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Everglades Seafood Festival February 11, 12, & 13

The Seafood festival is almost here! This year's festival will feature some exciting changes and a fantastic entertainment lineup!

New food vendors and food trucks will bring in the Gulf Seafood! That's right, all seafood served is fully vetted to be Gulf Coast harvested.

In addition, some exciting new booths will be here so you won't want to miss it!

Parking is available throughout the town at churches and other lots. Once you get into town, just follow the signs for parking. Please note that the medians in Everglades City are very soft and your vehicle will get stuck. Please park in designated areas only.

The entertainment schedule is fantastic with several popular acts coming to town. You can see the complete entertainment lineup on page 4.

Please do not bring coolers or pets to the festival. Please do not leave pets unattended in your vehicle.

For more information about the festival go to www.evergladesseafoodfestival.org.

We will see you on February 11—13!
Don't forget Friday night is family night!

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Calling All Businesses -The 22-Window Challenge!

by Patty Huff

Ten months ago, the Bank of Everglades building was donated to the Everglades Society for Historic Preservation, Inc. (ESHP), a local non-profit organization committed to preserving the history and heritage of the Everglades area. Bob Flick generously gave the building to ESHP for the purpose of protecting and rehabilitating this 1927 structure listed on the National Register of Historic Places.



In less than a year ESHP has made significant progress towards its goal to bring the building back to its original elegance and to serve as the Everglades Area Visitor Center as well as the Trail Town Headquarters. A new roof has been installed and architectural plans are near completion. In addition to the visitor center, a gift shop and a coffee bar on the first floor, there will be sufficient space for community events and small gatherings. On the second-floor office and retail space will be available. The new Visitor Center, owned and operated by our non-profit historic society, will be an information center for the entire COMMUNITY.

Years ago, we had a Chamber of Commerce, and we also had a Welcome Center in Carnestown at CR29/US41; this was all before Hurricane Irma. After Irma, ESHP stepped up to the plate and opened a new Visitor Center in the heart of Everglades City to serve as a resource for all the parks, restaurants, hotels, airboat rides, kayak tours, etc. for the surrounding area, not just Everglades City. That is why we are now reaching out to the entire community, to ALL businesses, to ask you to help support ESHP's continued efforts with the renovation of the historic Bank of Everglades building.

Since March 2021 ESHP has accomplished much, spending \$84,522.06 to clean out the building, tent it for termites, do exploratory demolition, complete engineering and structural analysis reports, architectural drawings, and the new roof! ESHP has been very busy raising funds to pay for all of these repairs and services; we will continue with frequent events to raise funds.

We are also reaching out to the community to see if twenty-two businesses would like to join the challenge for our window project. We plan to replicate the original 4' x 8' casement windows which will also be hurricane proof. The cost of each window is \$3,400 which includes installation. There are 22 windows, 8 on each side, 4 in the front and 2 in the back. Businesses will be able to choose (first come, first serve) the window they would like to sponsor, and the name of the business will be placed on a plaque under the window. For more information about the Bank of Everglades project, visit our project website www.saveboe.com or call Patty Huff at 239-719-0020. Thank you for all your help!



Photos: Top, Kelly Roofing on the job! Bottom: Bank Building circa 1927.

~ EVENT CALENDAR - February 6, 2022 - March 12, 2022 ~

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
February 6	7 ESHP, 9:00	8	9 Ladies Coffee Havana, 8:30a Food Bank ECC, 10:30-1pm	10 Lions Club, 6 pm	11 Seafood Fest! See p. 8	12 Seafood Fest! See p. 8
13 Seafood Fest! See p. 8	14 Valentine's Day	15 P & Z, 6 pm Code Enforce., 7 pm	16-Full Moon Ladies Coffee Isl Café, 8:30a Food Bank ECC, 10:30-1pm	17 Museum Lecture 2-3pm, p. 8	18	Rapper-19
20	21	22	23 Ladies Coffee City Seaf, 8:30a Food Bank ECC, 10:30-1pm	24	25 EHSP Talk	26 Art-in-Glades Exclusive Tour, p.3
27	28	March 1 Council Mtg, 7 pm	2-New Moon Ladies Coffee Havana, 8:30a Food Bank ECC, 10:30-1pm	3	4	Rapper-5
6	7 ESHP Mtg, 9 a	8	9 Ladies Coffee Isl Café, 8:30a Food Bank ECC, 10:30-1pm	10 Lions Club, 6 pm	11	12

March 2: Ash Wednesday

March 13: Clocks Ahead 1 hr.

March 17: St. Patrick's Day

March 18: ESHP Golf Gala, see page 7

April 17: Easter Day

AREA INFORMATION & NUMBERS:

AA: Wed., closed until further notice
 CARNESTOWN Recycle & Trash: 2nd Sat. of month, 9a-12p, 12:30p-2:00p
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 MUSEUM: Open Tuesday-Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm, 239-252-5026
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 SKATING RINK: Open Friday & Saturday, 7 pm to 10 pm
 SMALLWOOD STORE: Open daily 10 am to 5 pm, 239-695-2989
 THRIFT SHOP: Open Tuesday & Thursday. 11 am to 3 pm, info on p. 3
 VETERANS SUPPORT: Wednesdays at the food pantry, 10:30am-1pm
 VISITOR CENTER: Open 10 am—2 pm daily. (239)-232-4037
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**Everglades Seafood Festival
February 11 through 13
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Please read the article on the front page for complete details. The full entertainment lineup is on page 4.

**Saturday, February 26, 2022
Three Local Events!**

**Art-in-the-Glades
February 26th, 2022**

10:00 AM-1:00 PM, McLeod Park

You'll find interesting and unique items for sale in historic Everglades City, where local talented artists and crafters will set up their tables under the pavilion near the tennis courts. This is an informal event where your kids and well behaved pets are welcomed.

**Vendor space is free. Contact Marya:
239-695-2905**

ORA Bazaar

**February 26, 2022
9:00 AM to 11:00 AM**

The Annual ORA Bazaar will now be a huge Rummage Sale and we'll still have the "New 2 U Boutique", where we sell the clothing and jewelry. All other aspects of the Bazaar have been put on hold for now. This will be held at ORA, on Chokoloskee Island, on Saturday, February 26th. We will again open it to the public. The gates will open at 9:00 and it will run until 11:00. For more information please phone Sherri Parsons at 239-695-2281.

**Exclusive Tour of the Bank of
Everglades Building**

February 26, 2022, 11:30 am to 1:00 pm
Meet at the historic Rod & Gun Club for an illustrated lecture, lunch, and then a guided tour of the Bank to discuss the plans and to see the progress to date!

Limited to 10 persons, each will receive a special gift bag. \$150/ ticket. Tickets for this date and more dates for this event are available on the website. Reserve tickets at www.saveboe.com/events.

(See Special Event on P. 7)

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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.

There are also two brochure racks at City Hall with information about local businesses. You can visit City Hall Monday—Friday from 9 am to 5 pm.

**You may also 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 Drive South, Suite #204, Naples FL 34104. Office Phone (239) 403- 2377. Office FAX (239) 403-2388.

**Everglades National Park Gulf Coast
Center Guided Tour Schedule**



Everglades National Park Gulf Coast Center has a full calendar of ranger led tours from now through April of 2022.

The schedule includes daily boat tours that leave from the center starting at

10 am and throughout the day to 4:00 pm. There are several other guided activities available:

- Daily bayside chats at 4:15 p.m. and also at 10 a.m. on Mondays.
- Nature Walks at 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.
- Paddle exploration on Saturday and Sunday at 10:00 a.m.
- Paddle the morning on Friday at 9:00 a.m.
- Nature's Notebook on Friday at 10:00 a.m..
- Stargazing by the bay-times will vary (Saturday)
- Full Moon paddle, times vary (Saturday)
- Starlight Cruise, times vary (Saturday)
- Special Programs, times vary, (Saturday).

For all activities, reservations are encouraged. For more information about the programs, contact the Gulf Coast Center at 239-695-3311, or visit their website at www.nps.gov/ever.

**Download the full schedule at:
<https://visitevergladescity.com/wp-content/uploads/2022/01/GC-Sched.pdf>**



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**Everglades Seafood Festival
Entertainment Lineup
February 11, 12, 13**

Friday Night, February 11:

4:30 Opening Ceremony
5:00-6:00 Lost Rodeo
6:20-7:05 Special Guests
7:30 Fireworks and Charlie Pace
National Anthem
7:45 – 8:45 Charlie Pace Band
9:00 – 10:00 Raiford Starke

Saturday, February 12:

9:30 to 10:00am Opening Ceremony
(Chris Lombardo)
10:10 National Anthem Matrassa Lynn
10:15-11:00 Matrassa Lynn
11:30-12:20 Them Hamilton Boys
12:45-1:40 Hat Trick
2:00-3:00 Charlie Pace and the Boyz
3:30-4:30 Whey Jennings
5:00-6:20 Ryan Bingham
6:40- 7:30 Champ Jackson
7:45-8:30 Southern Stampede
9:00-10:00 Ira Dean

Sunday, February 13:

9:30 to 10:00 Opening Ceremony
10:05 National Anthem Charlie Pace
10:10-10:40 Billy Cass Prayer and
Music
11:00-11:45 Billy J & Collateral
Damage
12:00-12:45 Wes Shipp
1:05-2:05 Gator Nate
2:25-3:40 Hank Williams 4th
4:00-5:00 Raiford Starke
5:15-6:00 John Prestige (Johnny Dept)

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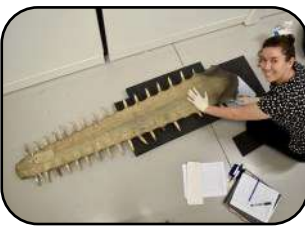
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**Sawfish News by Tonya Wiley of
Havenworth Coastal Conservation
Antique Sawfish Rostra Yield Valuable DNA,
Museum and Private Collections Aid Scientists**

Not only is it the most distinctive feature of a sawfish, but the rostrum (saw) also contains vital information.

Sawfish around the world are critically endangered, having suffered global declines in both range and abundance. Animal populations which undergo drastic declines in abundance are typically at risk of having reduced levels of genetic diversity and may be less 'fit', more susceptible to disease, and have a compromised ability to adapt to a changing environment. Very small populations also have an increased risk of inbreeding, which can lead to birth defects and unhealthy populations. The most direct way of quantifying any change in genetic diversity in sawfishes is to compare the levels of genetic diversity in contemporary populations to those from the past. Thankfully, old, dried sawfish rostra housed in public and private collections around the world contain the DNA of historic populations.



The long-term recovery of sawfishes is dependent upon populations being large and genetically diverse enough to adapt to changes in the environment, resist disease, and avoid inbreeding. If the levels of genetic diversity in contemporary populations are similar to those observed in historic sawfish populations, then the survival outlook for these animals may be good and recovery plans can focus on habitat restoration and protection. However, if the levels of genetic diversity in contemporary sawfish populations are substantially lower when compared to historic populations, then protecting the remaining genetic diversity should be a high priority for conservation and management plans.

Sawfish rostra are considered unique 'trophy' so many have been retained in both public and private collections. (Note: Antique rostra were collected prior to sawfish being listed under the Endangered Species Act. Now all sawfish species are protected in the United States and the removal or sale of sawfish rostra is illegal.) Sawfish saws are often preserved dry, so viable DNA is still present even in a 200-year-old rostrum. To understand the historic population, it is important to collect samples from as many old saws from as many places as possible.

And that is how you can help!! Do you own a sawfish rostrum and are willing to contribute a sample for science? Or have you seen a saw in a museum, restaurant, tackle shop, marina, antique store, or friend's house? If so, please call 1-844-4-SAWFISH or email n.phillips@usm.edu.

For more information on the project visit <https://saveourseas.com/project/sawfish-gene-pool/> (Samples are collected under authority and guidelines of Endangered Species Act permits)

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Photo of large tooth sawfish by Kelcee Smith



**Fishing in the 10,000 Islands
with Captain Mike Merritt**

Well, we just had 2 of the coldest days this year! I had ice on my windshield both days and I can tell you I don't like it! I know our Snook don't like it either. Let's hope for warmer weather from here on out.

These cold temps shut the fishing down most of the time and at the very least the bite for Snook will be very slow. That being said, if you're still fishing for them - a slow retrieve will be the key. I have seen times where the Snook would only bite when we drug a floating Mirror Lure across the surface with no action. So, the norm goes out and try something different.

The backcountry will most likely be your only option for now unless you find some fish in deeper water offshore. The outside islands are just not producing right now with a few exceptions, of course.



We have been catching Reds, Black Drum, Sheepshead and Seatrout and these fish should actually bite good in these colder waters. Shrimp fishing will get all these and more. Depending on water depth and current the only thing you will need to change is the way you rig.

There are still some small Tarpon around but on these cold days you might have a tough bite until it warms up a little.

The morning bite has been slow for me for the past couple weeks, but the afternoons have been good. We were catching decent Snook 3 days ago on the 1/4 oz. Roosbaitco jig heads I use. A slow retrieve out off the bank was getting it done. Be patient and keep on casting! You just never know when that big one will bite so be ready and stay focused!

Good luck, stay warm, and keep on fishing! Capt. Mike

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Tom Iandimarino selected as chief ranger of Everglades National Park

In January, Everglades National Park Superintendent Pedro Ramos announced the selection of Tom Iandimarino as the new chief ranger of Everglades National Park. He will lead a large and complex visitor and resource protection program, which includes law enforcement, emergency medical services, search and rescue, wilderness operations, structural fire response and an interagency dispatch center.

Advisory Council for the Field Training and Evaluation Program and trained new park rangers by fostering an environment that encourages innovation and creativity. As a land manager, he works closely with natural and cultural resource managers to preserve and protect the national park for future generations.

During his tenure, Iandimarino has also filled temporary assignments in supervisory roles at Great Smoky Mountains National Park, Dry Tortugas National Park and at Big Cypress National Preserve, where he also held his first supervisory park ranger position in 2003.

Originally from Youngstown, Ohio, Iandimarino wanted to be a game warden since the age of 13. He started his career as a law enforcement ranger and wildlife handler at Great Smoky Mountains National Park. He later worked seasonal positions as a forestry technician at Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore and law enforcement ranger at Redwood National Park, Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore, Glen Canyon National Recreation Area and Natchez Trace Parkway before coming to Everglades National Park in 1997.

Iandimarino has a Bachelor of Science in recreational resources management from Slippery Rock University. He graduated from the National Park Service Seasonal Law Enforcement Training Program and later from the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center.

Iandimarino fills the position that was vacated by Michael Michener when he accepted the Deputy Associate Director of Visitor and Resource Protection in the Washington Office of the National Park Service.



Chief Ranger Tom Iandimarino in uniform

"Chief Iandimarino's leadership style demonstrates a commitment to excellence in visitor and resource protection, while also holding onto important values such as care, honesty, integrity and practicality," said Ramos. "These values, coupled with his deep knowledge and experience in South Florida, will ensure that Everglades National Park meets the demands and expectations of visitor and resource protection today and in the future."

Iandimarino is no stranger to the Everglades, having served most recently as the Gulf Coast District Ranger for Everglades National Park in Everglades City since 2010. He successfully managed the district's law enforcement, marine enforcement and search and rescue operations.

Iandimarino has been a long-time member of the National

Photo credit: NPS Photo/Anthony Sleiman



Panther Pulse 2021 Recap

After a reduced number of panther deaths in 2020 (more than likely due to fewer cars on the road during the onset of Covid-19), panther deaths were up in 2021.

In total, there were 27 panther remains discovered in 2021, the same number as 2019. Of the 27 deaths, 21 panthers were killed by vehicles on the roads, 12 of the 27 were killed in Collier County.

Panthers are most active at dusk and dawn when visibility is at its lowest.

In areas inhabited by the endangered cats, be sure to use your high beam lights for maximum visibility and drive with caution. In addition to panthers, one may encounter bears, deer and alligators on Florida roadways.

If you encounter an injured (or ill) animal, please report the incident by calling the FWC report hotline at **1-888-404-FWCC (3922)**.

FWC is also monitoring reports of ill panthers that display lameness in their hind quarters. The FWC has determined that this is due to *feline leukomyelopathy or FLM*, yet the cause remains unknown at this time.

If you have photos or video of ill or injured panthers you can report the sighting online at <https://app.myfwc.com/hsc/panthersightings/>.

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January 22, 2022 Puzzle Solution

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***Noodles used to be something you eat,
not something to swim with***
By Pastor Bob Wallace



Once, when our grandchildren were visiting, they were in the store with us when one came over to me, tugged at my sleeve and said, "Grandpa, can we buy these?" I said, "What's that?" which immediately showed my ignorance. "They're Noodles!" Now, I was raised knowing noodles were something you eat. In fact, noodles were a mainstay of everyone's diet during World War II. There was a meat shortage due to food rationing. So, every household used its imagination on how to eat various meatless meals. Noodles became a meat substitute for a lot of families.

I remember eating noodles with melted cheese. It happened to be my favorite at the time. We had noodles with cream sauce. Noodles with spaghetti sauce. Noodles with melted margarine. You couldn't buy *real* butter during the war. The rationing of butter, sugar, coffee, tea and meat made it difficult to provide appetizing, nourishing and varied meals. Noodles were served with chopped *Spam*, making it a real treat! But we survived! Only by my mother's culinary imagination. It wasn't easy. We had a Victory Garden for our fresh vegetables. We had ration stamps for our groceries. And we always had plenty of noodles!

"Honey, what are noodles?" I asked my wife, standing there in the middle of Walmart's center aisle surrounded by three grandsons eager to spend their grandfather's money.

"They're things you swim with," she explained.

"Oh," I said blankly, as I dug my wallet out and headed to the checkout to buy three noodles.

Noodles came into the conversation on our drive to the beach as I told them I knew all about "real noodles" from the war. They weren't impressed! All they wanted was to get into the water and play with their newly acquired Noodles, made out of colored Styrofoam about four feet long. One was bright yellow. One was orange. And one was green.

After the boys got into the water, I was surprised those little round things held them up out of the water. They had a great time with their Noodles that day. They even let me play with one while they were out of the water making a sandcastle on the beach.

When our grandsons left to go back to Indiana, they left their Noodles behind. There wasn't room in the car for the Noodles, three small boys, two large parents and a lot of luggage. So, they asked us to take care of their Noodles until next time.

It wasn't long after that when my wife and I were getting ready to go to the beach. She said, "Honey, why don't we take the boys' Noodles to the beach with us?"

I asked, "Why?"

"They'd be fun!"

"Okay," I said as I loaded up a yellow and green one.

Well, she was right! They were fun! Not only to play with, but they're great for exercises while moving your body in ways you never thought possible. Unless you're in the water.

I used my Noodle by placing it under my arms for buoyancy while moving my arms back and forth in the water for exercise. I was floating off the bottom and my legs were never still!

And to think, I always thought Noodles were for eating!

*The Reverend Doctor Bob N. Wallace was called to be Pastor of
Everglades Community Church on March 19, 2006
where he currently serves.
Visit the Church website:
www.ever-community-church.com*

*****Rescheduled Event*****

Pulled Pork Dinner

February 24, 2022

5:00 to 7:00 PM

Everglades Community Church

Eat In or Take Out

\$12 Adults, \$5 Kids (under 12)

For Tickets email:

vskanning@aol.com

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◆ Sunday School 9:45 am ◆

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Here's What's Happening At The Museum of Everglades

First opened in 1927 as a commercial laundry, the building that now houses Museum of the Everglades is one of the historic structures still standing as a testament to the town's time as a once-bustling center of business and the region's first County seat.

The Museum of the Everglades is open Tuesday—Saturday from 9am to 4 pm.

—————> **Exhibit**

**Everglades-The Fisherman's Paradise
Luring Anglers to Florida for Over a Century**
Now – February 27, 2022
Museum of the Everglades

This exhibit tells the story of Everglades City's evolution from a secret fishing hole known only to locals and a few wealthy Northerners in the late 1800s to a highly desirable destination for world class sportfishing today. The guides, the gear, and the area's influence on the industry are discussed along with Barron Collier's discovery, branding, and promotion of the town as Fisherman's Paradise.

—————> **Event**

**History & Heritage Days at
The Everglades Seafood Festival**
February 11, 12, 13, 2022

The event previously known as the EVERGLADES EXPO will meld with Everglades City's annual Seafood Festival, restoring a history and heritage element to the town's signature event that draws thousands of visitors every year. All five Collier County Museums will be represented, providing information about their region's unique seafood history and more. Other groups dedicated to promoting and preserving glades culture — including the Florida Airboat Association, the Gladesman Heritage Foundation, and the Everglades Sportsmen's Club — will have informational displays (some including actual vehicles) creating a "Heritage Row" in front of the museum. **Hours: Feb. 11, 5 pm to 10 pm, Feb. 12, 10 am to 10 pm, Feb. 13, 10 am to 6 pm.** For more info call the museum during normal business hours.

—————> **Event**

Third Thursday Lecture, The Evolution of the Airboat
February 17, 2022, 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm

The airboat has become an iconic symbol of the Everglades, and this presentation will trace the history of these unique watercrafts from their earliest, experimental incarnations through the modern mega-boats of today seating twenty or more thrill-seeking tourists.

*Please make reservations online at colliermuseums.com
OR by calling the museum at 239-252-5026 during museum hours, Tuesday – Saturday. 9am-4pm. Thank You!*



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Local Kids Participate in, and Come in First Place, in the Annual FYLA Games!



Local youth members of the Chokoloskee Church of God participated in the annual FYLA Games in Wimauma, Florida on January 21-22.

The FYLA is an annual event sponsored by the Florida Church of God (FLCOG) which aims to help youth by providing ministries focused on worship, leadership, activities and fun!

At this year's event our local youth were lead by Youth Pastor Shannon Brown, and the Chokoloskee Church of God youth group came in 1st place!

We are so very proud of our local youth! Congratulations to everyone who participated in this annual event.

The FYLA games are hosted by the Florida Church of God Youth & Discipleship program and held in January of each year.

To find out more about the Florida Church of God (FLCOG), visit their website at www.flcog.cc.

You may also find information about the FYLA games and other FLCOG events on the website above.

**Congratulations Chokoloskee Church of God Youths.
You make our community very proud by setting a positive example. Great job!**

**Lawn Watering Ordinance
For All Everglades City Water Customers
(Including Chokoloskee, Plantation, Copeland)**

Everglades City Water Customers, there are new water ordinances in effect. Here are a few of the key rules. For the complete ordinance, contact City Hall.

- ◆ All customers existing landscape: No watering between the hours of 10:00 am and 4:00 pm.
- ◆ Those with an even numbered address: watering days are Tuesday, Thursday, and Sunday.
- ◆ Those with an odd numbered address: watering days are Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday.
- ◆ The ordinance also states that "wasteful and unnecessary water use is prohibited."

**City Hall Contact Information:
(239) 695-3781**

The Island Life Recipes

Stuffed Zucchini

By Kathy Brock

Ingredients:

- 1 Very large zucchini
- 1 lb. hamburger
- 2 celery stalks diced
- 1 onion diced
- 1 cup diced peppers
- 1 tsp fresh garlic
- 1/4 tsp ground sage
- Salt & pepper to taste
- 1 can Rotel
- Olive oil for cooking



Directions: Cut the zucchini lengthwise. Remove all seeds with a spoon so that there is a nice depression in each half, and set aside.

In a skillet, add some oil and sauté diced vegetables until they are tender, set aside. In the same skillet, cook hamburger (like for sloppy joes) until it is done. Mix all vegetables, and spices with the cooked burger. Take each zucchini half and fill it with the mixture. Carefully put the 2 halves back together and tie with baking string. Cook for 2 hours at 350° or until squash is tender. Serve with rice.

Note: if you cannot find large zucchini, use 2 medium and reduce oven cooking time. I cooked the zucchini on a rack with a small amount of water in the bottom of the pan and covered it with foil.



My Little Slice of Paradise

By Kathy Brock

Well...of course it would be the coldest day in a decade on the day of our annual plant event benefiting Everglades City School.

All was not lost as many community members came out (in layers) and found their treasures! So far, we have collected \$792 for the school, but we are not done!

Like we did for the last two years, we will still sell plants by appointment for those who are interested. We still have quite a few tomatoes, succulents and ornamentals available. We also have mature aloe plants, palms, butterfly host plants, ground orchids, and bromeliads.

The annual plant event is something we started to help raise money for our wonderful K-12 school.

As we all know, school teachers often must use their own funds for special classroom needs and projects that are not funded by the county. It is not uncommon for a teacher to decorate their classrooms using their own funds.

In a 2015 study by the US Department of Education, it was discovered that 94% of teachers reported using their own money for classroom needs.

A 2020-2021 survey of 5,400 teachers by AdoptAClassroom.org, a non-profit that is dedicated to equity in education, showed that the average teacher spent \$750 of their own money during the school year for classroom needs!



Adopt A Classroom.org

Source: 2021 AdoptAClassroom.org Survey of 5,400 U.S. Teachers

Every penny of the money we raise at the event is donated to the school and dedicated towards “teacher classroom needs”. We know it may not cover everything that is needed, but we hope it helps some of our dedicated educators who do everything they can to help educate our leaders of tomorrow.

Thank you to everyone who came out and spent time with us. Tim & I really enjoy speaking to everyone about “growing” and we are happy to share what we cultivate with others.

A special thank you to those who dropped off pots, cutting and small plants. Anything that is still here is saved (or grown) until our next official plant event.

If you are interested in any of the plants that we still have, please contact me by email or by phone at 954-662-7003.

Thank you to everyone who attended. I will be visiting the school this week to give them the proceeds, and will report back on how they use it!

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How to solve a sudoku puzzle:

Only use the numbers 1 to 9

Avoid trying to guess the solution to the puzzle

Only use each number once in each row, column, & grid

Use the process of elimination as a tactic

Use cross-hatching and penciling in techniques

EATERIES & AREA WORSHIP

BARRON RIVER TIDES

**Commissioner McDaniel Announces
A Night with Your Commissioner**

February 9, 2022, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Collier County Commissioner William L. McDaniel, Jr. District 5, invites Collier County residents to attend A Night with Your Commissioner event on Wednesday, February 9, 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at UF/IFAS Collier Extension, 14700 Immokalee Road, Naples, Florida. Guests are invited to attend either in person or remotely.

Individuals who would like to participate remotely should register at https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_dj6Xo_MLQp6_yQ7KGiDjIA

Remote participation is provided as a courtesy and is at the user's risk. The County is not responsible for technical issues.

Every second Wednesday in 2022, Commissioner Bill McDaniel will host this series of events designed to facilitate open discussion on a variety of relevant topics.

"A Night with Your Commissioner is our way of encouraging District 5 residents who are interested in Collier County Government to participate in open and casual conversations about topics that are important to them," said Commissioner McDaniel. "As a public servant, I intend to stay in close communication with the community to make sure that we are providing the very best level of government services possible."

Commissioner McDaniel will provide opening remarks and introduce guest speakers: Kristi Sonntag - Division Director, Community & Human Services

Alexandra Scardino – Manager, Veterans Services


Guests are encouraged to submit questions that will be drawn randomly during a question-and-answer session.

More than one commissioner may be present and participate in Commissioner McDaniel's District 5 event. The discussion may include items for action at a future Board of County Commissioners meeting.

For more information, call Sue Filson, Executive Aide to Commissioner McDaniel, at (239) 252-8605 or via email at Sue.Filson@colliercountyfl.gov.

Angler's Cove, Port of the Islands (642-1025): Closed Mon– Tue-Thurs, 5-11 Fri-Sun Noon - 11 pm
Camellia Street Grille (239-695-2003): 11:00 am – 9:00 pm, Daily
City Seafood (239-695-4700): Open All Year 8 am to 3 pm
Diving Pelican Restaurant (239) 232-0475 Open Sun-Thur 11 am to 8 pm, Fri & Sat till midnight
Everglades Fishing Co. / Nely's Corner Open Fri, Sat., Sunday, 6:00 am to 4:00 pm 203 Collier Avenue, (239-695-4222)
Havana Café (239-695-2214): We are open daily 9:00 am to 4:00 pm
Hole in the Wall Pizza (239-695-4444) M-Th 11am-7pm, Fri & Sat 11 am-9 pm
Island Café (239-695-0003): 6:00 am – 9:00 pm; daily
Ivey House (239-695-3299) (Private) The Restaurant is Closed
Joanie's Crab Café (239-695-2682): Open Daily 10:30 am to 5 pm, Closed Wed.
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Everglades Community Church 9:45 Sunday Sch., 11:00 am Sunday Worship,
1st Baptist Church of Everglades City 9:45 am Sunday School, 11 am Worship 6 pm Sunday, 6 pm Wed. Bible Study
Holy Family Catholic Church 10:30 Mass Sundays
St. Finbarr Catholic Church, Naples Phone: 239-417-2084
San Marco Catholic Church, Marco Isl. 239-394-5181

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For more information contact Glades Realty 239-695-4299.
GladesRealty.com
Karen@Gladesrealty.com

FOR SALE: Big Cypress Fly-in Retreat: The historic Popenhagen Camp, a 21-acre oasis of natural beauty, complete with an FAA approved airstrip, and an adorable, modern cabin. This stunning parcel is secluded on a high and dry prairie, and is completely off grid. The price on this private piece of paradise is \$2.5 million. Take a tour of the camp www.popenhagen.com. For more information call 786-258-2227.

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