/2023	Sun	5:33 PM	0.71	L
1/1/2023	Sun	10:26 PM	2.44	H
1/2/2023	Mon	6:36 AM	-0.16	L
1/2/2023	Mon	1:38 PM	1.81	H
1/2/2023	Mon	6:29 PM	0.78	L
1/2/2023	Mon	11:15 PM	2.48	H
1/3/2023	Tue	7:25 AM	-0.28	L
1/3/2023	Tue	2:26 PM	1.85	H
1/3/2023	Tue	7:21 PM	0.79	L
1/4/2023	Wed	12:01 AM	2.52	H
1/4/2023	Wed	8:09 AM	-0.36	L
1/4/2023	Wed	2:55 PM	1.86	H
1/4/2023	Wed	8:07 PM	0.78	L
1/5/2023	Thu	12:42 AM	2.56	H
1/5/2023	Thu	8:50 AM	-0.41	L
1/5/2023	Thu	3:08 PM	1.86	H
1/5/2023	Thu	8:47 PM	0.76	L
1/6/2023	Fri	1:19 AM	2.59	H
1/6/2023	Fri	9:29 AM	-0.43	L
1/6/2023	Fri	3:27 PM	1.88	H
1/6/2023	Fri	9:24 PM	0.73	L

Mike Owen is Retiring
By Patty Huff

The Naples Botanical Gardens was the site for Mike Owen's surprise retirement party on December 3. The room was packed with so many of his old friends, including Franklin Adams who gave Mike a welcoming hug at the party. We were all treated, once again, to Mike talking forever about his love for the Fakahatchee and the wonders within. Mike has been the biologist for



the Fakahatchee Strand State Preserve for 29 years, about the same time I moved here, so it's hard to imagine Fakahatchee without Mike. Years ago I asked him if he would take some high school students on a walk through the woods and he readily complied; it was an amazing trip with the kids learning so much. Another time I had booked a swamp walk with him and my sister happened to be visiting the same time. I told her about my plans, and she said what is a "swamp walk" and I replied, it's a walk in the swamp (of course) and she said WHY would you want to walk in the swamp with



gators and snakes. She did come along but was holding on close to me the whole way. Being out there with Mike and his excitement for the swamp makes you want to see and learn more. I'll be forever

grateful for the time Mike called to say that a ghost orchid was blooming and would I like to join them to see it. That will always be the highlight of my trips with Mike. Thank you, Mike, for all the experiences you have given to so many, many people who now know and appreciate our Fakahatchee. You will be missed!!!

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FOR SALE: Desirable corner lot available in Everglades City, 301 Storter Ave. S. Cleared corner single family residential lot. This lot is ready for your FL dream home. Located just off the center of town, walking distance to the everything. The Barron River and two boat launch ramps are just a couple blocks away. Listed by Glades Realty. A local broker with local knowledge! Karen@Gladesrealty.com Glades Realty 239-695-4299

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