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News, Stories, Classifieds & Tide Table

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MUSIC FESTIVAL
March 6, 2022, noon-3:00 p.m.
McLeod Park, Everglades City

Everyone is invited to attend this FREE afternoon of inspirational music at McLeod Park in Everglades City hosted by Maria Vision USA.

This family event will include:

- ◆ Live Music
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To attend from outside of the area, take SR 29 south into Everglades City. Make a right on Hibiscus Street. The park is located at the intersection of Hibiscus Street West & Copeland Avenue.

There is plenty of parking around the perimeter of the park. There are picnic tables at the park, but you may want to bring your own folding chairs in case they are all taken. Pack some insect repellent and sunscreen too!

We hope to see you there!

**ESHP Fundraiser at
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**Reserve Your Tickets to this
 limited-attendance event at
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2nd Annual Everglades



March 12, 2022, 11:00 am—?
McLeod Park, Everglades City, FL
Come to Compete or Just to Eat!
**Sponsored by Chokoloskee Family
 Church of God Ladies Ministry.**

Requirements to enter the contest:

- \$25 Entrance fee (Non-Refundable).
- Entrance Fee is due March 1
- A big pot of your favorite chili



Anyone is allowed to participate: restaurants, business or individuals.

The first place winner will receive \$100 and a trophy.

The second and third place winners will receive a medallion.

Those of you who are just coming to eat, we will be selling a 2 to 3 oz cup of chili for \$5, but you will be able to try all the different, yummy chili.

During the Chili Cook off, people are able to set up a table and sell crafts, jewelry, etc. There will be no charge for setting up a table. The youth group will be selling hot dogs, chips, drinks and desserts.

Contact Hazel at 239-719-0368 for more information, to enter the contest, or to set up a table to sell crafts.

Photo: 2021 1st Place winners Aaron & David Tabor celebrate with Rev. Jesse Wilson.

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13 Spring Forward Clocks ahead 1 hour	14	15 P & Z	16 Ladies Coffee City Seaf, 8:30a Food Bank ECC, 10:30-1pm	17 St. Patrick's Day Museum Talk, 2 pm-see p. 9	18-Full Moon Golf Gala, Front page	Rapper-19 Junior Ranger Day at ENP, See p. 5
20	21	22	23 Ladies Coffee Havana, 8:30a Food Bank ECC, 10:30-1pm	24	25	26 Art-in-the-Glades See p. 3 Bank Tour See p. 3
27	28	29	30 Ladies Coffee Isl Caf�, 8:30a Food Bank ECC, 10:30-1pm	31	April 1 New Moon April Fools Day	Rapper-2
3	4 ESHP, 9 am	5 City Council, 7 pm	6 Ladies Coffee City Seaf, 8:30a Food Bank ECC, 10:30-1pm	7	8	9

March 9: Mobile Pet Vet at ECC, see p. 3 April 15: Good Friday April 17: Easter Day May 8: Mother's Day
 May 30: Memorial Day June 19: Father's Day July 2: Independence Day Celebration

AREA INFORMATION & 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
 DR MARTIN: Call for appointment: (813)-787-9738
 LIONS CLUB: 2nd Thursday of the month, 6 pm. Jinkins Hall at ECC
 MUSEUM: Open Tuesday-Saturday, 9 am to 4 pm, 239-252-5026
 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—4 pm daily. (239)-232-4037
 FLORIDA STONE CRABBERS ASSOCIATION (FLSCA): email:
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OTHER IMPORTANT NUMBERS:

AIRPORT: (239)-695-2778
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 (CALL TUESDAY FOR THURSDAY PICKUP)
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POST OFFICE INFORMATION:

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*What's
Happening!*

A big thank you to everyone who attended the ORA Rummage Sale on Saturday, February 26th. It was a beautiful day and we're so happy so many of you took the time to stop out by us. We sincerely appreciate it. Mark your calendars. Next years Rummage Sale will be held on Saturday, February 25th.

Arise Music Festival

Sunday, March 6th, noon to 3 pm
McLeod Park-See front page.

Humane Society Mobile Vet

Wednesday, March 9th
Behind Everglades Comm. Church
Make online appointment:
hsnaples.org/mobile-veterinary-clinic/
Scroll down on right select E-City

2nd Annual Everglades Chili Cookoff
March 12, 2022, 11:00 am 'til ??

For info about the event please call
Hazel Mitchell at 239-719-0368.
See full event details on the front page.

Golf Gala Fundraiser

Benefiting the BOE Renovation Fund
March 18, 2022, 6:00 to 9:00 PM
Naples Depot Museum
See complete details on the front page.

Art-in-the-Glades

March 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

Tour of the Bank of Everglades Bldg

March 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 at www.save-boe.org/events.

**COMMUNITY SERVICES
& INFORMATION**

THE FOOD BANK IS OPEN !

Wed. 10:30 am to 1:00 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

Open Tues. & Thur. 11 am to 3 pm
205 Buckner Ave, Everglades City

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.

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 Events

Junior Ranger Day
Saturday, March 19, 2022
1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Gulf Coast Center
Everglades Nat'l Park, Everglades City

On Junior Ranger Day you can Play, Learn and Earn your Junior Ranger Badge!

For children who want to become a junior ranger, they will participate in a bunch of activities during a visit to the park, share answers with a park ranger, and receive a Junior Ranger patch and certificate.

The mission of the program is to connect children and young people to national parks through hands-on, guided, and self-guided activities. The hope is to create future generations who explore and care about the existence and importance of these parks.

For more information about the Junior Ranger program call the Gulf Coast Visitor Center at 239-695-3311.

Introduction to Saltwater Fishing

Thursday, March 10, 2022
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Gulf Coast Center, Everglades City

Join us on March 10th to learn how to cast a fishing rod and tie a few fishing knots! Stop by the Gulf Coast Visitor Center anytime between 11 am and 2 pm! This is a FREE event.

Introduction to Paddling

Friday, March 11, 2022
11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Gulf Coast Center, Everglades City

The best way to see the 10,000 Islands is by canoe or kayak! If you have never canoed or kayaked or feel it has been to long since you have last paddled, then come join us to get an introduction to paddling! You will learn basic strokes and gain the confidence to paddle on your own in the Everglades. This is a FREE event.



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**Summer Camp 2022
Early Online Registration
March 1 through March 31**

Collier County Parks & Recreation Division plans and is preparing for Summer Camp 2022. This year's theme is "A Sweet Summer". There will be a sweet theme each week that will include a variety of fun and exciting activities which are designed to meet the social, physical, and developmental needs of our campers in a fun and supportive environment.

Secure a spot for your child's favorite camp. Collier County Parks & Recreation offers a wide variety of Summer Camps for children of all ages and abilities. Sign up to ensure your child can experience day camps, sailing camps, skiing camps, and sports camps.

Online registration for all Collier County Parks and Recreation Summer Camps begins at 7:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 1 and ends Thursday, March 31. In person registration begins April 1, at 9:00 a.m.

Register online by logging onto www.collierparks.com and click the "Browse & Register for Activities Search". You can search by Keyword, Activity Category, and Activity Location. Sign in or create an account to complete registration & payment. If you don't have an account, you can refer to "Online Registration How To's" that are available online by clicking on the "Programs & Registration" link. Register and pay online 24/7 with no additional fees.

Elementary School Day Camp is for children in grades K - 5 (must be 5 by September 1) and Middle School Day Camp is for children entering grades 6 - 8.

Day Camps will run from Monday, June 6 - Friday, August 5, Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. The cost is \$85.00 per week or \$600 for the full 9 weeks.

Attention Everglades Area!

New Packaged Goods Service Available

Everglades Isle RV Resort's Marlin Bar Now Offers Packaged Goods! Simply order online, select your pick up time, and then pick up at the gate! Either scan the QR code below, click below, or go to the link online!

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SAWFISH NEWS by Tonya Wiley, Havenworth Coastal Conservation

Ball Bungees Pose Threat for Endangered Sawfish



Entanglement of marine species in discarded lines, fishing gear, and other garbage and debris is a problem seen with unfortunate regularity. This includes Endangered species such as North Atlantic right whales, giant manta rays, sturgeon, sea turtles, and smalltooth sawfish. Each species is susceptible to entanglement based on their unique physical traits, but none more so than the sawfish since they generally swim along the sea floor where marine debris can accumulate. Their toothed rostrum can easily become entangled in any garbage the sawfish encounters which can lead to injury, deformation, or even death from suffocation or starvation. Sawfish have



been photographed ensnared in a variety of items including dock lines, trap lines, ghost nets, fishing lines, pipes, coffee cans, dog toys, and elastic bands.

Scientists are becoming increasingly concerned about the growing number of endangered sawfish in Florida which are entangled in ball bungee cords believed to be from boathouse awnings. The plastic balls on these types of bungees are buoyant enough to partially lift the device just off the bottom but not buoyant enough to float the whole cord to the surface. This results in lost or discarded bungees sitting upright on the bottom, where small sawfish can swim into the opening of the cords. The bungee then works its way down the body where it remains in place, slowly becoming more constrictive as the sawfish grows. It's imperative that we alert homeowners and boathouse awning companies to this escalating issue so that extra care can be taken during the assembly, removal, or repair of boathouse covers to keep these bungees out of the water to help protect endangered sawfish.

It is a shared responsibility of all outdoor enthusiasts to keep our waters free of trash and debris. Information about marine debris prevention is available at <https://marinedebris.noaa.gov/>. Next time you're on the water, stow all your gear and trash properly to prevent it from flying out of your boat and pick up any trash or debris you encounter. And if you catch or see a sawfish please let us know by visiting www.SawfishRecovery.org, calling 1-844-4SAWFISH, emailing sawfish@myfwc.com, or entering the details in the FWC Reporter App

Tax-deductible donations to help us continue our mission to promote the sustainable use and conservation of marine resources through research, outreach, and education can be made at <https://havenworth.wedid.it/>

Photo of entangled smalltooth sawfish by Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

**School News
by Principal Cherie Allison**

It is with great excitement that Everglades City School would like to shout out to Holly Dudley and the Florida Stone Crabbers Association for this years Seafood Festival. It was a huge event for our school.

As many of you are aware we are the only Pre-K – 12th grade public school in the state of Florida. With this comes many challenges. We are too small to have a major football team which generates a lot of funds for high schools. We do not have community business partners which other in-town schools have. And we try to not do fundraisers that continue to take from our own families which means this Festival *is our sole means of bringing funds to our school.*

Although the District takes very good care of Everglades City School making sure that we have everything we need to operate, anything over and above for our kids is on us. We have used these funds in the past for things like Prom, Graduation, Cap and Gowns, Senior award night banquets, student school-wide celebrations, PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Supports) celebrations, end of year and beginning of year celebrations, classroom supplies, and Field Trips to name only a few. We cannot thank those that have allowed this festival to come again as our students benefit greatly from its rewards.

Not to be remiss we must also shout out Kathy Brock and the Mullet Rapper, as each year she has generously donated all proceeds of the annual plant sale the school. These funds have historically gone to our Needy Kids Fund and our Athletic programs. This year's donation will go to microphone spheres for students to share in class so that their voices can be heard for equity in education.

Lastly, we need to acknowledge Jill Whitcomb and her tireless work for the Hook 'em in the Glades Fishing Tournaments. These tournaments are a huge undertaking and all proceeds that she accrues get donated directly to athletics which allow our students to play with state-of-the-art equipment and new uniforms as needed. Our Booster Club is phenomenal, however, with our limited teams there is only so much that they can do. Thank you, Jill, for your amazing efforts for our athletic programs!

Everglades City School is incredibly grateful for all those that give our children amazing opportunities and a great educational experience in our community.

I am a very thankful Principal.

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For customers in
Everglades Shores/ Big Cypress Headquarters Drinking Water Plant*

SITUATION

The Everglades Shores/Big Cypress Park Headquarters public drinking water system failed to perform compliance monitoring for the Primary Inorganic Contaminants Group (except Nitrate, and Nitrite) during the 2021 Calendar year. These are monitoring and reporting violations of Rule 62-550.513, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.)

HEALTH EFFECTS

We are required to monitor your drinking water for specific contaminants on a regular basis. Results of regular monitoring are an indicator of whether or not your drinking water meets health standards. We did not perform monitoring for the Primary Inorganic Contaminants Group (except Nitrate, and Nitrite) during the 2021 calendar year. Therefore we cannot be sure of the quality of your drinking water (with respect to these contaminants) during that time.

WHAT SHOULD CUSTOMERS DO?

With respect to these monitoring violations, **customers need not take any action.**

WHAT IS BEING DONE?

In order to verify the current quality of the drinking water with respect to the Primary Inorganic Contaminants identified in Table 1 of Rule 62-550, F.A.C., our water system now is required to collect samples for these contaminants as soon as possible, but by no later than January 31, 2022.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For more information please contact Jeff Lewis at 239-340-0079 or you may contact Patty Baron of the Department of Environmental Protection at PattyBaron@FloridaDEP.gov or call (239) 344-5615.

Please share this information with all of the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly. You can do this by posting this notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail

***This notice DOES NOT apply to residents in Everglades City, Chokoloskee, Plantation, Copeland, and Jerome. This is for users in Everglades Shores/Big Cypress**

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Lawn Watering Ordinance

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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:
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Beware of Online Scams
 By Kathy Brock

It is not new news that scammers want your money. What is new, is that their phishing campaigns are getting more and more sophisticated every day.

One email received by Elaine Middelstaedt shows how persistent the scammers are getting. It claims that it is from Norton Antivirus, showing a charge of \$294.86. The email it asks you to contact them by phone if anything is incorrect (please don't!).

The second email is much more difficult to discern as a scam because it is addressed to Kathleen Brock (me!) and includes my correct street address! In this email, it claims to be from Amazon.com stating it is charging me for Amazon Prime for a total of \$499!

Because it uses my name and address, and is not simply made out to "subscriber" it really caught my attention.

I Googled "Amazon Phishing" and saw that Amazon has a way to report these scammers. I provided the information as per their reporting site and forwarded the email to them as instructed on their website.

Here is what you need to look for BEFORE you click anything or call. Look at the address of the email. In this instance, it was clear it was not from Amazon...but everything else in the email was accurate! It is difficult to know how they obtained my email address, street address and full legal name, but they did.

Your best bet is to NEVER open these emails. When in doubt, contact the providers directly. Then report them to the fraud hotlines provided by our local sheriff's office: 239-252-2255 or 239-252-0069.



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February 19, 2022 Puzzle Solution

1	3	6	2	7	5	8	4	9
7	8	9	3	4	1	2	6	5
4	5	2	9	6	8	1	7	3
9	1	8	6	3	7	4	5	2
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2	4	7	5	1	9	3	8	6
8	9	5	1	2	6	7	3	4
6	7	4	8	9	3	5	2	1
3	2	1	7	5	4	6	9	8

Timing is all-important when meeting life's problems
By Pastor Bob Wallace



I'll always remember when I had a big part in the senior class play at Will Rogers High School in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Our drama teacher had coached us on just how we should stand, walk, sit, and speak. She even taught us how long we should wait after our cues before going on stage in order to make a dramatic entrance. Take a deep breath. Count to three. It's all in the timing, she insisted.

I've often thought about those words of advice through the years. She was right, you know. Having the correct timing when it comes to certain things sometimes makes life a little easier. It's like saying you're sorry. Oh, I know there are a lot of people who never admit to being wrong about anything. The word sorry just seems to stick in their throats. But, if it's not said now, when?



Many times, people let things fester and boil within them until they become so mad, for no apparent reason, they become totally unreasonable and out of control. That's when things can really get bad. If that person could just stop and take stock of their situation and accept some responsibility for creating that problem, it would help. Just saying, "I'm sorry", can be a big step in the right direction.

Then there may be times you want to do something for someone and just don't know when you should do it. You feel the other person's grief. You've been told they just want to be left alone. You feel you need to do something, but don't know what to do. Or when to do it. Don't worry. If you continue with your concern and interest, eventually you'll be able to step in and help. It's all in the timing. Do it too soon, and your help will be resented. If it's done too late, it's better you had left it undone.

See what I mean?

It's like thanking someone for a gift. You can wait too long to say thank you.

But life's kinda' like catching a football. There's something beautiful when a wide receiver runs 65 yards down field, turns and jumps high in the air to catch a pass thrown by a quarterback. Then turns in the air and makes the winning touchdown. When it's done right, it's a thing of beauty. You want to stand and cheer. But, if the ball isn't caught and is dropped, you feel like booing to let the player know he should have done it right.

Life's like that. There are times when everything's going right. It's as if you're a football player who makes a touchdown every time he gets his hands on the ball.

Then, there are times when you feel like a football player who fumbles away the ball every time he touches it. And there are times you wonder what's gone wrong in your life? You wonder, are you the only one having a string of bad luck? Or what?

Sometimes, it's best to just stop and take stock of your life. It's like when you've lost your way driving and don't know which way to turn. You need direction! Sometimes, you need to find your life's direction. That's when you realize your timing has been all wrong. You haven't let factors which really matter in your life come into play. Those things can make your life happy and beautiful. Like times of giving and sharing. Birthdays. Hannukah. Christmas. Times you realize that in times past your future looked bleak. There wasn't much to be happy about. Then suddenly, something wonderful happened to change everything. And it was all in the timing! Those events you celebrate each season of the year are the events which can change everything!

And that's the way it is with a lot of things you're supposed to do in life. It's not whether you're going to do them, or not. But when are you going to do them? Perhaps today would be a good day to do that which you've been putting off for a long time. You'll never know the outcome if you keep putting it off! It could be the best thing that ever happened to you.

Remember what my drama teacher told me?
 It's all in the timing!

The Reverend Doctor Bob N. Wallace was called to be Pastor of Everglades Community Church on March 19, 2006 where he currently serves.
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Pastor Bob Wallace and Millie Wallace enjoy some cake on Sunday, February 27th. Rev. Wallace is in his 16th year at Everglades Community Church.



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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
Now—May 28th
Rooted in Agriculture
Museum of the Everglades

"Rooted in Agriculture" explores farming and agricultural enterprises as the foundation of non-indigenous settlement in the Everglades. From the Union-controlled pioneer farms feeding the garrison at Ft. Taylor to vegetable picking and packing operations that grew to serve the nation, the story of the area's growth and development is synonymous with farming and food growing.

Event
History of Everglades City
March 17, 2022, 2:00 pm—3:00 pm

While many early settlers were attracted by the area's diverse and plentiful fish and game, it was the extraordinarily fertile soil that caused them to stay.

Squash, pumpkins, and cucumbers gave way to sugarcane and tomatoes — crops still grown throughout the region. Pioneer farms supplying soldiers in the Civil War would eventually grow into massive fields of tomatoes contributing 80% of the fast-food industry's supply nationwide. This presentation will discuss the rich history of farming and food cultivation in the area for both family use and for profit.

Event
The Other Side of "Progress:"
The Tamiami Trail's Dark Legacy
April 17, 2022, 2:00 pm—3:00 pm

Although the construction of a highway across the Everglades in the mid-1920s is still celebrated as a miracle of modern engineering, the devastating effects this edifice would have on both the ecosystems of the Everglades and the culture of the region's indigenous people is often overlooked. This day-before-Earth-Day presentation will explore the unfortunate effects of the road's creation as well as the long history of schemes to drain the Everglades and recent efforts to reverse the damage done.

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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Museum of Everglades Partners With Everglades City School to Create Culinary Display



As a part of the "Rooted in Agriculture" exhibit called "Food for Thought", the museum has partnered with the students and staff at Everglades City School to collect favorite family recipes and the stories behind them to help us explore the culinary aspects of the culture that evolved around the food that grew here naturally or was introduced later and cultivated. All grades were offered the opportunity to participate, and all student submissions will be on display for the

duration of the exhibit.

The museum of the Everglades is open Tuesday—Saturday from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. For more information, call the museum at 239 -252-5026. You can also check out the museum schedule on their website at https://colliermuseums.com/locations/museum-of-the-everglades.

For a list of events, click the tab at the top of the page "events" and enter the date range into the calendar. You may also check out the other Collier museum events and their Exhibit schedule on this website.

Please note that many events have limited seating and it is highly recommended that you reserve your seat in advance by calling the museum!

Photo Above by Thomas Lockyear: Turner and Chatham Shealy make fry bread with Betty Osceola

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The Island Life Recipes

Moms Goulash
By Kathy Brock

Ingredients:

- 1 lb. of hamburger
- 3 celery stalks, chopped
- 1 medium onion, chopped
- 1 bell pepper or 4 small, sweet peppers, chopped
- 1 jar of spaghetti sauce (I like Classico organic)
- 1 can of dark red kidney beans (navy, pink, garbanzo, or northern will work too)
- 1 bag of extra wide egg noodles
- Olive oil for cooking
- Parmesan cheese to taste
- Garlic powder or 1 tsp of fresh garlic
- Black pepper to taste

Directions: Cook noodles al dente according to directions and set aside. In a large skillet, add olive oil and sauté celery, onion, and peppers until fork tender and then set aside. In the same skillet add a small amount of olive oil and garlic, and fry up the hamburger crumbled it into small pieces. In a large pot add all of the cooked ingredients and pour in the spaghetti sauce. Heat on medium heat, being careful not to burn the bottom. You can also reheat everything in the microwave. Serve with salad and a slice of garlic bread. Use parmesan as desired for flavor!



My Little Slice of Paradise By Kathy Brock

Oh the drama! Last year I wrote happily about a nesting pair of osprey that chose a location right along the north side of the Barron River within easy viewing of my home (and that of my neighbors).

For at least 2 years prior, a pair of osprey tried to nest atop of the power pole...building what I will call a “flimsy” nest.

One year, the nest just kept falling apart as the birds tried to build. We (the neighborhood) surmised that they must have been a young, inexperienced pair. No chicks were hatched that year.

The following year, success came followed by tragedy as the birds built (another flimsy nest), the babies hatched, and then a storm came leaving the babies balancing on the power pole after the nest blew apart. Both fell to the ground, one survived and we brought it to the Von Arx Wildlife Center in Naples where it was rehabilitated and eventually released.

In late 2020, LCEC erected the aforementioned osprey tower ...we hoped the pair would choose it, and they did (at least we think it was “them”). The pair successfully raised three offspring. We were all so happy to finally have a drama-free osprey nesting season. Watching them feed the chicks. Then, watching the chicks practice flying at the nest, and then finally leaving with their parents on the big adult journey. We anxiously awaited 2022 to watch it all again...

In November 2021 the pair returned to the nest. They brought in more sticks, performed their in-air acrobatics, and very publicly demonstrated that they intended to raise a brood.

In late January, three osprey egg shells lie beneath the nest! We all waited to see the babies heads pop-up...and waited, and waited. Nothing.

Then, the cycle started all over again. More sticks, more aerial displays, and quite a bit more bird love was happening up on the tower. Wow, it was like Valentine’s Day everyday for weeks!

We were hopeful...but it seems it was not meant to be. We don’t know why they haven’t produced chicks but we do know they tried (a lot)!

I also noticed that the great-horned owls abandoned their nest before raising a brood this year.

The owls chose the nest atop the old power station by Camellia Street Grill. I did not publish their location so they were not too bothered by us gawking humans until well into the nesting cycle.

Then, after about 8 weeks...they too have left the nest. More Everglades bird drama.

It’s hard to know why this happens, and I am curious if there is at all any connection to the two failed nests? Is the weather off somehow or is this just a coincidence? It’s probably the latter but I will be interested to read about the 2022 nesting statistics for other birds in our area.

I guess this year’s “drama” is that there are no osprey on that big, beautiful tower (as of today).

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		5				8	9	

How to solve a sudoku puzzle:

3/5/22

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

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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

BARRON RIVER TIDES

3/5/2022	Sat	4:04 AM	2.51	H
3/5/2022	Sat	11:22 AM	0.14	L
3/5/2022	Sat	4:18 PM	2.5	H
3/5/2022	Sat	11:48 PM	0.01	L
3/6/2022	Sun	4:51 AM	2.26	H
3/6/2022	Sun	11:54 AM	0.33	L
3/6/2022	Sun	4:47 PM	2.48	H
3/7/2022	Mon	12:33 AM	0.01	L
3/7/2022	Mon	5:41 AM	2	H
3/7/2022	Mon	12:21 PM	0.51	L
3/7/2022	Mon	5:16 PM	2.41	H
3/8/2022	Tue	1:24 AM	0.05	L
3/8/2022	Tue	6:40 AM	1.75	H
3/8/2022	Tue	12:32 PM	0.67	L
3/8/2022	Tue	5:47 PM	2.3	H
3/9/2022	Wed	2:26 AM	0.09	L
3/9/2022	Wed	7:57 AM	1.56	H
3/9/2022	Wed	11:59 AM	0.78	L
3/9/2022	Wed	6:27 PM	2.19	H
3/10/2022	Thu	3:38 AM	0.1	L
3/10/2022	Thu	9:37 AM	1.48	H
3/10/2022	Thu	11:38 AM	0.84	L
3/10/2022	Thu	7:57 PM	2.09	H
3/11/2022	Fri	4:48 AM	0.07	L
3/11/2022	Fri	2:00 PM	1.76	H
3/11/2022	Fri	4:57 PM	0.98	L
3/11/2022	Fri	9:28 PM	2.09	H
3/12/2022	Sat	5:50 AM	0.01	L
3/12/2022	Sat	2:05 PM	1.84	H
3/12/2022	Sat	6:09 PM	0.93	L
3/12/2022	Sat	10:42 PM	2.19	H
3/13/2022	Sun	7:43 AM	-0.05	L
3/13/2022	Sun	2:38 PM	1.91	H
3/13/2022	Sun	7:59 PM	0.84	L
3/14/2022	Mon	12:42 AM	2.35	H
3/14/2022	Mon	8:28 AM	-0.11	L
3/14/2022	Mon	2:28 PM	2.04	H
3/14/2022	Mon	8:38 PM	0.72	L
3/15/2022	Tue	1:28 AM	2.52	H
3/15/2022	Tue	9:06 AM	-0.14	L
3/15/2022	Tue	2:44 PM	2.19	H
3/15/2022	Tue	9:12 PM	0.59	L
3/16/2022	Wed	2:07 AM	2.67	H
3/16/2022	Wed	9:41 AM	-0.14	L
3/16/2022	Wed	3:05 PM	2.33	H
3/16/2022	Wed	9:46 PM	0.44	L
3/17/2022	Thu	2:43 AM	2.76	H
3/17/2022	Thu	10:15 AM	-0.11	L
3/17/2022	Thu	3:28 PM	2.45	H
3/17/2022	Thu	10:22 PM	0.28	L
3/18/2022	Fri	3:19 AM	2.79	H
3/18/2022	Fri	10:48 AM	-0.04	L
3/18/2022	Fri	3:50 PM	2.55	H
3/18/2022	Fri	10:59 PM	0.12	L
3/19/2022	Sat	3:58 AM	2.74	H
3/19/2022	Sat	11:22 AM	0.08	L
3/19/2022	Sat	4:11 PM	2.62	H
3/19/2022	Sat	11:40 PM	-0.02	L

Taxing Things

by Mike "the tax guy" Klein
EXTENSION FOR FILING TAXES

The IRS will grant a 6 month extension for income tax filing. This year (2022) the deadline for filing is April 18.

Individuals file Form 4868 for an automatic 6 month extension. Tax returns can then be filed during that period but no later than October 17th 2022.

Businesses; Sole proprietorships, partnerships, LLCs, and S corporations pay small business taxes using their owners' personal returns. To delay filing a business tax return, start by delaying your personal return.

Other business entities file Form 7004

The first part of IRS extension Form 7004 has you select the business tax return form you plan to file by the extended deadline. Choose the form that corresponds to your business type. Some of the most common ones are below.

Business type & Tax return form:

C corporation -Form 1120
S corporation- Form 1120-S
Partnership- Form 1065

Limited Liability Company- One of the above, depending on taxation status


C corp owners might need an accountant's help with filing for an extension.

It is important to keep in mind that an extension to file is not an extension to pay any taxes due. The IRS failure-to-pay penalty will run you 0.5% of your tax liability for every month your payment is late, up to 25%.

Farmers and Fishermen:

January 15-Pay your estimated tax for 2021 using Form 1040-ES. You have until April 18 to file your 2021 income tax return (Form 1040 Schedule F). If you do not pay your estimated tax by January 15, you must file your 2021 return and pay any tax due by March 1, 2022, to avoid an estimated tax penalty.

March 1-File your 2021 income tax return (Form 1040) and pay any tax due. However, you have until April 18 to file if you paid your 2021 estimated tax by January 15, 2021.



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